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IMPORTANT SPECIAL EDITION

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

OUR CLUB NEEDS A NEW PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY.

Joe Flynn has stepped down from President and wants to continue to be 1st Vice President. So, our club needs a new president immediately because the contract for our building is expiring at the end of July. In order to secure a new contract for the coming year, our president must sign the new contract, and it cannot be an interim president.

Elections will be held at the meeting on Tuesday, June 21. Anyone who is interested in running for president is encouraged to do so. TO ALL MEMBERS: PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THE MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21 TO HOLD ELECTION!

No Board Meeting, 05/17/05

Board meeting will resume on 6/21/05 at 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting Minutes, 05/17/05

-Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. and was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

-16 attendees at the meeting – 3 new members were in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- All bills have been paid; there are no outstanding bills.
- A motion was put forth to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was accepted by John Luedke and seconded by Richard Nagel.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Several CFMGS members went to Rock's Pit, a field trip with the Florida Fossil Hunters. Everyone found specimens of clamshells with calcite.
- Another trip was planned for Sunday, Memorial Day weekend. We'll have to find out how it went!
- For future field trips, attendees may need a rock hammer and maybe a wagon for carting.
- Michell Bogle is going to check on Honeymoon Island, which is off the coast of Dunedin. Agatized coral is found here as well as many shells – I've been there before, and it is very nice! Michelle wants to plan a trip for this summer.
- Carpooling is available for field trips.

SHOW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- A first draft of the flyer for next year has been circulated. Feedback is needed.
- A suggestion for next year is that there is one very nice grand prize. We will look at this and discuss at board meeting in the future.
- Michelle went to GLW show and saw that dealers didn't do well. There were too many vendors that had similar items.
- Michelle suggested that for our next show we have more for kid's corner. Also, there is a large show in GA at the same time as ours, and this may cause a problem.
- John Piziak, has assured us that there will not be any overexposed items by having too many dealers selling the same kind of items. We will have more variety of items. Additionally, our vendors are available on this weekend in April, and we should keep it to this weekend.
- We also want to have vendors that can have demonstrations of some sort at their booths.
- It was suggested that it may not be a good idea for the 2006 show to have a wholesale section of the show. We may want to get this expanded show for 2006 up and running, and then the next year we may want to re-think a wholesale section. Our club will have to see how well the wholesale section for 2006 does to make a further determination.
- Gem trees need to be made for next year. Emilio is the only one in the club currently that knows how to craft the gem trees. (So, maybe Emilio can teach some of us on how to make the gem trees and we can help!)
- Richard purchased 120 very cute grab bags and donated them to the club for next year. Thank you, Richard!
- Donations of any gems, minerals, jewelry, etc. are needed for grab bags, silent auction, etc.
- Our annual show next year will be the 37th, the first one taking place in 1969!!

WORKSHOP REPORT:

- Faceting, Classes on Wednesdays are now being offered effective June 1. They will take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. *and* on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9a.m. to 12 p.m. The instructor is Emilio Garcia.

- Cabachon Cutting, Classes on Wednesdays are now being offered effective June 1. They will take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The instructor is Richard Nagle.
• Cabachon cutting classes also take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9a.m. to 12 p.m. The instructor is John Luedke.

If you would like to join us for either one or all of the classes, just let the instructor know you would like to sign up! The instructors ask that if you are signed up for a class, and cannot make it, please call them to let them know.

WORKSHOP RULES:

Our club has drafted a few rules for our workshop, and we will be adding to this list as we go along. These are the rules of our workshop as discussed in our general meetings:

1. Teachers of club classes will receive free workshop time, hour for hour, as compensation for teaching classes.
2. Nobody will be allowed in workshop without a board member and/or instructor present.
3. During classes there will be a charge for the beverages in the refrigerator: 25 cents per beverage.
4. Workshop usage charge: \$5.00 per hour for everyone except teachers that have accumulated free hours for teaching classes.
5. To participate in classes in shop, the participant has to be a member.

DOOR PRIZES

Michelle Bogle and Emilio Garcia donated the door prizes. Thank you Michelle and Emilio!

Door prize winners:

1. Richard Nagel, faceted blue insulated glass donated by Emilio.
2. Jim Johnstone, agatized coral donated by Michelle.
3. Fayth Hedricksen, faceted blue insulated glass donated by Emilio.
4. Angie Luedke, cabachon donated by Michelle.
5. Elsie Williams, cabachon donated by Michelle.

The next BOARD MEETING is on Tuesday, 06/21/05@ 6:30 p.m., and the next general meeting is at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the board meeting at 2721 N. Forsythe Road between University and Colonial.

Notes from the Editor

For the benefit of our newest members (and as a reminder to others):

Lynn Cole has set up the club email address:

CFMGS@yahoo.com This is the email address that everyone should be giving out to guests, prospective members and anyone that wants to contact our club!

Everyone that has a computer should have received an email a few months ago inviting you to join the Yahoo Group, CFMGS. Please make sure that you have signed up for the CFMGS Yahoo group. *If you are new to the club and have*

not joined the CFMGS Yahoo Group, please let me or Lynn Cole know so that we can get you set up as well.

-The club is looking for free sources of advertising. We need free space in which to advertise our club and our new class offerings. If any member finds a publication that is free of charge, i.e. community publication, please collect a copy and give to the secretary.

-I am always looking for additions to the bulletin. If you come across an article that would be of interest to the group, please forward to me for input to the next bulletin.

Classified

Michelle Bogle has vibra-lap for sale. This is used for polishing slabs. Her price is \$225.00 for all.

One of our members, Paul Hayes, is looking for a 4" trim saw. If you know of anyone that is selling such an item, please contact him on 407.816.1229 or his email address is phayes3@bellsouth.net.

Ken Reed, another one of our members, wants to buy used faceting machines, Genies, saws and other lapidary equipment in any condition. Please contact him at 386.943.4685 or kr1113@aol.com

Remember, Anna Marie Hansen, and Jackie Williams are selling materials. Their contact information has appeared in past Thumblickers, but I still have the original letters if anyone is interested in their items. Please contact me if you need to see lists of items that they are selling or need their contact information.

Purpose of the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society

To encourage active participation in all phases of the search for and identification of mineral and gem specimens, including their collection, evaluation, and preservation, as well as to faithfully uphold the policies of the society.

CFMGS Membership and Meetings

Dues single - \$10.00, Couple - \$18.00, Juniors - \$5.00; due October thru December for the subsequent year. Members not paid by January 31 will be dropped from the membership. General meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 2721 N. Forsythe Road between University and Colonial. Members will be notified of changes. Executive Board meetings: 3rd Tuesday before the General meeting.

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