

Rock Talk



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February 2018



Rock Talk

February 14th Meeting Program

What are Meteors? Meteoroids? Meteorites?

This short program will look at the differences between meteors, meteoroids, and meteorites, and then look at the only ones we can touch, the meteorites. We'll discuss each of the three basic types of meteorites as well as their off-

spring, the tektites. We will have several samples of each type to examine, including one large twenty plus pound iron meteorite from South America.

Snack and beverages will be available, and we will have the usual 50/50 drawing.

The Meeting as I Saw it



by
Dorwin Skinner
Club Vice President



January 10th was our Rock Club's first meeting of the year, and it was a real gut-buster of a potluck meal. And to top it all off, was a round of world famous Rock Bingo. I had been told what dish to bring. A cake...can you imagine that. Well, with my cake in hand, I arrived at 5:30, and there was still plenty of parking available. I was starting to wonder if I had my times mixed up. Not to worry by six o'clock the place was packed and there was almost no place to park. The potluck table was full, the desert table was loaded, and the Rock Bingo table was covered. It was time to get things going.

I am not sure what happened, but for the first time in my memory the meeting started on time. Maybe it was the anticipation of the food, or maybe it was the new club president Judith Birx showing off. Whatever it was, it worked, and she kept the meeting short and to the point. Within minutes, my favorite part of the meeting took place; it was time to eat. I tried a lot of different things and I only have one complaint. The plates were too small! I could not try everything without going back for seconds.

Next, it was time for Rock Bingo. As usual it started out slow and the first win was by one of our

young members, Elijah. The second win was by Lauren. She sure had a smile on her face. Of course the game kept going and it slowly progressed until five or six people were winning at the same time. And then it happened, they ran out of presents and the fun began. Members started taking presents from each other and having a lot of fun doing it. This kept on for a while until someone got the coverall bingo and that was the end of the game.

Wow, it was quite an evening. fantastic food, Rock Bingo, and the largest turnout for a meeting that I have ever seen. I can only imagine what our January meeting will be like next year. I hope to see you all there.

Club Offering Silversmithing Class

Tuesday Jan 16 Dorwin Skinner, Ralph Barber, Rovie Alford, Mike Stone met to discuss a silversmithing class to be held at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Club on March 8th, 15th and 22nd from 5 PM to 8 PM. The class is open to eight students with a lab fee of \$40 to cover the cost of the materials and use of the clubhouse. Students will make a ring with a bezel stone and a pedant with a bezel stone with a back and a bail. Lab fees must be paid by March 6th. Materials will cost approximately \$250. Expenditure was unanimously approved by board of directors.

The Cover

The cover photo is a piece of the Campo del Cielo meteorite fall. It weights twenty eight pounds and is an iron octahedrite containing iron and nickel (about 6.5% nickel) as well as cobalt, iridium (of course) and a few trace elements. It changed from a meteoroid to a meteor to a meteorite between 3,900 and 5,800 years ago (Depending on whom you talk to.). It was discovered originally by South American natives and then later by the Spanish in 1576. The fall created at least twelve craters, the largest being about 240 by 210 feet, about 450 miles north west of Buenos Aries, Argentina. Most pieces were found in or near the craters. The largest piece (that I know about) weighted 37 tons but most pieces are from a fraction of a ounce to a few pounds. This piece came to the US many, many years ago and has been protected from the elements. That is why it hasn't rusted as it would have had it been if left outdoors unprotected.

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Next Meeting, Wednesday, February 14th at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Center

January Meeting Photos

Photos by Dorwin Skinner and Mike Stone



Many new faces and many old faces at the annual dinner meeting.



Lined up at the buffet table.



Lauren going to pick out her prize.



The anticipated meal begins.



Linda and Katie working in the kitchen.



So many choices



Happiness is a cup of hot coffee.



Though it was our annual holiday dinner, rocks, minerals, fossils and jewelry weren't far from our thoughts. Pat Gould brought this interesting enhydro agatized coral. It is hollow and has fully enclosed water sloshing inside.



Elijah wins the first "Bingo" of the night.

President's Message



Judith Birx

Let me say that I am proud to be the newly elected president of our rapidly growing club, and am excited to be part of an exceptional group of people. We have new classes already in the works, basic silver-smithing and basic cabbing. We have arranged for programs and speakers for our monthly meetings for six months in advance. Our cutting/grinding/polishing machines ready for use. We will continue with our auction and 50/50 raffles to build up our club funds. We have new jewelry class instructors for our Tuesday classes. We are planning field trips for our fossil lovers and rock hounds, both in state and out of state. And our gem show in December is expected to be another success. Please keep in mind that we are going to need everyone to help with these awesome events in one way or another.

Wow! If you weren't at our annual dinner meeting in January, you missed variety of good food and lots fun. The annual social event was a big hit. We had many new people in attendance; some joining the club and some visiting. Our group is growing. I can't wait to see all the talent the new people have, and how it will add to our already skilled membership. Members who are willing and ready to volunteer for all sorts of upcoming events and club positions have approached me. Although the officers for this year have already been elected, keep in mind that shadowing an officer is the best way to find out if you are well suited to hold that office the following year. Please check with the officers to see how you can assist them. Also, we can always use club member volunteers to assume the role as chairman for various events throughout the year.

Upcoming Shows
Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society Event
 February 17th (Saturday)
 11am-4pm
 3733 Crown Point Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257
 Jason Hamilton cell/txt 904-294-4744 jgms-show@hotmail.com

Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society
 Start Date: 2-24-2018 End Date: 2/24/2018
 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.
 First Presbyterian Church
 Lakeland, FL

Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society Show
 March 2, 3, and 4 2018
 Minnreg Building, Largo, FL
www.sgams.com

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society Inc.
 Rock, Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil
 April 6th, 7th & 8th, 2018
 Florida National Guard Armory
 2809 S. Fern Creek Ave., Orlando, FL 32806.
 Fri. 1pm to 6pm, Sat. 10am to 6pm and Sun. 10am to 5pm
 Admission: Adults \$5, Kids \$2, Scouts with uniforms free. Website: www.cfmgs.org
 Contact: Salvatore Sansone 321-278-9294 ssfossilhunter@aol.com

Mini Miners Monthly is Back

This is a publication specifically for young mineral collectors and enthusiasts. The January issue is available for downloading on our club website, www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com. Go to **RELATED LINKS** and scroll down. We will post the latest magazines when they become available. *Mini Miners Monthly* can be of interest to adults too.



Monthly Meeting Kitchen Duties

In an effort to spread the kitchen duties at our monthly club meetings, Katie Schmidt has come up with a sign-up sheet so members can choose when they would like to take over the kitchen duties.

Duty Descriptions

- Arrive by 5:30 PM
- Gather two large Rubbermaid containers from the storage room. The containers are inside the large white wall cabinet, on the bottom shelf on the left side of the cabinet.
- A bowl to contain ice for drinks is either in the same cabinet or located in a cabinet in the kitchen.
- Plug in the electric strip bar in the kitchen, and then plug in the coffeemaker.
- Prepare the coffeemaker. Make eighteen (18) cups for a regular meeting. Use one scoop per two cups of coffee. Start the coffeemaker. *Coffee usually takes 15 to 20 minutes to brew.
- While coffee is brewing place coffee cups, sugar, creamer, and stirrers around the coffee maker.
- Set out waters/drinks and ice bowl. (Ice is in the freezer.)
- Set out disposable saucers, forks, and napkins for desserts.
- Tongs and a large knife (for cutting cake) are in the kitchen drawers.
- Set out the donation can and the framed donation sign.
- After the meeting, clean up and return all supplies from where they came.

Thank You

2017 Kitchen Duty Sign-up
 February

Judith Birx

Elaine Alford

The Jewelry Class

by Dorwin Skinner

Most of the class was there when I finally arrived. They hadn't started yet but they seemed eager to get going. They were going to make a tree of life pendant. Most of them have done it before but they seem to enjoy this one. I must admit they look very nice when finished. I looked around and saw a nice arrangement of wire wrap jewelry on display. They were beautiful, so of course I had to find out who made them. They were produced by one of our club members, Jan Gathje. Looking at her creations, I think its time for her to be an instructor. After a few minutes, Judith started the class, and so it was time for me to sit back and watch. Next week they will be making a different kind of wire wrap pendant. I have seen it and you will have to take my word for it that it is pretty. I believe that there is a \$10 fee for the materials.



Mike Stone photo

Most of the group getting ready for the workshop.



Dorwin Skinner photo

Michele and Roberta



Dorwin Skinner photos

Wire wrappings by Jan Gathje



Dorwin Skinner photo

Ready to get started.

Secretary's Report



by
Melody Steverson



Withlacoochee Rockhounds Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 1-4-2018

- Attending: Ralph Barber, Dorwin Skinner, Melody Steverson, Janet Wheeler, Mike Stone, Linda Spaulding, Rovie Alford and Judith Birx.
- The board meeting started at 6:45pm and was held at the home of board member Dorwin Skinner.
- Club president Judith Birx handed out the meeting agenda as well as copies of information from the IRS regarding the reinstatement of our club's 501(c)(3) status. She went over the paperwork, page by page, and explained what needs to be done and how we can have our status reinstated.
- Club treasurer Janet Wheeler gave a report on the state of the treasury after the 2017 Gem Show.
- Past club president Ralph Barber stated that only he, past President Jerry Johnson, and club treasurer, Janet Wheeler were legally allowed to sign checks for the club, and two signers were required for each check. The Board discussed the situation and decided that a change was needed.
- Board member Linda Spaulding made a motion to allow only one person to sign checks for the club, seconded by Board member Alford, and it was unanimously passed.
- Club president Birx and treasure Wheeler will visit the bank and change the names and number of allowed check signers.
- Club president Birx proposed that the Board meet on a scheduled day every month at the Weeki Wachee Senior Center where we hold our regular monthly general club meetings. After discussion, it was decided that the Board would meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, at the Senior Center and the meetings would be open to all club members. If a member wishes to address the Board during the meeting, they need to con-

tact a Board member, no later than a week prior to the meeting so they can be added to the agenda.

- The Board brought up suggestions for bringing in more revenue at our annual gem show, such as: Members could run the kitchen and sell food to attendees. Would we need a food license? We could resume the past tradition of hosting a dinner and auction after the gem show on Saturday night.
- The Board decided the 44th Annual Gem Show will be held on November 30th, December 1st and 2nd, 2018.
- The Board discussed the length of terms for officers and board members. Nothing is designated in the by-laws relative to terms of office. This will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.
- It was suggested that officers and board members must have been club members in good standing for at least two years. This will be discussed further at next board meeting.
- Cub president Birx announced that there will no longer be an education chairman, program coordinator, or publicity officer. The positions will now be handled by committees.
- Past club president Barber and board member Rovie Alford have agreed to resurrect the club's silversmithing class and assume the responsibility as instructors. They are to present a budget and teaching plan on the February 18th to club president Birx and Board member Dorwin Skinner for approval. Club president Birx will call the other Board members from the meeting to vote on the budget and teaching plan.
- Board member Mike Stone suggested we use name-tags for our monthly meetings and at our gem show. This was approved by the Board
- Club treasurer Janet Wheeler stated that the total fees we pay for each member is more than the members pay for yearly dues. This is a problem that needs a resolution. Changes need to be voted on in 2018 so they can take place in 2019. This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.
- Board member Linda Spaulding brought up field trips for club members. This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.
- We will have a new sign-in sheet at the next meeting.
- Do we need a second club vice president? Consensus – No.

- BOD member Mike Stone reported that “Go Daddy” told him our website needs an SSL certificate to be secure, at the cost of \$59.00 per year. Club secretary Steverson will ask her tech-wise husband if this is needed and report back to the Board.
- Club president Birx stated that she, club treasure Janet Wheeler, board member Dorwin Skinner and past club President Ralph Barber will meet regarding the reinstatement of the club's 501(c)(3). At that time they will complete the paperwork. She stated, “Let's get this going!”
- The meeting ended at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by club secretary Melody Steverson

Withlacoochee Rockhounds Monthly Meeting Minutes 1-10-2018

- The meeting was called to order by club president Judith Birx at 6:00 pm.
 - We all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer.
 - There were two new members to recognize; Daryl and Joshua Johns.
 - There were four guests in attendance; Walt Davis, Jody Bruce, Angela Bennett, and Anita Butler.
 - **Old Business**
 - Dave Davis brought to our attention that Roger Wheeler has been missing some cabochons since the gem show in December. Any member with knowledge of the missing property, please get in touch with a Board member or club Officer.
 - **New Business**
 - Dave Letasi reported that the Tampa Bay Fossil Club was having a program about Raptors. He will put the information in our Newsletter. He also said the Peace River is low right now and good for finding fossils.
 - Next month's refreshments will be provided by Dorwin, Sandy, Pat, and John.
 - Dave Letasi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave Davis seconded the motion and it was passed by all.
 - Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by member Jenna Swartzmiller.

Withlacoochee Rockhounds



Hi everyone, it is good to be back writing for our newsletter. I wasn't sure what I wanted to write about. However, on January 6th I decided to attend the Tampa Bay Fossil Club meeting at USF campus in Tampa with Linda and Bill Spaulding. I'm sure glad that I attended. Their guest speaker was Dr. Liz Freedman Fowler, professor at Dickinson State University and advising director for the Badlands Dinosaur Museum in Dickinson, North Dakota. Her topic was "Hooked on Claws". She talked about the relationship between the shape and grasping capabilities in both raptorial dinosaurs and modern raptorial birds of prey. She compared the grasping abilities of owls, eagles, and hawks claws to those found in raptorial dinosaurs and how they captured their prey. She also compared modern bird claws to those found in the dinosaur families called Dromaeosaurinae and Troodontids. They each have sickle shaped killer claws on their feet.



Owl talons



Velociraptor pes

Chinese feathered raptorial dinosaurs have advanced a dinosaur and bird connection. Foot bone similarities help support the view that birds and raptorial dinosaurs are closely related. I will be explaining the latest scientific views about their behavior and their differences in May when I present my next program on "The Raptor Dinosaurs from Hell".

If any of you decide to fossil hunt in South Dakota and Montana, the short trip to the Badlands Dinosaur Museum is well worth your time.



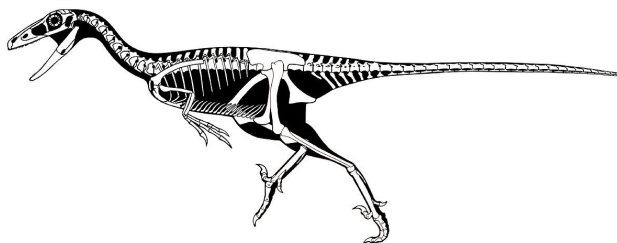
Albertavertator

Sue and I visited the museum in 1997 during a fossil collecting trip to Montana. We were looking for Cretaceous dinosaur fossils near Fort Peck Dam. Barnum Brown discovered the first Tyrannosaurus rex fossils skeletons there in 1902. As usual Sue found the first fossil at Fort Peck Dam. She flipped over a mudstone containing a leaf impression of a cycad! Check out the Dickinson Museum at www.dickinsonmuseumcenter.com.

Also you may wish to attend the Tampa Bay Fossil Club meetings. They are on the second Saturday of the month and are at the USF campus Behavioral Science building at 7:00 PM. Go to their website at www.tampabayfossilclub.com. They have fantastic speakers on all subjects related to fossil collecting.

Good luck to everyone collecting this year. You all keep hunting.

Troodon



Velociraptor and Protoceratops

Welcome New Members
Welcome new Withlacoochee Rockhounds club members: Louisa Amato, **Spring Hill**; Angela Bennett, **Spring Hill**; Jody Bruce, **Brooksville**; Walter Davis, **Spring Hill**; Anita Butler, **Spring Hill**; Sandra Gould, **New Port Richey**; Daryl Johns, Kathy Johns, Joshua Johns, **Spring Hill**; Suzan Kidder, **Spring Hill**; Jo Ann Koemer, **Hudson**; Lori Moss, **Weeki Wachee**; Angela Reid, **Weeki Wachee**; Margaret Woodruff, **Brooksville**.

Our Website
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Go to <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
Click on download and follow the instructions.

Finding Fossils in the Strangest Places

by Mike Stone



Drainage ditch covered with fossil bearing rocks

Judith Birx found several very nice sea life fossils in Masaryktown, just south of Brooksville. After she told us where she found them we just had to look for ourselves. So the next morning Peg and I went to the Masaryktown Cemetery area where rocks, filled with sea life fossils were used as riprap to stabilize a steep banking at the end of a large diameter culvert. After poking around the culvert we saw several piles of rocks in the distance, along the edge of a bike and walking path that follows a huge drainage ditch running roughly



Checking the piles of fossil rock for the right one



parallel to the railroad tracks, just east of Route 41.

Apparently the rocks had been dredged out of the Gulf and hauled to this area, to be used to ward off erosion. It was like stepping up to a pile of gold as far as we were concerned. We stumbled around on the piles of fossil rocks. We wanted to find a large snail

(gastropod) fossil like the one Judith found. However, we only came across pieces of small snail shells. Clam-shell (bi-valve) fossils were most numerous, some rocks containing hundreds of fossils, held together with a minimal amount matrix. We also found large chunks of fossilized coral and sponges.

According to Dave Letasi, the clam fossils are from the Eocene Epoch and are therefore between 56 and 33.9 million years old.

Living in Florida can be a fossil collector's paradise.

The approximate latitude and longitude of the piles of fossil rocks. N28.4389772,-W82.4569609



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 skills at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens' Center in Spring Hill. The workshops are normally 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*

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

For more information call Judith at: 352-587-1702

**Next Workshop
February 13th at 900 AM**

Melodye Steverson will be teaching the class how to make a pendant.

There will be a charge of **\$10.00 per person, which includes all materials.**




Club Members in Business

Club members Gail and Randy Erickson own and operate **Gail's Gift Hut** at Howard's Flea Market on Suncoast Boulevard (US 19) in Homosassa, FL. Their business is set up in one aisle

Gail and Randy's shop has beautiful displays of items for sale, such as rocks minerals, crystals, polished and tumbled stones, rough stone, cut and polished terminated crystal points, dyed minerals and points, rock lamps, jewelry, herbs, aroma fragrance oils for burners and diffusers, charms, handbag holders, and unique bumper stickers.

Each time we visit Gail's Gift Hut, we find new and interesting items at very reasonable prices. They are open weekends.

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Howards Flea Market

M 13,15,17,19

HOMOSSASSA, FL. 34446

If you are looking for something to do weekends in the Brookville area, you should check out the Airport Farmers and Flea Market near the east end of Spring Hill Drive. This large flea market has both inside and outside vendors, selling the usual home products, tools, toys, knives, clothing, golf carts, fruits and vegetables, seafood, and many other items.

When at the flea market be sure to visit **GG2 Treasures**, "A unique rock and mineral shop", run by club members Mark Marchand and Julie Lane. They have several tables covered with beautiful minerals, rocks, unique crystals (naturally and industrially colored), rock turnings and spheres, necklaces, earrings, rings, slabs, carvings, cabochons, wire wrapped gemstones, geodes and much more.

Stop in and say hi to Mark and Julie and be sure to tell them that you are a member of the Withlacoochee Rockhounds and receive at twenty percent discount.

Check them out at: <https://www.facebook.com/gg2treasuresrockshop/>



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Our Members' Businesses

We are asking club members who have businesses, to submit their business cards to the Rock Talk editor by **February 25th**. We will print all of the business cards in the March issue of our newsletter as a free, one-time-only advertising in our newsletter. It will be interesting to learn who in our club deals with rocks, minerals, fossils, crystals, jewelry, and lapidary equipment on a professional basis.

You can give your cards to Mike Stone or Peggy Burns at the February club meeting, email business card graphics to n1ve@amsat.org, or snail mail them to **Mike Stone, 4504 Kingston Dr., Hernando Beach, FL 34607**

Show Us Your Stuff

We're always looking for information for the *Rock Talk*. Club members would enjoy seeing other members' rock cutting and polishing equipment, display cabinets, projects, and favorite specimens. Take a photo and send it to your editors along with a description and we will be glad to include it in our newsletter.

Mike Stone
n1ve@amsat.org

2018 Dues are Overdue

A reminder that the dues for 2017 club year are overdue. 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 next meeting and give them to club treasurer Janet Wheeler. Or mail the form and your check made out to:

Withlacoochee Rockhounds
 PO Box 5634
 Spring Hill, FL, 34611-5634

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 **Bench Tips**
by
Brad Smith



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

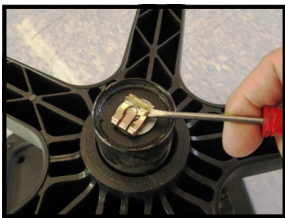
Mobil Flexshaft Stand

A handy mobile stand for your flexshaft can be made easily and quickly from the base of an old swivel office chair. You can find these chairs being thrown out at office buildings and schools. I just asked the custodian in my building to set one aside for me.

To separate the chair from the wheeled base, simply remove the spring clip from the center bottom. I use a small screwdriver or a pair of pliers.

To make the stand, you'll need two pieces of threaded galvanized steel pipe and a pipefitting from a hardware store. The first length of pipe is ¾-inch diameter to fit the hole in most chair bases. The second piece is a length of less expensive ½-inch pipe.

The total length of the two pipes should be five feet. I used a two-foot length of ¾-inch pipe and a three-foot length of ½-inch pipe. They are joined together by a pipefitting called a "¾ to ½ reducing coupler".

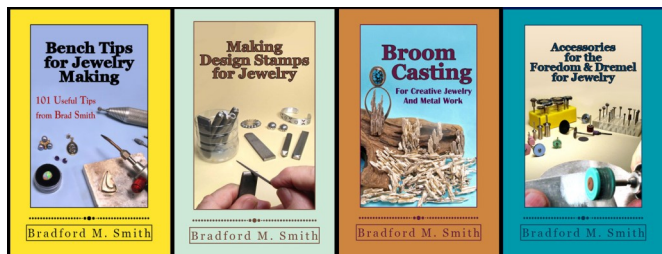


Local Metals Source

Local companies that use sheet metal typically have barrels of scrap copper, brass and aluminum sheet that they save for recycling. The shop owner/manager will usually let you go through it to select the shapes and thicknesses you want. Prices vary, but will generally be close to the wholesale per-pound scrap value. For me at this time, that's three-dollars per pound for copper. I've found that it is much cheaper to buy metal this way than ordering from a catalog. There are no shipping charges, and you'll be supporting a local small business in your community.

Remember to bring your work gloves if you try this. Also useful is a thickness gauge. When I asked if they had any 14-gauge, they didn't know. Turns out they measure the thickness of copper by its weight per square foot.

I get my scrap metal at "STR Scrap Metal and Steel Distributor" located at 6805 Ridge Rd., Port Richey, FL 34668. editor



Learn New Jewelry Skills With Brad's
How-To-Do-It Books
[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

Your Favorite Specimen

We are always looking for something of interest for our club members. We're sure many club members have specimens in their collections that would be of interest to others in the club. If you would send us a digital photograph of your specimen we can publish it in the *Rock Talk*. A bit of information such as what it is, when, and where you found it would be great. If you don't have a digital camera, bring your specimen to a club meeting for others to see, and perhaps someone at the meeting could photograph it for the next issue of *Rock Talk*.

Rock Talk editors: Mike Stone and Peggy Burns
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What is It?

Can you identify the specimen below?

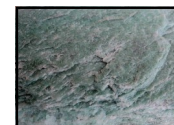


Answer in the March *Rock Talk*.

Last month's "What is It?" was
Aventurine

The answer to this month's "What is It?"
Can be found on our website.

www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com



Business Card Size Advertisement

Our club can use the income generated by selling business card size advertisements in our newsletter and website. If you know of anyone who might benefit by advertising in the *Rock Talk*, please let them know that we can post their ads for ten dollars (\$10) per month. **An ad subscription for one year will include a one-year club membership.** The *Rock Talk* is distributed to more than only our club members, it is available on our website and therefore it has the potential for being distributed to over one thousand readers each month.

Contact newsletter editor Mike Stone at:
n1ve@amsat.org

Next Meeting, Wednesday February 14th, 7:00 PM at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Center

Withlacoochee Rockhounds

Membership Form

2018

Complete this form and bring it with you to the Withlacoochee Rockhound meeting.
Attach your membership dues to this form.

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

Please Print Clearly

Primary Member

Last name _____ First Name _____

Renewing members check here if no change in information below.

Additional family members:

Last name _____ First Name _____ Check if under 18

Last name _____ First Name _____ Check if under 18

Last name _____ First Name _____ Check if under 18

Last name _____ First Name _____ Check if under 18

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Give this completed form along with your check for dues made out to "Withlacoochee Rockhounds" to club secretary Janet Wheeler at the club meeting. Or mail the form and your check to Withlacoochee Rockhounds, PO Box 5634, Spring Hill, FL 34611-5634

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Withlacoochee Rockhounds

Our monthly club meeting is held at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Club, 3357 Susan Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34606, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM



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Your Business Card Size Ad in Rock Talk

The cost to advertise your businesses in *Rock Talk* is \$10.00 per month. . Contact Mike Stone to set up an ad in both the club newsletter and our website. It will benefit both your business and our club.

Your Business Card could be here

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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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