

# ROCK-A-GRAM



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## General Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2017

7:00 p.m.



### Clubhouse Location:

4619 69th Street North,  
St. Petersburg, FL



## Program:

# Annual Club Auction

Our annual club auction is here!

Please bring in something to contribute to our Annual Club Auction... And we can auction off what you donate to this annual auction event, watching to see what it will bring in for our Club!

If your contribution is rock related that's great, but it doesn't have to be. It can be anything someone will buy! And bring money so you can scarf up all the treasures your fellow members are bringing. Get ready to grab some loot, and good time will be had by all!

All proceeds go to help fund our club projects! So, please be as generous as you can. Eric will be providing an encore performance as auctioneer! If you attended last year's event you know how much fun it was!

If you won something at a previous meeting, bring something to share!

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

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Rock-A-Gram Newsletter

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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 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 our clubhouse.

## President's Message

First I would like to thank everyone for their help in making this year such a success! There is a Lotta hard work and time put in by a lot of different people. We should have the tallies for the show out by our general meeting so that everyone can see how we did.

Speaking of our general meeting, this month at the general meeting we will hold our annual auction. There should be a lot of fun and exciting stuff that our club members can bid on in order to raise money for our club. We have spent a lot of money over the last two years making capital improvements to our clubhouse. Hopefully the auction will help us recuperate some of that money. Auction night tends to go a little longer than our normal one hour meetings. If you have to leave, no problem at all but I just wanted to let everyone know ahead of time that way maybe you could plan to stay :)

We also have our new member picnic and our yard sale coming up on 8 April. We will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs for our members. Please come out and join us to welcome our newest members.

Last of all, I would like to remind you of our field trip to masons mine in North Carolina. Details will be announced at the March meeting and there will be emails that will be going out explaining the trip in detail. I hope everyone has had a great winter/spring and I look forward to seeing you at the auction.

Eric Odegaard,  
President

## Club Badges

Do you have your Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society Name Badge?

If you are a new member, or have misplaced your SGAMS club badge, then it is time to get a new one!

**See Donna at the meeting, and order your badge for \$3.50, monies due upon placing the order!**

We wear the badges at our General Monthly Meetings, our Special Events, and our Annual Show! Show your spirit, and sport your badge! It is also a great way to get to know one another better! We have many new members, and this is a great way to know who is a member, start a conversation, and easier to get acquainted!

At our Annual Show, it is a great way for all to know who is who, as we volunteer!

**The badges will be in a plastic sleeve with a metal clip attached, but no lanyard.**

**But, don't forget your badge at the meetings!**

There is a 'Penalty Jar' to encourage all to wear the badges, and if you forget to wear your badge, you get to donate a quarter ( .25 cents ) and this can be placed in the jar at the sign-in table.

## Picnic and Yard Sale:

On Saturday April 8th at 10:00 am, until 3:00 pm.

All members are invited to come help out.

We need some members to help set-up before the opening at 10:00 am.

So, plan on arriving at 8:00 am!

We'll start our Picnic around Noon.

Help organize and assist until 10:00, No Shopping until then, Please.

Our SGAMS Club Members will shop 1st

(We shop from 10:00 on!)

Members from Other Clubs and Guests may start shopping at 12:00  
(That's right, If you're a member in good standing you shop 1st!)

Then the Picnic is at Noon, during the general public Yard Sale.

SGAMS is providing this Picnic to our members, to celebrate us!

Yes, New Members and long standing members, this is for All!

You do NOT need to bring anything!

The club is giving back to all of us!

NOTE: If you are NOT a SGAMS member, don't fret, You can buy your lunch!

We'll have rocks and some equipment to!

So, bring your cash!

**Upcoming Shows:**

March 10, 11, and 12, 2017  
 Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show  
 Julian Smith Casino  
 Augusta, GA  
[www.agam.club](http://www.agam.club)

March 18 and 19, 2017  
 Dothan Gem and Mineral Club  
 Dothan, AL  
[www.wiregrassrockhounds.com](http://www.wiregrassrockhounds.com)

March 25 and 26, 2017  
 Blue Grass Gem & Mineral Club  
 Lexington Rock Gem & Jewelry Show  
 Lexington, KY  
[www.bggamc.homestead.com](http://www.bggamc.homestead.com)

April 22 and 23, 2017  
 Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society  
 Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show  
 Memphis, TN  
[www.theearthwideopen.com](http://www.theearthwideopen.com)

**FEDERATION NEWS**

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
[www.AMFED.org](http://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.jewelryshowguide.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](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.u

The URL for CMGS web site is: <http://www.canaveral-mgs.com/>

Winnipeg Rock and Mineral Club: [www.wrnc.ca](http://www.wrnc.ca)  
 Rock Vein Newsletter

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: [www.canaveral-mgs.com](http://www.canaveral-mgs.com),  
 Canaveral Moonstone Newsletter

National Park Foundation:  
[www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks](http://www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks)

**Our Web Site:**

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

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

**Field Trip:**

Save the Date: April 19th—23rd  
Franklin Mine, North Carolina with a stop by the Mason's Mine  
Join Us for the Trip or the dates you can spare!

More Details to follow!

Our fearless leader Eric is organizing this trip for all of us!

So, stay tuned for more information  
At the Monthly Meetings,  
Email Blasts from Dan,  
At the Club Yard Sale and Picnic,  
And, here in the Newsletter.  
You won't want to miss this event!

**Club Moderators**

The Board of Directors empowers the Moderators with authority, when the Shop or Classes are Open.  
The Moderators are overseeing the Club Facilities, Equipment, and well being of those present..  
As always Members should respect our Clubhouse, Equipment, and Fellow Club Members.

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.****Board of Directors Meeting****February 02, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eric Odegaard.

Board members present were Eric Odegaard, Jerri Heer, Gerri Groves, Rhonda Kuntz, Pat Davis, Dan Stefanski, Joe Cooper, and Dave Watson. Also attending were Lori Heinemann and Bill Schmidt.

Secretary's report-motion by Dan Stefanski to approve as printed was approved.

Treasurer's report-Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. Motion by Dan Stefanski to accept and file for audit was approved.

Termite inspection was done and additional problems were found and everything has been taken care of.  
Show committee-Bill Schmidt contacted the sheriff's office and we have been approved for only one officer instead of the two that they recommended.

Building- request was made that we have all the small open areas of the building rescreened to keep out small animals for building protection.

Equipment- repairs to several machines have been made.

Door locks-Eric Odegaard is still looking into this; he has been away for several weeks and has not had a chance to do this.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by Gerri Groves,  
Recording Secretary

**Glass Top Display Cases For Sale:**

The following sizes are available for purchase:

2-1/2" x 3-1/2" = \$3.00

3-1/2" x 4-1/2" = \$4.00

5-1/4" x 6-1/4" = \$5.00

8" x 12" = \$6.00

12" x 16" = \$9.00

If interested in purchasing any of these Glass Top Display Cases, contact: **Jack Hauser** at **727-520-5720**.

**Nominating Committee: For the coming year 2017-2018 the following names are on the ballot:**

President - Eric Odegaard

Vice-President - Joe Cooper

Recording Secretary - Gerri Groves

Corresponding Secretary - Dan Stefanski

Treasurer - Jerri Heer

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.****General Meeting****February 16, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Eric Odegaard.

Secretary's report-a motion by Rhonda Kuntz to approve the minutes as published in the Rock-a-Gram was approved.

Treasurer's report was not done as Jerri Heer was not in attendance.

The last show meeting before the show will be Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

New member picnic and yard sale will be April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Field trip is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be going to Mason's Mine, in Franklin, N.C.

Tonight is game night. A fun time was had by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerri Groves

Recording Secretary

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.**

*Darell Groves* (727) 656-0323 or [darell.groves@gmail.com](mailto:darell.groves@gmail.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 [bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com)

**Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:**

**ENAMELING:** *Pat Davis* (727) 323-2147, [wayouttamygourd@gmail.com](mailto:wayouttamygourd@gmail.com)

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

Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. (by appointment)

**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, [je.cooper@outlook.com](mailto:je.cooper@outlook.com)

(by appointment)

Cost for classes (except faceting) is \$3.00 per hour 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 Open:**

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 12:00- 4:00 p.m.