



# The Golden Nugget

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*The Florida Gold Coast  
Gem & Mineral Society  
meets at 7:30 PM ON THE  
3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH at "Ye Olde  
Rock Shop" 1425 S. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Ave, Hollywood, FL 33020*

*Take I-95 to Pembroke  
Road, (Exit 19), go West ½  
blk. Turn Right just before  
the RR tracks. Turn Right  
after the 1<sup>st</sup> building, then  
Left at the fence. Ye Olde  
Rock Shop will be on the left  
50 feet up.*

**Visitors & Members are  
encouraged to attend!**

## Headlines

### Monthly Meeting

Our April meeting is **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**. Our presentation will be given by club member Darlene Harris on Finding Fairy Stones in Virginia. Darlene will share her field trip to Fairy Stone State Park in Stuart, Virginia and will discuss the history of the Fairy Stones, the development of the State Park by the CCC and take you on a hunt to find these special staurolite crystals in the nearby woods. Specimens will be on display and a piece of matrix with staurolite crystals will be given away during the raffle. **Meeting Refreshments:** April's refreshments will be sponsored by Bob Allen.

### Rock Star of the Month is Labradorite!!!

The Rock Star of the Month for April is Labradorite. Please bring any Labradorite rough, specimens or jewelry you have to show the club.

### Refrigerator Door Program Begins at April Meeting

If you've cut or mounted stones or made anything on your own or at our shop since January, we'd like you to show it. You can say a few words or just display it. This isn't a show & tell; it's a way to get more people interested in creating. It allows you to explain what you learned or get advice from those more experienced. Items must have been produced in Jan, Feb or March 2018.

## April Means Augusta and The Masters

"Hello Friends", this is April and April means that we get to experience the most beautiful golf course in the world, Augusta National, home of "The Masters" golf tournament. There isn't a lot to be found on the geological aspect of Augusta National, with the exception of the fact that the brilliant snow white sand used in the bunkers comes from Spruce Pine, NC, where there are a variety of gemstone mines open to the public. The white quartz based sand was brought in by Masters Chairman, Clifford Roberts in 1975. The only other geological reference I could find involves 3 time (2004, 2006, 2010) Masters Champion, Phil Mickelson. By the time you read this, Phil may just have won his 4<sup>th</sup> green jacket. The following article first appeared in Golf Digest in 2009.



**"Golf Digest: Not to get too personal, but what's with the dinosaur head?**  
Phil Mickelson: That was my birthday present from Amy. Last June. Of the dinosaurs that have been preserved, the No. 1 is Sue, a very famous one at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. A Tyrannosaurus rex. Her head is like five feet long. The one Amy gave me is from Mongolia [paleontologists say it's possibly a Tarbosaurus bataar]. (Cont'd on page 3)

**"In the News"**

Throughout last year this column covered diamonds. Diamond is the birthstone for April. While the vast majority of diamonds are clear or white, fancy colored diamonds are the rarest and most valuable diamonds. With clear diamonds, the GIA grading scale runs from D to Z, with the value decreasing as a color becomes more obvious. Fancy colored diamonds are colors past Z and increase in their value. Only 1 in 10,000 diamonds has a fancy color. Yellows & browns are the most common. Pinks, blues & greens are rare and more valuable. Reds are so rare that only a handful exist. Minuscule amounts of impurities cause the color. Less than 1 atom of boron per million atoms of carbon causes a diamond to be blue. The GIA uses hue (the color – red, blue ,green etc.), tone (the lightness to darkness) & saturation (weakness to strength) to consistently measure color. The complete explanation with videos can be found at [www.gia.edu/fancy-color-diamonds](http://www.gia.edu/fancy-color-diamonds).

**GET INVOLVED!**

The Florida Gold Coast Gem & Mineral Society offers a variety of ways that you can become involved within the club.

**What is it?** Got a rock you've always wondered about? At each monthly meeting we spend a few minutes identifying rocks, gems or minerals. Sometimes we know...sometimes we have to find out.

**The Cabbing Shop** Learn how to cabochon or facet a gem stone by our experts, for nominal fee. Once you learn, the shop is available for use, for a small charge. Please ask Steve or Don about classes.

**The Library** The Les & Marge DeGarmo Library has a variety of books & magazines on just about any subject dealing with rocks, gems, minerals or jewelry.

**Outside Our Area** Check out the Southeast Federation website. Rock & Gem Clubs from all over the U.S. have websites that you can contact. Lapidary & jewelry schools such as Wild Acres or William Holland list class schedules.

**TIPS AND TRICKS** By Brad Smith are available at [facebook.com/benchtips](https://www.facebook.com/benchtips) or [groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips](https://groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips). For details go to <http://Createspace.com/3976439> or <http://amazon.com/dp/0988285800>

**Mineral Study Group:** KC Foster has a monthly group meeting the first Thursday of each month from 7:30 to 10:00pm. Contact KC at 561-523-4600. You will learn about crystal systems, how to ID minerals, what reference materials are available and how to collect, mount and display micro-minerals.

**Regional Trade Shows****April 14 - 15 PINECREST, FL:**

Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild Show and Sale, Evelyn Greer Park, 8200 SW 124 Street; Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10 - 5; Admission \$6, Children free. There will be exhibits, displays, demonstrations, raffles, and vendors showcasing mineral & fossil specimens, gemstones, fine jewelry and artisan crafted collectibles. Children's activities include jewelry making sessions, surprise grab bags, gem prospecting and geode splitting. Contact John Speier, FL, (305) 460 2244; email: [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org); Web site: [www.miamigemandmineral.com](http://www.miamigemandmineral.com)

**April 21 - 22 WEST PALM BEACH, FL:**

Gem, Jewelry & Bead Show, Frank Cox Productions; South Florida Fair Grounds Expo Center, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach, 33411, 10:00AM - 5:00pm, Admission \$7.00. Dealers present some of the finest gems, jewelry & beads for sale.

## Local News

**March 21st Meeting Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. The minutes of the February meeting were accepted & approved. There were 35 members in attendance. Shop Report: The shop has been slow. In hopes to generate more interest in producing crafts a quarterly “refrigerator door program” will begin next month allowing anyone to show any type of work they’ve done in the last quarter. A new wire wrapping class will begin in late April. So far only 3 people have shown interest in the Baltimore/Washington field trip being organized by Karen Warseck May 18-24. Please contact Karen for additional information. Sean is in need of suggestions, referrals or volunteers to fill our monthly presentations for the remainder of the year. Buzz has contacted the U of M geology department & the FAPG asking if they have people interested in presenting on any topic. If you know someone please contact Sean. The Miami club is having their annual show April 14 - 15 in South Miami. Kai Terry, George’s son, representing St. Bonaventure Catholic School won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Regional Science Olympics for Rock & Minerals and placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall statewide! The competition was open to all middle schools in Florida and involved identifying various rocks & minerals. Congratulations Kai !! Club member Richard Alexis gave an interesting presentation on The 5 Fine Jaspers, many of which we’ve all seen before but didn’t know exactly what they were. Thank you Richard for an outstanding job!! The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.



## April Means Augusta (from page 1)

### Male or female?

Female, not that I would know by inspecting it or anything. I'm just going by what I was told.

### What is yours named?

Haven't named it yet. But it's the coolest thing I've ever gotten. My kids and I sometimes will just sit in my office and talk about what the world was like 68 million years ago. Amanda, our oldest daughter [born the day after the 1999 U.S. Open], wanted to be a paleontologist for a long time. Even before we got the dinosaur head, our kids are really into that stuff, like outer space.

### What is a dinosaur head worth?

I don't know. It was a birthday present. We've had four or five people bid on it, but it's not for sale. Talk about giving something to the man who has everything. I was really surprised, just like I was when Amy gave me the meteorite. That's from Argentina, a crash from the 1930s, I believe. I got that from Amy last Christmas. It weighs about 300 pounds and is the size of a basketball. I also have a small one that friends gave to me. It's about the size of a softball. There are more meteorites around than dinosaurs."

So who knew? - Phil Mickelson is into fossils & meteorites. He's not only a golf star, he's a rock star!




What life was like 68 million years ago.



Phil & Amy Mickelson & the dinosaur head

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**Design By Nature**

**Ye Olde Rock Shoppe**  
 1425 S. 30th Avenue Hollywood, FL 33020  
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**The showroom is open Tuesday - Saturday 9:00- 2:00 and other times by calling 954-295-0606.**



**BOCA** | The Art School  
 Museum of Art

The Art School offers classes in precious metal clay, metals fabrication, cabochon cutting, enameling and other art jewelry related subjects, as well as drawing, painting, clay and pottery, photography and more. Check it out at [www.bocamuseum.org/theartschool](http://www.bocamuseum.org/theartschool) or [facebook.com/bocaschool](https://facebook.com/bocaschool) or call at 561-392-2503.

**The Last Word**

Steve's idea of showing recent work (within the last quarter), regardless of what it is, will hopefully motivate you into creating something. You might have learned how to cut a stone but didn't move forward and set it into jewelry or you just lost interest or you haven't taken the class. It's easier than you think! The shop needs your support and the club needs your participation!



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**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

The May 2018 meeting is **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm.

The date of the next tri-county picnic is **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please make a note of it.

**Shop Hours:** Thursdays 6:30 - 9:30 PM, Sundays 9:00AM-12:00PM - Contact Steve to RSVP 954-989-1664. The shop is located at **33 East Acre Drive, Plantation, 33317, Ste. 33.**

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