

ROCK-A-GRAM



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Holiday Party

Thursday, December 15, 2016

6:30 p.m.



Romano's Macaroni Grill Location:

2302 Tyrone Blvd,
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Program: Christmas Party



Provided by Ann Morrison and her Dinner Committee

This month's program will be our annual Christmas Party. This year we will have the occasion at Macaroni Grill! We are asking everyone to please bring a nominal gift of \$10.00 value relating to rock, gem, minerals, or storage of.— if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

Looking forward to seeing all that can attend our 2016 Christmas Party!

DUES WERE DUE! \$20.00 Individuals - \$30 per family

Happy Holidays to You and Your Family!

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Rock-A-Gram Newsletter

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SGAMS Clubhouse Address: 4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709, www.sgams.com

Clubhouse Activities: Listed on mailer coversheet 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



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone! Our Christmas party is quick approaching. We have a pretty good size list of members that are planning to attend. I'm sure it will be a wonderful time for all. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend this year. Work has taken me out of the country.

We will also be having our first yard sale of the year at the clubhouse on the 10th. Please come out and help support our club. We have spent a lot of money this year on a new roof and this will give us a chance to bring in some extra funds.

I am really looking forward to a field trip this year! We have not had one since I joined the club. Stay tuned to the rock-a-gram for announcements on a trip to NC that I am trying to put together.

I hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas. Be safe.

Eric Odegaard,
President



Dues were Due!

To ensure you continue your Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society relationship, please bring in or mail in your Annual Membership Dues. The 2016—2017 SGAMS Dues are as follows:

\$20.00 for Individuals, or \$30.00 for Couples / Families.



If you haven't already renewed your Membership

Mail your check to: SGAMS P.O. Box 13254, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733-3254



If you don't renew your Membership...

The grace period is ending, and our SGAMS communications, and delivery of the Rock-A-Gram Newsletter is ending .

In Memory Of:

Pattie Nielson Reed

Pattie Reed, left us on November 29, 2016.

Condolences to the family, friends, and all that knew her.

Pattie was so positive through-out the many, many treatments over the past years.

So caring and full of passion in and for our club. And, for the love of rocks, gems, wire, silversmithing, etc.!

Her caring about our club, and all of us - helped her to overcome the some of pain she was enduring.

She stayed involved, active, and contributing, even when it was the roughest.

Many of us are filled with sadness, but will treasure the opportunity to have many memories of her.

All that were at our October General Meeting were able to see Patti, and her recent accomplishments from William Holland.

There was so much more she wanted to learn and do.

Rest in Peace Pattie Nielsen Reeed.

Our Annual SGAMS Show

Please think about volunteering for our Show Committee..

For the Show to work we also need volunteers in the "upfront" portion of the Show itself. We need solid coverage and dependable attendance in all areas of the floor. Don't worry if you have never worked a show most jobs are simple, fun and you have a chance to learn a lot of things. The areas to be covered are Set-up, Break-down, Information Table, Ticket Booth, Club Table, Hospitality, Silent Auction and Gem Mining. So we have a place for everyone and every talent. The sign up sheets will be at the General Meeting. The more we can spread the work around the easier the Show will be for us.

Please confirm the date on your calendar; the Show is on March 3rd , 4th , & 5th and set up is Thursday the 2nd.

Thanks,
Bill Schmidt

There will be a combined Nov. & Dec meeting on December 8th, at 7:00PM.



Upcoming Shows:

January 13, 14, and 15, 2017
Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
with the SFMS Quarterly Meeting
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL

January 21 and 22, 2017
Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society
Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland, FL
www.tomokagms.org

January 21 and 22, 2017
Panama City Gem & Mineral Society
Central Panhandle Fairgrounds, Panama City, FL

February 4 and 5, 2017
Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
Kiwanis Island Recreation Center, Merritt Island, FL
www.centralbrevardgems.org

February 18 and 19, 2017
Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society
Vero Beach Community Center, Vero Beach, FL

February 25, 2017
Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Society
Lakeland, FL
www.bonevalley.net

February 26, 2017
The Villages Gem & Mineral Society
The Villages, FL

February 25 and 26, 2017
Mississippi and Mineral Society
Jackson, MS
www.missgems.org

March 3, 4, and 5 2017
Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—47th Annual Show
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL
www.thevillagesgemandmineralsociety.com

March 18 and 19, 2017
Dothan Gem and Mineral Club
Dothan, AL
www.wiregrassrockhounds.com

FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
www.AMFED.org
AFMS Newsletter, August, 2016

2016-17 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions

California Federation
CA, HI, NV
Ventura, CA

**Rocky Mountain
Federation**
TBA

Eastern Federation
October 21-23, 2016
Rochester, NY

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

Midwest Federation
May 6-7, 2017
Brainerd, MN

TBA

Northwest Federation
May 19-21, 2017
Hamilton, MT

**Southeast
Federation**
November 18-20, 2016
Marietta GA

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates>

<http://www.jewelryshowguide.com/event/>

Other Web Sites:

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

American Lands Access Association: www.amlands.org

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

Check this site out for Wildacres & William Holland
information.u

The URL for CMGS web site is: <http://www.canaveral-mgs.com/>

Winnipeg Rock and Mineral Club: www.wrmc.ca
Rock Vein Newsletter

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: www.canaveral-mgs.com, Canaveral Moonstone Newsletter

National Park Foundation:
www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks

Wire Wrapping Classes:

The Wire Wrapping class is set up to teach the student how to wire wrap a cabochon. This is a beginner level class. Discussion will cover how to select a cabochon, different types of wire, tools needed, and finishing techniques. The student will be shown how to measure the cabochon to determine the lengths of wire needed, how to lay out the binding wraps, how to fasten the cabochon into the wire wrapped frame, how to create the bail, and how to finish the wrap. The cost of the class is \$15.00. Tools and materials are provided for the class. The class is one three hour session and is given on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM or Saturday afternoon from 12:00 to 3:00 PM.

Contact Dave Watson , 727-541-2917, email bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com for scheduling information.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
November 03, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

Board members in attendance were Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Shamus Walker, and Gerri Groves. Also attending were Sandy Schwebel, Lori Heinemann and Bill Schmidt.

Several things were discussed, but as there was not a Quorum, no business could be voted on.

Submitted by Gerri Groves,
Recording Secretary





Glass Top Display Cases For Sale:

The following sizes are available for purchase:

2-1/2" x 3-1/2" = \$3.00

3-1/2" x 4-1/2" = \$4.00

5-1/4" x 6-1/4" = \$5.00

8" x 12" = \$6.00

12" x 16" = \$9.00

If interested in purchasing any of these Glass Top Display Cases, contact: **Jack Hauser** at **727-520-5720**.

Donations to the Clubhouse?

Donations (Rocks, Equipment, etc.) to the club should be labeled—Attention: Donation when dropped-off. We will catalog, and if you want a receipt just let a member know.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

General Meeting

November, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eric Odegaard.

Secretary's report—A motion by Larry Murray to approve the minutes as published in the Rock-A-Gram was approved.

Treasurer's report was not giving as the treasurer was out of town.

Revisions to the by law's was discussed and a motion by Lori Heinemann was made to accept the changes, the motion was approved.

Yard Sale is set for Sat Dec. 10th; members are needed to come around 8:00 a.m. to help put the rock out for sale. The sale will start at 10:00 a.m. for members, and open to the other clubs at 12:00p.m.

Christmas party is set for Dec 15th, at Romano's Macaroni Grill in St Petersburg from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Please sign up before the end of Nov. so they can have a count of how many are going.

Eric Odegaard would like to set up a field trip to Mason Mine's for some time in March. He has talked to the owners and they will give the club ½ price rate.

Show meeting for Nov. and Dec. will be on Dec 8th at 7:00 p.m. due to the holidays.

Building committee-the new roof is finished.

Tonight's program is about Faceting, presented by Dave Watson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Submitted by
Gerri Groves
Recording Secretary



WE THANK OUR ADVERTISERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ALL OUR MEMBERSHIP TO VISIT AND PATRONIZE THEIR BUSINESSES.



Clubhouse Class Schedules

CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Darell Groves (727) 656-0323 or darell.groves@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 12-4 p.m.

Jerri Heer (419) 344-9999 or jheerx6@aol.com

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

Dave Watson (727) 541-2917 or bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com

Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:

ENAMELING: *Pat Davis* (727) 323-2147, wayouttamygourd@gmail.com

FUSED GLASS: *Julia Larson* (727) 410-3781, glassgal0947@gmail.com

SILVER SMITHING: *Joe Cooper* (317) 775-5476, je.cooper@outlook.com

Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. (by appointment)

GEM TREES: *Jerri Heer* (419) 344-9999, jheerx6@aol.com

Anyone interested in taking a Beginning Gem Tree class, please contact Jerri Heer: (419) 344-9999 or 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, je.cooper@outlook.com

(by appointment)

Cost for classes (except faceting) is \$3.00 per hour 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.



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

P.O. Box 13254, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733-3254

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.

Feel free to copy any material from this bulletin, but please list all byline credits.

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Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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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 Open:

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 12:00- 4:00 p.m.