

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2016
7:00 p.m.



Clubhouse Location:

4619 69th Street North,
St. Petersburg, FL

Program:

A Surprise



Provided by your Vice-President!

Eric maybe providing another game, like the Rock, Gem, and Mineral Jeopardy type we all enjoyed earlier this year! He plans on surprising us with something! Come out this Thursday to see the program Eric will be presenting, probably full of fun and educational, with laughs!

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

Remember this is the last monthly meeting before summer break! The May meeting will be dinner, read on into the newsletter to find the details...

The clubhouse and classes continue year round so, don't stay away this summer!

If your last name starts with N -to- Z, please bring goodies to our meeting to share. Thank You!

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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

We'll be voting for the new officers at the April meeting and your new officers will be installed at the May dinner meeting.

Please remember next month is the annual end of year dinner, where we will be installing the new board of directors! This will be at Olive Garden, not at the Clubhouse! Details on the location and who to contact are on the next page.

After the May Dinner & Installation, we will reconvene for our Monthly General Meeting in September.

But, know the Club and the Clubhouse is not closed, and classes continue year round, so don't go away.

Maybe visit our Clubhouse at a different time, and see what classes or workshops you might enjoy!

It has been a pleasure to serve you this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing what next year will bring! Thank You for the opportunity and for your contributions as well!

If there is an area of interest where you would like to get involved please contact any member of the board. They will be able to get you in touch with the right person.

Happy Earth Day!

Pat Davis
 President

Thanks for a wonderful show!

Gerri and Darrell,

My son and I had a lot of fun at the gem and mineral show today. Darrell spent a lot of time with us helping us select rocks for my son's rock tumbler and getting us the proper grits to use. I really appreciate the time he spent with us. The tumbler is turning as I type this and we are looking forward to seeing the stones when they are done. Thanks again for a great show. John and Jack Taylor .

Dinner and Officer Installation

The SGAMS end of year dinner and installation of officers for 2016-17 will be held Thursday May 19, 6:30-9 pm at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 6700 US 19 N. A special program highlighting the 2015-16 club year is being planned. Members are invited to bring family and guests. We will be ordering from the regular menu, with separate checks for each party.

We need to let the Olive Garden know the number of guests to expect. If you plan to attend, please sign the list at the April meeting or let Julia Larson know at 410-3781 or glassgal0947@gmail.com by May 13.

2016 SFMS Workshops:

Here is a listing of the SFMS Workshops, and feel free to visit <http://sfmsworkshops.com/> for details:

William Holland Schedule 2016

June 5 – 12

Beading -Becky Patellis	Mineral ID - Scott Forward
Cabochons - Dave Bergquist	Opals - Carl Talbott
Casting - Bill Harr	Polymer Clay - Sandra Davis
Chainmaille - Kathy Morris	Silver II-SW Silver - Nancy English
Faceting - Tom Mitchell	Wire I - Sandy Bergquist
Gem Trees - Jerri Heer	Wire II - Wire Weaving & Wire Wrap Filigree - Jan Stephens

Wildacres Schedule 2016

August 22 – 28

Fused Chain Maille - Roy Deere
 Metalwork Special Projects - Jeff Sheer
 Beading - Advanced
 Mineral ID - Travis Paris
 Chasing & Repousse - Tom and Kay Benham
 Display Case - Danny Griffin
 Deep Relief Wood Carving - Clancy Smith
 Metal Clay 1 - Katie Baum
 Gourds - Pat Davis
 Beginning Wire - Rowan Rose

Wildacres Schedule 2016

September 19 – 25

Chain Maille 1-2 - Roy Deere
 Gem Identification - Teresa Polly
 Casting - Bill Harr
 Flint Knapping - Michael Miller
 Wire for Beaders - Leslie Wayment
 Faceting - Tom Mitchell
 Silversmithing - Pattie Appleby
 Scrimshaw - Rich Williams
 Cold Connections and Enameling - Debora Mauser
 Chasing & Repousse 2 - Tom and Kay Benham
 Metal Clay 2 - Katie Baum

Upcoming Shows:

May 6, 7, & 8, 2016

Georgia Mineral Society

Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy, Marietta, GA

May 28 & 29, 2016

Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society

Joppa Shrine Temple, 1.5 miles North of I-10 at Exit 41, Gulfport, MS

June 4 & 5, 2016

Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society

Tannehill Historical Ironworks State Park, 12632 Confederate Pkwy, McCalla, AL

October 15 & 16, 2016

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo

November 12 & 13, 2016

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

Melbourne Auditorium, 625 East Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901

January 13, 14, & 15, 2017

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.

Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo, FL 33771

March 3, 4, and 5 2017

Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—46th Annual Show
Minnreg Building, 6340 126th Avenue North, Largo, FL

FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

www.AMFED.org,

AFMS Newsletter, August, 2015

2015-16 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions**California Federation**

September 12-15, 2015
Lodi, CA

Rocky Mountain Federation

TBA

Eastern Federation

October 21-23, 2016
Rochester, NY

South Central Federation

October 23-25, 2015
Austin, TX

Midwest Federation

August 19-21, 2016
South Bend, IN

Southeast Federation

November 6-8, 2015
Melbourne, FL

Northwest Federation

July 27-Aug 1, 2016
Albany, OR

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

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
Rock Vein Newsletter

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: www.canaveral-mgs.com, Canaveral Moonstone Newsletter

National Park Foundation:

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.

Nominating Committee: For the coming year 2016-2017 the following names are on the ballot:

President - Eric Odegaard
Vice-President - Joe Cooper
Recording Secretary - Gerri Groves
Corresponding Secretary - Dan Stefanski
Treasurer - Jerri Heer
3 Year Director - Richard Sarafian
2 Year Director - Dave Watson
1 Year Director - Patti Reed
Past President Director - Pat Davis

Club Bulletin Board

Please check our Club Bulletin Board when you visit our Clubhouse...

Right now, Pat has some items she is selling to move, there are pictures of what she has, and still available. If you're interested in something, give her a call! There is a limited amount of items, yet all have photos. Pat's number is on the bulletin board with the pictured items.

**In Memory Of:
Lou Codol****Lou Codol**

We lost a very special member of our group last week when Lou Codol passed away. Lou was a WWII veteran, a member of the "greatest generation." He was a firefighter and he was a member of SGAMS for over 20 years. He served as President and was a board member for many years. He opened the cabbage shop so others could play. He was a life member, the highest recognition awarded by our club, to those whose efforts on behalf of the club are "above and beyond".

Lou was a familiar face at our club shows. For years he worked at the club booth and more recently could be found at the information table. He donated equipment and very special items that became grand prizes at the show. He probably did a whole lot more, but as he was one of the oldest members of the club there just aren't many left who remember it all.

Maybe the most important thing is that Lou was a genuinely nice person. He truly enjoyed helping others. He was always cheerful and pleasant despite his health issues.

Lou passed away March 31 .

Rest in peace, dear friend. We will miss you





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**.

The Clubhouse Needs your old Towels!

Please Donate your Old Towels to Our Clubhouse Shops, we are in need!

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

General Meeting

March 17, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Pat Davis at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary report- a motion by Sue Hazelden to approve the minutes as published in the Rock-a-Gram was approved.

Treasurer's report- Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Dan Stefanski to accept and place for audit was approved.

Yearend dinner will be at the Olive Garden on U.S. 19 in Pinellas Park on May 19th at 6:30 p.m. A signup is available in the clubhouse; we need a count to let them know how many to set up for.

A field trip is set for April 16th there is a signup sheet in the clubhouse, if interested please signup.

The nominations for the coming year's board of directors is as follows

President Eric Odegaard, Vice President Joe Cooper, Recording Secretary Gerri Groves, Corresponding Secretary Dan Stefanski, Treasurer Jerri Heer, Directors 3yrs Richard Sarafian, 2yrs Dave Watson, 1yr Pattie Reed, and Past president Pat Davis.

Tonight's meeting is how to identify rocks and minerals, Jerri Heer gave a lesson on how to tell the difference, several people brought in items to be identified and we learned a lot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves Recording secretary

Membership, an e-mail vote was taken, as there were not enough board members at the meeting. A motion by Donna Sapp to accept the following to be members June Starke, Linda Bennett, Camille Hammerschmidt, Lo Hammersley, Suzanne Watts, and John Mejia. The motion was approved.

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

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

Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:

ENAMELING: *Pat Davis* (727) 323-2147, wayouttamygourd@gmail.com or
Sandy Schwebel, dschwebel@tampabay.rr.com

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

SILVER SMITHING: *Joe Cooper* (727) 202-8095, 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

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 \$2.50 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.

Cost for classes (except faceting) is \$2.50 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.



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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: \$15.00 single or \$20.00 couple/family; due annually each September.

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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.