

# ROCK-A-GRAM



October, 2010



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General Meeting  
Thursday, October 21, 2010

**Location:**

**J. W. Cate Recreation Center**  
5801 22nd Avenue North  
St. Petersburg  
7-9 p.m.

Program

## Loop-in-Loop Chains

By: Barbara Watson

*Barbara will be doing a presentation on making Loop-in-Loop Chains. She attended a class on chain making with the Florida Goldsmith Society at Wildacres. She will demonstrate what she has learned at our meeting.*

***Don't miss out—come and see this technique!***

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**It's October and DUES ARE DUE!** Please give them to the membership chairperson, or Sue Hazelden, Treasurer at our General Meeting.

**DUES ARE DUE!**  
**\$15.00 Individuals—\$20 per family**

**If your last name starts with N-Z, please bring goodies to our meeting to share.**

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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 J. W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL.

## President's Message

Hi All,

Happy Fall! Halloween is rapidly approaching, cooler weather is upon us and for that I am so grateful. Sue Hazelden and I are still working at Emily's two or three days a week in preparation for "the sale of the century". There are literally tons of rocks, minerals and fossils. And no matter how I try to describe this candy store for rockhounds no one yet has really gotten their mind wrapped around how much Emily collected until they see it for themselves. It is truly amazing.

The date is November 12-14. Please contact Sue Hazelden if you can help, even if it's only for a couple of hours.

Adjustments are being made to the lampworking class schedule. Julia Larson can provide you with details. We need to have a minimum of four students for this class.

If you see a guy around the clubhouse with a paint brush or a screw driver give him a big "thank you." That's one of our members. Charles Woolheater isn't always in town for every meeting, but always manages to find a project at the clubhouse to work on when he is.

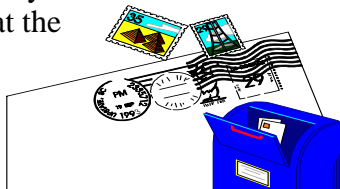
*Pat Davis, President*



## Postage Stamps

Please remember to bring your stamps to the meeting. Stamps can be either carefully removed from the paper or better yet neatly trimmed with a 1/4" boarder around the stamp. For complete details, please check the Southeast Federation website at: [amfed.org/sfms/stamp\\_program.html](http://amfed.org/sfms/stamp_program.html).

We need a volunteer to help collect and prepare these stamps. If you can help, see *Bill Schmidt* at the general meeting.



## We Still Are Collecting Aluminum Cans



Bring in your cans, and give to Sue Hazelden at the General Meeting. If you would like to volunteer to collect these cans for Sue at the general meetings, please let her know. Your help would be greatly appreciated

**Please note:** Do not put cat food cans with the aluminum cans, unless they are aluminum. Test them with a magnet, if not sure, most of them are not. Also, no aluminum foil or bottle caps.

*Sue Hazelden, Treasurer*

727-321-5732

Email: [sujagems1@aol.com](mailto:sujagems1@aol.com)

## Lampwork Bead Class Update

The introductory class was held October 12. Instructor *Linda White* demonstrated two techniques to the TWO folks who showed up.

Linda needs a minimum of four students. Experience doesn't matter. She will teach those who have never turned on a torch as well as those with experience.

**Due to limited (at least at this time) interest in the lampwork class, we are suspending it until after the first of the year.**

If you are interested but have no equipment, ask Santa for a Hot Head torch – or ask Linda to order one for you. Approximate cost is \$40.

*Julia Larson*



### New Members:

*Jay Brown*  
*Wanda Farner*  
*Jon and Lynne Foster*  
*Delores Grant*  
*Lisa Hermanns*  
*Elizabeth Hunley*  
*David and Marjorie Kane*  
*Kimberly Morelli*  
*Betsy Ririe*  
*Barbara Seebaran*  
*Carolyn Simmons*  
*Linda Swanson*  
*Pat Vasil*  
*Shamus Walker*

Need to retract the membership announced last month, **Paul Pierce**, made application, but did not pay dues. We have tried to contact him without success.

### The Rarest Gem in the World:

#### The Hebonite

Named after Paul Hibon, the French prospector who discovered it, this mineral (Ca, Ce) (Al,Ti,Mg)12O19 has a hardness of 7.5-8 with hexagonal crystal structure.



It has been known since 1955 in Madagascar and also occurs in meteorites. These two crystals from Burma are the only ones known of gem quality. Of minute size, only one has been faceted.

Sources: *Gems & Gemology*, Vol. 46, No. 2/Summer 2010; [www.gemfrance.com](http://www.gemfrance.com); *Hounds Howl*, Oct 2010.

## Clubhouse Class Schedules

**Faceting:** Mondays 6-9 p.m.  
Saturdays 10 a.m.-12 noon

**Cabbing:** Mondays & Wednesdays 7-9 p.m.

**Silversmithing:** Mondays 6– 8 p.m.

**Fused Glass:** Tuesdays (First and Third only) 7-9 p.m.  
Fifth Tuesday, if there should be one.

**Lampwork:** Cancelled until January.

**THERE WILL BE A SIGN  
UP SHEET AT THE  
GENERAL MEETING FOR  
ALL CLASSES.**



## Anyone Know What This Is?



This marl cast about 2 inches wide was found by Richard Chandler, N.C. Fossil Club editor, at Rocky Point on a Spring field trip. The small, smooth oval above the upper right hole is the cast of a gastropod.

If you have any ideas, contact: Editor, Barbara Fenstermacher (803) 649-0959, [Bfenster2@bellsouth.net](mailto:Bfenster2@bellsouth.net) and she will pass it on.

--adapted from Janus, newsletter of the N.C. Fossil Club, Number 3, 2010  
Source: *Hound's Howl*, October 2010, Aiken, South Carolina.

## Gemstones – Collector or Specialty

"Collector or specialty gems are rare, unusual, or unique gems that are not normally seen by the gem-buying public. These stones may be gem materials that are common to the market place but are unusual or unique because of their large size or unusual color."

*(Fifth in the series looks at history of production of gemstones in New Hampshire.)*

Large pieces of facet-grade, green, transparent fluorite, as fine as any found anywhere in the United States is mined from deposits in Cheshire County. Gem quality herderite and phenakite also are recovered from deposits in the State.

Source: *Hound's Howl*, October 2010



**Fluorite from William Wise Mine, Westmorland, Cheshire Co., N.H.**

--Mineral Specimen No. 48364; John Betts Collection

This information is taken from USGS website: <http://Minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/pubs/commodity/gemstones/sp14-95/specialty.html>. Contact: Donald W. Olson ([dolson@usgs.gov](mailto:dolson@usgs.gov))

Photos may be viewed on [www.johnbetts-fineminerals.com](http://www.johnbetts-fineminerals.com)

## Important & Interesting Web Sites!

**American Federation of Mineralogical Societies** website is at: <http://www.amfed.org>

**Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies** New website at: <http://www.amfed.org/sfms> Check this site out for Wildacres & William Holland information

**Canaveral Mineral & Gem web site** <http://www.canaveral-mgs.com/>

**GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS:**

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., Lodestar, October 2010

**October 23-24, 2010: Riverview, FL**

The Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club announces a **NEW LOCATION**, the International Independent Showmen's Association Clubhouse 6915 Riverview Drive, Riverview for their 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show & Sale, Hours: Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. **FREE PARKING** 40 Vendors offering a wide variety of Gems, Minerals, Jewelry Supplies, Lapidary Material, and Jewelry Classes, Live Demonstrations, Chinese Raffle, Silent Auction, Touch Table, Sand Mine, Grab Bags for the Kids, Many Door Prizes To Give Away, visit our website [www.tampabayrockclub.com](http://www.tampabayrockclub.com)

**November 6-7, 2010: Melbourne, FL**

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society. Parade of Gems, Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Ave. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Contact Don McLamb 321-723-2592 or [fdjmc@aol.com](mailto:fdjmc@aol.com).

**November 20-21, 2010: West Palm Beach, FL.**

44th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead, and Fossil Show, Americraft Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.. Over 60 dealers, door prizes, fossil dig. Free parking. Adults \$7, children under 12 free. Contact Barbara Ringhiser at [bar5678@aol.com](mailto:bar5678@aol.com).

**January 14-16, 2011: Largo, FL - The Pinellas Geological Society.** 35th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale, Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive. Hours: Fri & Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun 12-5 p.m.. Free admission. Contact Hugh Sheffield (727) 894-2440.

**FEDERATION NEWS**

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
August-September, 2010  
[www.AMFED.org](http://www.AMFED.org)

**2010-11 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions**

<b>California Federation</b> May 13-15 Anderson, CA	<b>Rocky Mountain Federation</b> June 24-26 Colorado Springs, CO
<b>Eastern Federation</b> July -10 Syracuse, NY	<b>South Central Federation</b> December 11-12 DeRidder, LA
<b>Midwest Federation</b> September 8-11 Toledo, OH	<b>Southeast Federation</b> October 16-18 Knoxville, TN
<b>Northwest Federation</b> September 17-19 Hillsboro, OR	



**The Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society**  
a local non-profit club proudly presents:  
**41st Annual**

**Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show and Sale**  
**March 4, 5, 6, 2011**  
Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

<p><i>Continuous Working Demonstrations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Bead Stringing</li> <li>◆ Wirecraft</li> <li>◆ Channel Work</li> <li>◆ Gem Cutting</li> <li>◆ and others</li> </ul>	 <p><b>DIAMONDS EMERALDS RUBIES 14K GOLD JEWELRY DOOR PRIZES EXHIBITS AND MUCH MORE....</b></p>	<p><b>Directions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Minnweg Building 4340 126th Avenue No. Largo.</li> <li>◆ From Tampa I-275 cross Howard Franklin Bridge. At Exit 32, take ramp (right) onto SR-688 (Ulmarton Rd). Merge onto SR-688 and keep left. Head West (under US-19) to 66th St. Turn Left (South) onto 66th St. Go to 126th Ave. N. Turn LEFT (East) onto 126th. Minnweg Building is on the right.</li> <li>◆ From North on US 19 take 66th Street exit go to 126th Ave., turn left.</li> </ul>
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**FREE PARKING**      **ADMISSION**      **FREE PARKING**

Donations: \$5.00/adult good for all three days.  
Children under 6 FREE, Students with parents or I.D. Card \$4.00  
\$1.00 off admission with this ad. Limit one per person.

# THE SALE OF THE CENTURY

## A Rockhound's Personal Collection

**November 12-14, 2010**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**6936 - 40th Avenue North**

**St. Petersburg, FL**

A club member's collection of over 40 years is being offered for sale by Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society This collection is being offered by invitation only to rock club members and others associated with the lapidary hobby. *This is not a garage sale!* .

- Minerals of all kinds and sizes, from large to small
- Concretions
- Geodes, from extremely large to very small, some Mexican uncut and some cut with lovely Crystals, some polished, all from various locations.
- Calcite, very large to small pieces from various localities, dogtooth to massive.
- Cutting material, large variety, large and small, some beautiful pieces
- Slabs - loads, from very thin to regular to very thick
- Petoskey Stone
- Petrified Wood from various locations, large and small pieces
- Alabama petrified wood-extra large to small
- Herkimer Diamonds
- Quartz crystal, large & small, singles & clusters, smoky & black
- Tumbles stones - loads
- Trilobites
- Fossils of all kinds
- Fossilized bones, unknown locations
- Mica
- Fluorescent specimens
- Garden rock
- Agatized corals
- And much more!

The corals are heads as large as 2 feet across to very small. Different kinds of heads, some heads have been opened, some contain crystals, some botryoidal. Uncut fingers from about 2 feet long to very small, cut fingers, and large to very small pieces of coral.

The small and medium fingers can be purchased by the pound or the bucket.

There are literally TONS of corals. Must see to be believed!

*For information call: Sue Hazelden, 727-321-5732*

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
General Meeting  
September 16, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. in the new meeting location, the J. W. Cate Recreation Center, on the corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North and 58<sup>th</sup> Street. There were 24 members attending, plus several visitors.

Sue Hazelden gave the treasurer's report for July/August. She reminded members who need name badges to contact her. Cost is \$3.50.

President, Pat Davis, mentioned the need for an Activities Chair. No one volunteered for the position, which mostly consists of making sure the coffee supplies are carried to the meetings and making the coffee.

Show Chair, Bill Schmidt, was unable to attend, but Pat said he is asking for help in addressing the cards to send to those who attended last year's show. There are six paid dealers so far.

Donna Remsnyder and Jan Rambow conducted the audit over the summer and Donna gave the report. There were no errors in the selected months. The treasurer was commended for her work.

Building Committee issues were postponed until cooler weather.

Donna Mallory will take over as the Historical Chair, since the previous chair moved out of town. Donna is also the Field Trip Chair and mentioned the Graves Mountain swap and dig coming up in October, and asked for other suggestions for field trips.

Programs: Donna Remsnyder would like suggestions for programs.

Special projects help needed: Stamp program; aluminum can recycling; sorting and pricing Emily Coeyman's rocks.

Sue reported that the sale of Emily's rocks will take place November 12-13-14. All rock clubs in the state

will be notified of the sale and invited to come. Many volunteers will be needed to work this event, since there will be a huge number of rocks for sale.

Pat gave the education committee report. There is no one available on a regular basis to open the shop on Saturdays, so that day is on hold. The shop will be open Monday and Wednesday evenings. Pat had a number of sign-up sheets for the various classes, including the new lamp-work class which will begin in October.

The program was "*What I Did During the Summer.*" The following members reported:

Hugh Sheffield – Took Pat's cabbing class at Wildacres with Leona; orchestrated summer workshops for the Pinellas Geological Society; dug fluorescent minerals in Franklin, NJ.

Bucky Joseph – made a number of jewelry pieces from the cabs he made.

Barbara Watson – took a class on loop-in-loop chainmaking with the Florida Goldsmith Society at Wildacres. She volunteered to do a demonstration later in the season.

Pat Davis – taught cabbing at Wildacres; took soapstone carving at William Holland.

Donna Remsnyder – with Pat Davis, visited Pat Erdmann in Michigan, looked for Lake Superior agates and copper; visited a slate mine.

Julia Larson – taught stained glass at William Holland.

Sue Black – made a number of pieces of kumihimo, including belts and beads.

The general meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julia Larson, Secretary

**Following the meeting, the board met to vote in several new members:** *Barbara Seebaran; David and Marjorie Kane; Linda Swanson; Pat Vasil; Shamus Walker; Betsy Ririe; and Jay Brown and Carolyn Simmons.*

**Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society  
Board Meeting  
September 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Present were: board members; Pat Davis, Sue Hazelden, Bill Schmidt, Donna Remsnyder, Donna Mallory, Dave Schwebel, Dave Watson, and Julia Larson. Also present were: Debbie Bremer (newsletter editor) and Donna Sapp (membership chair).

**Treasurer's report** read and accepted for audit. No corrections/additions to minutes published in May.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Nothing to report. Pat mentioned a contact from someone who wanted holes drilled in some cabs. She will present this to the membership at the general meeting.

**Show:** Bill has 7 dealers so far, including a new one. Addresses from last year's cards need to be typed on cards for the 2011 show. Will ask for volunteers at general meeting.

**Audit:** Donna Remsnyder and Jan Rambow conducted the 2009-10 audit over the summer. No errors were found and the treasurer was commended.

**Building:** Still need to finish painting the trim. Will delay until November. Bathroom in cab room needs the door framed and hung as well as an overhead light. Need electrical hookup for that. Donna Remsnyder offered to donate a fridge for the cabbing room. No decision reached. Duct work for A/C needs to be completed. Closet shelving in library closet was mentioned.

**Bulletin:** Debbie asked if Bill can continue to email Rock-a-Gram to members. She and Bill will work together.

**Education:** Pat will continue as chair, Julia will help. Regular class schedules will resume this month. Changes in silver and fusing classes discussed. New class – lampwork beads, starting in October. Saturday cabbing instructors TBA. Need for new faceting machine to enlarge classes. Increase in shop fee tabled until next board meeting.

Donna Mallory suggested posting a wish list for equipment in case members have anything they'd like to donate.

**Historical:** Donna Mallory will take over.

**Membership:** Donna Sapp presented three applications. The board approved **Lisa Hermanns** and **Wanda Farner**. The third application did not include dues so was not voted on. Donna will contact this person. The following members were accepted by the board over the summer: **Jon and Lynne Foster; Delores Grant; Kimberly Morelli; Elizabeth Hunley.**

**Field trips:** Donna Mallory is asking if anyone wants to go to the Graves Mountain dig and swap in October. Also wants ideas for trips close to home.

**Unfinished business:** Sue and Pat continue to sort through the late Emily Coeyman's extensive collection. The board set a sale date of Nov. 12-14. The sale will be advertised at all Florida clubs. Anything left over will be donated to SGAMS and sold at the show. **We will need a lot of volunteers to work this sale.**

**Clubhouse Exterior:** Pat Erdmann has plants to donate. Donna Mallory volunteered to help with the planting, but more folks are needed.

Sue: We need help in the following areas: Hospitality for meetings at Cate Center (bringing coffee supplies and making coffee); sorting and preparing stamps; recycling cans (Pat will appoint a committee for the latter).

Partial scholarship to workshops tabled until next board meeting.

Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia Larson, Secretary

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**October**



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# **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.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through April at 7:00 p.m., at J.W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg. 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.**

*Debra Bremer, Editor*

1349 Lakeview Road

Clearwater, FL 33756

### **Clubhouse Activities September - May**

#### **Board Meeting:**

(September - May)

First Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

#### **Clubhouse Open:**

Mondays, 7- 9 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

#### **Faceting, Silversmithing, Fused Glass Classes**

By appointment