

# ROCK-A-GRAM



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## General Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2016  
6:30 p.m.



**Meeting Location:**  
Olive Garden Restaurant  
6700 U.S. 19,  
St. Petersburg, FL



## Program: Dinner & Installation

Annual End of Year Dinner—and—Installation of Officers

Note: The Dinner Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm at Olive Garden Restaurant.

For more details, please see page 3, and contact information is available also!

Looking forward to seeing all that can attend our May Dinner and General Meeting!

There will be bucket drawings for those wishing to participate, So, bring some money!

The clubhouse and classes continue year round so, don't stay away this summer!

## Board Members

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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

Well, here it is-my final president's message for the year.

I'm happy to say that we got a lot done this year. Some major improvements to the clubhouse were completed.

By the time you read this the roof repairs will be finished. The electrical issues in the Schwebel Center have been dealt with. For the first time EVER we have adequate air conditioning in the Schwebel Center. The rocks in the yard are now housed on racks off the ground so the grass can be mowed. I'm feeling just a little bit smug that all this happened on my watch.

Your new president can take office without any pressing building projects on the horizon.

What direction will the club take in the next year? Do we want to grow the show, expand our class offerings, or take on something that hasn't even been thought of yet? There are lots of possibilities and I am certain with Eric's leadership it will be fun and rewarding.

Wishing you safe travels and successful rock collecting.

Have a great summer!

Pat Davis  
 President



## Thanks for a wonderful show!

Gerri and Darrell,

My son and I had a lot of fun at the gem and mineral show today. Darrell spent a lot of time with us helping us select rocks for my son's rock tumbler and getting us the proper grits to use. I really appreciate the time he spent with us. The tumbler is turning as I type this and we are looking forward to seeing the stones when they are done. Thanks again for a great show. John and Jack Taylor .

## Dinner and Officer Installation

The SGAMS end of year dinner and installation of officers for 2016-17 will be held Thursday May 19, 6:30-9 pm at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 6700 US 19 N. A special program highlighting the 2015-16 club year is being planned. Members are invited to bring family and guests. We will be ordering from the regular menu, with separate checks for each party.

We need to let the Olive Garden know the number of guests to expect. If you plan to attend, please sign the list at the April meeting or let Julia Larson know at 410-3781 or [glassgal0947@gmail.com](mailto:glassgal0947@gmail.com) by May 13.

## 2016 SFMS Workshops:

Here is a listing of the SFMS Workshops, and feel free to visit <http://sfmsworkshops.com/> for details:

### William Holland Schedule 2016

June 5 – 12

Beading -Becky Patellis	Mineral ID - Scott Forward
Cabochons - Dave Bergquist	Opals - Carl Talbott
Casting - Bill Harr	Polymer Clay - Sandra Davis
Chainmaille - Kathy Morris	Silver II-SW Silver - Nancy English
Faceting - Tom Mitchell	Wire I - Sandy Bergquist
Gem Trees - Jerri Heer	Wire II - Wire Weaving & Wire Wrap Filigree - Jan Stephens

### Wildacres Schedule 2016

August 22 – 28

Fused Chain Maille - Roy Deere  
 Metalwork Special Projects - Jeff Sheer  
 Beading - Advanced  
 Mineral ID - Travis Paris  
 Chasing & Repousse - Tom and Kay Benham  
 Display Case - Danny Griffin  
 Deep Relief Wood Carving - Clancy Smith  
 Metal Clay 1 - Katie Baum  
 Gourds - Pat Davis  
 Beginning Wire - Rowan Rose

### Wildacres Schedule 2016

September 19 – 25

Chain Maille 1-2 - Roy Deere  
 Gem Identification - Teresa Polly  
 Casting - Bill Harr  
 Flint Knapping - Michael Miller  
 Wire for Beaders - Leslie Wayment  
 Faceting - Tom Mitchell  
 Silversmithing - Pattie Appleby  
 Scrimshaw - Rich Williams  
 Cold Connections and Enameling - Debora Mauser  
 Chasing & Repousse 2 - Tom and Kay Benham  
 Metal Clay 2 - Katie Baum

## Upcoming Shows:

May 6, 7, & 8, 2016

Georgia Mineral Society

Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy, Marietta, GA

May 28 & 29, 2016

Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society

Joppa Shrine Temple, 1.5 miles North of I-10 at Exit 41, Gulfport, MS

June 4 & 5, 2016

Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society

Tannehill Historical Ironworks State Park, 12632 Confederate Pkwy, McCalla, AL

October 15 & 16, 2016

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo

November 12 & 13, 2016

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

Melbourne Auditorium, 625 East Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901

January 13, 14, & 15, 2017

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.

Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo, FL 33771

March 3, 4, and 5 2017

Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—46th Annual Show  
Minnreg Building, 6340 126th Avenue North, Largo, FL

## FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
[www.AMFED.org](http://www.AMFED.org),  
AFMS Newsletter, August, 2015

### 2015-16 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions

**California Federation**  
September 12-15, 2015  
Lodi, CA

**Rocky Mountain  
Federation**  
TBA

**Eastern Federation**  
October 21-23, 2016  
Rochester, NY

**South Central  
Federation**  
October 23-25, 2015  
Austin, TX

**Midwest Federation**  
August 19-21, 2016  
South Bend, IN

**Southeast  
Federation**

**Northwest Federation**  
July 27-Aug 1, 2016  
Albany, OR

November 6-8, 2015  
Melbourne, FL

### 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)

**Bob's Rock Shop,** <http://www.rockhounds.com>.  
If you find any other interesting websites, please let me know and I will publish in newsletter.

**2016—2017 Officers to be Installed in May for our year starting September 2016:**

President - Eric Odegaard  
Vice-President - Joe Cooper  
Recording Secretary - Gerri Groves  
Corresponding Secretary - Dan Stefanski  
Treasurer - Jerri Heer  
3 Year Director - Richard Sarafian  
2 Year Director - Dave Watson  
1 Year Director - Patti Reed  
Past President Director - Pat Davis

**Club Bulletin Board**

Please check our Club Bulletin Board when you visit our Clubhouse...

Right now, Pat has some items she is selling to move, there are pictures of what she has, and still available. If you're interested in something, give her a call! There is a limited amount of items, yet all have photos. Pat's number is on the bulletin board with the pictured items.

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

April 07, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Davis at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were Eric Odegaard, Joe Cooper, Julia Larson, Gerri Groves, Jerri Heer, Pat Davis and Dave Watson.

Secretary's report-a motion by Julia Larson to approve the minutes as printed, motion was approved.

Treasurer's report-Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Julia Larson to accept and file for audit was approved. The budget for the coming year was presented by Jerri Heer. A motion by Eric Odegaard to accept the budget for 2016-2017 was approved.

Show report-a motion by Eric Odegaard to increase the price of the tables to \$125.00 each to pay for daytime security was approved. Donna Sapp asks the question if we give military discounts. The decision is that you can get either a military discount of the show coupon for \$1.00 off admissions. You cannot use both.

Membership-a motion by Donna Sapp to accept the following as new members was approved. Jean Gurucharri, LeAnn Young, Sheree Annen, Sonny Clark, Heather Grzelka, and Karen Curry Moran.

Roof-the roofer will be here in 2 weeks to inspect the roof and let us know what will be need.

Electrician will be here April 13<sup>th</sup> to do the work in the Lapidary studio.

Program for this month will be another game night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 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**.

### The Clubhouse Needs your old Towels!

Please Donate your Old Towels to Our Clubhouse Shops, we are in need!

### Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

#### General Meeting

April 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric Odegaard at 7:00 p.m.

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

Treasurer's report- no report was given as Jerri Heer was not at the meeting.

Electrical work was completed in the Lapidary Studio for \$500.00; we should not have any more problems.

Election of officers for the 2016-2017 year. A motion by Sue Hazelden to approve the new board was accepted. New officers are as follows

President Eric Odegaard

Vice President Joe Cooper

Recording Secretary Gerri Groves

Treasurer Jerri Heer

Past President Pat Davis

Directors 3yrs Richard Sarafian, 2yrs Dave Watson, 1yr Pattie Reed.

Tonight's program was picture nary using gems and mineral categories'. Everyone had a good time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves

Recording Secretary

Donna Sapp has made a motion to accept the following as new members. The motion was approved. Kevin Kuenn, and J. Scott Money.



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) or  
*Sandy Schwebel*, [dschwebel@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dschwebel@tampabay.rr.com)

**FUSED GLASS:** *Julia Larson* (727) 410-3781, [glassgal0947@gmail.com](mailto:glassgal0947@gmail.com)

**SILVER SMITHING:** *Joe Cooper* (727) 202-8095, [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 \$2.50 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.

Cost for classes (except faceting) is \$2.50 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: \$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)

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**

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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.