

ROCK-A-GRAM



June-September, 2010



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General Meeting

Thursday, September 16, 2010

New Location:

J. W. Cate Recreation Center
5801 22nd Avenue North
St. Petersburg
7-9 p.m.

Program

What Did You Do Over The Summer?

Bring in items you collected over the summer, or what you have made.

Did you go to a mineral mine out of state?

Did you travel to some far off land?

Tell us about it!

It's September and DUES ARE DUE once again. Please give them to the membership chairperson, or Sue Hazelden, Treasurer at our General Meeting.

DUES ARE DUE!
\$15.00 Individuals—\$20 per family

If your last name starts with A-M, please bring goodies to our meeting to share.

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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 J. W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL.

President's Message

Hi All,

And welcome back. I hope you all had a great summer and managed to stay reasonably cool. The September meeting is the time to share stories of travels, collecting trips, adventures, and catch up with friends. If you found some good rocks we want to hear about it and see them. Bring a few to the meeting.

This should be an exciting year. We have a new class (lampwork bead making) being planned. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter. Regular classes will resume this month.

This is your club. Take advantage of this organizational meeting to sign up for the classes and projects that interest you.

Don't forget the new meeting place is J W Cate Recreation Center at 5801 22nd Ave North.
New meeting time is 7 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Pat Davis, President

Postage Stamps

Please remember to bring your stamps to the meeting. Stamps can be either carefully removed from the paper or better yet neatly trimmed with a 1/4" boarder around the stamp. For complete details, please check the Southeast Federation website at: amfed.org/sfms/stamp_program.html.

We need a volunteer to help collect and prepare these stamps. If you can help, see *Bill Schmidt* at the general meeting.



Lampwork Bead Class

Linda White, one of our new members this year, will begin a lampwork bead class two nights a month. Linda has been teaching lampwork at the Hyde Park Arts Center for a number of years, and her class will be a great addition to the classes already being offered through SGAMS.

The class will be for beginners as

well as experienced lampworkers. Since SGAMS does not currently have the necessary lampwork equipment, students will have to provide most of their own equipment and supplies, which can be purchased directly or through Linda at her cost; or you may purchase from a local glass supplier. If you are interested in this class, please come to an introductory

meeting on **Tuesday, October 12, at 7 p.m.**, at the SGAMS clubhouse, 6901 46th Ave. N. Linda will demonstrate, talk about the class and will also take orders for supplies. Classes will begin on Tuesday, October 26, 7-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Linda at 804-7023 or by email at lw@tampabay.rr.com.

Help Wanted

Our annual Show is coming in March (5,6,7) and the preparations have begun this Summer. What is next on the list of tasks is making this years mailing list from the last show's grand prize drawing entries. I need one or two members that have Microsoft Excel on their computers and can give me 2-3 hours of your time to type in the addresses off of the cards. If your interested, please see me at the general meeting next week, or give me a call at 727-822-8279.

Thanks,
Bill Schmidt

We Still Are Collecting Aluminum Cans

Bring in your cans, and give to Sue Hazelden at the General Meeting. If you would like to volunteer to collect these cans for Sue at the general meetings, please let her know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Sue Hazelden, Treasurer
727-321-5732

New Members:

<i>Lisa Hermanns</i>	<i>Wanda Farner</i>
<i>Elizabeth Hunley</i>	<i>Delores Grant</i>
<i>Kimberly Morelli</i>	<i>Paul Pierce</i>

White Buffalo Turquoise

When discovered in the Dry Creek Mine on the Shoshone Indian Reservation near Battle Mountain, Nevada, in 1993, they were not sure what it was. Because of its hardness, it was decided to send it to have it assayed and their suspicions proved correct; it was in fact white turquoise. It was not until 1996, however, that it was finally made into jewelry.



Clubhouse Class Schedules

Faceting: Mondays 6-9 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m.-12 noon

Cabbing: Mondays & Wednesdays 7-9 p.m.

Silversmithing: Mondays 6– 8 p.m.

Fused Glass: Tuesdays (First and Third only) 7-9 p.m.
Fifth Tuesday, if there should be one.
(Starting October)

Lampwork: Tuesdays (Second and Fourth only)
TBA

**THERE WILL BE A SIGN
UP SHEET AT THE
GENERAL MEETING
FOR ALL CLASSES.**



Is “Permanently Bonded” Really Forever?

By Rita O’Neal

Recently I purchased a beautiful Brazilian agate which was glued to a bola slide. When I asked the dealer how I could remove the agate, so I could display it rather than wear it, he replied that he glued it with epoxy, and it was on to stay. Later I happened to ask another dealer if he knew of a way I could remove the agate from the tie slide.

He said they do it all the time. Just put it in the freezer over night. The next morning use a knife with a thin blade and gently push or pry the blade under the edge of the fastener. The tie slide will just pop off. I followed his instructions, and sure enough, it popped right off. I cleaned off the remaining glue with nail polish remover, which was the dealers second suggestion if the freezer method didn’t work.

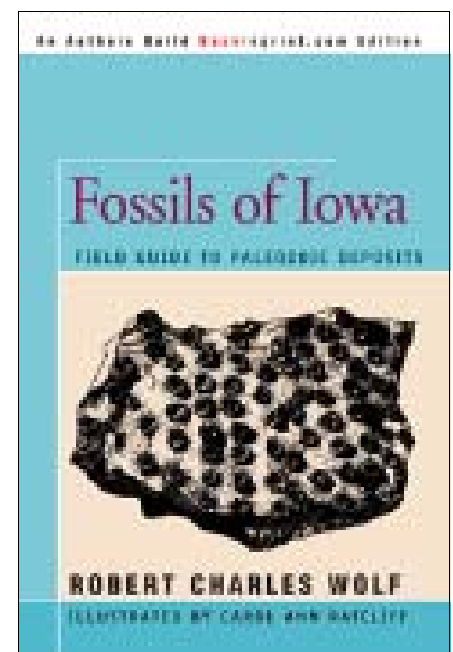
Source: The Post Rock 6/01 via Stoney State-ments 6/10; AGMS Newsletter Star-O-Lite, July, 2010.

Iowa Fossil Book for Sale

My book Fossils of Iowa, A Field guide to Paleozoic Deposits, paperback, has been reprinted. Originally published in 1983 by the Iowa State University Press the book has been reprinted in 2006 in its original form by Backinprint.com. It lists more than 150 collecting sites in Iowa and adjacent parts of Minnesota and Nebraska. There are 30 plates of illustrations. The book is available for \$16.95 from www.Iuniverse.com and other places. It can be ordered direct from me for \$16.95 plus \$4 shipping. Iowa residents ad 6% sales tax.

A self-produced CD is available from me free of charge that updates the information in the book. It is included when people order from me, or I can e-mail them the file. Also if you already have a copy of the book I can send you the update.

Thank you
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GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS:

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., Lodestar, May 2010

October 1-3, 2010: Dallas, NC

Gaston County Gem, Mineral & Faceters Club. Biggerstaff Park, Hwy 279(Cherryville Hwy), Dallas NC. Free admission, hourly raffles, gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry. Hours: Fri. Sat. & Sun. 9-6. Contact: Jackay McDaniel 704-865-6748 or jackaythegrizz@aol.com or Connie Cole 704-864-4387.

October 2-3, 2010: Lexington, KY

Rockhounds of Central Kentucky, 20th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show and Sale, Kentucky National Guard Armory, 4301 Airport Road, Hours: Sat. 10 to 6 and Sun. 12 to 5. Mineral, jewelry, and equipment dealers; club sales and exhibits; hourly door prizes for adults and children; blacklight display; kids quarry; and silent auctions. Grand door prize drawing at 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission Adults \$1, children 6-12 50 cents, max \$3 per family. Scouts in uniform get in free. Contact: Mona Ferrell monaferrell@yahoo.com or Trish Henson birdgal@att.net.

October 15-17, 2010: Knoxville, TN

Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society. 19th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show, Kerbela Temple, Mimosa Ave. Show is \$4/per day per adult.

November 6-7, 2010: Melbourne, FL

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society. Parade of Gems, Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Ave. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-5. Contact Don McLamb 321-723-2592 or fdjmc@aol.com.

November 20-21, 2010: West Palm Beach, FL.

44th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead, and Fossil Show, Americraft Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd. Hours: Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5. Over 60 dealers, door prizes, fossil dig. Free parking. Adults \$7, children under 12 free. Contact Barbara Ringhiser at bar5678@aol.com.

FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
August-September, 2010
www.AMFED.org

2010-11 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions

California Federation

May 13-15
Anderson, CA

Eastern Federation

July -10
Syracuse, NY

Midwest Federation

September 8-11
Toledo, OH

Northwest Federation

September 17-19
Hillsboro, OR

Rocky Mountain Federation

June 24-26
Colorado Springs, CO

South Central Federation

December 11-12
DeRidder, LA

Southeast Federation

October 16-18
Knoxville, TN



The Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society
a local non-profit club proudly presents:
41st Annual

Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show and Sale

March 4, 5, 6, 2011

Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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- ◆ Channel Work
- ◆ Gem Cutting
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- ◆ From North on US 19 take 66th Street exit go to 126th Ave., turn left.

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ADMISSION

Donations: \$5.00/adult good for all three days.
Children under 6 FREE, Students with parents or I.D. Card \$4.00
\$1.00 off admission with this ad. Limit one per person.

FREE PARKING

THE SALE OF THE CENTURY

A Rockhound's Personal Collection

November 12-14, 2010

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6936 - 40th Avenue North

St. Petersburg, FL

A club member's collection of over 40 years is being offered for sale by Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society This collection is being offered by invitation only to rock club members and others associated with the lapidary hobby. *This is not a garage sale!* .

- Minerals of all kinds and sizes, from large to small
- Concretions
- Geodes, from extremely large to very small, some Mexican uncut and some cut with lovely Crystals, some polished, all from various locations.
- Calcite, very large to small pieces from various localities, dogtooth to massive.
- Cutting material, large variety, large and small, some beautiful pieces
- Slabs - loads, from very thin to regular to very thick
- Petoskey Stone
- Petrified Wood from various locations, large and small pieces
- Alabama petrified wood-extra large to small
- Herkimer Diamonds
- Quartz crystal, large & small, singles & clusters, smoky & black
- Tumbles stones - loads
- Trilobites
- Fossils of all kinds
- Fossilized bones, unknown locations
- Mica
- Fluorescent specimens
- Garden rock
- Agatized corals
- And much more!

The corals are heads as large as 2 feet across to very small. Different kinds of heads, some heads have been opened, some contain crystals, some botryoidal. Uncut fingers from about 2 feet long to very small, cut fingers, and large to very small pieces of coral.

The small and medium fingers can be purchased by the pound or the bucket.

There are literally TONS of corals. Must see to be believed!

For information call: Sue Hazelden, 727-321-5732

24th Annual World's Championship Quartz Crystal Dig.

October 7th, 8th and 9th, 2010

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Contact – Director, Mount Ida Chamber of Commerce

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E-mail director@mtidachamber.com



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Graves Mountain "Rock Swap and Dig"

- 8 am to 6 pm, Friday, October 1, 2010
- 8 am to 6 pm, Saturday, October 2, 2010
- 8 am to 6 pm, Sunday, October 3, 2010

"You are invited to field collect minerals at Georgia's premiere mineral location!"

The caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., has announced plans to hold two three day digs and rock swaps on the Mountain during 2010. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the Hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart type, four wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6 pm each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks:

Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be setup for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events. Don't forget to bring some extra money to buy the special "Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig" T-shirt!

Contact Information:

Clarence Norman Jr. (Junior) - 706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home)

THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL SFMS CLUBS and the GENERAL PUBLIC!

Mark your calendar and tell all your members about these two great events!

Please follow this link for a map to Graves Mountain: ([CLICK HERE](#))

DIRECTIONS: From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left. Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up a hill. Please park along the access road and then proceed to the "Welcome Tent" at the end of the pavement to obtain a liability release form and to make a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

SFMS Field Trip Committee:

Please reply by e-mail to: dmc@gamineral.org

Jim Flora - SFMS Field Trip Committee Chair

Graves Mountain code of conduct!

- Park your vehicle in the designated area(s) only.
- ~~NO child under the age of 12 years old is to be allowed on the mountain because of all the dangers involved:~~
CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "Rock Swap and Dig" IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION!
- ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.
- The Graves Mountain caretaker, Clarence Norman Jr., has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.
- Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. (HAND TOOLS ONLY!)
- STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!
- NO REPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING OR HANGING FROM ROPES!
- NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)
- EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY DUSK. (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)

Please protect our ability to field collect at Graves Mountain!

Report Violations to: Clarence Norman Jr.
706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home)

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September Holidays
 Labor Day - 5
 First Day of Autumn - 22

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OCTOBER 2010

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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.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through April at 7:00 p.m., at J.W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg. 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: \$15.00 single or \$20.00 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.

ROCK-A-GRAM (Official Bulletin)

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Clubhouse Activities September - May

Board Meeting:

(September - May)

First Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Open:

Mondays, 7- 9 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Faceting, Silversmithing, Fused Glass Classes

By appointment