

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2018
7:00 p.m.



Clubhouse Location:
4619 69th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL



Program: Game Show Night

By Eric Odegaard

Eric will provide another fun filled evening with a game for all of us to enjoy!

See you next Thursday!

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

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

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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

Happy new year everyone!

I can't believe another year has gone by. Here we are in 2018 already. By the way this year has started out, I'm wondering whether I live in Florida or somewhere in the northern United States. In all seriousness, it is very nice to have a little cool weather down here instead of the usual heat and humidity. I hope all of you are staying warm and enjoying the break from our heat.

We have a big few months coming up as we prepare for our annual show. As you all are well aware of, this is our big moneymaker. We need all the help we can get. There are still plenty of slots to be filled in working the different areas of the show. There is also help needed in both Setting up and tearing down. Preparing for the show over the next few months is another area that we could use some help with. Please contact Bill Schmidt if you would like to volunteer to help out with our show in anyway.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I hope to see you all at our January general meeting. We should have a great time with lots of laughs. We are scheduled to have one of our ever so popular game nights! See you all soon.

Eric Odegaard,
 President



Show News:

Welcome to the New Year.

Let's not forget about display cases! We have 6-8 available for you to show off your work in a themed narrative. This is one of our highlights: involving visitors by educating them about minerals, gems & the lapidary arts and that they too can learn to create such beautiful things. Obviously, next we mention that SGAMS is just the place to do it. At the next general meeting there will be one set up in the main room for you to size up. We have colored fabric liners and platforms to help stage your work. The set up and break-down volunteers will assemble/dis-assemble the blank cases. From here it is up to you to let your creativity blossom too fill the blank canvas.

The Show flyers are at the Clubhouse, come and get them! I need your help to spread the word of our Show. Think about the groups and organizations that you're involved with and how you can get our Show information to those friends? See if you can get a flyer or a written notice of ours distributed in newsletters, bulletins, posted on notice boards, make a personal announcement, or anything else you can think of. I have electronic copies of the different sized fliers and also pre-written notices for you. Just call or e-mail with your requests. Our website has the full-color, full sheet flyer for you to copy and print or attach to e-mails. We are on Facebook and if you have not "Like" us yet, search for us and hit that button!

The sign up sheets for the Show are in the Clubhouse Main Room and as of this writing we are about $\frac{2}{3}$ full. Some just have one person and a second is needed. So check these over and step in where you can. For the Silent Auction we will be running them shorter and will need three people for each shift to keep the pace up.

On Saturday 20th members are needed to help assemble the grab bags for the Information Table. This is a great time to learn some rocks and minerals as there will be many pieces of the same type. We'll be going through bins of material, breaking up large pieces, bagging them with a printed label and grouping them in sets. We are going to meet at the Clubhouse at 9:30. See Susan Biel for any extra information.

The next Show committee meeting will be back on schedule at 7:00, Thursday the 26th.

Thank You,
Bill Schmidt
(727) 657-0998



Upcoming Shows:

January 12, 13, and 14, 2018
Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL
www.PGS.Rocks

January 20 and 21, 2018
Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society
Jewelry, Gem, Minerals, & Fossil Show & Sale
Volusia County Fairgrounds
Deland, FL
www.tomokagms.org

January 20 and 21, 2018
Panama City Gem & Mineral Society
Central Panhandle Fairgrounds
Panama City, FL

February 3 and 4, 2018
Symphony of Gemstones Show and Sale
Kiwanis Island Recreation Center
Merritt Island, FL
www.centralbrevardgems.org

February 17 and 18, 2018
Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society
Vero Beach, FL

February 24, 2018
Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society
Lakeland, FL
www.bonevalley.net

March 2, 3, and 4 2018
Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—48th Annual Show
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL
www.sgams.com

April 6, 7, and 8 2018
Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society
Rock, Mineral, Gem, and Jewelry Show
Florida National Guard Armory
Orlando, FL
www.cfmgs.org

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
TBA

Midwest Federation
May 6-7, 2017
Brainerd, MN

Southeast Federation

Northwest Federation
May 19-21, 2017
Hamilton, MT

November 18-20, 2016
Marietta GA

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

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

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

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

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society: www.cfmgs.com, Central Florida Newsletter

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club: www.tampabayrockclub.com, Coral Geode Newsletter

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

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County: www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com, Withlacoochee Rockhound Newsletter

Our Web Site:

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

Nominating Committee

We have nominating committee who will be seeking to fill open board positions.

If you are interested in serving on the board next year, or in future years, please talk to one of our current board members to learn more about contributing to our club.

And, should you be approached by a nomination committee member in any year, think how you can enrich the future of SGAMS.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
December 07, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Pat Davis. Board members in attendance were Pat Davis, Dave Watson, Rhonda Kuntz, Dan Stefanski, and Gerri Groves. Also attending was Sandy Theisz.

Secretary's report-motion by Rhonda Kuntz to accept the minutes as printed was accepted.

Treasurer's report-Motion by Dan Stefanski to accept and file for audit was accepted.

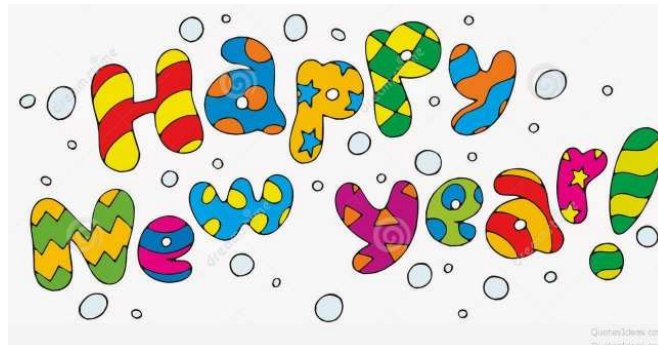
Christmas dinner will be Dec 21st at 6:00p.m. at Chili's on U.S. Highway 19 N.

Equipment- repairs have been made to the Pixie and the Genie. Work still being done to the big saw and the Highland Park machines.

Discussion on ways to get member involved it the maintenance of the clubhouse.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Gerri Groves,
Recording Secretary



Revisions to Bylaws

Section 2: Admission to Membership

Any person who is interested in the purposes and goals of the Society may obtain membership by completing an Application for Membership Form, volunteering to serve on at least one committee, and paying one (1) year's dues. Upon acceptance into the Society by the membership chair, a membership card shall be issued.

Section 5: Reinstatement

A member suspended for nonpayment of dues by November 30th may be reinstated by filling out a new application, paying their delinquent dues, and sending or giving the application and dues to the membership chairperson for review and approval.

If the suspended member does not submit a completed application and include their dues by September 1, they shall be required to meet the requirements then in force.

Eric Odegaard

2018
Happy New Year!

A Note from the Editor -

Happy New Year!

We had a beautiful Christmas gathering in December, and it was great to see so many for our celebration. And now we're on to the new year with so much to happen.

Please notice the Bylaw Revisions noted above as these will be presented at the January Meeting.

Our Show is coming up. If you haven't been to a show before or volunteered at one, it is an experience! For those that have participated before you know the rest.

You've seen a couple of articles from your fellow members recently. Think what you'd like to write and have published, right here in our own newsletter...

Please feel free to submit your articles to share with all of our members!

Send Submissions to: SGAMS-Rock-A-Gram@mail.com

Submitted by
Lori Heinemann Editor

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.

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Wednesdays, 12-4 p.m.

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

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



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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