

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

4619 69th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL

Program:

A Night of Shop Talk and Tool Time!

Dear Members: Please prepare to tell us about whatever machinery and/or tools you own, be it lapidary, metal working, jewelry making, beading, etc. to help other members learn where to start in creating their own "shop" at home. If possible, hands-on with smaller tools; a photo or two of larger machinery would be helpful.

- 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

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 Years everyone!

The months of January and February find us preparing for our annual show, which takes place at the beginning of March. This show is really big for our club it brings in the majority of our revenue for the year. If you are interested in helping, there are sign up sheets at the clubhouse. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Schmitt.

We have been working very hard to get the clubs equipment back up and working like new again. There are a lot of repairs and cleanup needed around the clubhouse. We need help cleaning up the yard and getting rid of some of the junk in the shed. We will send email blast with dates and time.

I want to address how dues are collected. There are three ways to pay dues. A mailbox has been installed in the clubhouse and Donna Sapp has the only keys. There are envelopes and membership forms at the clubhouse.

Dues are accepted in one of the following manners only:

1. Mail dues to Donna
2. Hand them to Donna at a meeting in person
3. Put dues in an envelope with your Name on it and place it in mailbox at the clubhouse

Please pay dues on time. Please

See you all soon.

Joseph Cooper,
 President

Show News

Welcome to the New Year.

Lets 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, -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 breakdown volunteers will assemble/disassemble the empty cases. From here it is up to you to let your creativity blossom too fill the blank canvas.

The Show fliers 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 flier 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 flier 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 only ½ full. Some just have one person and a second is needed. So check the sheets 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 the 19th members are needed to help assemble 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 Sherry Staley to give her a heads p that you will be there and for any extra information.

The next Show committee meeting will be back on schedule at 7:00, Thursday the 24th.

Thanks, Bill Schmidt

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Upcoming Shows:

January 11, 12, and 13, 2019
Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL
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

January 20 and 21, 2019
Panama City Gem & Mineral Society
Central Panhandle Fairgrounds
Panama City, FL
www.pcgmsociety.com/

February 2 and 3, 2019
Symphony of Gemstones Show and Sale
Kiwanis Island Recreation Center
Merritt Island, FL
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

March 1, 2 and 3, 2019
Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—48th Annual Show
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL
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

FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
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

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

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society: www.cfmgs.org

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club:
www.tampabayrockclub.com

Pinellas Geological Society: www.pgs.rocks
Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society:
www.bonevalley.net

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County:
www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com

Our Web Site:

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

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

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
December 06, 2018**

Approved Board of Directors Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order by President Joe Cooper, at 7:06 p.m.

Board members in attendance were Joe Cooper, Susan Biel, Dave Watson, Shamus Walker, Pat Davis Dan Stefanski, and Gerri Groves.

Secretary report- a motion by Susan Biel to approve the minutes of the October board meeting was approved.

Treasurer's report- there was no report as Eric Odegaard was not present at this meeting.

Building- we received a proposal for the removal of all the animals and pests that are in the building, and will also put up wire mesh to keep them out. The proposal is from the company that does our termite inspection, cost is \$1,400.00. Motion by Dan Stefanski to approve to tell Eric Odegaard to go ahead and get this done, motion approved.

Discussion on the ongoing problem with membership dues and what should be done. We have decided to place a locking drop box in the clubhouse that is for membership dues and application when Donna Sapp is not at the clubhouse. No dues are to be accepted by anyone else, they must be placed in the lock box.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 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.

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 December 20, 2018

No general meeting was held in December as the annual Christmas outing replaced the meeting.

Thank You to JoAnn Knoss for all of your work on our Holiday Dinner event.

The third Thursday of each month from September to May:

Remember we have a Christmas Dinner each December.

And

An End-of-Year and Officer Installation Dinner each May.

Please see if you can attend any of our general meetings at the clubhouse:

September, October, November, then from January through April.

And the two annual dinner events.

December and May, with the place to be determined.

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Clubhouse Class Schedules

CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Lori Heinemann email: sgams-rock-a-gram@mail.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 SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com

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

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

Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:

FUSED GLASS: *Julia Larson* (727) 410-3781, SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com

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, 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.



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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