

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

4619 69th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL

Program: Help Me Id

"**HELP ME ID** - A panel of our very own SGAMS experts will be set up to assist members identify any particularly vexing stone, gem or mineral they have (limit of 2 please), and the use of our Club Reference Library and richly stocked display cases will be encouraged and explored."

- 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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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

I would like to take this time to welcome all of our friends back. We should start to see some cooler weather and hopefully a little less rain around here.

I hope everyone had a safe and uneventful journey back to the ST Pete area. I look forward to seeing everyone at the clubhouse. Our new Vice president has loads of fun programs planned for this year.

I would like to take a moment and talk about our club-house equipment. We have had some trouble from time to time with equipment being miss used, that and not cleaning up after its use. We all need to remember, this is our club and equipment, if we don't take care of it we won't have it for long. If you see something not right, fix it or bring it up to someone. If equipment is being misused say something to that individual or bring it to the attention of the moderator.

Moderators be responsible make sure when you leave that the equipment is unplugged, water is off and lights are off.

Thanks to everyone for your help and assistance.

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

Welcome back everybody. We are on track with the contracts having gone out to the dealers expressing interest and now are waiting the replies. If you have any dealer type questions get them to the Dealer Chair Sandy Theisz or I can pass them along.

For the Show to be successful we need volunteers in the upfront line portion of the Show, Show Committee members to work the behind the scenes, and to oversee the different floor areas we divide into.

For meeting the public on the floor we need solid coverage in the time slots and dependable attendance. Don't worry if you have never worked a show before as most jobs are straight forward, they're all fun and you have a chance to learn a lot. The areas to be covered are Set-up, Break-down, Information Table, Ticket Booth, Club Table, Hospitality, Silent Auction and Gem Mining. Look these over, we have a place for everyone and every talent. At the General Meeting I will have sign up sheets for these areas broken down into time slots. The more we can spread the work around the easier the Show will be for everybody. Again this year Donna Sapp will over see the ticket booth and the information table. She can help arrange times with you and in training. The silent auction is being run by Susan Biel. A special "back room" job is the filling of Grab Bags. We need a person to check all the supplies that are needed, arrange re-stocking and gather people for a Saturday morning filling party. Are you up to this??? Give me a call or e-mail from the info in the front of the newsletter.

Show Committee meetings are planed so far to be on the regular schedule of being the week after the General meeting, pending holidays. So the next one is October 25th at 7:00 and we will continue the behind the scenes work. If you are interested please come by.

Please confirm the dates on your calendar; the Show is on March 1st , 2nd , & 3trd and set up is Thursday the February 28.

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

Upcoming Shows:

November 3 and 4, 2018
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo
www.tampabayrockclub.com

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
Withlacochee Rockhounds of Hernando County
Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL
www.withlacocheerockhounds.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

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.jewelrysthows.com/>

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

Withlacochee Rockhounds of Hernando County:
www.withlacocheerockhounds.com

Our Web Site:

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

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

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
September 06, 2018**

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

Board members in attendance were President Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Susan Beil, Eric Odegaard, Sandy Theisz, and Gerri Groves. Also in attendance were Lori Heinemann and Bill Schmidt.

Secretary's report, motion by Eric Odegaard to accept as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report, Eric Odegaard presented the treasurer's report, a motion by Susan Beil to accept and file for audit, motion carried.

Program for Sept meeting is the Show & Tell, (what I did over the summer)

Show committee- Sandy Theisz asked if any changes were needed before the vendor applications were mailed. The board reviewed the applications, there being no changes, Sandy will have them mailed out this week.

Equipment-cabbing machine need to have new bearing, before the new wheels can be put on. The budget has allotted funds for these repairs, so new bearing will be ordered.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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 September 20, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Cooper at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary Report. A motion by Shamus Walker to approve the minutes as published in the Rock a Gram was approved.

Treasurers Report- was not given as Eric Odegaard was not in attendance.

Show Committee- The annual show for this year is set for March 01, 02, 03 2019. Bill will have the sign-up sheets ready at the next meeting. The first show meeting will be Sept 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Building- The backdoor to the cabbing room still needs repair, also some of the soffit around the building needs to be replaced.

Badges- Donna Sapp will make anyone who needs a badge cost is \$3.00. They are helpful in learning everyone's name and at the show to let people know you are a part of the club.

Tonight's program is Show & Tell (what you did over the summer.) A fun time was had by all.

Meeting was 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.



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.



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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

SGAMS Emails

You may notice we have new email addresses listed on the contact section on Page 2 and Page 8 of this newsletter bulletin for many contacts.

SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com

Why, you may wonder? ... and it seems so impersonal.

As a convenience we have our SGAMS newsletters available on our website for you... Which is where a risk comes into play. Currently we plan to continue posting the newsletters, but with this one change in the email addresses.

The new email address provided for some contacts, is to only due to identity thieves, hackers, and those who otherwise attempting to scam email addresses listed on the internet.

Therefore we now have a 'filter' email to deter from these internet risks. Legitimate emails will be forwarded to the intended recipients.

Rest assure your club is still here for you! The phone numbers remain in place. And you may already have email addresses for the contacts listed. If you don't already have their information, don't fret! The email addresses are available at the Clubhouse!

The change in email addresses is only to keep the bad guys out!

Thank You, Lori Heinemann, Editor SGAMS Rock-A-Gram

SouthEast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) Quarterly Meeting Will be held locally, with our Annual Show in March 2019

In paying your annual SGAMS dues, you are also a member of both the regional level (SFMS), and the national level (AFMS). So you are a member of a larger group of Rockhounds each year!

The SouthEast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) is the regional level of the rock clubs in our district.

Yes, our club is one of 74 clubs in a 10 state area, all of which are members of the SFMS region.

And we also belong to a nationwide main entity named American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). The national level has six regions. You may check-out all the AFMS has to offer on their www.AmFed.org website.

The SFMS meets three times a year, two meetings are deemed quarterly meetings, (then a Summer break), and last is one annual meeting.

The SFMS officers will come to our area from other parts of Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, etc. to join in their meetings this coming March. While the SFMS representatives are here, many will also visit our Annual Show.

The SFMS has an informal 'Cracker Barrell' Meeting on Friday night, then commence their official SFMS quarterly meeting on Saturday morning.

If you are interested in learning what goes on at these SFMS meetings, or you just want to drop by, more information will be provided as the time nears.

Thank You, Lori Heinemann, Editor SGAMS Rock-A-Gram