

Rock Talk

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January 2017



Rock Talk

January Club Meeting

The January meeting will begin at 6:00 PM

Please join us for the January meeting. The business portion of the meeting will be short because we will have our annual potluck dinner and a rousing game of rock bingo afterwards. Members are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert or whatever you make best. The club will provide turkey and ham, so just bring a side dish or a dessert. There are some very good cooks in the club, so the food will be delicious.

After we eat, we'll play rock bingo. It's like regular bingo, except many of the prizes will be rocks, minerals, fossils, or gems. Please bring a wrapped gift (or several) for the gift table. Rocks, or something pertaining to rock hounding would be nice, but almost anything with a "G" rating is allowed. Please no ID or name tags because the gifts are not opened until the very end. After all the prizes have been taken off the table, the bingo winners get to "steal" gifts from other winners. It's all in good fun and we have a great time. We all look forward to it every year. See you there.

The Meeting as I Saw it



by

Dorwin Skinner

Club Vice President



The December Meeting

Our meetings keep getting better and better, and this one was no exception. When I arrived John Schaediger was making sure that each item in the silent auction was properly placed and accompanied with a bidding sheet. Elaine had the kitchen under control. Dick Drum brought in a Tres Leche cake that I was dying to try. He told me about it and I couldn't wait for it to be cut. It was just as good as he had promised. Our snack counter is getting so there are so many choices it is impossible to try them all. It wasn't long before the auction ta-



Chris Lagasse and Roger Wheeler on the grinding and polishing machines.

bles were covered and there was very little room left for any more items. Kelly Johnson brought a Keichosaurus fossil that had me drooling. I knew better than buy to it, as I had already overspent my allowance and my wife would be very unhappy with me if I came home with it. Linda Spaulding brought in several samples of minerals from Graves Mountain. She said these are the sort of things that we should expect to find on our upcoming field trip in April 2017. Melodye Steverson was sporting a beautiful opal ring. It was one of her early creations. Michele Evans had a really nice crystal for show and tell. Of course our polishing machines were being used. It seems that they are getting more use now than they ever did. Roger Wheeler brought in some of his fabulous cabochons to show and put on a dopping demonstration. All too soon it was time to settle down and the meeting was called to order by Ralph. A few minutes after the meeting the silent auc-

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This month's Rock Talk cover is

Moulton lava at about 1,292 to 2,192 F. Lava flows are enormously destructive to property in their path. However, casualties are rare since flows are usually slow enough for people and animals to escape, though this is dependent on the viscosity of the lava. Nevertheless, injuries and deaths have occurred, either because they had their escape route cut off, because they got too close to the flow or, more rarely, if the lava flow front travels too quickly. This notably happened during the eruption of Nyiragongo in Zaire (now Democratic Republic of the Congo)



December Club Meeting Photos

Photos by Dorwin Skinner and Mike Stone



Linda Spaulding and Kelly Johnson



Busy club members.



Roger Wheeler demonstrating dop sticks.



A deep discussion.



Graves Mountain minerals



Everyone's favorite table.



What shall I bid on?



Social time



Rovie selling 50/50 tickets

The December meeting

tion was back in action and it was time to place some more bids. I saw that Mark Moore had outbid me on the rock hammer so I upped the ante. He seemed to be preoccupied and didn't notice. His loss was my gain and I ended up with the hammer. All in all I did pretty well. I won the hammer, a nice mineral specimen, and a large Kentucky geode. After more social time it was time for me to go home.

Looking ahead we have some really good "stuff" lined up for this year.

January, We will have our holiday feast and of course rock bingo.

February, Dave Davis will give a knapping demonstration.

March, Dave Letasi will give a presentation on identification of minerals and fossil from the Vulcan Mine.

April, a ring making class is being planned.

April, a field trip to Graves Mountain in Georgia is being planned by Judith Birx.

May, another workshop is in the planning stage.

May 13 will be a field trip to the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville. Dave Letasi will be our guide for this one.



Michele and Linda examining a crystal

More December meeting photos on next page

Thanks for Your Help With the Rock Talk

Another club year is beginning, and I'd like to thank those who contributed to our *Rock Talk* newsletter over the past twelve months.

Thanks go to:

- **Peggy Burns**, our proofreader, who corrects my errors and makes sure that dates, times, places, and captions are correct.
- **Dorwin Skinner**, our faithful photographer and recently elected vice president, who clicks away at club meetings and other club functions. Dorwin also writes his viewpoint about what is happening at our club meetings and activities, and also his perspective on field trips.
- **Melodye Steverson**, club secretary, records the minutes of the club meetings and passes them along to me for the newsletter, and she also creates important announcements pertaining to club functions and club business, and she often writes an overview of the past meetings.
- **Brad Smith** (Bench Tips) who faithfully sends us interesting and informative hints about jewelry making and metalworking
- **David Letasi**, one of our board members and club paleontologist, keeps us informed about the latest fossil news as well as our club's participation in public awareness activities.
- **Janet Wheeler**, our club treasurer keeps is apprised of new members and profits from the gem show, silent auctions, and 50/50 raffles.
- **Doug DuPont**, our past vice president for his review of the Vulcan Mine field trip and writing about the Brooksville Heritage Days.
- **Michele Evans** for her interesting and amusing submissions.
- **Ken Bagley** for his photo and information on his peccary bone find at the Vulcan Mine.
- **Bob and Dee Graham**, who wrote an article in 1987, which we republished in March of last year.

That's it, eight people out of a club with a membership of over seventy. I am asking you to please send us photos, stories, articles, and any information that you feel would be of interest to our club members. You don't need to be an accomplished writer, after all this is simply

a newsletter published to inform and to provide interesting and educational material to our membership. All writing that is published monthly is edited for spelling, grammar, sentence structure, and overall appropriateness.

I hope to hear from many club members during 2017.

Mike Stone, Rock Talk editor

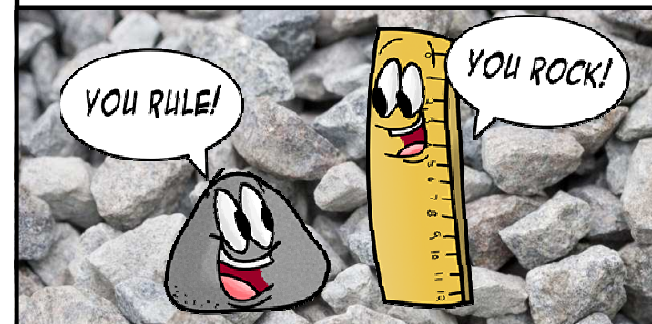
Annual January Holiday Meeting

January 11, 2017

The club will provide the meat and drinks for the dinner. Club members are asked to contribute something for the meal.

Below is a list of members who have agreed to bring food times for the potluck dinner. Please bring something to share when you come to the meeting.

- Dick Drum.....Scalloped corn
- Jan Gathje.....Fresh baked rolls
- Michele Evans.....Gluten free tuna/mac salad
- Bill and Linda Spaulding.....Tropical fruit pie
- Rovie and Elaine Alford.....Broccoli casserole and Spanish dip
- Mark and Leslie Moore.....Deviled eggs
- Ralph Barber.....Scalloped potatoes
- Ron and Linda Parks.....Green bean casserole
- Mike Stone and Peg Burns.....Onion casserole
- Susie and David Letasi.....Veggie tray
- Leslie Vincent.....Baked beans
- Janet and Roger Wheeler..... Cherry squares
- Phyllis Ables.....Corn dip and chips
- Melodye Steverson Corn..... Casserole and brownies
- Judith Birx..... Vegetable dish

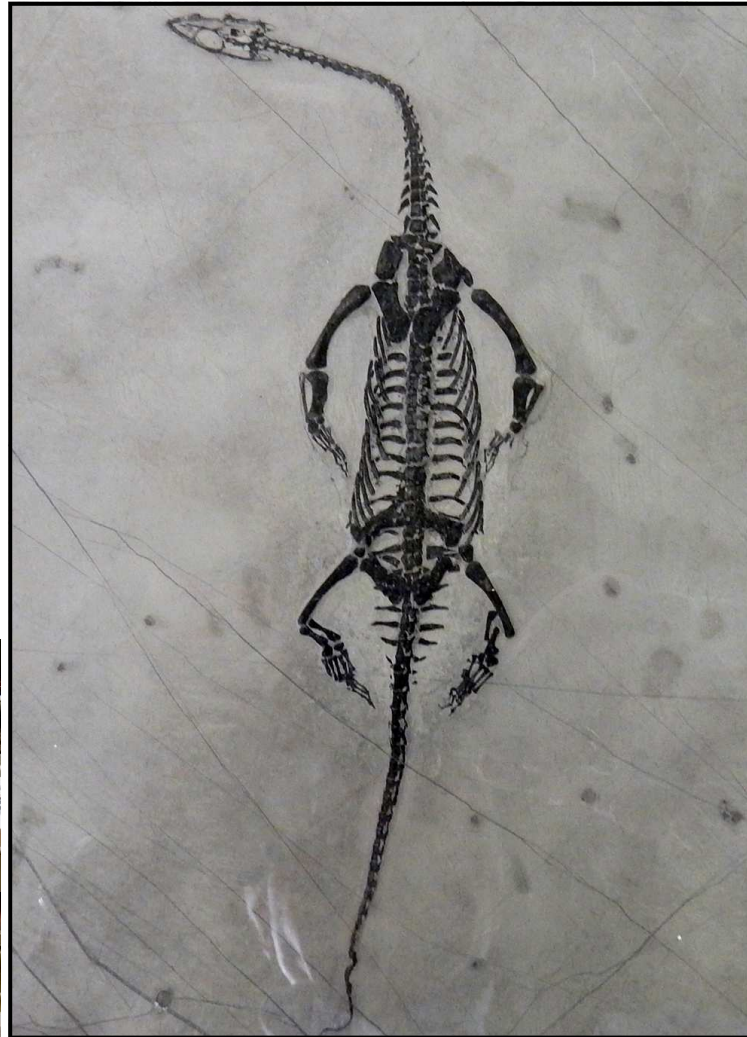


December Meeting Photos

by Dorwin Skinner



One of Meolodye's early creations



Kelly Johnson's Keichousaurus fossil



Silent auction action



Roger, Peggy, and Dave



Checking out Roger's cabochons

Tuesday Morning Club Workshop

by Dorwin Skinner

It was Tuesday morning and I decided it was time for me to see what all this fuss is, about the Tuesday wire wrapping class. I had heard that it was just short of fantastic. So I set the alarm to make sure I wasn't late, as a 9:00 am class is early for me. When I arrived a few minutes before nine, several members were already there. A total of eight students showed up for the class, including one who became a member at the gem show on Sunday. Judith Birx quickly took charge and started with a short video that showed some of the tools that would be required for wire wrapping and jewelry making. Tools for student use were provided by Judith Birx, Elaine Alford, and our rock club. Judith also had the supplies necessary for student's use. Next she showed them step-by-step how to make a nice piece of jewelry that could be used for a necklace of even an earring pendant. As she demonstrated each step, the eager students were able to follow along and make their own individualized pendant with Elaine Alford offering her assistance. At the end of only two and a half hours, each student had created a pendant that they could be proud of. I was impressed. Good job Judy.



Back row left to right: Leslie Vincent, Judith Birx, Ron Parks, Jan Gathje, John Schaediger Front row left to right: Carole Howell, Phyllis Ables, Linda Parks, Linda Anderson, Elaine Alford



Watching the introductory video



Above: Supplies. Below: students at work and play



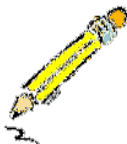
Class creations

Welcome New Members

Welcome new Withlacochee Rockhounds club members: **Phyllis Ables**, Floral City; **Carole Howell**, Spring Hill, **Wil Inman**, Homosassa; **Moxie Schneider**, Spring Hill; **Louis and Leslie Vincent**, Spring Hill.

Secretary Report

by
Melody Steverson



Withlacoochee Rockhounds Monthly Meeting Minutes December 14, 2016

- The meeting was called to order by club president Ralph Barber at 7:23 pm.
- Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer.
- There were three new members to recognize; **Leslie Vincent, Moxie Schneider, and Phyllis Ables.**
- There were no guests in attendance.
- Dave Letasi made a motion to accept the minutes of our November meeting as printed in the newsletter. It was seconded by Richard Drum, and passed by all members.
- Club treasurer Janet Wheeler gave the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business

- Dave Letasi reminded members that Gary Spurlock, the manager of the 1885 Train Depot Museum, is looking forward to our club setting up displays there. Dave asked for volunteers to help set up the displays and said the Gary will attend our meeting in January.
- Dave also reminded us of the Heritage Festival in Brooksville on January 25th, and asked for members to man the booth. Rovie Alford will set up and take down the tent and tables. There were several members who volunteered to be there, including Mike Stone, Peggy Burns, and Judith Birx. Members who want to help should contact Dave Letasi.
- Judith Birx again announced the Field trip that she and Linda Spaulding are arranging to Graves Mountain, Georgia on April 28th – 30th 2017. Contact Judith for more information.
- Judith also invited members to the "Wire Wrap

and More" jewelry class she teaches on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am until 12:00 Noon.

New Business

- Ralph Barber announced that club dues need to be paid.
- Our Annual club officers election was held at this time;
- Secretary Steverson made a motion that the current president, Ralph Barber, the current secretary, Melody Steverson, and the current treasurer, Janet Wheeler remain in office – with the replacements of Dorwin Skinner as vice president and Judith Birx as educational chairman. This motion was seconded by Mike Stone and approved by all members present.
- Club president Barber announced a twenty percent increase in business at our gem show this year. He said a special "Thank you" to Dick Drum, who was there working every day, and Dave Davis who picked up all the signs.
- He also reminded everyone of our annual potluck dinner and rock bingo game scheduled for the January meeting, and described the event for those members who were new.
- Linda Spaulding made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Letasi seconded it and it was passed by all.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by club Secretary Melody Steverson.

Withlacoochee Rockhounds

January 3, 2016

Board Meeting Minutes

- Members in attendance: Ralph Barber, Judith Birx, Rovie Alford, Dave Letasi, Dorwin Skinner, Melody Steverson, Mike Stone, Janet Wheeler, and Roger Wheeler (visitor).
- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by club president Ralph Barber
- Discussion of the Graves Mountain field trip in April. Carpooling is an option.
- Gem show, December 2016: profit from the show was not as much as expected. Thirteen dealers paid

for forty-two tables. Discussion of ideas to improve attendance next year. Advertisement (Tampa Bay Times, Craigslist, the Scene, Facebook, No White Tent, human spinner on US 19, Bay News 9, radio show Downtown Brooksville). We need to have a gem show committee. We must emphasize gems but rocks, minerals, and fossils. Possibly open the gem show on Friday for school children. Have more special (professional) displays to attract people to the show. Obtain addresses of those who attend to determine where our customers live and also use them to send postcards reminding them of the next gem show. Have a show-affle for a valuable specimen or specimens. Build an attractive facade to draw customers. Freebies for kids, such as shark's teeth.

- Gem mine: We haven't set up the gem mine since we moved to the Hudson gem show location. During the last use of the gem mine at the Swamp Fest it was not very popular and also we no longer have anyone in the club who is willing to chair the mine. Water in the gymnasium might be a problem, but we could use sand and allow people to sift through it to dig and sift out gems, rocks, minerals, and fossils.
- Discussion about materials and supplies for wire wrapping/ring making workshops and classes. We are now buying supplies for the classes, students will bring and/or pay for their own supplies, and the club will supply some supplies.
- Club meeting raffle: will take place at the February meeting using donated items as a raffle prize. We will have either a 50/50 raffle or a raffle prize at all regular meetings (except the January holiday dinner meeting).
- Officers' job description review: The job descriptions of the officers need to be updated. Dave Letasi said that the job descriptions should be in our charter. Ralph will see if he can locate our charter. Dorwin will check various organizations to get samples of club charters.
- Nominating committee: The 2018 officers nominating committee will be formed in September. By that time we will have detailed job descriptions of all officers
- Club business cards: Mike showed an example of a business card that can be handed out by club members to the general public. Dave Letasi made a motion to

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Next Meeting, Wednesday January 11th, 7:00PM at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Center

Board meeting minutes from previous page

spend up to \$38 for printing business cards. Judith Brix seconded the motion and the board passed the motion.

- Field Trip to Natural History Museum, Gainesville: Dave Letasi said he would have a sign up sheet at future club meetings for the May 13, 2017 field trip
- Archive club meeting minutes: Melodye has archived the club meeting minutes and most of the board meeting minutes. She will use them to determine the expiration dates of the current board members terms.
- Sunshine chairman, SFMS Stamp Program: since the programs are no longer in use we will remove the positions from the Rock Talk masthead.
- Letter to Feds from RMFMS: The club recently received a copy of a letter from Beth Simmons, Ph.D., President 2017, Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The letter was drafted, and will be sent to representatives of the federal government to persuade them not to deny rock, mineral, and fossil collecting on federal land. They are asking for club members all over the country to sign the letter, showing support for the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies' letter of proposal. Dave spoke about the letter about how important it is for us to support the proposal, otherwise in time specimens will be destroyed by the weather Mike will have a copy of the letter and all club members are being asked to sign the letters. Their signature will be emailed to Dr. Simmons and she will include them with her letter to the feds.
- Dorwin will contact Tom Mitchell, representative from the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies, to schedule a date for him or another representative to attend one of our meetings to address our membership about the objectives of the organization and the value of being associated with SFMS.
- During the January club meeting we will explain to the members that the board will be looking for manpower for the 2017 gem show and we will also be looking for ideas for advertising and making the gem show attractive and more attention-getting and hopefully increase attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melodye Steverson, club secretary.

Download the Rock Talk from www.withlacocheerockhounds.com by Mike Stone

The Rock Talk has recently become too large for some members to deal with as an attachment to an email message. The reason for the large size newsletter is due to increasing club activities both during meetings and between meetings. Photographs and additional pages increase the size of the *Rock Talk* PDF file. This presents a problem with some email servers, particularly those that have limited space (memory) or those where messages haven't been removed from the server. When I send a message with an attachment to a club member with an inadequate size mailbox, the message gets rejected and the member doesn't receive it. Last month, because of the large size of the *Rock Talk* PDF file, I had to split the issue into two parts, which is time consuming, since I have to not only split the two Microsoft Publisher files where the newsletter is created, but I must also edit the two resulting PDF files before they are distributed to the members. A two-part issue is more difficult to read on the computer as well.

I have been posting the *Rock Talk* PDF files on our website, now that the website is up-to-date and more user friendly. I am encouraging all members to download the newsletter from our website rather than receiving it as an email attachment. This will enable club members to access the newsletter from not only their computers, but also from their smartphones and tablets.

Here's how to download the newsletter.

Connect to www.withlacocheerockhounds.com (a link can be set up on your desktop for easy access to our



website)
Click on "CLUB NEWSLETTERS"

Club Website
www.withlacocheerockhounds.com

Next, scroll down to the bottom blue tab (Download Rock Talk...),this will be the most recent issue, and click on it to initiate the downloading process.



It might take several seconds to download, depending on the speed of your Internet connection. The *Rock Talk* will open and look the same as it does when you open it from your email.

2017 Dues are Due
A reminder that the dues for 2017 club year are due. The 2017 membership dues form is on page thirteen in this issue of *Rock Talk*. Please fill out the form and bring it with your dues to the December or January meeting and give them to club treasurer Janet Wheeler. Or mail the form and your check made out to "Withlacochee Rockhounds" to Janet Wheeler, 338 Appaloosa Rd., Tarpon Springs, FL 34688.

Club Elections
Club officer elections were held at our December meeting. The following are the results of the election.
Ralph Barber.....president
Dorwin Skinner.....vice president
Melodye Steverson.....secretary
Janet Wheeler.....treasurer
Judith Birx.....board member (three years)
Judith Birx.....education chairman
Congratulations and thank you for your service.



provide a signup sheet for our club members at our January through April meetings. Directions and activities will be provided to attendees prior the Field Trip.
To all a happy New Year!



Mammoth at the Florida Museum of Natural History

January Rock Talk News

The 1885 Brooksville Train Depot manager Gary Spurlock has requested our club educational panels be on loan as an exhibit display from January through May in the Depot. Gary will join us at our January 11 meeting and discuss the details. Rovie Alford has volunteered to lead the project and will help set up the display. We will determine the loan agreement details at our meeting. Check the 1885 Brooksville Train Depot at www.brooksvillehistoricaltraindepot.com



Stringer Museum Heritage Event



1885 train depot

Our Club will have an information table set up at the 2017 Heritage Day Festival on Saturday March 26 behind the 1885 Train Depot on the Good Neighbor Trail at 70 Russel Street. Mike Stone, Peggy Burns, Mark and Leslie Moore, Linda and Bill Spaulding, and Elaine Alford will take turns tending the table distributing club brochures, answering questions, and showing one of our educational panels. Rovie Alford will set up and break down our table for the event.

On Saturday May 13, 2017 I will be leading a guided tour at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville. Further information may be obtained at www.fmnh.ufl.edu. We will all car pool to the museum and eat dinner around 3:00 pm at Harry's Seafood Restaurant in down town Gainesville. I will



Good Neighbor Trail behind the Depot



For Sale Items

Club members can post appropriate club-related type **for sale** items in the *Rock Talk* free of charge. Contact your editors by the 25th of the month to have your items posted in the next issue.

Mike Stone

n1ve@amsat.org

Heritage Day Festival

The Heritage Day Festival and Historic Home Tour will be held Saturday, February 25th from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM on the grounds of the Train Depot Museum located at 70 Russell Street Brooksville, FL 34601. The Hernando Historical Museum Association and the Historic Hernando Preservation Society sponsor this Event.

Vendors will be set up to sell items or services at this event. There is a \$30.00 charge for vendors. Demonstrators are individuals or groups that intend to display, act out, enrich, or teach attendees. There is no charge for demonstrators.

Last year the **Withlacoochee Rockhounds** set up a booth to promote our organization and we were considered demonstrators. We distributed fliers, had specimens and other rock-related items on display, offered door prizes, set up two educational displays, and had members available to talk with interested visitors.

The event is an excellent way for us to make ourselves known within the area and possibly interest community members in attending a club meeting and/or joining our club. We need club member volunteers to set up the booth, occupy the booth for the day, and take down and return the booth and material. Please consider helping at the event. Let us know at the January meeting.

Upcoming Shows

January 13, 14, and 15, 2017

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
with the SFMS Quarterly Meeting
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL

January 21 and 22, 2017

Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society
Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland, FL
www.tomokagms.org

March 3, 4, and 5 2017

Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society 47th Annual Show
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL



Acetylene tanks, sizes NC and B, \$50 each



Oxyacetylene welding outfit, including tanks, regulators and micro torch, \$175



Genie grinding and polishing machine, like new \$1,350

For Sale

Contact

Rovie Alford
270-999-9144

roviea712@yahoo.com

- Raytech cabbing machine with tilting adjustable table from flat to 90 degrees, \$125
- Six inch Raytach slab saw, like new, \$375
- Grit and polish available for all tumblers.
- Lortone 6 inch Expando drums for cabbing \$20 each.
- Lortone 8 inch Expando drums for cabbing \$25 each



Rotary tumblers, both single and dual barrels, \$45 to \$95 each

2) Mini Sonic vibrator tumblers, four-pound barrels, \$150 each



Two ten inch slab saws, \$300 each.

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Bench Tips by Brad Smith

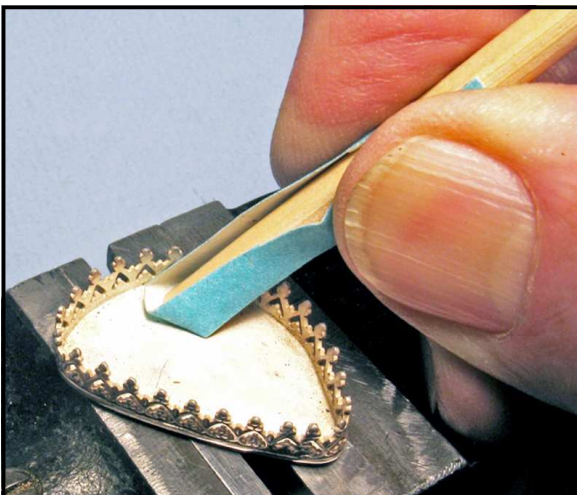


Bench Tips for Jewelry Making and Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry are available on Amazon

Sanding and polishing in Tight Places

Often you will need to sand or polish an area that is impossible to reach, even with a small wheel on a flexshaft. Other times the difficult area might be at the bottom of a pocket or the inside bottom corner of a box that needs to be finished. One trick for these nit-picky jobs might be left over from your last Chinese dinner - a chopstick.

I've found quite a few uses for chopsticks in the shop. Prepare the tip by simply sawing it off at a 45-degree angle. Then apply whatever abrasive grit you will need for the job or hold a strip of sandpaper around the end. Loose grit can be held onto the tip with a bit of Vaseline or oil. Tripoli or rouge can be just rubbed onto the end of the chopstick.



Using a chopstick and abrasive paper to sand in a space-restricted area.

Ochre Applicator

Yellow ochre is used when you want to be sure the solder won't flow onto one area of your piece while you're soldering another area. The only problem with ochre is coming up with a good way to store and apply it.

I use recycled nail polish bottles. They seal well and have a built-in brush applicator. Just clean them out with a little acetone or nail polish remover, and they're ready to go.



Using an old fingernail bottle and brush to apply ochre.

We are now on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/withlacoocheerockhounds1/?ref=page_internal

Our website continues to change, check it out. If you find errors, omissions, or have any suggestions, let us know.

Mike Stone
n1ve@amsat.org

Tuesday Workshop at the

Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens' Center

The Withlacoochee Rockhounds is giving workshops on wire wrapping (stones), chain making (jump rings) and possibly other related skill at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens' Center in Spring Hill. The workshops are on the **first Tuesday of the month from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon**. The cost per workshop is \$1.00. To participate in the workshops, one must be a member of the *Withlacoochee Rockhounds*, which covers dues to the *Weeki Wachee Citizens Club*. Contact number: 352-587-1702

Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens' Center.
3357 Susan Dr.
Spring Hill FL 34606

What is It?

Can you identify the specimen below?



Answer in next month's *Rock Talk*.

Last Month's "What is It?" was
"yellow-gypsum, and white-halite
(salt)"



Next Meeting, Wednesday January 11th, 6:00 PM at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Center

Withlacoochee Rockhounds Scholarship Endowed Fund Report 2016



November 21, 2016

Mr. Ralph Barber
8034 Montrose Avenue
Brooksville, FL 34613-5779

Dear Mr. Barber,

Each year I marvel at how much we have accomplished throughout the University of South Florida System. I'm always in awe of our students, our faculty, and most of all ... you. You provide the resources to allow us to create new opportunities and to reach new heights as a university. This year was no exception. The 2016 fiscal year was a resounding success and you were there to help.

Through the pages of our annual USF Foundation Performance Report, you will have a chance to read the poignant and inspirational stories about the world-class programs and much-needed scholarships you've helped to make possible. You'll be uplifted by tales of our gifted students and the top-tier faculty and staff.

This packet also contains your personal Endowed Fund Report, which includes your fund's financial information as well as a narrative of the impact your generosity has afforded the area you support.

The USF Foundation's long-term approach to investing your endowment ensures that it provides consistent support to the programs you help. Our long-term investment returns remain strong with a 7.2 percent and 6.2 percent return for the 5- and 10-year time periods, respectively. These returns rank favorably when measured against peer institutions and have allowed the endowment pool to distribute more than \$150 million in support for the university's programs and scholarships over the last 10 years.

The success we enjoy directly correlates to your unwavering support as we turn the page on another year – with new hopes for what lies ahead, and our deepest appreciation to you for helping us get there.

With sincere gratitude,

Joel D. Momborg
CEO of the USF Foundation
Senior Vice President for University Advancement & Alumni Affairs

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Endowed Fund Report
Fiscal Year 2016
July 01, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Withlacoochee Rockhounds Inc. Scholarship

Fund: 426770

ENDOWMENT

Principal	\$	28,550.00
Market Value	\$	31,773.98

Your endowment is invested in the Foundation's long term investment pool. The principal amount represents all contributions and any reinvested earnings since inception. The market value reflects the cumulative impact of investment returns since inception, including the most recent performance, less distributions made for investment dividends to the spending fund.

SPENDING FUND ACTIVITY

Beginning Balance	\$	7,483.86
Investment Dividends		1,250.28
Gifts made to spending fund		-
Expenditures and Transfers		(750.00)
Ending Balance	\$	7,984.14

The spending fund is where the investment dividend is distributed and made available for expenditure in accordance with your endowment's purpose and restrictions. Activity for the spending fund is aggregated above for expenditures, transfers and any contributions made to supplement the investment dividend for current spending.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 PROJECTED DIVIDENDS

Total Investment Dividends projected for distribution	\$	1,268.11
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This is an estimate of the amount to be made available for spending in the next fiscal year. Investment dividends are distributed quarterly based on the Spending Policy approved by the USF Foundation Board and as disclosed in the Investment Prospectus. Dividends may increase if additional gifts are made to the endowment principal.

For questions regarding your endowed fund report, please contact the Office of Donor Relations & Stewardship at (813) 974-2035 or donorrelations@usf.edu.

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Withlacoochee Rockhounds

Membership Dues Form, 2017

Please complete the form and bring it with you to the December or January Withlacoochee Rockhound meeting. Attach your membership dues to the form.

Annual Dues: \$15.00 for an individual member or \$25.00 for a family

Please Print

Primary Member

Last name _____ First Name _____

Renewing members check here if no change in information below.

Additional family members:

Last name _____ First Name _____

Last name _____ First Name _____

Last name _____ First Name _____

Last name _____ First Name _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

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Withlacoochee Rockhounds

Purpose

We are a non-profit organization whose purpose is to foster interest and promote knowledge of minerals, gems, fossils, lapidary arts, and earth sciences, through regular meetings, informative programs, workshops, and field trips. PLUS our annual gem and mineral and jewelry show. Membership is open to anyone sharing such interests.

Dues

Dues are \$25.00 annually for a family and \$15.00 annually for a single member

Club Meeting Location and Time

Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Center, 3357 Susan Drive in Spring Hill. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

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