

# ROCK-A-GRAM



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## General Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location:**

4619 69th Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL

## Program: The Lost River Range Fault of Central Idaho

Guest Speaker: Associate Professor Paul Wetmore, Dept. Geology, USF will discuss his research on The Lost River Range Fault of Central Idaho. Can you say "terrane accretions"

- Susan Biel

**DUES are: \$20.00 Individuals - \$30 per family**

If you won something at a previous meeting, bring something to share!  
If your last name starts with M - to - Z, please bring goodies to our meeting to share. Thank You!

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**SGAMS Clubhouse Address: 4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709, [www.sgams.com](http://www.sgams.com)**

**Clubhouse Activities:** Listed on page 8 and announced at membership meetings. **SGAMS Board of Director's Meetings:** 7:00 p.m., 1st Thursday of each month; September - May. All members are invited to attend SGAMS Board of Director's Meetings at our clubhouse. We solicit your attendance, and constructive suggestions for improving our club. **General Meetings:** 7:00 p.m., 3rd Thursday of each month; September - May, at our clubhouse.

## President's Message

This year had disappeared way too fast. Voting for the new officers will be at the April meeting and your new officers will be installed at the May dinner meeting.

May's meeting is the annual end of year dinner, where we will be installing the new board of directors! This will be at Applebee's Restaurant (5110 East Bay Drive, Clearwater FL.). The meeting will be from 6-9PM, not at the Clubhouse!

After the May Dinner & Installation, we will reconvene for our Monthly General Meeting in September.

The club show in March was great success and I thank each and every one of you for volunteering and participating. However we did get some disturbing news that the owners of the building that we use for the show is up for sale. Right now we have no idea what we will be doing for next year. If you know of a suitable space please let us know. This show is very important to the club. And as we get information we will keep you informed.

Remember the Club and the Clubhouse is open year round, and classes continue all year.. It has been a pleasure to serve you this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing what next year holds for all of us! Thank You !

That's it for now so I will see you at the April meeting

Joseph Cooper,  
 President

## SFMS Rockhound Round-Up May 17, 18, and 19, 2019

Our clubs Regional level, SouthEast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) is hosting their 1st annual Rockhound Round-Up.

- Who:** All Members of all SFMS Clubs are Welcome.  
Members from over 80 Clubs in these states: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN.
- What:** An old-fashion Rock-Swap
- When:** May 17th, 18th, and 19, 2019.
- Where:** Spirit of Suwannee Music Park  
3076 95th Drive  
Live Oak, FL 32060  
(386) 364-1683  
www.musicliveshere.com
- How Much:** **For Buyers Only:** the only cost is the Admission Fee for the Park  
If you have a few rocks in your pockets, you may be able to 'Swap' also.
- For Sellers:** \$25.00 for a 10' x 20' 'booth' to be a Vendor, plus the Park Admission.  
The \$25.00 is for the 10 foot by 20 foot vendor booth, for all three days.  
Park Admission—Paid directly to the Park as a daily fee, each day entering the Park.  
Place your reservation with the SFMS Contact. Separate email sent with Application.
- For Overnight Stays:** The Park offers several overnight or weekend options,  
Cabins, RV spots, Tent Camp-out locations. There are also nearby Hotel / Motels.  
Contact the Park directly to make a reservation to stay overnight or for the weekend.

This Rockhound Round-Up is provided in conjunction with the 2019 SFMS 2nd Quarterly Meeting.

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### The SGAMS Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers will be held at:

**Applebee's**  
5110 East Bay Drive  
Largo, FL  
(727) 539-6388  
6:00pm – 9:00pm

JoAnn has provided there is a sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse!

Provided by JoAnn Knoss,  
Dinner Committee

The Clubhouse and Classes continue year round so, don't stay away this summer!

## Upcoming Shows:

May 17, 18, and 19, 2019  
 SouthEast Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
 Rockhound Round-Up  
 Spirit of Suwannee Music Park  
 Live Oak, FL  
<http://www.amfed.org/sfms>

Later in the year:

Jacksonville—September 2019  
[www.jaxgemandmineral.org](http://www.jaxgemandmineral.org)

Orlando—October 2019  
[www.cfmgs.org](http://www.cfmgs.org)

Tampa Bay—November 2019  
[www.tampabayrockclub.com](http://www.tampabayrockclub.com)

Withlacoochee—December 2019  
[www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/](http://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/)

Pinellas—January 2020  
[www.PGS.Rocks](http://www.PGS.Rocks)

Lakeland—February 2020  
[www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

March 6, 7, and 8, 2020  
 Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—48th Annual Show  
 Minnreg Building, Largo, FL  
[www.sgams.com](http://www.sgams.com)

## FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
[www.AMFED.org](http://www.AMFED.org),  
 AFMS Newsletter

### 2017-18 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions

**California Federation**  
 CA, HI, NV  
 March 8-10, 2019  
 Pomona, CA

**Rocky Mountain Federation**  
 August 2-4, 2019  
 Prescott, AZ

**Eastern Federation**  
 June 1-2, 2019  
 Monroe, NY

**South Central Federation**  
 AR, LA, TX

**Midwest Federation**  
 March 23-24, 2019  
 Cedar Rapids, IA

Fredericksburg, TX  
 January 19-20, 2019

**Northwest Federation**  
 October 18-20, 2019  
 Lewiston, ID

**Southeast Federation**  
 October, 2019  
 Huntsville, AL

### Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

<http://www.rockngem.com/>  
<http://www.jewelryshowguide.net/>

### Other Web Sites:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies web site is at: <http://www.amfed.org>

American Lands Access Association: [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org)

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Website at: <http://www.amfed.org/sfms>

Check this site out for Wildacres & William Holland information.

National Park Foundation:  
[www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks](http://www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks)

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society:  
[www.canaveral-mgs.com](http://www.canaveral-mgs.com)

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society: [www.cfmgs.org](http://www.cfmgs.org)

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club:  
[www.tampabayrockclub.com](http://www.tampabayrockclub.com)

Pinellas Geological Society: [www.pgs.rocks](http://www.pgs.rocks)

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society:  
[www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County:  
[www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com](http://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com)

### Our Web Site:

<http://www.sgams.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SuncoastGemandMineral/>

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 07, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Cooper at 7:03 p.m.

Board members in attendance were Joe Cooper, Susan Biel, Eric Odegaard, Pat Davis, Dave Watson, and Dan Stefanski.

Secretary's report- Motion by Dan Stefanski to approve the minutes as printed, and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's report- Eric Odegaard presented the treasurer's report, after discussion, Eric will amend his report to better reflect a refund to a vendor at our show. With that modification, Susan Biel made a motion to accept the report and file for audit. The motion was approved.

Eric also reported to the Board that there are still some problems with the use of envelopes for the shops. His concern is that the money in the envelope doesn't equal the amount reported on the envelope and on the shop sign-in report. Moderators are asked to double check their figures. Further, to make things easier Eric will keep \$25.00 in the shop bags for change. If a moderator makes change, just put the member's large bill in the shop bag, take that amount out as change, then give the correct change to the member and put the shop time amount in the envelope. Sign and date the envelope, including the dollar amount for shop time, the amount for material and/or cutting fee, and the total amount in the envelope. (Example: a member works 3 hours = \$9.00 he only has a \$10.00 – take a \$5 bill and 5 one dollar bills from the shop bag, leave the \$10 in the bag then give the member back a dollar then put \$9 in the envelope). There should be \$25 in the shop bag at all times, and the amount on the sign in sheet and the envelope should equal the cash in the shop bag.

Susan asked if an order to the exterminator for rodent control had been issued. Eric will check his records, and follow up on the matter.

In other financial business, Susan Biel requested \$40 to purchase ice cream and topping for the Club Ice Cream Social. Her request was approved.

Old Business- Joe Cooper reported that the new blade is on order. He is concerned with the use of the saw and the Board will develop a training and certification program for all monitors before the saw is used. Further we plan to install a new outside door in the Cab Room this month.

New Business- Our guests Richard Bunton and Bonnie Boyson were introduced. Pat Davis announced that Richard has agreed to run for a Board seat. The Board congratulated him on his decision and said he will be a great addition to the Board. As the nominating committee chair, Pat further informed the Board that the 2019 slate of officers are; Cooper (president), Biel (vice- president), Davis (past president), Odegaard (treasurer), Groves (recording secretary), Stefanski (Corresponding Secretary), Watson (board member), and Richard Bunton (board member).

Cooper stated that we have purchased three new jewelry benches and that work to find more space for the silver class will start soon.

Cooper continued the new business by stating that we are seeking volunteers to train as backups for key positions, like Web Page maintenance, Rock A Gram newsletter, committee Chairs, subcommittees, and training and certification for back-up shop moderators. Biel asked Stefanski to send emails out to members so we will know who is interested. Stefanski will comply.

Biel discussed the layout of the Griffin Room during the show. The Board agreed that to provide more room we will eliminate demonstrations at future shows. The Board also discussed trailers and sheds needed for storage. Stefanski motioned that if we can find a trailer for around \$800 and a shed for a thousand dollars Cooper is authorized to make such a purchase. Motion carried. The Board further discussed reducing the volume of rock for sale at the club table, to accomplish this we will seek club volunteers to help sort all of our material. That way we will have a good selection for the show but reduced volume to cart around.

Local field trips were discussed. Stefanski will check with Joe Pierce to see if he would help us secure some local sites for field trips.

Show report- Bill Schmidt reported the show numbers were up 35 people from last year, and that all vendors appeared to be pleased with the show. A few vendors would like to close at 5 P.M. No decision has been made. Friday and Sunday we're our slow days with Saturday being very busy.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted for Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary by Dan Stefanski, Corresponding Secretary.

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**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
 General Meeting  
 March 21, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Joe Cooper.

Secretary's report-a motion by Sue Hazelden to approve the minutes as published in the Rock a Gram, was approved.

Treasurer's report-Susan Biel presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Pat Davis to accept and file for audit was approved.

End of year dinner and installation of officers will be May 16th at Applebee's on East Bay Drive in Clearwater. A signup sheet is in the club house.

Slate of officers for the New Year is as follows,  
 President Joe Cooper, Vice President Susan Biel, Correspondence secretary Dan Stefanski, Recording Secretary Gerri Groves, Treasurer Eric Odegaard, Past President Pat Davis, Directors Dave Watson, Sandy Theisz, and Rick Bunton.

Tonight's program is an Ice Cream Social to celebrate SGAM's 50th birthday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves,  
 Recording Secretary



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Wednesdays, 12-4 p.m.

*Jerri Heer* (419) 344-9999 or [jheerx6@aol.com](mailto:jheerx6@aol.com)

**FACETING/WIREWRAPPING:** Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m.

*Dave Watson* (727) 541-2917 or [SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com](mailto:SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com)

**SILVER SMITHING:** *Joe Cooper* (317) 775-5476, [SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com](mailto:SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com)

Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.

**Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:**

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Anyone interested in taking a Beginning Gem Tree class, please contact Jerri Heer: 419) 344-9999 or [jheerx6@aol.com](mailto:jheerx6@aol.com). Cost is \$10 material fee, (plus \$3.00 per hour club class fee for a 3 hour class. Class date and time to be determined based on response and mutual availability of participants. A subsequent advanced class may be offered at a later date, if there is sufficient interest.

**WAX CASTING:** *Joe Cooper* (317) 775-5476, [SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com](mailto:SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com) (by appointment)

\$50.00 class fee, plus cost for silver. Class date and time to be determined—Look for Email Blasts for Dates

Cost for classes (except Faceting and Wax Casting) is \$3.00 per hour, or any portion there of, plus any additional supplies.

\*Please contact instructor to set up start date and schedule. Each class has minimum number of students needed to start a class.



## ROCK-A-GRAM

*This is the official newsletter of the SUNCOAST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.*

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This Society is a member of the *SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.*, and its parent society, the *AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.*

The general purpose of this society is to promote popular interest in education and research in the earth sciences and lapidary arts, and to cooperate with other similar organizations.

General Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through April at 7:00 p.m., at our clubhouse, **4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL**. December and May meetings are special meetings and a time and place will be announced in this bulletin. The public is cordially invited to attend the general membership meetings.

**Dues: \$20.00 single or \$30.00 couple/family; due annually each September.**

All exchange bulletins should be sent to the Rock-A-Gram editor.

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#### Clubhouse Activities September - May

**Board Meeting:**  
 (September - May)  
 First Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

**General Meeting:**  
 (September - May)  
 Third Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

#### Clubhouse Activities Year Round

**Cab Room:**  
**Clubhouse Open:**

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 And  
 Wednesdays 12:00- 4:00 p.m.

#### Clubhouse Activities Year Round

**Silver Room:**  
**Clubhouse Open:**

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 And  
 Saturdays 1:00- 4:00 p.m.

#### Clubhouse Activities Year Round

**Faceting:**  
**By Appointment:**  
 Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.,  
**Lost Wax Casting:**  
**By Appointment:**  
 Friday pm and Saturday