

# ROCK-A-GRAM



December 2018



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## General Meeting

Thursday, December 20, 2018

6:00 p.m.



### Meeting Location:

BJ's Brewhouse  
3800 Park Blvd  
Pinellas Park, FL  
(727) 525-4640



### Program:

#### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DINNER

This year's dinner will be:

WHEN: Thursday, December 20th, 6:00 P.M.

WHERE: B.J'S Restaurant & Brewhouse, 3800 Park Blvd. N

See Page 3 for more details...

- Susan Biel

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

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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

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays one and all! It's time for this years Christmas party.

Joann Knoss has volunteered as head for this year Dinner Committee. She has a sign up sheets at the club for this year's dinner. The dinner will be held at BJs restaurant at 3800 Park Blvd. in Pinellas Park, on Dec 20th at 6:00 pm.

We have been putting a lot of effort into rebuilding the equipment in the cabbng room but still have a lot to do around the clubhouse.

Your help and support is appreciated.

Thank you all.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas.

Joseph Cooper,  
 President



## Christmas Dinner

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT:

Dear SGAMS Members!

This year's dinner will be:

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**WHERE:** B.J'S Restaurant & Brewhouse, 3800 Park Blvd. N  
Pinellas Park (located in the Shoppes at Park Place, on the "corner" of Park Blvd/694 and 34th St/U.S. 19; from Park, take the "exit" to U.S. 19 and the entrance is half way down this road, and there is an entrance from 19 between Chili's and Wells Fargo)

**WHAT ELSE:** If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift (something related to the Gem & Mineral hobby) with a \$10 value and enter your name to be drawn.

This is in lieu of the December meeting at the Clubhouse.

Please let Joann Knoss at [jknoss@yahoo.com](mailto:jknoss@yahoo.com) know NO LATER than TUESDAY 18th if you (and any guests) plan to attend so that she can give the restaurant a headcount).

I hope to see you there! If, not, Merry Christmas, and see you in the New Year!

Susan Biel  
SGAMS VP

Bj's Brewhouse  
Pinellas Parkside Shopping Center  
3800 Park Blvd  
(727)525-4640



## Membership and Dues

Membership for the 2019 year is now closed until January 1st, 2019.

New members and renewals will be accepted again starting Jan 1st, 2019.

Annual dues are due beginning Sept 1st of each year.

Anyone who has not paid their 2019 dues will be deleted now and must renew their membership.

Donna Sapp,  
SGAMS Membership Chair



## Upcoming Shows:

January 11, 12, and 13, 2019  
Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.  
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL  
[www.PGS.Rocks](http://www.PGS.Rocks)

January 19 and 20, 2019  
Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society  
Jewelry, Gem, Minerals, & Fossil Show & Sale  
Volusia County Fairgrounds  
Deland, FL  
[www.tomokagms.org](http://www.tomokagms.org)

January 20 and 21, 2019  
Panama City Gem & Mineral Society  
Central Panhandle Fairgrounds  
Panama City, FL  
[www.pcgmsociety.com/](http://www.pcgmsociety.com/)

February 2 and 3, 2019  
Symphony of Gemstones Show and Sale  
Kiwanis Island Recreation Center  
Merritt Island, FL  
[www.centralbrevardgems.org](http://www.centralbrevardgems.org)

February 16 and 17, 2019  
Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society  
Vero Beach, FL

February 23, 2019  
Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society  
Lakeland, FL  
[www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

March 1, 2 and 3, 2019  
Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—48th Annual Show  
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL  
[www.sgams.com](http://www.sgams.com)

April 5, 6, and 7, 2018  
Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society  
Rock, Mineral, Gem, and Jewelry Show  
Florida National Guard Armory  
Orlando, FL  
[www.cfmgs.org](http://www.cfmgs.org)

## 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  
Fredericksburg, TX

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

January 19-20, 2019

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

**Southeast Federation**  
March 1-3, 2019  
Largo, FL

### 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  
October 04, 2018**

**Now Approved Board of Directors Meeting Minutes:**

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

Board members in attendance were Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Susan Biel, Shamus Walker, Eric Odegaard, Pat Davis, Sandy Theisz, and Gerri Groves.

Also in attendance were Lori Heinemann and Jerri Heer.

Secretary's report-motion by Susan Biel to accept as printed. Motion approved.

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

Education Chairperson- Pat Davis has agreed to accept this position.

Hospitality chairperson- Lori Heinemann will call Ann Morrison and check to see if she wants to continue this position. If not we will ask at the general meeting if anyone else would be interested.

Show committee- Bill Schmidt was not available for the meeting but the show committee will hold a meeting on Oct 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Old business- Repair work for the capping machines will not be done until we have all the parts, wheels, bearings and whatever else might be needed.

New business- E-mail address on the website and in the Rock a Gram are peoples personal e-mails and should not be available to the general public. Bill Schmidt would like the shows e-mail address to stay the same; also Donna Sapp would also like to keep her e-mail address the same. Lori Heinemann will get the personal e-mails deleted and create ones that reflect the clubs e-mail address. Motion by Shamus Walker to remove personal e-mails, motion approved.

Jerri Heer has several items that she would like approved.

1. Nomination of Rosemary VanWandelen as the State director for the state of Florida for the SEF.
2. Would like to borrow 5 cases for the Tampa clubs show. Motion by Shamus Walker to approved. Motion approved.
3. South East Federation- need a place for the quarterly meeting in March of 2019, Jerri Heer asked if we would allow them the use of the clubhouse for their meeting it will be the same weekend as our show. Motion by Eric Odegaard to allow them use of the clubhouse that weekend. Motion approved.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

**Volunteers for the Clubhouse**

We need volunteers to arrive an hour early to our General Meetings, to assist and clean the interior of the Clubhouse. We need to keep up general housekeeping, since we don't have a maid.

Please arrive early to our meeting and contribute with a little elbow grease. Thank you for your continuous contribution to keep our clubhouse tidy and shining.

## Dues were Due!

If you did not renew your membership with Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society, this will be your last delivery of the Rock-A-Gram to your email address.

Your membership is annual, and our fiscal year is from September 1st through August 31st, each year.

Your dues are nominal, and provide the opportunity to enjoy all SGAMS offers.

Remember, by being a member of SGAMS, you are also a member of both—our Regional and National Club levels, included with your dues on an annual basis.

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
General Meeting  
October 18, 2018**

### **Now Approved General Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Cooper at 7:15 p.m.

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

Treasurer's report Lori Heinemann presented the report. A motion was made to approve and file for audit, motion approved.

Education chairperson-Pat Davis has agreed to take on this position.

Hospitality- Ann Morrison has stepped down and we need a replacement. JoAnn Knoss has agreed to be the Hospitality chairperson.

Equipment- the cabbng machines are being repaired as quickly as they can once the wheels and bearing are ordered.

Program- tonight's program is Help me identify what this is.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves,  
Recording Secretary

## SGAMS Show Silent Auction

Dear Club Members:

I would like to suggest that as you create your wonderful cabs, jewelry, gemstones and other great works, that you please consider donating some of them to the Club's Silent Auction for the March 2019 Show.

The more appealing items that we have to offer, the greater our potential to raise the funds necessary to keep our machinery, supplies and Clubhouse up and running!

If you are interested in donating, please contact Susan Biel at bielbay46@gmail.com, or (315) 380-7037 (please leave a message). \*\*\* Notice - Updated Phone Number. \*\*\*

Thank you! - Susan Biel

### Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting November 15, 2018

No board meeting was held in November as there were not enough members present.

Meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President Joe Cooper.

Secretary's report- a motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the Rock-a- Gram, despite not being approved by the board of directors. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report- no report was given as Eric Odegaard was not there.

Christmas Dinner- will be held at BJ's Restaurant at 3800 Park Blvd, on Dec 20th from 6-8 p.m.

Equipment- all the equipment in the cabbing room is up and running. Please use the equipment correctly, or it will need repair more often and this is an expense to the club. Treat the equipment as if it were own.

Show meeting will be on Nov 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's program is about Florida Calcite.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves,  
Recording Secretary

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## Clubhouse Class Schedules

**CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.**

*Lori Heinemann* email: [sgams-rock-a-gram@mail.com](mailto:sgams-rock-a-gram@mail.com)

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

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.*

*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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#### 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