

ROCK-A-GRAM



September 2019



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General Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

4619 69th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL

Program: Show & Tell Night

Did you go rockhounding or mining this summer? Attend a class and learn a new skill? Visit a museum or exhibit related to gems & minerals? Here is your opportunity to tell us all about it. Bring in an example of what you found, made, a brochure, etc., to share and add to the experience!

- Susan Biel

DUES are: \$20.00 Individuals - \$30 per family

If you won something at a previous meeting, bring something to share!
If your last name starts with A - to - L, 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

As they say time fly's when you are having fun and this year is flying by. So welcome back to everyone. Our first meeting of the new year is Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7pm at the club house. I hope that everyone 's summer has been a safe one. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing about your events, travels, and adventures.

You will notice that a lot has been going on around the club house this year. We are trying to provide more work space and improve our working conditions. I want to thank everyone for their time and efforts around the club house this summer. While we still have a lot to do, I want to thank those in advance that step up to help complete the needed repairs. Thank you.

I want invite everyone to get more involved with the club. We need all the help we can get with on going projects.

So again, welcome back and all my hopes for another great year.

See you soon.

Joseph Cooper,
 President

Thank you to Susan Biel:

Please extend a Thank You to your current Vice-President, Susan Biel, whenever you see her. She has volunteered to assist, and been volunteered for many projects. In addition to providing your monthly general meeting program, she continues to seek opportunities to enrich our SGAMS club.

SFMS Rockhound Round-Up March 6, 7, and 8, 2020

Our clubs Regional level, SouthEast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) is hosting their 2nd annual Rockhound Round-Up.

- Who:** All Members of all SFMS Clubs are Welcome.
Members from over 80 Clubs in these states: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN.
- What:** An old-fashion Rock-Swap
- When:** March 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2020.
- Where:** Spirit of Suwannee Music Park
3076 95th Drive
Live Oak, FL 32060
(386) 364-1683
www.musicliveshere.com
- How Much:** **For Buyers Only:** the only cost is the Admission Fee for the Park
If you have a few rocks in your pockets, you may be able to 'Swap' also.
- For Sellers:** \$25.00 for a 10' x 20' 'booth' to be a Vendor, plus the Park Admission.
The \$25.00 is for the 10 foot by 20 foot vendor booth, for all three days.
Park Admission—Paid directly to the Park as a daily fee, each day entering the Park.
Place your reservation with the SFMS Contact. Separate email sent with Application.
- For Overnight Stays:** The Park offers several overnight or weekend options,
Cabins, RV spots, Tent Camp-out locations. There are also nearby Hotel / Motels.
Contact the Park directly to make a reservation to stay overnight or for the weekend.

This Rockhound Round-Up is provided in conjunction with the 2020 SFMS 1st Quarterly Meeting.

Upcoming Shows:

September 27, 28, and 29, 2019

Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

Jacksonville, FL 32224

www.jaxgemandmineral.org

October 26 and 27, 2019

St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club Inc.

Ft. Pierce, FL

www.slrockandgem.org

November 2 and 3, 2019

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Plant City, FL

www.tampabayrockclub.com

November 9 and 10, 2019

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society, Inc.

Melborne, FL 32901

www.canaveral-mgs.com

November 23 and 24, 2019

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

West Palm Beach, FL 33411

www.gemandmineralsociety.org

December 6, 7, and 8, 2019

Withlacoochee Rockhounds, Inc.

Hudson, FL

www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/

January 10, 11, and 12, 2020

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.

Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL

www.PGS.Rocks

February 22, 2020

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society

Lakeland, FL

www.bonevalley.net

March 6, 7, and 8, 2020

SFMS Rockhound Round-Up

Spirit of Suwannee Music Park, Live Oak, FL

www.amfed.org/sfms

March 14 and 15, 2020

Tampa Bay Fossil Club

www.tampabayfossilclub.com

Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society

Location and Date to be determined

www.sgams.com

FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

www.AMFED.org,

AFMS Newsletter

2019-20 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions

California Federation

CA, HI, NV

June 25-28, 2020

Lodi, CA

Rocky Mountain

Federation

Date TBD

Big Piney, WY

Eastern Federation

March, 2020

Monroe, NY

South Central

Federation

AR, LA, TX

Fredericksburg, TX

January 19-20, 2019

Midwest Federation

March 23-24, 2019

Cedar Rapids, IA

Northwest Federation

October 18-20, 2019

Lewiston, ID

Southeast

Federation

October, 2019

Huntsville, AL

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>

National Park Foundation:

www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society:

www.canaveral-mgs.com

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

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society:

www.bonevalley.net

Pinellas Geological Society: www.pgs.rocks

Tampa Bay Fossil Club: www.tampabayfossilclub.com

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club:

www.tampabayrockclub.com

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County:

www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com

Our Web Site:

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

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
May 02, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Joe Cooper. Board members in attendance were Joe Cooper, Gerri Groves, Dave Watson, Susan Biel, and Eric Odegaard.

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

Treasurer's report, motion by Eric Odegaard to accept, and file for audit. Motion approved. Budget report, motion by Susan Biel to accept as printed. Motion approved.

New business- Set up a meeting for all the monitors in the capping room. To help them understand what they should know about the care of the equipment and to help the members to take care when using the equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m

Submitted by
Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary



Editorial comments:

We all have saved the SGAMS funds, by converting the newsletter delivery to email. The SGAMS Newsletter delivery was a cost minimum of:

\$0.15 per page, times 8 pages= \$1.20, some printers were \$0.14, for \$1.12 for 1 print.

The postage is now around \$0.50, per person, per mailing, equals a minimum of \$1.62, with the printing.

There are 9 months where the newsletter is produced, September through May.

Therefore 9 x \$1.62 = \$14.58, per person, per year is the savings provided.

Now all of that money has since been redirected towards the SGAMS Club.

Which means you are truly contributing to the good of the SGAMS Club, each year with your paid Membership.

As of the April newsletter issue the BOD indicated there will be and/or are back-ups for positions from their BOD meeting on March 7, 2019.

I have enjoyed editing the newsletter since January of 2016. It was quite a struggle to obtain the required information the first year of my position. After that, Eric Odegaard really assisted and ensured most items were timely, with minimal begging and pleading for information—I felt that was a real win-win situation. Now with the latest BOD, I provided steeper deadlines, and required items to be presented timely. I did send out one edition later than normal due to my error, as I had received a spam email requesting I pay bills for our treasurer. As not to confuse matters, I held off sending the email. I hope I have served you well.

Remember Pat Davis is your Education Chair, working for you. You will reach-out to her for education matters, documents, and learning. Your inquiries will help her direction, so she may give back to the club where it will help you. Please let her know how to direct her energy to keep the SGAMS education committee working for everyone. Remember you are paying for a membership, of our SGAMS club. The club is not just by and for the Board of Directors. You are a member of SGAMS, and your thoughts, concerns, and input are just as valuable as anyone else's. Anyone who has any position has volunteered their services and/or time, there is no higher tier of membership, due to input and efforts. You are worth and valued just as much as any one else. We all give back, and hope the efforts are indeed for the good of everyone.

The Board of Director meetings are open to all SGAMS members, I encourage all of you to attend these meetings, to know what is going on timely. If you notice the Board Meeting minutes are published in the newsletter of the following month. This means a month-and-a-half has gone by since the actual meeting. In addition, another Board meeting was already held a week prior to the newsletter publishing date, each time.

If anyone ever asks you not to go to the BOD meetings, then you will need to question their intents, and what is and should be going on for the good of all. Remember this is a membership club. The SGAMS club does not belong to the Board members, nor any one person. The SGAMS club belongs to all paid members, per fiscal year.

WE THANK OUR ADVERTISERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ALL OUR MEMBERSHIP TO VISIT AND PATRONIZE THEIR BUSINESSES.



Are you a member of SGAMS, and want to promote your business?

Place Your Ad Here.

Clubhouse Class Schedules

CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Pat Davis (727) 323-2147 or: 73shasta@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 12-4 p.m.

Larry Murray (727) 686-1314 or: Murray_Larry@hotmail.com

FACETING/WIREWRAPPING: Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m.

Dave Watson (727) 541-2917 or: SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com

SILVER SMITHING: *Joe Cooper (317) 775-5476, SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.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, SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.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, SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.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.

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