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The Florida Gold Coast Gem & Mineral Society meets at 7:30 PM ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH at "Ye Olde Rock Shop" 1425 S. 30th 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 1st building, then Left at the fence. Ye Olde Rock Shop will be on the left 50 feet up.

Visitors & Members are encouraged to attend!

The Opening Act

Monthly Meeting

Our November meeting is **Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30pm**. Our presentation will be the exciting game "Rock Star", hosted by Buzz Robinson. The members & guests at the meeting will be divided into teams. Questions based on this year's meetings, past meetings, the newsletter and general geologic & gemologic knowledge will be asked. Each team will have time to come up with an answer while hearing some of the great rock-n-roll songs of the past. The team with the most correct answers will win fabulous prizes!! This will be a fun, exciting meeting that you won't want to miss! Due to the length of the game there will be no "What is this" & "Rock Star of the Month".

Meeting Refreshments: November's refreshments will be sponsored by Dick Haliburton.

Christmas Party Our annual Christmas party is fast approaching. A sign-up sheet for dinner items or desserts will be passed around at the November meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please email Sean with the items you'll be bringing to the party. (Sean's email address is on the back page.) We will also be discussing a gift exchange. In the past this was a fun filled event called a "Chinese Auction" where, if you participate, you never know what gift you'll end up with, until it's done. Besides the party being a relaxed enjoyable time, it is also when the club's officers are elected for the next year. With over a hundred members on the roster, we'd like to see everyone at the party Wednesday, December 20th!

Tri-County Picnic The new date for the Tri-County picnic is Sunday, January 14th. Please make a note on your calendar.

The Cullinan Diamond

The Cullinan Diamond is the largest gem quality diamond ever found. Weighing 1.369 lbs. / 621.35 grams / 3106.75 carats, the Cullinan was accidentally discovered by Fredrick Wells, the supervisor of the Premier Diamond Mining Company, 18' underground while making his routine check of the mine late in the day. The setting sun lit up what was thought to be glass. After examination, the diamond was named after the mines owner & Chairman Sir Thomas Cullinan. It was purchased by the Transvaal Colony Gov't and offered as a token of loyalty to the British Throne to King Edward VII. Due to worries of robbery, an elaborate hoax was developed, claiming detectives from London would escort the diamond on a steam ship & train.

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“Diamonds Are Forever”

There are many famous diamonds in the world; here are 10. 1) The Cullinan Diamond – so big, it’s the feature article. 2) The Heart of Eternity a 27.64C flawless Fancy Vivid Blue Diamond in a heart shaped cut. 3) The Koh-I-Noor, a 105.6C colorless white diamond believed to have been mined in India in the 1300’s. Given or maybe taken by Great Britain; India wants it back. 4) The Hope Diamond, 45.52C Deep Blue Diamond – The most famous diamond in the world. 5) The Krupp Diamond a 33.19C Asscher cut eventually purchased by Richard Burton. 6) The Centenary a 273.85C modified heart shaped brilliant cut, grade D, internally & externally flawless diamond, 7) The Taylor Burton Diamond, a 68C pear cut – the 1st million dollar diamond sold at auction. 8) The Golden Jubilee a 545.67C Fancy Yellow-Brown Diamond. This is the largest faceted diamond in the world. 9) The Regent , a 140.64C white w/pale blue diamond worn by Napoleon. 10) The Sancy a 55.23C modified brilliant shield shaped diamond found in 1570. The stories of these diamonds could fill up a year’s worth of newsletters. Many are believed to be cursed, some were presented as tokens of loyalty to countries, others have more mysterious histories. For the stories behind each of these diamonds go to: www.worthy.com, scroll to the bottom of the page, under EXPLORE, click on famous diamonds.

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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. 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**November 18-19—WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA:**

The Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches 51st Annual Show, South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd, WPB, 33411; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$9, Children under 12 free; Fossil dig, gem mining, geode cracking, rock and face painting, spin the wheel game, displays, demonstrations, various speakers including “Diamond Dan” author of a variety of books, over 80 vendors. Volunteer positions are still available and include free admission to the show and holiday dinner. Please contact Barbara Ringhiser 561-379-4307 for volunteer information. This is one of the best shows in Florida with a wide range of specimens, jewelry, collector’s items and more!

December 1-3—HUDSON, FLORIDA:

Withlacoochee Rockhounds 43rd Annual Show, Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Rd, Hudson 34669; Fri, Sat, Sun 9-5; Adults/Seniors \$3, Teens \$1, Children 12 and under free; Educational displays, demonstrations, door prizes, Diamonds of the World, Aaron’s Breastplate replica. Mineral and fossil specimens for everyone from beginner to advanced collectors, handcrafted jewelry, gemstones, and handcrafted knapped stone blade knives

Local News

October 18th Meeting Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM. The minutes of the September meeting were accepted & approved. There were 26 members and 3 guests in attendance. Thank you to Betty Bunnell for bringing the refreshments! Shop Report: The shop needs people to use it! A ring wire-wrap class is being offered by Pat & Ed Rosbury. A solderless setting class is offered by Karen Warseck. KC Foster has volunteered to be our new faceting instructor. Thank you KC! A new date for the tri-county picnic was announced; Sunday January 14th. The WPB club's annual show is Nov 18 & 19. Volunteer positions are still available and allow entrance to the show & a show dinner. Our club will also be sponsoring a cabbing demonstration and needs people to work the booth. Please contact Steve to volunteer. Our presentation was given by Robert & Juying Janowsky of MDM Shells, Stones & Books on Scholar Stones, Picture Stones & their recent trip to China. They brought a variety of beautiful specimens to show & sell. The presentation was incredibly interesting and very humorous. Thank you Robert & Juying for a terrific evening! The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.



The Cullinan Diamond (from page 1)


The real diamond was sent, insured, in a plain box via parcel post! King Edward received the huge diamond on his 66th birthday in front of a royal gathering. Joseph Asscher of I.J. Asscher & Co. of Amsterdam, (renowned diamond cutters) was contracted to cut the stone. After cutting a ½” deep groove, Asscher attempted to cleave the stone. In front of a large crowd, on the first try, the blade broke when struck. Asscher had to make a new blade and with only a reporter present, cleaved the stone into 4 main pieces. The Cullinan was eventually cut into 9 large stones & 96 brilliants. The pear-shaped 530.4C Cullinan I is known as The Great Star of Africa and is mounted in the Sovereign's Sceptre w/Cross. The mounting allows it to be removed and worn as a pendant or attached to the Cullinan II and worn as a brooch. The Cullinan II is The Second Star of Africa at 317.4C & is mounted in the Imperial State Crown under the Black Prince's Ruby (a Spinel). The Cullinan III (94.4C) & IV (63.6C) are known together as The Lesser Stars of Africa. The Cullinan V is an 18.8C heart shaped diamond set in a brooch w/smaller stones. The Cullinan VI is a marquise cut 11.5C diamond set in a brooch with the Cullinan VIII an oblong 6.8C stone. The Cullinan VII is an 8.8C marquise cut diamond set in the Delhi Durbar Necklace with 9 large emeralds & 6 other diamonds. The Cullinan IX, the last of the major stones, is a 4.4C pear cut diamond set in a platinum ring. While these stones are priceless an estimated value is 2 billion dollars. They are housed in the Tower of London & Buckingham Palace.



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The Last Word

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THINGS TO REMEMBER
 The December 2017 meeting is **Wednesday, December 20th** at 7:30 pm. This is our annual Christmas party and officer elections. We hope all members will attend.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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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