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Newsletter of the Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society



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Shop Director: Paul Hayes

Show Chair; Salvatore Sansone

Instructors

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

Faceting: Emilio Garcia, Fred Tunderman

Wire wrap: Linda Bycz, Byron Wertz

Silversmith: Tom Davis, John Piziak, Gordon
Oakley (Basics only)

Stained Glass: Emilio Garcia

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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 139 members and sponsors two (2) large Mineral and Gem shows each year.

MEETING MINUTES

8:00pm

Meeting called to order by President Michelle Bogle
President Report:

Michelle gave the group an update on our legal issue. If anyone would like information on this, please contact one of the board members. Gordon is looking into legal coverage the club has for situations like this.

The club has acquired lots of casting molds from Steve. This is a great opportunity for Club members to learn a new skill. We are looking for someone with casting experience to teach a class.

Henrik won't be teaching a class on Thursday evening anymore. He's very busy with other things. Also, few people are coming to class. We need an instructor that can teach the class on Tuesdays.

No longer is our flag just leaning up against the wall. Paul Hayes built a great flag stand! Many thanks, Paul!

Show information will be on Craig's List, ICFFlorida.com and 107 Magic Radio's web site. This is all free – we'll be listed in the events sections!

Our club is invited to the GIA meeting. The topic of discussion is how to detect imperfections in gemstones. Some rubies and diamonds have fractures that area being filled by lead glass. There will be equipment provided so attendees can learn what to look for.

Gem Tree making sessions are being held on Saturdays at the club. The trees will be sold at the club's table at the show and used for door prizes. All materials are provided.

The club will have a table at the show. Gem trees will be sold and we need other items to sell. If you have some equipment you want to sell, you can use the club's table. 20 - 25% of the money from the sale will go to the club.

Michele has found past articles and news letters about club. These will be saved in the Archive section of the

website. There are lots of old newsletters available for club members to look at.

Michelle passed around photos from the 1971 show, which was held in the Centroplex. Several former club members from this time stopped by the club. They were able to pin point the location of the show. Michelle got lots of information from them about earlier days of the club. She has a program from one of the first shows that lists dealers, exhibitors, and details about the judges. A local university donated funds for educational exhibits.

We'll have an exhibit of historical items at the show – need volunteer to put it together.

We also need a club historian – maybe there's someone who likes to do scrapbooking and can put together a committee to make some scrap books. Photos and other memorabilia will be displayed in the glass case near the door of the club.

The club's anniversary is in November, so we can celebrate it for the entire year. The anniversary event is on hold pending funding.

Someone needs to see if any of the Frank Cox shows will be in the area. Maybe the club could have a table at the show.

1st Vice President Report:

John has some great ideas on how the club can make some money. He suggested that we have a summer camp for kids. The camp would be 5 days and limited to 12 children. We'd need 3 - 4 instructors for this. He's checking on what to charge for this. \

John also suggested that we sell pit beef to generate income. He's looking into what kind of license we'd need to do this. The club would sell sandwiches of pit beef, pit ham, and pulled pork. The sandwiches would be sold out of the club kitchen. Each one would have ½ pound of meat and sell for \$6. If they were sold every Saturday the people from the rest of the units might buy them. Also, every month the complex has a yard sale – another possibility for sandwich sales. On Rock Fest Saturdays John says that 24 vehicles per hour go past the building. A sign would be placed out near the

street. John brought some samples to the club last week and all agreed that it was delicious!

Thanks for coming up with these great ideas, John!

2nd Vice President Report:

21 Members in Attendance

Treasurer's Report:

Winn said our finances are lower than they have been, but class attendance has been low. We need to find more instructors so we can draw more people in.

Old Business:

There are 22 club patches left. They are for sale at \$10 each – any remaining patches will be sold at the show.

New Business:

Gordon will be web master again, as Linda has gotten too busy as a substitute teacher. The club needs someone who knows web site building to improve the look of our site.

Linda is doing a wire wrapping class for a group outside the club. There will be 10 students and they will be charged \$20 each. Linda will keep \$5 from each student and the rest will go to the club. Thanks Linda!

Thanks to Paul for putting up a buzzer on the door. Now the buzzer will alert people working in the shop if someone is entering the building. The buzz is very loud but it works great!

Show and Tell:

Emilio showed some beautiful copper pieces he made. He used a new liquid protector on the metal. This will preserve the shine on the metal. It can also be used on stones as protection and to enhance the shine.

Linda was wearing some gorgeous pieces of chain mail jewelry she made. She used Caro wire for the links, which comes in many color. This wire is considerably less expensive than sterling silver. Her jewelry looked like sterling but was actually made from Caro wire.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:09pm. for refreshments donated by Jim Johnstone and

New Workshop Hours:

Monday: 6 to 9pm Cabochons and Basic metalwork with Gordon

Tuesday: 6 to 9pm Cabochons with Fred

Wednesday: Silversmith with Tom only as scheduled (closed workshop)

Thursday: 6 to 9pm Wirewrap with Byron, Cabochons with Barb.

Friday: Silversmith with Tom only as scheduled (closed workshop)

Saturday 9 to 12pm Faceting with Emilio, Cabochons with Fred or Michelle

See the web site for dates and hours of classes.
www.cfmgs.org

Hot! Important announcement

Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday are the ONLY open workshop for cab cutting and using the saws. Silversmith and wirewrap instructors are teaching and not available to monitor equipment use. Anyone wanting to use the shop on late Saturdays on Michelle's days are welcome to do so. She generally stays late and is willing to allow open shop while she am there. When we get a club phone, it will be a convenience to members to be able to call and see if the shop will be open late on Saturdays.