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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!

Headlines

Monthly Meeting

Our September meeting is **Wednesday, September 19th at 7:30pm**. Our feature presentation will be given by Stephanie Guzman, co-owner of Crystal Vision on Crystals 101. Crystal Vision is more than a crystal store; it's a spiritual community center offering classes, meditation groups, instruction on Reiki and much more. They are located at 3160 Stirling Rd, Hollywood, FL. 33021.

Stephanie's presentation, Crystals 101, will explain Foundation Stones, Vibrate & Resonate, Chakra Stones, Utilization of Crystals and a Crystal Game we will all participate in. If you've wanted to know more about the metaphysics of crystals, this presentation is for you. Come with an open mind! Stephanie is also bringing a variety of items, found in her store, to show and sell. Please don't miss this exciting and different introduction into the power of crystals!

Meeting Refreshments: September's refreshments will be sponsored by Mary & Don Danforth.

Rock Star of the Month is Citrine !!!

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

Tri-County Picnic

The next tri-county picnic is Sunday, October 7th from 10:00AM to 4:00PM at TY Park, Pavilion #9, 3300 N. Park Road, Hollywood, FL. 33021. This is 2 blocks North of Sheridan Street on Park Road. The clubs from Miami, WPB & Broward will bring the main dishes. Members are requested to bring a side dish or dessert. There will be a raffle & bingo with prizes. (Prize donations gladly accepted.) The various clubs may bring equipment for sale or silent auction. Members are encouraged to bring samples of their work or collections to show, trade or sell to other members. Additional information can be found on our website under "Special Events". We hope you will make plans to attend.

"In the News"

If you found a piece of Quartz that had shiny "golden" specks on it, would you know whether or not it was gold? There's a great article on the Geology website titled "Fool's Gold" that explains what to look for. The term "fool's gold" has long been used by prospectors & gold buyers to describe Pyrite to people who thought they had "struck it rich". The article discusses the differences between Pyrite, Chalcopyrite, Biotite Mica and Gold. There are various non-destructive and destructive tests that can be done to identify what it is. For example, if you use a pin to push on the gold flecks of the sample you found and the flecks bend or dent, then you've probably got some gold. Gold is soft and malleable, whereas Pyrite or Chalcopyrite is harder. (Gold crystals shouldn't be tested like this as the damage will reduce their value.) Color, shape, striations and specific gravity are all used in identification. The complete article can be found on www.geology.com, type in "Fool's Gold" in the search bar.

**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.

Classes Available at Lapidary Schools

For those of you who are looking for a fall getaway this year, both William Holland and Wild Acres have a variety of classes available.

While it is "short notice", the Southeastern Federation has asked clubs to get the word out that Wild Acres still has openings for its September 17th - 23rd classes. They are located in Little Switzerland, NC. Pricing includes lodging & meals. For complete information go to www.wildacres.org or call 828-756-4573.

William Holland School of Arts, founded in 1983 is located in Young Harris, GA. They have a variety of classes available this fall from now through October 28th. The classes are 1 week long, from 9am to 5 pm daily, with various evening activities offered. The lodging & meals are \$395. Class and materials costs vary, but average around \$100. For complete information go to www.lapidaryschool.org or call 706-379-2126.

Not only will you have in-depth education on a specific subject but you'll be located near a variety of gem mines, rock & gem shops and the beautiful Smokey Mountains. The fall colors will add a gorgeous backdrop to your experience and the cooler weather won't hurt either!

Local News

August 15th Meeting Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM. The minutes of the July meeting were accepted & approved. There were 16 members and 2 guests in attendance. Steve Ackerman ran the meeting in Sean's absence. The club sponsored the refreshments. Shop Report: The shop was closed for 2 weeks due to the fire. It has re-opened and ready for use. Sunshine Report: Bob Allen's wife is doing much better. Debbie Malloy is out with an injured leg. Don Dietz is cutting stones at home and trying to regain strength. We hope to see all of them soon! The date for the next tri-county picnic is Sunday, October 7th. Sean & Steve are gathering prizes for a "Chinese Chance Raffle" in September & at the December Christmas party. In this type of raffle, each prize has a bin for tickets rather than having the person with the winning number choose a prize. (We've done this before and the prizes are usually pretty good!) If you have something you'd like to donate, please speak with Sean or Steve. Steve surveyed the meeting attendee's on last month's movie and everyone said they enjoyed it. We plan to use other segments of "Mine Hunters" when needed. Steve passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to demonstrate cabbing at the WPB Gem & Mineral Show in November. If you missed the last meeting and would like to volunteer, please speak with Steve for the details. Ed & Pat volunteered to make wire wrap rings for kids who stop by the booth at the show. Audrey suggested using a display case to show examples of what stones our members have cut and include signage briefly explaining the classes that are available. Steve asked for ideas on ways to increase membership. Some ideas were: emphasize individual instruction at the shop, have a set schedule of when each type of class is beginning, i.e. Cabbing class begins Thursday, September 20th, investigate community advertising to bring awareness to our club, put up flyers at various locations. Sylvia volunteered to create a small handout on the shop & Lauren volunteered to print them as a donation. Sandy said that our Facebook information on the shop needs to be updated. The presentation was a "show & tell" by the members. There was a variety of beautiful stones, jewelry & specimens brought in. Thank you to Dick, Audrey, Steve, Ed, Pat, Lauren & Sandy for all they brought!! The photos below will give you an idea of what can be achieved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.



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The showroom is open Tuesday - Saturday 9:00- 2:00 and other times by calling 954-295-0606.



The Art School

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 or [facebook.com/bocaschool](https://www.facebook.com/bocaschool) or call at 561-392-2503.

The Last Word

There has been some concern about the attendance at the monthly meetings. We try to provide an interesting presentation each month, but many of our sources have been used within the last 2 years. We have purchased a few different movies to fill in when needed. If you know anyone who would speak at our meetings, please let me know and I will contact them with the details. We could use your help and participation!



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THINGS TO REMEMBER

The October 2018 meeting is **Wednesday, October 17th** at 7:30 pm.

The next tri-county picnic is **Sunday, October 7th**.

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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