



# THE NUGGET



## Island Rockhounds Show

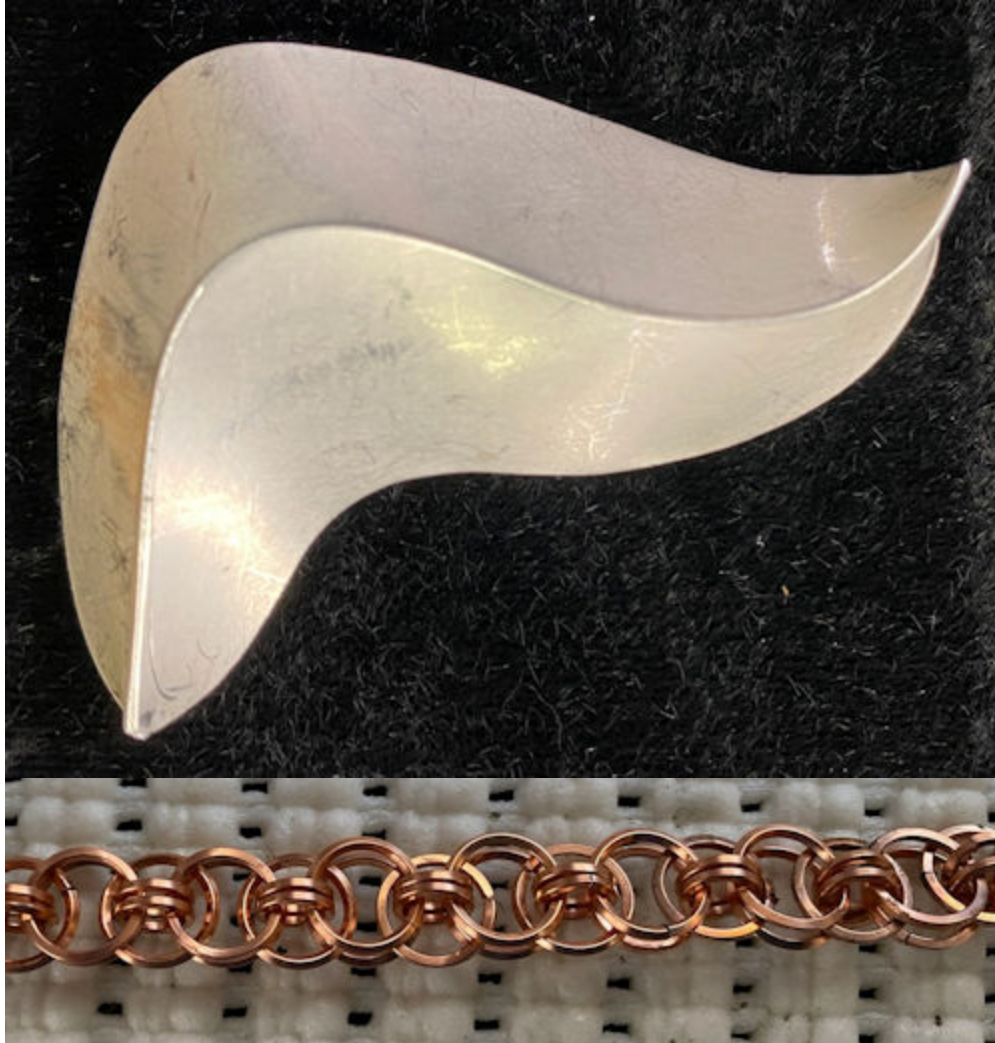
A number of our members volunteered their time to man the club table at the Island Rockhounds show this past weekend. Thanks to all who took the time to help represent the club, especially: Amy, Paula, Diane, Sue, June, Jim, Chip, Jen, Laraine, Alice, Rick, Laura, Jan and David.



## Upcoming Classes at NMC

On April 29th, our own Paula will be giving a class on fold forming. Kits will be available for purchase. Contact Diane to sign up.

Right now, it looks like we'll be doing a chain maille class next. Below are images of both projects. The bracelet pattern is known as a Helm's Weave. More information to follow via email.



## Upcoming Events

Registration for Wildacres is now open. The EFMLS is celebrating 50 years of giving workshops at Wildacres this May 15-21. For more information, check out the [EFMLS website](#).

Springfield Gem & Mineral Show trip is August 12. Please sign up with Diane ASAP. We need to know how many people are interested in going, to get a better idea of the feasibility of arranging for a bus.

## A Discovery in the Workshop!

Just last week, a discovery was made by new member, Chris, who recognized a piece of equipment that's been in the workshop for who-knows-how-long. It's a hydraulic press that's set up to crack geodes open. Chris demonstrated the press to a gaggle of onlookers who were all very impressed with the way the press works and the geodes that were cracked open - one of which contained water from perhaps millions of years ago, when the geode was formed in the earth. Hopefully, the press will get more use now that the rest of us know what it is and what it does. Way to go, Chris!



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## Birthstones

Fun Fact: The birthstones for January, February, and March are garnet, amethyst, and either aquamarine or bloodstone for March.

Garnet has been used since the Bronze Age and the Egyptians used garnet in inlay work. Amethyst was once prized by royalty and held to be as precious as diamonds. Aquamarine has been linked to the sea for centuries due to his blue-to-green color varieties.

To learn more about these stones, check out the [American Gem Society's website section on birthstones](#).

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## Club Etiquette

- As a courtesy, please refrain from taking any photos or video without advance permission from one of the club officers.
- When you take something out of one of the closets, please remember to put it back exactly where it was. The closets have been organized so that everything has a place.
- Please remember to clean up your machines after use.

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## Please Welcome New Members

Austin Meersond

Beverly Heimberg

Eve Heimberg

Naomi Kornberg

Melanie Melia

Alice Melzer  
Laurie Nunez  
Francesca Orban  
Elizabeth Shaw  
David Shulman  
Jan Shulman  
Ann Tarcher  
Sydnie Vogel  
Laraine Williams

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