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General Meeting

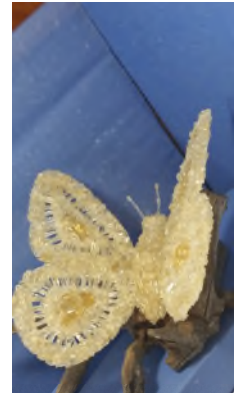
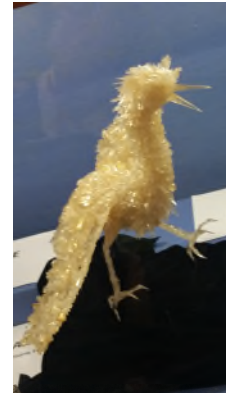
Thursday, November 15, 2018

7:00 p.m.



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

Program:



November 15th –Member Joe Pierce will do a presentation on calcite crystals and the art he creates with them.

- Susan Biel

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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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

Time's flying when you're having fun. Thanksgiving is just about here and Christmas is around the corner. Please remember to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas dinner on the 20th of December the place and time are still to be determined so we will let you know as soon as we have a place and time set. The signup sheet will be at the clubhouse We are working as fast as we can to get all of the equipment up and in good working order. I am asking the Moderators to please remember that when you open the shop it is your responsibility. The equipment being used and the people using it. So please make sure;

1. People using shop equipment are using it in a safe manner. That they are not damaging the equipment or themselves.
 2. Shop fees are paid by the hour and or any part of an hour. What that means is that if say worked one hour and any time into the next hour you are expected to pay for two hours.
 3. Moderators ask people to cleanup the equipment they used and help with shop clean up.
 4. Moderators be the last one out and insure that every thing is turned off.
- Last year everyone had a good time digging Sapphires in NC. Right now we don't have anything scheduled so if you have any ideas please let know.

Hope to see you all at the November meeting...

Joseph Cooper,
 President

Picnic and Yard Sale:

On Saturday December 1st 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!

Show News

Happy November

I want to thank Sherry for volunteering to head up the Grab Bag effort this year. With the great sales we had during the Show and the emergency extra fillings we did, we're going to have to double production this year. The filling date is set for Saturday January 19th at 9AM. Please get in touch with Sherry S for details. We will need extra help this year but there will still be ample time to learn a lot about the minerals we are packaging up. If you brought back any samples for us from your Summer trips please bring them by early so the samples can be prepped.

With the holiday this month we have scheduled our next meeting a week later for Thursday the 29th. For December the normal schedule will put us on the 27th, which seems like a safe date. January is the standard Thursday after the General Meeting. That will be the 24th but, February would be the set-up day. So we will be on the February 14th, a week before the General Meeting.

Don't forget we have the volunteer sign up sheets at the Clubhouse. I have added a third volunteer space for the Silent Auction to help out with Susan's aggressive plan to increase sales. The filers are scheduled to be done and at the Clubhouse for you to hand out.

If you haven't marked your calendar yet.... the Show is on March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, with set up on Thursday February 30th.

Thanks, Bill Schmidt - Phone: (727) 657-0998 - Email: SGAMSGemShow@gmail.com

Upcoming Shows:

November 13 and 14, 2018
 Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society
 Melborne Auditorium
 Melborne, FL
www.canaveral-mgs.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

Nov 30, and Dec. 1, and 2, 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

January 19 and 20, 2019
 Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society
 Jewelry, Gem, Minerals, & Fossil Show & Sale
 Volusia County Fairgrounds
 Deland, FL
www.tomokagms.org

January 20 and 21, 2019
 Panama City Gem & Mineral Society
 Central Panhandle Fairgrounds
 Panama City, FL
www.pcgmsociety.com/

February 2 and 3, 2019
 Symphony of Gemstones Show and Sale
 Kiwanis Island Recreation Center
 Merritt Island, FL
www.centralbrevardgems.org

February 23, 2019
 Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society
 Lakeland, FL
www.bonevalley.net

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

2017-18 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/>

<http://www.jewelrysthowsite.net/>

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

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society: www.cfmgms.org

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club:
www.tampabayrockclub.com

Pinellas Geological Society: www.pgs.rocks
Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society:
www.bonevalley.net

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County:
www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com

Our Web Site:

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

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

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
October 04, 2018

Un-Approved Board of Directors Meeting Minutes:

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

Board members in attendance were Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Susan Biel, Shamus Walker, Eric Odegaard, Pat Davis, Sandy Theisz, and Gerri Groves.

Also in attendance were Lori Heinemann and Jerri Heer.

Secretary's report-motion by Susan Biel to accept as printed. Motion approved.

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

Education Chairperson- Pat Davis has agreed to accept this position.

Hospitality chairperson- Lori Heinemann will call Ann Morrison and check to see if she wants to continue this position. If not we will ask at the general meeting if anyone else would be interested.

Show committee- Bill Schmidt was not available for the meeting but the show committee will hold a meeting on Oct 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Old business- Repair work for the capping machines will not be done until we have all the parts, wheels, bearings and whatever else might be needed.

New business- E-mail address on the website and in the Rock a Gram are peoples personal e-mails and should not be available to the general public. Bill Schmidt would like the shows e-mail address to stay the same; also Donna Sapp would also like to keep her e-mail address the same. Lori Heinemann will get the personal e-mails deleted and create ones that reflect the clubs e-mail address. Motion by Shamus Walker to remove personal e-mails, motion approved.

Jerri Heer has several items that she would like approved.

1. Nomination of Rosemary VanWandelen as the State director for the state of Florida for the SEF.
2. Would like to borrow 5 cases for the Tampa clubs show. Motion by Shamus Walker to approved. Motion approved.
3. South East Federation- need a place for the quarterly meeting in March of 2019, Jerri Heer asked if we would allow them the use of the clubhouse for their meeting it will be the same weekend as our show. Motion by Eric Odegaard to allow them use of the clubhouse that weekend. Motion approved.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

Volunteers for the Clubhouse

We need volunteers to arrive an hour early to our General Meetings, to assist and clean the interior of the Clubhouse. We need to keep up general housekeeping, since we don't have a maid.

Please arrive early to our meeting and contribute with a little elbow grease. Thank you for your continuous contribution to keep our clubhouse tidy and shining.

SGAMS Show Silent Auction

Dear Club Members:

I would like to suggest that as you create your wonderful cabs, jewelry, gemstones and other great works, that you please consider donating some of them to the Club's Silent Auction for the March 2019 Show.

The more appealing items that we have to offer, the greater our potential to raise the funds necessary to keep our machinery, supplies and Clubhouse up and running!

If you are interested in donating, please contact Susan Biel at bielbay46@gmail.com, or (315) 380-7037 (please leave a message). *** Notice - Updated Phone Number. ***

Thank you! - Susan Biel

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting October 18, 2018

Un-Approved General Meeting Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Cooper at 7:15 p.m.

Secretary's report-motion by Sue Hazelden to approve the minutes as published in the rock a gram was approved.

Treasurer's report Lori Heinemann presented the report. A motion was made to approve and file for audit, motion approved.

Education chairperson-Pat Davis has agreed to take on this position.

Hospitality- Ann Morrison has stepped down and we need a replacement. JoAnn Knoss has agreed to be the Hospitality chairperson.

Equipment- the cabbing machines are being repaired as quickly as they can once the wheels and bearing are ordered.

Program- tonight's program is Help me identify what this is.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves,
Recording Secretary

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Clubhouse Class Schedules

CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Lori Heinemann email: 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

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

Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.

Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:

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

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)

\$50.00 class fee, plus cost for silver. Class date and time to be determined—Look for Email Blasts for Dates

Cost for classes (except Faceting and Wax Casting) 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

Cabbing Room Etiquette

Our club facilities are intended to provide the opportunity and means to learn and enjoy our hobbies. To that end, we would like to address a number of topics and issues that affect anyone using our cab room.

Respect

You need to respect yourself, others, the equipment, and the building.

As a member of the club, you are privileged to work in the shop and practice your hobby, without having to purchase your own equipment. It is your responsibility however, to use the equipment properly, and assist with the cleaning and maintenance. This responsibility includes reporting any issues that arise with the equipment. It also includes cleaning up after yourself, even if you are leaving a session early.

Respect your surroundings, the sink area, the walk ways, safety first.

Machines are intended for all, so if more than one wants to use the same machine, you'll need to share the time and take turns – communication between fellow members is key.

Be conscious of your work area, and that you're not encroaching on someone else's workspace. For example, if you're bringing in many items to work on, you might limit the items in your work area. There is a shelving unit to place any other items you are bringing in.

The use of the equipment is intended for our members' training and hobby use, not for production. The machines are not intended for or built for mass production. The machines will not last if they are subject to hard core commercial use.

Safety

Protect yourself: You should wear proper fitting clothes, no loose sleeves. Long hair should be tied back, or otherwise restrained. Closed-toe shoes only. You may bring safety glasses or there are some available in the shop.

Be aware of your water usage, as on some machines the valves allow water to flow too freely, if you walk away the water can spray to the floor. The valves if opened too far can cause the basin or tray to overflow.

If you see a puddle of water or any other liquid substance on the floor – don't walk in it, run up to it, or through it - wipe it up!

The purpose of using water while cutting or grinding stone, is to alleviate dust and debris in the air. Breathing dust is not healthy. The only machine intended to be used without water is the buffer/polisher. The buffer/polisher machine is only intended for limited period use to produce a final finish. Prolonged use of this machine will release particulate matters. If your piece does not produce a high polish quickly, it's not ready for a final buffing, go back to a previous step. If you're buffing for an extended period of time, you're releasing dust into the air that everyone is forced to breathe. That must not happen.

Machines and Equipment

If you use a machine, you'll be plugging in the equipment and turning on water. When you're done, you'll need to turn off the water and the machine. If you are leaving for the day, and no-one else is waiting to use the machine, clean-up after yourself, and unplug the machine. If you and someone else are both using a machine during shop time, either or both of you may assist with cleaning the equipment and area. Note: by default the obligation to clean-up is held by the last one using a machine. Always turn-off the machine and water source if you step away from a machine.

Learn how to use the machines properly. Ask questions if needed. Example with the cab wheels, use the entire wheel, not just the center. [Using only the center wears out the wheel prematurely, which will require replacing too soon.]

Time

The cab room hours are posted, and you may arrive when we are open. The shop closes promptly at respective time of day or night the shop is scheduled. That means, 10 minutes prior to the closing, stop working, and start cleaning and unplugging. All participants are to be done, cleaned-up and walking out the door at the end of the shop time. If you leave early, and no one else is using the machine, you'll need to clean the machine...

The shop time is available in one-hour increments only. Example: If you arrive at 6:15 then the one hour mark is until 7:15; then the next whole hour begins, and any time with-in an hour is rounded up to the next hour. Your time in the shop is then based on hours, not minutes, nor quarter-hour increments.

Fees – We accept Cash and Checks.

Plan ahead, and try and bring the proper amount to pay for the time you intend to be in the shop. While we may have some change available, we are not a bank and don't have unlimited change.

You may keep a check with you, and write a check to the club, payable to: SGAMS, for the amount owed.

If you don't have the means to pay the proper amount, don't get started. There are no 'I Owe You's.