

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, March 15, 2018
7:00 p.m.



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



Program: Annual Auction

By Your Club

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!

See you next Thursday!

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

Good day everyone.

By the time you're reading this our show will be over and hopefully we will of had a record year! I'd like to take this time to thank each and everyone of you that volunteered to help our show become a success. We will be scheduling a new member picnic for the month of April to welcome all of our new members from throughout the year as well as members that we got from the show.

And I'd also like to take this time to remind you that our club house auction is fast approaching. Please take this time to go through any items that you've accumulated over the years that you would be willing to donate to the club to be auctioned off in order to raise money for the club. In past years this auction has been very successful and generates a substantial amount of income for our club. I will do my best to be there this year but I have surgery and I am not sure if I will be able to walk by then.

Thanks again for all that you do and I hope to see each and everyone of you very soon.
 Rock on!

Eric Odegaard,

President

Picnic and Yard Sale:

On Saturday May 12th 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 any food items!

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!

Thank You!

Thank You to all of our members that helped to make our 48th Annual Show happen—it takes all of us!

For What you may ask? — The donations made. The move from our clubhouse to the show. The set-up. Taking a shift of an hour or two at the club tables, or for the entire show. Shopping with us. And shopping with our many vendors. Then the tear-down and bring the stuff back home.

We also received some donations from a couple of customers.

Thank You to all of our Vendors for continuing to provide gem, mineral, rock, jewelry items from raw materials to finished goods.

Thank You also to Bill Schmidt for all the hard work he devotes to the show all year round!
Thanks to Sandy Theiz and Dave Watson contribute to the planning and show meetings.

Upcoming Shows:

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

September 21, 22, and 23, 2018

Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society
28th Annual Show
Morocco Shrine Auditorium
Jacksonville, FL
www.jaxgemandmineral.org

October 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

November 3 and 4, 2018

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo
www.tampabayrockclub.com

November 17 and 18, 2018

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches
South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East
West Palm Beach, FL
www.gemandmineralsociety.org

December 1, 2, and 3, 2018

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County
Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL
www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/

January 11, 12, and 13, 2019

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL
www.PGS.Rocks

March 1, 2, and 3 2019

Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—48th Annual Show
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL
www.sgams.com

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/>

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
February 041 2018**

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Cooper at 7:00 p.m.

Board member's in attendance were Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Jerri Heer, Gerri Groves, Pat Davis and Dan Stefanski.

Also attending were Darell Groves, Donna Sapp and Lori Heinemann.

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

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

Show committee- the final show meeting will be February 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Equipment- bearing are need for some of the cabbing machines.

Program of this month is Cabbing and proper use of the machines

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Gerri Groves,
Recording Secretary

Lost and Found

If you have lost or found anything, please bring it to the attention of your teacher, moderator, or a board member.

We have a bulletin board in the main room, please be sure to check there for any news and posting.

Currently we do have a missing item. If you have seen a piece of Purple Opal. The piece was in with the club wash bath/tub, and was mistakenly put in with the club rocks. If you mistakenly picked it up or bought it, the original owner is seeking it. Please look through your recent purchases from the Cab Room.

Nominating Committee

Our nominating committee consisting off Pat Davis, Joe Cooper, and Sandy Theisz— 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.

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February 15, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Cooper, at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's report-A motion by Don Schlough to approve the minutes as published in the Rock a Gram, was approved.

Treasurer's report-Lori Heinemann present the treasurer's report. A motion by Mike Kulas to accept and file for audit was approved.

Show committee, the last show meeting will be February 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. We will be filling the Gem mining bags, silent auction and getting thing ready to take to the show. Still have two display cases that can be filled. There are also a few time slots that need to be filled.

Tonight's program is on Cabbing and the proper care and use of the equipment, presented by Lori Heinemann and Dan Stefanski.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Gerri Groves
Recording Secretary

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Clubhouse Class Schedules

CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

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Wednesdays, 12-4 p.m.

Jerri Heer (419) 344-9999 or jheerx6@aol.com

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

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Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:

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

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SILVER SMITHING: Joe Cooper (317) 775-5476, 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

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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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 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