

ROCK-A-GRAM



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Welcome back, everyone!

Hope everyone had a good summer!

We are excited to see everyone back and are gearing up to have some good times here at SGAMS!

President's Message

Can you believe it? Summer is over. Kids are back in school. And we've had the first meeting of the season recently. I'm sure there are some interesting stories of rockhounding over the break.

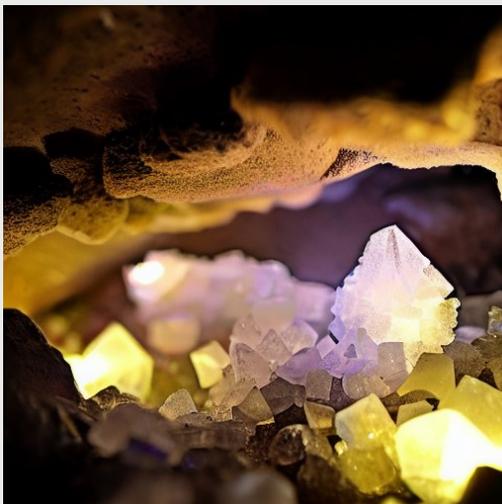
It was total serendipity that I got to see the rock hound dinner table at the show in Lakeview, Oregon. All the food on the table is made of rocks! And the dishes too. Check out that loaf of bread!

After scattering for the summer it will be great to get together again and see what we can accomplish this coming year.

Pat Davis



Meetings



General meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through April, 7:00 pm, at our clubhouse, 4619 69th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33709.

The public is cordially invited to attend these membership meetings.

December and May meetings are special, and as such, the time and place of meeting will be announced ahead of time in a bulletin.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, Oct. 19th

Class Schedules & Info

Clubhouse Class Schedules - By Reservation Only

CABBING, Workshop & Instruction: Thursdays 12 to 4pm

Larry Murray (727) 686-1314

Must receive a text request by Tuesday Evening.

Saturday Cab Shop hours are suspended until further notice.

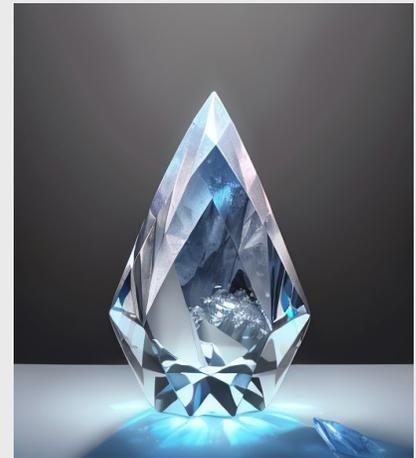
In cabbing, participants will learn the basics of cutting, forming, and polishing a simple cabochon.

FACETING/WIRE WRAPPING: Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm

Dave Watson 727-541-2917 or sgams2020@gmail.com

Faceting is the art of cutting and polishing angled faces on a gemstone; this class is at a cost of \$65.00 and the student will cut and polish one round brilliant stone.

Wire wrapping basic class allows you to set precious and semi-precious gemstones into simple metal frameworks made out of copper, silver, gold, and other materials.



SILVERSMITHING: Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm and Saturdays 1 to 5 pm

Joe Cooper 317-775-5476 or sgams2020@gmail.com

Silversmithing class is to help with foundational silversmithing skills and finishing suitable for the novice or those with limited experience.

WAX CASTING: By Reservation, announced by Email Blast to All Members

Joe Cooper 317-775-5476 or sgams2020@gmail.com

Wax casting is a \$50.00 class which includes one 3 inch flask, in two sessions, which involve investing spruced trees in preparation for the burnout process and then melting and pouring into the remaining cavity to produce the cast pieces. Finishing of the cast pieces is minimal and participants are encouraged to attend the silversmithing lab if they would like help in this last stage.

St. Lucie Rock & Gem Show

Info & Coupons

St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club is hosting the annual SFMS meeting in conjunction with our annual Rock and Gem Show.

We invite you all to attend our show and hopefully attend the meeting as well.

46th Annual
Jewelry,
Rock & Gem
S ♦ H ♦ O ♦ W
 PRESENTED BY ST. LUCIE COUNTY ROCK & GEM CLUB

Saturday, October 21, 2023
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday, October 22, 2023
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MIDFLORIDA Event Center
 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place; Port St. Lucie
 Admission: \$5.00

Children with an Adult: Free
 Tickets available at the show entrance

- ◆ Custom-designed, Handcrafted Jewelry ◆
- ◆ Gemstones ◆ Beads ◆ Rocks ◆
- ◆ Minerals ◆ Slabs ◆
- ◆ Gold and Silver Valuations On Site ◆
- ◆ Artisans Village ◆
- ◆ Demonstrations ◆ Raffles ◆
- ◆ Kids Corner ◆

For additional information,
 contact the Show
 Chairperson at
 slclubshow2023@aol.com
 or 772-462-6597



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Closing Notes & Info

This is the official newsletter of the **SUNCOAST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.**, located at 4619 69th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33709.

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.

Dues: \$20.00 for a single person or \$30.00 for a couple/family; paid annually and collected each September.

Benefits: Our club offers shop time to its members at a cost of \$3.00 per hour or any part of the hour. Classes are open-shop with a monitor to provide assistance as needed.

Handling Donations:

Donors are encouraged to bring their donations to the clubhouse during board meetings (first Thursday of each month, September through May), or to membership meetings (third Thursday of the month, September through May).

Please do not leave unidentified items at the clubhouse at other times.

Julia Larson is the point person for donations and will be available following each of these meetings to accept and record donor and donation information. During the summer hiatus (June 1 through August 31) or at any time, donors can contact Julia at: jmlsgams22@gmail.com, or 727-410-3781.



If calling, please leave your name and number in order to return the call.

Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
Application for Membership

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Spouse's Name

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Type of Membership: _____ Adult Single (\$20) _____ Family (\$30)

Family means spouse and/or at least one child under 18 living in your home.

WHAT TIME AND TALENTS CAN YOU DONATE TO THE CLUB? (for example: retired; lapidary skills; plumbing; grant-writer, machinist, etc.) :

Reason for Joining the Club (Shared, Interest, Education, Field Trips, etc.) _____

What other Gem clubs are you (or have you been) a member? _____

Service to the club: In order for your membership application to be considered for approval, you must select at least 1 (one) area below where you have an interest and feel you can be of assistance.

(Indicate all areas where you have an interest and can assist YOUR club)

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. Serve as a Committee Chairman</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. Serve on a Committee.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. Assist VP with monthly membership meeting program.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. Work with Field Trip Chairman on club trips.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> E. Assist at annual show: Ticket Booth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> F. Assist at annual show: Information Booth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> G. Assist at annual show: Club Booth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> H. Serve as club officer or board member/ Historian.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> I. Assisting Newsletter Editor (as needed)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> J. Assist with Maintenance of the club house.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> K. Working as a club Instructor (cabbing, faceting, wire wrap, silversmith, etc.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> L. Hospitality for Monthly Meetings (set-up coffee and supplies)</p> |
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Use of the club facilities is a privilege of membership in SGAMS. Please be prepared to present your membership card when you come in to use the shop or take a class.

Mail application to: Patricia Church, 2404 15th St. W., Palmetto, FL 34221

Form 12/02

Dues Paid? _____ Date: _____

 Membership Chairman

 Treasurer

 Date Accepted to Club



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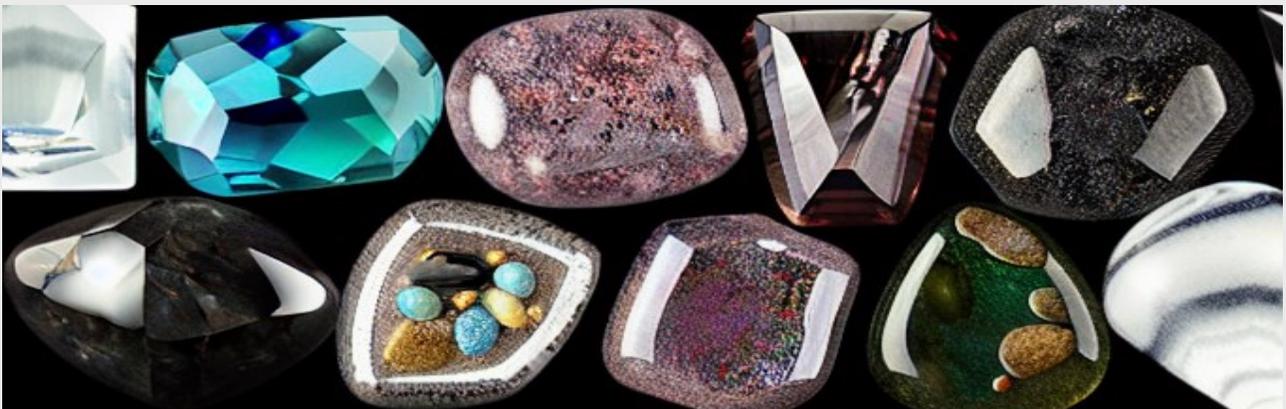
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Our Website: www.sgams.com

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063572437643>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/564631203904814>

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies	https://www.amfed.org/
American Lands Access Association	http://www.amlands.org/
Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies	https://www.southeastfed.org/
National Parks Foundation	https://www.nationalparks.org/explore/parks
Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society	https://www.canaveral-mgs.com/
Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society	https://cfmgs.org/
Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society	http://www.bonevalley.net/
Tampa Bay Fossil Club	https://tampabayfossilclub.com/
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club	https://tampabayrockclub.org/
Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County	https://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/
Geology, Rocks, Minerals, Volcano, etc information	https://geology.com/

Next Show: 2024

We hope you will all come join us!

53RD ANNUAL SHOW

SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

at the **LARGO EVENT CENTER** (formerly Minnreg Hall)
6340 126th Avenue N, Largo FL

MARCH 1, 2, 3, 2024

Friday, Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm • Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Gems, Minerals, Jewelry, Slabs, Cabochons, Fossils, Beads, Door Prizes, Exhibits and More.

ADMISSION

Donations: \$6.00/Adult 3 day pass • Children under 12 FREE

\$1.00 off admission with this card (limit one per person)

Free Parking • Food Service on Site

