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December

Hot Rocks, Cool Gems & Fabulous Jewelry

2017

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The shop will be closed
December 17 thru
January 1, 2018

Next General Meeting
Tuesday January 16, 7p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jerri Heer

Welcome to all our New Members! We hope you will join us for our Christmas Party/New Member Open House this Saturday! We'll start with a social hour and shop tours from 11-12, lunch at Noon followed by our General Meeting.

We're trying something new this year, with a Bucket Raffle INSTEAD OF Gift Exchange. Each person will receive a free ticket, with additional raffle tickets available at \$1.00 each. We have prepared 8

great baskets of materials for each of our more popular classes, cabbing (2), silver, wire wrap (2), beading, mixed metals and faceting. You choose which bucket to apply your ticket(s) to, and at the end Of the day, we will draw the lucky winners.

The club will provide, Turkey, ham and rolls. Everyone else brings a dish to share. Hope to see youall there!

Respectfully,
Jerri Heer, President

THANK YOU

Huge thanks go out to all the members that generously donated breakfast snacks, juices, desserts, chips, fruit and probably other things I've forgotten, plus those who volunteered to set up and clean up. You helped the club immensely. According to one comment I heard, the vendors breakfast and lunch was an "impressive spread". I can't thank you enough for all your time and yummy goodies.

Sincerely, Christy Gorrow (the one in the chef's toque)



Save the Date!
Holiday Party & New Member Picnic
Saturday
December 9
11 a.m.

TAMPA BAY MINERAL & SCIENCE CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by President Jerri Heer

In attendance were David Rodgers, Norma Jackson, Tracy Canales, Christy Gorrow, Jerri Heer, Gerri Lundergan

Non - board Member: Judy Anderson

A motion was made by Christy and 2nd by Tracy to approve the Minutes of the November meeting as published in the Geode. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was tabled as Heidi is out sick.

Committee Reports

Show Committee: The show was a great success with much increased numbers from last year.

Social Media was a big help, all areas showed at least a 20% increase.

Notes were made about things to improve on for next show and Judy will give them to next years Show Chair.

Dave will be working on building our own Sluice for next years.

Education: The shops will be closed from Dec 17 thru Jan 1.

Facilities: Discussion on the roof repair versus moving to a new property was discussed. We are still seeking a new property.

The lights that were installed need to be changed to Dusk to Dawn and not just a motion sensor.

Being corrected.

Old Business: Pics of the damaged wheels have been sent to Kingsley North and we are waiting for them to notify us about replacing them.

Christmas Party: We will have Bucket Raffles for Faceting, Beading, Lapidary, Silver, Wire Wrap and Mixed metals. Each member will receive 1 ticket and can purchase more.

The turkey is currently defrosting and will be cooked and ready for Saturday.

Each shop will do tours/open house from 11 a.m. -12 p.m., with the meal planned for noon.

New Business: Discussion on selling one of our big flat laps. We will take a look at what we have in storage and get an idea of which one and price. Suggested we call Tony Funk who deals in used equipment for pricing.

Discussed changing our monthly meetings back to 7 p.m. for members who need to come from work. Motion made to do so beginning with the New Year. Motion passed.

Plan is to do our monthly meeting, then do an educational program each month. We can do a general or each shop could do a mini clinic.

We have a mini seminar on Gourds planned for the March 20 meeting.

Nominations for upcoming officers was discussed. Lloyd Moore is Nominating Chair.

Offices to be filled for 2018 are: President, Secretary, Vice President and 3 Directors (2 years) and 1 Director (1 year).

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m .

2018 Elections Coming!

January is when we hold our Annual Elections. Positions up for election include: President, Vice-President, Secretary and three Board members. President and Vice-President are one-year terms, Secretary and Board positions are two-year terms. If you are interested in running, or have someone you'd like to nominate, please contact our Nominating Committee Chair, Lloyd Moore. He can be reached at: (352)523-5437 or mbearsdn@gmail .com

2017 TBMSC Annual

HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday Dec. 9th 11am @ the Clubhouse

- New Member Meet & Greet
- Raffle
- Dec. general meeting following lunch
- Potluck Style: sign-up sheet at clubhouse
- Club Providing Turkey & Rolls
- Club will be closed 12/17 and reopen 1/2 after the holiday chaos 😊



**MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND
FAMILY WELCOME**

BRAD'S BENCH TIPS

MARKING YOUR TOOLS

It makes sense to mark your tools if you ever lend them to friends or take them out to classes or workshops. Question is how to mark them permanently. For metal tools, I use a very small ball bur running fast in the Dremel or Foredom to "engrave" my initials. Other times I'll form the initials with a number of hits with a center punch.



If you'd like to try one, all you need is a little scrap copper or nickel about 22-24 gauge, a piece of heavy brass or copper for a base, about 6 inches of metal rod and a piece of wood for the handle.

I formed my initials from a couple 4mm wide strips of sheet nickel. The "S" was one piece, but the "B" was three pieces soldered together with hard. (Remember to form the letters backwards). I then soldered the letters with medium onto a piece of 1/8 inch thick brass bar to act as a heat sink. Finally, I soldered a piece of 1/8 round rod on the back of the brass bar as a shaft to join to a wooden handle.

See all Brad's jewelry books at [Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

But for hammer handles and other wooden tools, the country boy in me came back and thought "Why not make a branding iron?"



IT'S RENEWAL TIME AGAIN

Can you believe another year has zipped by? AND that means it's time to think about renewing your membership. What could be a better Holiday Present for yourself, your spouse, or the whole family?

Just want to remind you, though, that the dues for 2018 have gone up. The rates are now \$30 a year for one adult and \$15 a year for each additional adult in the same household. Junior memberships (those special people under 18) are still \$5 a year.

Here's something to consider. We're offering a special incentive to pay ahead. You can get a Four Year Adult Membership for \$100 and additional Adults (in the same household) are \$50 each for 4 years.

Happy Holidays,
Christy Gorrow, Membership

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NOTABLE NEWS

CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

It's approaching Ho! Ho! Ho! time sooner than we think! Our Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 11 AM – Meal at Noon. There will be no work session, but we are combining our Annual Christmas Picnic with a New Member Welcome and our December General Meeting. Check out the Flyer in this issue for more details and please sign-up on the sheets provided at the clubhouse for potluck items to bring. The club will provide the main course, Turkey, as usual. We will be offering tours of the shops for new members, plus plenty of social time to meet some instructors and other club members. We will also offer a Raffle of some cool items! PLEASE JOIN US!!

CLASS COURTESY

A quick reminder to bring exact change when you come to a class or shop session. Instructors and staff do not carry a bank to make change. If you know you expect to be working for 2 or 3 hours, bring the correct amount for that time frame or bring a check - Please!

FACEBOOK IS OUR FRIEND!

If you are on Facebook, please "Like" and follow our page. When you get a post, respond with a Thumbs up, comment or smiley face. Every time we get response, it increases our status, improves our cachet and bumps us up in search engines. All of this provides better exposure for the club. Thanks to Gerri Lundergan for keeping up with new entries!

CHANGES IN MEETING SCHEDULES

January's Board Meeting is being changed to January 8 because the normal night falls on New Years.

Starting this January, the General meetings will now return to 7 PM on the Third Tuesday of each month. The January Meeting will be Tuesday January 16, 7 PM. This meeting will include our elections.

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Are you ready to take on a new role in your club's leadership? Our elections this year are for the following positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- 3 Two year Board positions

We always encourage members to take a more active role. This is your club. We need diverse representation to make fair decisions about the direction we want for our future. If you would like to be considered or know someone who would, please contact Nominating Chair Lloyd Moore at mbearsden@gmail.com.

WINTER BREAK FOR CLUBHOUSE

The clubhouse will close for the holidays after Open Shops on Saturday, December 16. We will re-open with our regular schedule on January 2, 2018. We will be CLOSED December 17, 2017- January 1, 2018.

COLD CONNECTIONS

WORKSHOP

SCHEDULED

METALSMITHING BY
BRENDA MARHON

JANUARY 13 - 14
10 AM - 4PM

Methods include:

- Wire rivets
- Purchased rivets/screws
- Lashing
- Tab setting

I am looking for some projects to include these methods - I am contemplating a few and have many many more on my Pinterest page, visit: www.pinterest.com/silverseahorse/cold-connections/

Class Fee \$50 per day and a materials fee on day one of \$10 to cover supplies (copper, wire and rivets/screws).

Contact Brenda Marhon - bmarhon@yahoo.com

Coming Soon:

Wax Patterns and Casting Classes- Starting in late November early December!
Kym Hoerr - Instructor - colonelkym06@gmail.com.

GOURDS MINI-SEMINAR

FOLLOWING
MARCH 20
GENERAL MEETING

UPDATED TBMSC CLASSES (AS OF OCTOBER 2017)

CLASS			INSTRUCTOR	FEE/HR
Beading	Tuesdays	10am - 12pm	Nina Megginson	\$3
Chainmaille or Beading	Tuesdays	By appointment	Jeannie Krantz	\$3
Wirewrap-Beginners & Advanced	Tuesdays	10am - 12pm	Mary Liewert	\$3
Advanced Wire II	Tuesdays	12:30pm - 3pm	Frankie or Lloyd	\$3
Glass Fusing	2nd & 4th Wednesdays	6pm - 9pm	Jan Hendershot	\$3
Gem Trees	2nd & 4th Thursdays	By appointment	Jerri Heer	\$3
Faceting	Saturdays	10am - 1pm	Contact instructor to join Tom Dershem, Dave Miedema	\$4
Wirewrap-Beginners & Advanced	Saturdays	10am - 1pm	Mary Liewert	\$3
Metal Smithing				
Silver Beginners	Tuesdays	6pm - 9pm	Lisa Miller	\$3
Open Shop	Saturdays	10am - 1pm	Rotating Staff	\$3
Opals (must have Lap.1)	By appointment	By appointment	John Clements	\$4
Intarsia	By appointment	By appointment	Christy Gorrow	\$4
Casting	By appointment	By appointment	Kym Hoerr	\$4
Chain Making	By appointment	By appointment	Kym Hoerr	\$3
Lapidary				
• Beginners	By appointment	By appointment	Frank Lapniewski	\$4
• Open Shop	Mondays	10am-12:30pm	Dan Arkwright	\$4
• Beginners & Open Shop	Tuesdays	6pm - 9pm	Rotating Staff	\$4
• Beginners & Open Shop	Thursdays	10am - 12pm	Pam Gonzalez	\$4
• Open Shop	Saturdays	10am - 12pm	Rotating Staff	\$4
• Open Shop	Saturdays	12:30-2:30pm	Rotating Staff	\$4

Curious? Visit on Saturday from 10am-1pm while most classes have open shop.

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Tom Dershem	rocky1375@verizon.net	Saturday mornings when many of the classes are	
Mary Liewert	kliewert@tampabay.rr.com	going on at the same time!	



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December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Lapidary Open Shop 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	10 a.m.- 12 p.m. Beading, Chainmaille or Beading by appointment 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Wirewrap 12:30-3 p.m. Advanced Wire II 6-9 p.m. Metal Smithing, Silver Beginners, Lapidary Beginners & Open Shop	6-9 p.m. Glass Fusing	10 a.m.-12 p.m. Beginning Lapidary & Open Shop 12:30-2:30 p.m. Gem Trees, by appointment		10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 12-30-2:30 p.m. Open Lapidary 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Faceting 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wirewrap Beginners & Advanced 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Metal Smithing Open Shop
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CLUB CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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31	January 1	2	3	4	5	6
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Board Meeting 7 p.m.	10 a.m.- 12 p.m. Beading, Chainmaille or Beading by appointment 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Wirewrap 12:30-3 p.m. Advanced Wire II 6-9 p.m. Metal Smithing, Silver Beginners, Lapidary Beginners & Open Shop	6-9 p.m. Glass Fusing	10 a.m.-12 p.m. Beginning Lapidary & Open Shop 12:30-2:30 p.m. Gem Trees, by appointment		10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 12-30-2:30 p.m. Open Lapidary 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Faceting 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wirewrap Beginners & Advanced 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Metal Smithing Open Shop