

Brevard Gems

Newsletter of the Central
Brevard Rock & Gem Club

May 2010

Club Motto: Help one another.

President's Message

Spring has once again returned in all its glory; rescuing us from the ravages of winter's cold scouring.

Hello from Long Island. For this month's President's message I'd like to share a note from one of our long time members, Nola Macchi, in gratitude for Pete Peters & George Gikas helping her out.

"Spring is here! My ring is back! Almost a year since the original stone popped out - no warning - what a wonderful replacement. What wonderful people! My wonderful fun-loving Lou gone 3 years April 7.

Thank God for fun-loving memories. Thank you for being so wonderful! All of you! Mere words cannot express my gratitude - such a beautiful stone, lovely cut and a set to feel so safe with - you all are a great team! I could find no one in this area who did this work as they all order pre-cut stones - Lou always took great joy in the knowledge and talents of our fellow members, especially watching the new young ones learn - I treasure all the pieces he has crafted and given me - Butterflies.

We were so blessed to have been a part of your team - Hopefully, the workshop crew can make use of the enclosed for supplies, etc. Lou would approve, I know. 'Thank you' is not strong enough.
- Nola"

I, too, am proud to be a member of this club and I hope the next generation of CBRGC; members will also be the bearers of great memories.

I LOVE THIS CLUB!

Sue Phillips

ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION!

Don't miss CBRGC's annual picnic and auction. The food is always great, and the auction is a lot of fun! We also have plenty of time for socializing and catching up on the year's events.

The picnic is at Kelly Park on Merritt Island on June 5th. Bring an item to sell at the auction and your favorite dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dog and drinks will be supplied by the club. Proceeds from the auction benefit the club.

CLASSES

Please sign up for classes during the meeting or contact Brenda Stacy for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special "Thank-you!" goes out to Paula Rice from President Sue Phillips for heading up the crew for the spring cleaning of the workshop.

This month's speaker will be Carey Bell, from Wyesche Jewelers. If you were fortunate enough to be at the meeting last year when she spoke, we are sure you will not want to miss this informative lecture.

NEWSLETTER NOTES

I apologize to everyone in the club that the last few months of newsletters have gone out so late, or not at all. There will not be a newsletter over the summer months when we don't meet. Hopefully, we can start fresh and on time in the fall!

Have a great summer!

Lisa Kuhlman Tietig, Editor

APRIL MINUTES

by CBRGC Secretary, Paula Rice

Club Meeting April 1st 2010

Meeting begins at 6:35 pm with the pledge.

Members are asked if they received the newsletter. Most responded that they had.

Michelle gives the membership report.

Tom gives a treasury report. Finals from the show show the profit was a bit lower than last year. March begins a new fiscal year for the club.

Brenda announces the upcoming classes. She also goes over the open shop hours and ongoing classes currently being held.

Paula has a two week bead class going in April.

Lowell is giving his last cab class on Saturday the 3rd before taking a summer vacation.

Lynn is teaching a copper pea pod and woven copper and mica pendant from 1 to 4 on Thursdays the 15th and 22nd of April.

Brenda reminds everyone to sign up for classes at William Holland and Wild Acres so they can

come back and teach everyone else what they learned.

Brenda asks for someone to teach torch safety and John agrees to do that on Thursday nights during open shop.

Sue reminds everyone of the picnic on the 5th of June.

Sue reminds everyone to donate items for the auction at the picnic.

Former member sent a lovely note and a generous donation to the shop for fixing a piece of jewelry for her that her departed husband had made for her.

Brenda reminds people to bring in postage stamps to shop to go towards a scholarship to the lapidary schools.

Roz informs members that Carey Bell from Wyesche Jewelers will be our guest speaker next month.

Brenda makes a motion to change meeting times from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm starting at the next meeting in May. The motion is seconded by Eivor and the motion was carried.

Spring cleaning volunteers are needed. Brenda, Claudia, and Alice have all agreed to help spring clean the shop.

A new member, June, is delighted at the classes she has taken and wants to know the progression of classes. Members suggest that she take what she likes and has an interest in and also that she should look through the William Holland catalogue to see the description of classes and choose what interests her.

Sue gives an overview of the federation weeks for new members.

Roz goes over show and tell and explains that she has a sample from the recent classes that are completed.

Sue shows her current find of a huge beautiful rock specimen and her husband's projects.

Ann shows her sterling work and cold connections and viking knit projects.

Lowell shows his cabs and bola collection. He encourages us to make cabs and donates a display stand to be used to display members' cab work in local libraries.

The meeting adjourns at 7:30.

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Workshop Information:

The Club's workshop is available for use by members current with their annual dues. The shop has a great variety of tools and equipment with skilled instructors or shop supervisors to guide you in their use. The Club has open shop hours on Wednesdays (from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm), Saturdays (from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm), and Sundays (from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm). The shop is also the location for all classes unless otherwise noted. There is a nominal fee for use of the shop of \$5.00 per open shop session or class.

The shop is easily located off of A1A in Cape Canaveral just south of where the Beachline ends. The address of the shop is:

407 Imperial Street
Unit D
Cape Canaveral

From A1A turn east on Imperial. The shop is in a warehouse complex at the end of Imperial on the right hand (south) side. Look for the door with the CBRGC sign. If you need additional directions, please ask one of the board members or shop supervisors for more detailed instructions.

Club Purpose:

The purpose of this club is to foster interest in and to promote knowledge and appreciation of minerals, gems, fossils, and the earth sciences. We also disseminate information and instruction in the lapidary arts and the utilization of precious metals in our crafts. These purposes are accomplished through regular meetings with informative programs, workshops, study groups, and field trips.

Club Meeting Information:

CBRGC's monthly meeting is held on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM at the Merritt Island Public Library, 1195 N. Courtenay Pkwy. The club does not meet during the months of June, July, and August, although the workshop is open year round. Also, the date of the December and other holiday meetings varies. Please check your newsletter for meeting dates for those months.

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