

# ROCK-A-GRAM



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## General Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019  
7:00 p.m.



### Meeting Location:

4619 69th Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL



## Program: Annual Auction Night

This is a key fund raiser for our club where members can really get involved by donating items that will get some hot bidding going. It doesn't have to be lapidary or gem related, just something that you know will bring some good bids and thus funds for the club! And raid your piggy bank too and be ready to bid on the great items other members have donated! Going...going....going – to BE FUN!!

- 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

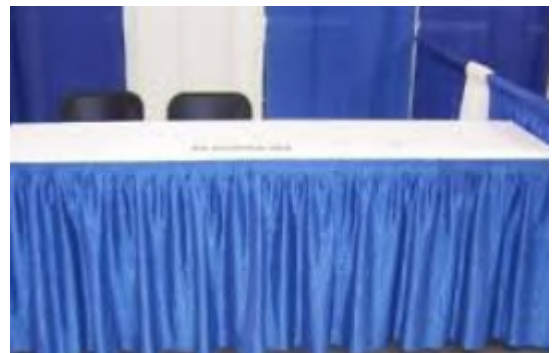
I want to thank everyone that showed up for the clubhouse and yard cleanup a lot was accomplished in a short time so Thank you all.

The February meeting is our last meeting before our big annual gem and mineral show in March! As every one know's this is our largest money making event for the club each year. If you have not had the opportunity to assist with the show, and would still like to Please check with the show committee, Bill Schmidt, Chairman, to see where you can help...

Our Show is a three-day event and it takes a lot of people to make it happen. With all the booths and activities we have going on throughout the show there is bound to be something that is fun for everyone.

I would like to personally think every one for contributing your time and efforts to the club. With out you all there would be no club. So thank you.

Joseph Cooper,  
 President



## Show News

I hope you have been able to spread the word about our show to your friends and acquaintances. There is a short 3 weeks left till D-day! Remember I have electronic copies of the different sized fliers and written notices for you to distribute. Just call or e-mail with your requests. Also, our website has the full sheet flier in color. Feel free to mention us on any social media that you use and announce us in your other club meetings.

As of this writing we have about 80% of the Show volunteer slots filled. The sign up sheets can be found in the front of the Clubhouse Main Room. So, check over the empty time slots and step up where you can. Some need a second person in the earlier shifts and remember were looking for three persons for each Silent Auction. Glad to report that Donna S has filled the ticket and information booths.

We have display cases still available! If you want to show off your work and give potential members an idea what SGAMS is about then step up quickly please.

The last Show committee meeting will be Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. I know it is early but the week after the General meeting is set up day. We will be doing our last minute checking, some silent auction, inventorying supplies, and setting up the new Grab Bag board. We will ensure everything is ready. Hope to see you there.

Thank You for Debbie, Kelly, Sherri, Chris, Carmen, June, Joann H, Joann K, Rick, Jerri, Bonnie and Pat for coming out on Saturday morning and finished the Grab Bags. We made 250 bags, double from last year, in a just few hours.

Thanks, Bill Schmidt

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**Upcoming Shows:**

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)

Later in the year:

Jacksonville—September 2019

Orlando—October 2019

Tampa Bay—November 2019

Withlacoochee—December 2019

**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  
January 03, 2019**

**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 President Joe Cooper, Susan Biel, Shamus Walker, Eric Odegaard, Dave Watson, Dan Stefanski, Pat Davis and Gerri Groves.

Secretary's report-Motion by Eric Odegaard to approve the minutes as printed, and was approved.

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

Old Business-Mail box has been installed in the clubhouse for membership dues and new applications. Donna Sapp has the only key.

Work day is set for Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9-12.

Website- under the classes it still has everyone's personal e-mail address, this need to be corrected to reflect only the club's e-mail address.

Show- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 12:00 grab bags will be filled. Next show meeting will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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.

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**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
General Meeting  
17, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Cooper at 7:05 p.m. published in the Rock-a-Gram was approved.

Treasurer's report- no report was given Eric Odegaard was not at the meeting.

Show- next meeting is Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Grab bags at to be filled on Sat. Jan 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Display cases, we have one set up on the table in the clubhouse so you can Secretary's report- A motion by Dan Stefanski to approve the minutes as printed.

Display Cases—see what they look like, if you would like to display some of your work sign up on the sheets in the clubhouse.

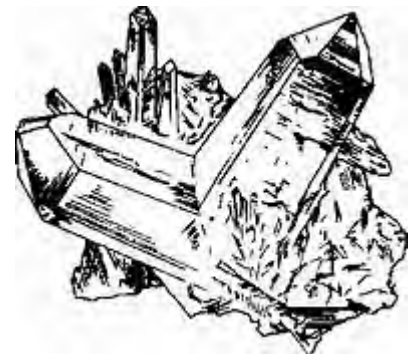
Yard cleanup is set for Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be cleaning outside in the yard and inside anything that need cleaning.

Program- What kind of machines and tools do you have and now did you get started in Lapidary, this will be helpful to new members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves,  
Recording Secretary



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

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**Wednesdays, 12-4 p.m.**

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

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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.*

*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.

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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