

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2017
7:00 p.m.



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



Program: Faceting the Art of Gem Cutting

By Dave Watson!

Dave Watson will be providing this program on Faceting. What parts of the gemstone are identified as, what equipment the club has, and how to facet.

See you next Thursday!

DUES ARE DUE! \$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

Good evening everyone.



I am writing to you from the Dominican republic. Unfortunately it sounds like I am missing all the cool weather down there in Florida. Hopefully they'll be more when I get back.

It is the time of year for holidays. We joined together with family and friends and have great feast. Just a reminder that our annual Christmas holiday dinner will be next months meeting. I look forward to seeing all my friends and family from the club there. As you are traveling, please make sure that you were safe.

I am trying to line up a field trip for the month of January. I have some things going, but I'm not quite sure which it will be.

That's all for now.

Thank you everyone and have a great holiday season

Eric Odegaard,
President



For the Love of Rocks

I became an SGAMS member because of my lifelong interest in rocks; many family vacations included trips to rock mines and I have collected rocks as souvenirs from places I have visited all around the world. I even hauled a few “walkway” stones from Upstate NY, refusing to buy a rock when I moved to Florida. Imagine this, a rockhound retires to the *one state* without true rocks!

I was given the tour of the clubhouse and workshop after my first SGAMS meeting; I never imagined there were machines that could cut, grind, polish and make a rock into a shiny treasure, known as a cabochon, that were *so achievable* for the average person. And an amazing benefit of being a Club Member is that you can learn how to do this “cabbing” for free! [The shop time to use the machinery is a bargain at \$3 per hour! Shop hours are 6 – 9 PM Tuesday nights, and Noon- 4 PM Wednesdays]

Creating a shiny cabochon (“cab”) from a piece of rock is so magical! It’s like alchemy! I started calling Wednesdays “Christmas Morning” because I could not wait to see what the stones I had would evolve into with the turning of the cab machine wheels.

It got so that I loved cabbing so much, I purchased my own machine. I still go to the shop to use the trim saw - and for the best part, the comradery: seeing what others are working on, sometimes trading materials with one another, getting a rock identified and learning more about it, or discussing rockhounding trips, rock adventures, etc.

I hope that even just by reading this, that someone else is inspired to learn how to cab - or facet, silversmith or cast, as these classes, and others, are also offered at the Club ~ and they too get that Christmas Morning feeling from creating something beautiful and special from a humble piece of rock!

Submitted by Susan Biel

Show News:

Happy November,

For coordinating each of the different areas of the Show there is a volunteer who acts as a sub-committee chair to find, schedule, and help the members interested. This way the proper amount of preparation can be assured and that nothing will be over looked. So far we have Donna Sapp to head up the Ticket Booth and Information Table. For the Silent Auction, Display Cases, Gem Mining, and the Club Table I have openings. Please give me a call if you are interested. To contact these dedicated people directly: Donna Sapp (727) 420-0383.....

With the holiday this month we have scheduled our meeting a week later for Thursday the 30th. For December the normal schedule will put us on the 28th, which seems like a safe date. We will be prepping for the gem mining, grab bags and other things, so feel free to come out and join us.

For the Grab Bag assembly, we will keep with tradition and have chosen Saturday January the 20th at 9:00 AM. Lots of people are needed to do some sorting and then the bagging, labeling, and assembling the bags. It is a good chance to learn a bunch of your minerals. At the same time the Silent Auction people will be

Don't forget we have the volunteer sign up sheets at the Clubhouse. AND the filers have arrived so are also at the Clubhouse.

If you haven't marked your calendar yet.... the Show is on March 2nd, 3rd, 4th with set up on Thursday the first.

Thank You,
Bill Schmidt



Upcoming Shows:

November 11 and 12, 2017
 Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society
 Melborne Auditorium
 Melborne, FL

November 18 and 19, 2017
 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, 2017
 Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County
 Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL
www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/

January 12, 13, and 14, 2018
 Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
 Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL
www.PGS.Rocks

January 20 and 21, 2018
 Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society
 Jewelry, Gem, Minerals, & Fossil Show & Sale
 Volusia County Fairgrounds
 Deland, FL
www.tomokagms.org

January 20 and 21, 2018
 Panama City Gem & Mineral Society
 Central Panhandle Fairgrounds
 Panama City, FL

February 3 and 4, 2018
 Symphony of Gemstones Show and Sale
 Kiwanis Island Recreation Center
 Merritt Island, FL
www.centralbrevardgems.org

February 24, 2018
 Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society
 Lakeland, FL
www.bonevalley.net

March 2, 3, and 4 2018
 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.cgms.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/>

A Few Words from our Vice-President

To all members if equipment at the club is tagged out of service. The tag means that the equipment is being worked on and has been downed because it unsafe to use or otherwise in need of repair. Please do not remove the out of service tag. It is possible that you could hurt yourself or others. Only the person working on the machine can place the machine back in service. We are working as fast as possible to repair broken machines. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thanks for your understanding.

Joe Cooper,
Vice-President

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting October 05, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Eric Odegaard at 6:50 p.m. Board members in attendance were Eric Odegaard, Joe Cooper, Jerri Heer, Gerri Groves, Rhonda Kuntz, Dave Watson and Shamus Walker. Also attending were Lori Heinemann, and Bill Schmidt.

Secretary's report- Motion by Dave Watson to accept minutes as printed. Motion accepted.

Treasurer's Report- Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report, a motion by Dave Watson to accept and file for audit. Motion carried. Jerri Heer looked into a trash pickup service for the clubhouse; the cost would be \$300.00 a year. Motion by Eric Odegaard, to accept. Motion carried. Several corrections were made to the budget for the year 2017-2018. A motion by Shamus Walker, to accept the budget with the corrections. Motion accepted.

Education-Cost of the classes, and supplies. The person who is conducting the class will determine the cost of the supplies and time needed to do the class.

Rhonda Kuntz would like to set up times and days for the classes so people may sign up for what they would like to learn.

Equipment- a donation of equipment was given to the club and will need to be check out to see if we want to keep it or sell at the annual show.

Cabbing fee- It has been requested that shop time be by the hour only and not broken down by part of an hour if you do not stay the whole hour, also that you bring the correct amount of money for the time you are there. A motion by Joe Cooper to adopt this policy. Motion accepted.

Library-anything that is donated to the club, belongs to the club and may be used as we see fit, not stipulations may be put on the items.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Gerri Groves,
Recording Secretary



Dues are Due, as of September 2017!

To ensure you continue your Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society relationship, please bring in or mail in your Annual Membership Dues. The 2017—2018 SGAMS Dues are as follows:

\$20.00 for Individuals, or \$30.00 for Couples / Families.

(A nominal annual membership to enjoy all the club has to offer!)

Donna Sapp (Membership) will be happy to assist you in renewing your membership at the November SGAMS General Membership Meeting!. Or, Mail your check to: Donna Sapp, 3200 74th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

If you don't renew your Membership...

You'll miss out on all the fun, and our communications and your delivery of the Rock-A-Gram Newsletter will end.

Club Fees

Our Club fees are \$3.00 per shop hour, or any portion of an hour. If you are working in the clubhouse for more than an hour, then it is considered 2 hours, and the cost is \$6.00; if you are working in the clubhouse for more than two hours, then consider it 3 hours of shop time, and the cost is \$9.00, etc. These are nominal fees, and all proceeds go to the club.

\$3.00 per Hour, for any portion of each hour of Shop Time, effective 11/01/17

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting October 19, 2017

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

Secretary's report Motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the Rock-a-Gram. Motion accepted.

Treasurer's report- Lori Heinemann presented the treasurer's report in the absence of Jerri Heer. Motion by Darell Groves to accept, and file for audit. Motion accepted.

Shop time will be by the hour, you will not be able to pay for part of the hour. We also need volunteers who would like to be a monitor for the cab room.

Show meeting will be on Oct. 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas dinner will be at Chili's on East Bay and U.S. 19 on December 21st. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse, will need to know how many will be attending by Nov. 30th.

Program Introduction to Intarsia, presented by Dave Watson and Joe Cooper.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Gerri Groves
Recording Secretary



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Clubhouse Class Schedules

CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Lori Heinemann (727) xxx-xxxx or sgams-rock-a-gram@mail.com

Darell Groves (727) 656-0323 or darell.groves@gmail.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 bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com

Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:

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

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

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 member-ship 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