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## Greater Pensacola Chapter

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#### Meeting Times & Dates

The 2nd Wednesday of the month. @ 6:30 P.M.

Next meeting: March 11th

Social Time: 6:00PM

Meeting Time: 6:30PM

The meeting will be at Valerie Harmon-Curtis' home. Call or e-mail for the address.

The March meeting we will focus on being ready for the "**Classic Rock Challenge**". Details are described in the February Newsletter. The Gallery night is March 20th.

Our Blog host has resigned and we are in need of someone who can keep it updated and fresh. Anyone who is computer savvy can step up and we will put you in touch with Heather Dixey for details. Also, don't forget to click on [www.fsg4u.com](http://www.fsg4u.com) to stay up to date on the State FSG website.

Congratulations! **Tamara Purdhomme, Diana Keenan, Steve Robinson, and Karyn Spirson** as their design ideas were featured on page 8 in the Jewelry Artist Magazine February 2009 issue. The Metal Works Guild members took part in the Design Challenge, which is a monthly feature of the magazine. Their ideas were inspired by the word "Serene". If you don't subscribe you can pick up a copy at your local newsstand and we will have one at the Workshop.

The workshop is still in progress with a lot of work still to be done. We have been blessed with a small burn out oven donated by **Diana Keenan's** boss. I want to take this opportunity to thank Diana for her efforts to make this happen.

We will be looking forward to moving in our casting equipment as well as our other equipment that has been in storage.

Hopefully, in a few short weeks we will be building work benches and getting some serious work done.

Many thanks go out to Valerie for her offer of her garage for the Workshop.

Any time that you can donate to this effort will be greatly appreciated.

*Thanks, Kristina*

We had a good meeting last month with a continued Photo Workshop. **Mary K. Cargill** brought back her light box and members were able to photograph some of their work. She worked very hard and took some outstanding photos for our member's. Mary K donated the \$10.00 fee to our bank account.

Mary K has offered to photograph members' jewelry for \$5 an item with the monies to be paid to the FSG-GP treasury. Members can mail their work to Mary K with return postage included in the package (stamps or self-addressed postage paid box) and she will do the photos, provide the member with the images, and return their work in the enclosed packaging.

Many, Many thanks to Mary K.

## Where do I find???

This will be a regular column for resources. Please send in your favorite shops, websites or locations for supplies, tools and unusual goodies we all use and need for our jewelry crafts. And send in your requests if you are looking for something.

Valerie [vjhjcc@yahoo.com](mailto:vjhjcc@yahoo.com) would like to know what is the best stringing material for a very lightweight turquoise bead and liquid silver 30 strand necklace?

## Donations Wanted

Lumber and wood scraps, for building Jewelry Benches, Work Tables, Seating, Shelving, etc. Shop Lights and a small microwave to use in our new FSG-GP studio.

## A Great Opportunity

**Chris Bowen** is now working at All American Coin and Jewelry Store located at 6024 N. 9th Ave. He has set up his Laser Welding machine there and is repairing jewelry. He has a couple showcases in his half of the store and has offered members of FSG the opportunity of showcasing our jewelry there. The space will be free for us with only a 10% commission when an item sells. He has some display items we can use and the cases are beautiful.

There will be a restriction on beads. The store hours are Monday through Friday 10 - 6.

## "Classic Rock" Challenge - update

March is already here and the "Classic Rock Challenge" is just a few weeks away - March 20th! I can't wait to see what everyone has been inspired to make for this theme. If you haven't started yet, there is still time to get it done. Remember to use the theme "Classic Rock" and include metal in your piece(s). Traditional materials as well as found objects are all acceptable inclusions in your creations.

Rose and Tamara met with Bill Dollarhide to plan where we will be displaying at the music store. Margaret and Bill Dollarhide are very excited that we will be one of the featured artists at Dollarhide's Music for the March 20th Gallery Night. The other artist is a painter and of course there will be lots of musicians playing.

There are still a few loose ends to tie up such as the displays, table coverings, artist comments, etc. I won't be able to make it to the FSG meeting on Wednesday, so if you are planning to participate, let's get together on Sunday, March 8th at 4:00 p.m. at my house to finalize the details. Set-up will be between 4:30-5:00 p.m. at the music store, 41 S. Palafox Street on Friday, March 20th. Please e-mail [TamaraDP@aol.com](mailto:TamaraDP@aol.com) to let me know you will be here next Sunday or to let me know you are participating in the challenge and how many pieces you will display.

Any photos of your work? Send them to me. Georgia is working on a postcard for us to mail to promote our Classic Rock challenge!

This display will be a great time for you, as an artist, to show your work and creative side at a very well attended Gallery Night!

BTW, I have contacted Jean Marie De Spiegler, Exec. Director of FSG, about sending all of our "Classic Rock" jewelry to display in the Anita London Memorial Display Case beginning mid-April if anyone is interested in participating in this. More details soon... plus a **new** challenge!

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