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Newsletter of the Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society



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Cabochon: Michelle Bogle, Fred Tunderman,
Emilio Garcia, Barb Boyce

Faceting: Emilio Garcia, Fred Tunderman

Wire wrap: Linda Bycz, Byron Wertz

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Oakley (Basics only)

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The Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society is a member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies.

The CFMGS was established in 1961 and now has 25 members and sponsors two (2) large Mineral and Gem shows each year in November and March.

January 17th, 2012

Meeting called to order : 7:39 P.M.

Stood for The Pledge of Allegiance

President's report :

It was voted and agreed that the club dues have to be increased to annually. The new yearly dues are \$25.00 per person, a couple will receive a \$5.00 reduction totaling their cost to \$45.00, and children from ages 8 - 16 will pay \$15.00. The reason for the increases are due to a large insurance increase , and Federation dues going up also.

I would like to also address that in previous years we would send members to William Holland or Wild Acres at the expense of our club. In return they would come back and instruct on what they learned there. I would like to reinstate this. Whom ever goes will be picked according to a variety of things. We will decide the determining factors at the next meeting.

We will continue to provide sodas for the club members at the cost of .50 per can. Only at general meetings are they free of charge. It has always been this way and will continue. Please remember that the change on the door is not to be used for petty cash.

I would like to remind everyone that all decisions on purchases must go through the board first. Proper protocol dictates that motions can be made at the general meeting, and if accepted the members will vote on suggestions.

We really need someone in several areas. The first being Cub and Boy Scouts. We need someone to figure out a program we can offer that enables them to earn their merit badges. Secondly we need a Junior Rock hound co-ordinator. I would like to emphasize that this position doesn't mean you would have to hold large meetings or functions with kids in order to have a badge program. I will go into more detail about this at the next meeting. We also are in need of a field trip co-ordinator.

We need free advertising, not just for the show but for our club in general. Especially during rock fest.. If you have any ideas please make suggestions at the next meeting.

During club show off season we need at least 10 members to commit at the rock fest. In order to get our club known to the public we will have paid advertising for this event, but it will be one time only.

I did notice that some of our members have been cleaning out their machines in front of our neighbors doors, please let's try to be good neighbors and refrain from doing this.

We decided that procedures needed to be put in place for any monies made from fund raisers. So here they are: one time fund raiser- all money will be turned in that day to President or Treasurer. Non food on going fund raiser to be turned in wkly to Pres. or Treas. One time food event fund raiser (i.e bake sale, spag dinner, pancake brkfst) members please remember to handle food with gloves, and if you're handling food do not handle money. Ongoing food functions must hand in the money on a bi-wkly basis.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

1st Vice Byron: had nothing to say

2nd Vice Gordon: is the web master

Sec Anna: will be updating the bi-laws from Nov. meeting

Treasurer Fred: Is new to the account and has verified that all bills are current, and everything balances.

Show chair Paul: announced that 5 spaces have been paid for so far, and would like to see a member appreciation day established.

Michelle asked the instructors if they had anything to add, and they would like to remind or inform people of their classes.

Linda Bycz will be teaching chain Maille

Gordon Oakley teaches metal smithing on Mon night from 6-9

Fred Tunderman will be teaching cabochons on nights from 6-9

Tom's broom straw casting will begin wed. 1-18-12

There are many other classes being given, please refer to our website for classes and times

50/50 \$23.00 was the total. \$11.50 was won by Jim Johnstone which he donated back to the club.

Door prizes were won by everybody. Door prizes included turquoise, Tampa Bay Coral, Obsidian, jasper , Quartz, and petrified wood. Thank you to all that donated them

Please welcome new members Helen and Liam Starkweather, Linda Brandt, and brad Biggs who has graciously volunteered to do some promotional work for the club.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was suggested by Betty and Fred , and was accepted at 8:40. everyone retired to the kitchen for refreshments provide by Betty and Jim.

3D Mineral Documentary Project Accepted for Crowd Support

"MineralCollecting.org Presents: Minerals - A 3D HD Journey" was recently approved by the team at Kickstarter.com, a crowd funding website, and we're offering some fun rewards in exchange for contributions toward getting this important project funded.

My name is John Adam Barwood and I'm a long time collector and enthusiast. I used to run MineralCollecting.org and I've started rebuilding the website to focus on creating a documentary video series about gems, minerals and mineral collecting.

We have until March 6th at 11:01 PM EST to raise \$4000 for the project. Kickstarter is an all or nothing project funding site so we need to reach the mark to get funded. It's quick and easy and we're in dire need of backers! You can contribute toward this project by visiting the project page online by typing the URL address below into your browser's address bar and every dollars counts! A variety of payment methods are accepted and no charges are collected unless/until the project reaches it's goal before March 6th.

Please check out our backer rewards and consider supporting a great project. All contributions are sincerely appreciated!

"'MineralCollecting.org Presents' is a comprehensive 3D HD documentary video series journeying across the globe and deep into the ground to discover and document gems and minerals. From the ground to the museum, viewers come along for the fun, laughs, beauty and breathtaking earthly creations."

Project page, more info, and to make donations:

Kickstarter.com/projects/1119735507/mineralcollectingorg-presents-minerals-a-3d-hd-jou

Our project video submission on YouTube:
Youtube.com/watch?v=8KO5Q0TCMVI

Follow the project on Facebook:

Facebook.com/pages/MineralCollectingorg-Presents-Minerals-A-3D-HD-Journey/161332313969650

Follow the project on Twitter:
Twitter.com/#!/Minerals3DHD

Watch for the new launch: MineralCollecting.Org
Special Art Clay Classes

FDJ is having four Art Clay classes in March. The instructor is Jackie Truty from Art Clay World USA.

March 7, 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Art Clay Braided Silver with setting \$85.00

March 8, 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Textured Lentil Bead \$85.00

March 9, 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Basic Flat Band Ring

March 10, 10:00am to 5:00pm
Abalone Shell Inlaid Pendant \$130.00

Contact FDJ to register

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March 16, 17 & 18, 2012
Fri & Sat 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sun 11:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The Forum
in Beautiful Downtown
Rome, Georgia

Directions: From US 411 take the Rome exit on to Turner McCall Boulevard. Turn left at Broad Street into historic Downtown Rome. Turn right on 3rd Street. After a block the street will dead-end into the Forum Parking deck.

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