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# THUMBlickER

## Newsletter of the Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society

CFMGS Officers, Committee Leaders and Instructors

### Current nominees for Nov election

**President: Michelle Bogle**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP: John Piziak**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Bob Cole (incumbent)**

**Secretary: Gordon Oakley**

**Includes webmaster and editor**

**Treasurer: Wynn Taylor**

**Includes membership**

**Show Chairman: John Piziak**

**Asst Show Chair: Fred Tunderman**

**Field Trip/Activity Director: Michelle Bogle**

**Shop Forman: Byron Wertz**

### **Instructors**

**Cabochon: Michelle Bogle, Fred Tunderman,**

**Emilio Garcia, Hendric Allison, Byron Wertz**

**Faceting: Emilio Garcia, Fred Tunderman**

**Wire wrap: Byron Wertz**

**Silversmith: John Piziak**

**Casting: John Piziak**

**Stained Glass: Emilio Garcia**

**Intarsia and Chase & Repousse:**

**Tom & Kay Benham**

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The Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society is a member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies.

The CFMGS was established in 1961 and now has 188 members and sponsors two (2) large Mineral and Gem shows each year.

In December we will add our first Jewelry Artist Festival to the Mineral and Gem show.

I am looking for information about the history of the Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society. Who were the first members? Where were they located? Who are the Life Members? e-mail me at [oakleysmall@gmail.com](mailto:oakleysmall@gmail.com)

## “October 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting”

Since the current President and Vice President were out of state the General Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Michelle Bogle the only nominee for President for 2011. She led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Michelle then showed who the current nominees for Board officer's election in November. So far there is only one for each position. We hope to have others.

Show Chairman and nominee for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President gave a report on the status of the preparation for the December Mineral, Gem and Jewelry Artist Festival. There were 83 tables rented to vendors at this time. Meeting attendees were asked to sign up to help at the show to insure it was a success.

The Treasurer, Gordon Oakley, reported the current account balance and the membership 186. Two more joined during the meeting to make 188. He announced that Liability insurance would be paid for the year to LADD's this week.

Show and Tell: Jim Johnstone showed a tray of gems he had faceted. They were beautiful. He is a member of our Faceter's Forum that meets on Saturdays. Another member showed two monstrous quartz clusters she found at a mine in Utah(I think).

One of our younger members offered to create a Facebook page and connect to our web site. (Sorry! I forgot your name) We then had door prize drawings by Bob Cole. There were many winners. Ray Miller won the 50/50 drawing.

Club Picnic and auction will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 12pm noon. Bring a covered dish and a lawn chair just in case.

## Mineral and Gem shows in the area

### October

9-10--ORLANDO, FLORIDA: Show, "Fossil Fair"; Florida Fossil Hunters; Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, students \$1; fossils, rocks, gems, minerals, educational exhibits, children's dig pit, raffles, silent auctions, vendors, books, supplies; contact Valerie First, 223 Ringwood Dr., Winter Springs, FL 32708, (407) 699-9274; e-mail: vjfirst@aol.com; Web site: www.floridafossilhunters.com

23 - 24 Riverview, Florida 6915 Riverview Drive, Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club presents the Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show and Sale. Over 40 vendors offering a wide variety of gems, minerals, jewelry supplies, and finished jewelry, including hand-crafted item  
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29-31--KISSIMMEE (ORLANDO), FLORIDA: Business-to-business gem trade show; Gem & Lapidary Wholesalers Inc.; Osceola Heritage Park, 1875 Silver Spur Ln.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-3; contact G&LW, P.O. Box 98, Flora, MS 39071-0098, (601) 879-8832; e-mail: info@glwshows.com; Web site: glwshows.com

30 – 31 St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club Show at Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Highway, Stuart, FL 34996, on October 30th & 31st from 10 -5

### November

6-7--MELBOURNE, FLORIDA: Show, "Parade of Gems"; Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4; contact Don McLamb, (321) 723-2592; email: fdjmc@aol.com; Web site: www.canaveral-mgs.com

12-14--SARASOTA, FLORIDA: Show; Frank Cox Productions; Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail (Hwy. 41); Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; gems, jewelry, beads; contact Frank Cox Productions, 755 S. Palm Ave. #203, Sarasota, FL 34236, (941) 954-0202; e-mail: frankcox@comcast.net; Web site: www.frankcoxproductions.com

20—21, Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead and Fossil Show. Americraft ExpoCenter East at the South Florida Fairgrounds 9067 Southern Blvd West Palm Beach, Florida  
<http://www.gemandmineral.cc>

## Faceter's Forum

### ATTACHING A BW (OHMMETER) TO A RAYTEC SHAW By Gordon Oakley

For those of you who use a Raytec Shaw to facet I have figured out a low cost way of attaching a BW (ohmmeter) so you can control your depth of cut easier. I am a retired special education teacher and found a wafer switch in my leftovers. It is only \$35 and is easy to attach. You can get one at the following web site. I use the 2" x 2" x 2mm. <http://www.inclusivetlc.com/Products/ViewProduct.aspx?psid=36&gpid=24>.

The following pictures show how to attach it.



Attach the wafer switch to a female mini plug from Radio Shack and attach the wires from that to your ohmmeter from radio shack or Harbor Freight.. Tape the switch to the Raytec Shaw platform (or even a Graves, although the switch will stick out two inches it still should work).



Place the hand held quill assembly on the platform in its normal position. You will see that the front Stop Screw is on the switch and the BW meter needle went to the right. When you attach a gem stone and start cutting you will see the meter needle stays to the left until you cut to the depth set. It works great.

However...You will need to recalibrate the front stop screw to get the right quill angle.

Please note: I do not cut with the meter sitting on the quill platform as shown.

**IT WORKS!!!**

I have also found how to attach a micro switch to an older Graves faceting machine to be connected to an ohm meter. Pictures next issue.

# LA judge to weigh ownership of jewel

Associated Press

Buzz up! 47 votes Share 467 retweet

— Fri Sep 24, 5:01 am ET



AP — FILE — This 2008 file photo provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department shows the so-called

LOS ANGELES — The curious case of a weighing about as much as a horse is due [courtroom](#) Friday, when a judge will try to own it.

Dug up in Brazil in 2001 and tipping the : boulder-sized Bahia Emerald is one of the discovered.

Several people have laid claim to the hul years. On Friday, a small army of lawyer

downtown courtroom, where [Superior Court](#) Judge John A. Kronstadt will review says he bought it first.

Tony Thomas has said he purchased the emerald from a Brazilian [gem dealer](#) was excavated. Its worth has since been appraised at almost \$400 million.

But after he arranged to have it shipped home, Thomas says he was tricked into stolen so it could be sold to someone else for more money.

He says it vanished after he turned it over to people who were supposed to ship been found, it should be returned to him.

The case will be weighed from the bench by Kronstadt without a jury, and he will about Thomas' claim.

Lawyers for other interested parties have argued the claim should be dismissed never delivered to Thomas, but his lawyer says Thomas did take possession of it disappeared.

The judge will review other claims at a later date.

After it vanished, the rock's journey became muddled. At one point, it wound up Orleans which was flooded during Hurricane Katrina.

Among those claiming ownership is a man who says he was retained by the Br

Another claimant has said he received it from a gem dealer as collateral for a si for but never received. He was trying to sell the gem in Las Vegas when authori

The [Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department](#) now has the emerald under lock.



Article from Fred Tunderman

# Lake Mary Lecture

by Joy Dubin

On Thursday, September 9, twenty-six Girl Scouts and one tagalong boy gathered in the Lake Mary Historical Museum to learn about rocks for the Junior Badge Rocks Rock. Spotlighted in the center of the room was a collection of rocks and fossils including many on loan from Michelle Bogle, of the Central Florida Gem and Mineral Society? And in the front of the room, Steve Dubin, also a CFGMS member, spoke to the girls about rocks.

"I just wanted to get them excited about the possibilities of rockhounding and lapidary as a hobby," said Dubin. "With only half an hour or so, I wanted to hit the highlights and get them interested enough to want to learn more."

Dubin talked about the different kinds of rocks, their characteristics, and how they were sliced and slabbed to be used in making jewelry. He showed examples of rocks, slabs and cabs, and then explained the various methods of creating jewelry from the polished rocks.

The scouts interrupted his lecture with questions, raised their hands to answer his questions, and oohed and aahed over the samples of slabs, cabs and finished jewelry pieces he had to show them. And when he gave them each a stone pyramid as a gift at the end of his presentation, they were all smiles and thanks.

The exhibition, coordinated by Mary Rowell, Scout leader and Museum volunteer, called "Rocks Rock", is ran from Aug. 7 to Sept. 18 at the Lake Mary Historical Museum, 158 N. Country Club Rd in Lake Mary. For additional information about future exhibits, call 407-585-1481 or visit the museum website at [www.lakemaryhistory.org](http://www.lakemaryhistory.org).

Joy & Steve Dubin