

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

4619 69th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL

Program: Show & Tell

"Welcome back, and welcome one and all! For our first meeting of the 2018-19 year we will start off with **What I Did On My Summer Vacation: Show & Tell**. I am encouraging everyone to share with the group their Gem & Mineral related exploits - such as rockhounding, mining, spelunking, classes attended & skills learned, classes taught and skills passed on, special achievements and special moments - or just that you're glad to be back! If you have an item to 'SHOW' with the 'TELLING', please bring it along!" - 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

Welcome back. Our first meeting of the new year is Thursday, September 20, 2018. I hope that everyone had a safe and wonderful summer. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing about what you have all been doing since we last met in the spring - travels, and projects.

I want to personally thank all those working at the club house this summer. Thank you all who volunteered to help keep the club cleaned up, and things fixed.

I want everyone to remember. This is YOUR club. Please get involved and help make it the best it can be. We need someone to take care of planning our two annual dinners. Christmas and end of year in May. This person would handle all coordination and setting up these dinners. If you are interested in either of these positions, please talk with one of our board members.

Again, welcome back and I hope this is another great year.

See you soon.
 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!

Cabbing and Dopping

- ◇ Stir the wax well.
- ◇ Pick out your stick. You don't need the stick too long, excess length will interfere with your movement on the wheel.
- ◇ If you wanted a gridle on your stone and haven't marked it, do this now.
- ◇ Clean / clean-off both your stone and the stick.
- ◇ Stir the wax well.
- ◇ Warm the stone while you stir the dopping wax.
- ◇ Use ample dop wax to attach your stone.
- ◇ Attach and rest the stick and stone on a level surface.
- ◇ Set the dopped stone aside so it can harden for use.
- ◇ Work on dopping a new cabochon while this one is setting. Or use a dopped cab on a machine... Cut a new slab, or shape a new stone to dop next. Always have multiple projects, so you keep working.
- ◇ Put your stone on the dop stick in the freezer, the chill will ease the removal and separation.
- ◇ If something isn't working out right for you, set it aside and work on something else.

Upcoming Shows:

September 21, 22, and 23, 2018
 Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society
 28th Annual Show
 Morocco Shrine Auditorium
 Jacksonville, FL
www.jaxgemandmineral.org

October 5, 6, and 7, 2018
 Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society
 Rock, Mineral, Gem, and Jewelry Show
 Florida National Guard Armory
 Orlando, FL
www.cfmgs.org

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

December 1, 2, and 3, 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

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.jewelryshowguide.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.cfmgs.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
May 03 2018**

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Cooper at 7:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were Vice President Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Jerri Heer, Gerri Groves, and Shamus Walker. Also attending was Susan Biel.

Secretary's report-a motion was made by Jerri Heer to approve the minutes as printed and was approved.

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

Building- the back door of the lapidary studio needs a new door and frame. Joe Cooper and Dave Watson will look into the cost.

New member picnic and yard sale is set for May 12th, need to find out what we will be providing and if it has been purchased.

Dinner for instillation of new board members will be May 17th at the Olive Garden on U.S. 19 in Pinellas Park and will start at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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 clean the interior of the Clubhouse. We need to keep up some general housekeeping. 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 (727) 350-5530 (please leave a message).

Thank you! - Susan Biel

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting April 17, 2018

Meeting was our Annual end of year dinner with the Installation of the new Officers and Directors. No minutes are taken for the Dinners.

The clubhouse was open for normal classes and shop time.

Volunteering:

Our SGAMS Club is built on Volunteers!

Everyone who is contributing is a Volunteer!

No one is paid...

The Officers, the Board Members, the Appointed Positions, are all volunteering.

How would you like to contribute?

There are many opportunities!

If you can arrive early to our Monthly General Meetings, you can:

- * help set-up chairs,
- * start a pot of coffee, and have the kitchen prepared,
- * clean-up after the meetings,
- * put the chairs back away

You can submit articles to this newsletter.

You can assist with our show planning committee...

You can assist at our show, there are so many ways to volunteer here!

- * assist to bring items from the clubhouse—to the show
- * work a booth, there are shifts available
- * show a demonstration
- * bring items back from the show—to the clubhouse

And, there are many more ways to contribute, see what you can do for your club! Volunteer.

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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:

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

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)

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 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.

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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