

# ROCK-A-GRAM



October 2016



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## General Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2016

7:00 p.m.



### Clubhouse Location:

4619 69th Street North,  
St. Petersburg, FL



### Program:

## Show and Tell

Provided by Joe Cooper

This month's program will be show and tell. We are asking everyone to please bring in items that they have completed over the summer. Get everyone a chance to enjoy your achievements.

Looking forward to seeing all that can attend our October General Meeting!

Don't forget to bring your various outing stories and finds to tell all the club members about!

**DUES ARE DUE!     \$20.00 Individuals - \$30 per family**

If your last name starts with A - to - M, 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](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

Welcome Back! I hope that everyone has had a great month. Unfortunately I was unable to attend last months meeting do to working out of town. I did see that we filled our two vacant positions! Thank you for volunteering Shamus and Ann. Speaking of volunteering, I would like to talk about that for a second.

As a lot of you are aware, we had a clean up day a couple of Sundays ago. I have to admit, I was a bit disappointed with the turn out. I do understand that people have prior commitments and such, and that is perfectly fine. To only have 3 people show up though was discouraging. I am asking everyone to please remember that this is OUR club. Not the boards, not mine, but ours. We all have to put forth an effort to keep our facilities up to date, clean, functioning and safe. Thank you to those that helped out with cleanup. We filled a dumpster full with yard debris and trash. Great job.

For those that have not been by the clubhouse in a while, you should really stop in! There are a lot of great things going on. Cabbing room has had a facelift, casting room is up and running, the meeting room and library have been cleaned up and organized, and the yard is all cleaned up and ready for our yard sale. It is looking good.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meeting.

Eric Odegaard,  
President





## Dues are Due!



To ensure you continue your Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society relationship, please bring in or mail in your Annual Membership Dues. The 2016—2017 SGAMS Dues are as follows:

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

Donna Sapp (Membership) will be happy to assist you in renewing your membership at the October SGAMS General Membership Meeting!. Or, Mail your check to: SGAMS P.O. Box 13254, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733-3254



## Life Membership

Congratulations to Rose LaBranche on becoming a Life Member,  
...and Thank You for your many, many years of service!



## In Memory Of:

Bob Harrelson passed away August 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a memorial service November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am at the pavilion near the columbarium at Bay Pines. Bob and his late wife Brenda were members for many years.

Donna Sapp, our membership chair, lost her husband Tom September 10th. They had recently returned from their summer trip

Word was received from the William Holland School that longtime silver instructor Will Smith passed away October 10th. Will was a former member of SGAMS. In addition to silver, Will was also a cabbing instructor who specialized in Tennessee agate. He and his wife, who also passed away recently, were regular winter visitors to this area.



## Our Clubhouse:

On Sunday October 23rd at 9:00 am, until completed.

All members are invited to come help out.

Our main focus will be to move the coral into the coral storage bin.

We Thank You for donating a few hours towards the Clubhouse!



We will have our 1st yard sale of the new year on December 10 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

## Show News

Show Committee meetings will keep to the normal schedule of being the week after the General meeting, pending holidays. So the next is October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 and we will continue the behind the scene work.

For the Show to work we also need volunteers in the "upfront" portion of the Show itself. We need solid coverage and dependable attendance in all areas of the floor. Don't worry if you have never worked a show most jobs are simple, fun and you have a chance to learn a lot of things. The areas to be covered are Set-up, Break-down, Information Table, Ticket Booth, Club Table, Hospitality, Silent Auction and Gem Mining. So we have a place for everyone and every talent. The sign up sheets will be at the General Meeting. The more we can spread the work around the easier the Show will be for us.

Please confirm the date on your calendar; the Show is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> and set up is Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thanks,  
Bill Schmidt

The Show Committee will not meet in November. There will be a combined Nov. & Dec meeting on December 8th, at 7:00PM.

## Upcoming Shows:

October 15 and 16, 2016

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club  
Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo  
[www.tampabayrockclub.com](http://www.tampabayrockclub.com)

October 24 and 25, 2016

St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club  
Martin County Fair Grounds, Stuart, FL

October 28, 29, and 30, 2016

Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society  
Florida National Guard Armory, Orlando, FL  
[www.cfmgs.org](http://www.cfmgs.org)

November 12 and 13, 2016

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society  
Melbourne Auditorium, Melbourne, FL 32901  
[/www.canaveral-mgs.com/](http://www.canaveral-mgs.com/)

November 19 and 20, 2016

The Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches  
South Florida Fairgrounds, West Palm Beach, FL  
[www.gemandmineralsociety.org/](http://www.gemandmineralsociety.org/)

November 18, 19, and 20, 2016

SFMS Annual Meeting Hosted By:  
Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society  
Cobb County Civic Center, Marietta, GA  
[www.cobbcountymineral.org/](http://www.cobbcountymineral.org/)

December 2, 3, and 4 2016

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County  
Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL  
[www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/](http://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/)

January 13, 14, and 15, 2017

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.  
with the SFMS Quarterly Meeting  
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL

January 21 and 22, 2017

Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society  
Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland, FL  
[www.tomokagms.org](http://www.tomokagms.org)

March 3, 4, and 5 2017

Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—47th Annual Show  
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL

## FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

[www.AMFED.org](http://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

#### Midwest Federation

May 6-7, 2017  
Brainerd, MN

TBA

#### 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](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)

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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.

### **Centrifugal Jewelry Casting**

Centrifugal jewelry casting uses the force of a centrifuge to create the inertia necessary to throw metal into the hollow cavity left behind. After the burn out of wax in the flask to be cast, the flask is placed in a cradle on a swing arm in direct alignment with a crucible in which metal will be melted. The crucible will be heated by a torch to melt the metal, while the arm is in a cocked position. When the precious metal is at critical temperature, the centrifuge is released and metal is slung from the crucible at high velocity, filling the flask before it spins to rest.

This form of cast is new to the club members this year. Casting is a two-day class this is because of the time required prepare the wax for casting and the required seven hour burn out time of the mold.

Joe Cooper will be teaching the class and two students can take the class at a time.

### **Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting September 05, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Odegaard at 7:10 p.m.

Board members present were Eric Odegaard, Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Gerri Groves, Pat Davis and Pattie Reed. Also attending were Sue Hazelden, Sandy Schwebel, and Bill Schmidt.

Secretary's report- A motion by Pattie Reed to approve the minutes as printed, was approved.

Treasurer's reports from June to August were submitted by Jerri Heer, a motion was made by Pattie Reed to accept and place for audit, was approved.

Annual Show-a motion by Joe Cooper to raise the table fee from \$100.00 to \$125.00, motion approved. Bill Schmidt is working on the updates for next year's show. He has updated the flyers with the dates for 2017. Budget & Audit. The proposed budget for the new year's need to be submitted by July 15<sup>th</sup> and the audit committee needs to be picked in May, so that we can start the new year off with all this information completed. The Audit committee for this year is Sandy Schwebel and Dave Watson.

Building- After the last rain storm we have leaking problems in the silver room, we did minor repairs, but we need a new roof before we have major problems inside the building. A motion was made to get the roof repaired and was approved. We are looking for 3 estimates and will decide which one is the best and how quickly it can be done.

Membership-a motion by Joe Cooper to raise the annual membership dues to \$20.00 for single and \$30.00 for family was approved.

Shop fees-a motion by Dave Watson to raise the shop fees to \$3.00 hour, was approved. Will take to Darell Groves and Jerri Heer to see what they want to raise the fee for slabs to.

Work day is scheduled for Sunday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> from 9: 00 a.m. Eric Odegaard will contact trash company to get a dumpster for that weekend.

Program for Sept will be on lost wax casting, which we are now offering.

Revised by law will be reviewed by Joe Cooper, Dave Watson and Pattie Reed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.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**.

### Donations to the Clubhouse?

Donations (Rocks, Equipment, etc.) to the club should be labeled—Attention: Pattie when dropped-off. She will catalog, and if you want a receipt just let her know.

### Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

#### General Meeting

September, 2016

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

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

Treasurer's report was not read as the treasurer was out of town; it will be review at the next meeting.

Building repair- we are in need of a new roof and are getting 3 estimates for this job, and it will be done as soon as the board has review the estimates.

Membership dues and shop fees have been increased. Membership dues are now \$20.00 for single and \$30.00 for family. Shop fees are now \$3.00 an hour for shop time and slab fees are 25 cents for a square inch.

Yard cleanup will be on Sunday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. we would like as much help as we can get, we need to do the inside as well as the outside.

We have a vacant director's chair due to health issues. Shamus Walker has said he would do it.

Dinner Chairperson-this is for our Christmas dinner and the end of the year dinner for installation of new office for the next year. Ann Morrison has agreed to be the chairperson and has asked the following people to assist her as she lives in Tampa and is not familiar with this side of the bay. Helen Tantum, Breta McGuire, and Susan Biel.

Lawn Maintenance- we will have a sign up sheet and anyone who is willing to help with cutting the grass and picking up the yard is asked to sign up.

Tonight's program is on lost wax casting and Joe Cooper will lead the program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves

Recording Secretary

New Members- Donna Sapp has recommend the following as new members, and they were approved. Alfred Campos, Candy Ryan, Cynthia Gould, Susan Biel, Melissa Cassidy, Vinnie Vineyard and Sheila Schur.

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* (727) 686-1209, [sandyschwebel@gmail.com](mailto:sandyschwebel@gmail.com)

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

**SILVER SMITHING:** *Joe Cooper* (317) 775-5476, [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 \$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](mailto:je.cooper@outlook.com)  
(by appointment)

Cost for classes (except faceting) is \$3.00 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: \$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.

## **ROCK-A-GRAM** (Official Bulletin)

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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.