

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Location:

4619 69th Street North,
St. Petersburg, FL

Program: Rock Game

with Joe Cooper!

This game will help you learn to identify rocks and minerals!

Please come join us for the last meeting at our club house, before the Summer break!

Yes, we will meet in May - at our Annual Club end of year dinner, with the Installation of Officers.

There is a sign-up sheet at the clubhouse, for those interested in the May dinner, as we would like to get a count of how many will be attending. Thank You!

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 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

Hello again everyone.

As I am writing this, im sitting in the Dominican Republic dreaming about our field trip coming up on the 19th. I believe that we will have a wonderful time together and hopefully find a LOT of sapphires! There are a total of 6 of us headed up there. Wish us luck!

Only 2 more meetings! Can you believe it! Remember that nominations for board members should be presented at the April meeting where the next years board members will be voted on.

As our year winds done, and a lot of us head back to cooler weather, I want to thank you all for a wonderful first year as your club president. We have accomplished a lot of great things together that will ensure our club has a home for many years to come.

Please be safe on your travels and I look forward to hearing all about you finds next year.

For those sticking out our wonderful summers here in FL, I hope I will see you all at our April meeting and our May dinner.

God Bless.

Eric Odegaard,
President

Club Badges

Do you have your Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society Name Badge?

If you are a new member, or have misplaced your SGAMS club badge, then it is time to get a new one!

See Donna at the meeting, and order your badge for \$3.50, monies due upon placing the order!

We wear the badges at our General Monthly Meetings, our Special Events, and our Annual Show! Show your spirit, and sport your badge! It is also a great way to get to know one another better! We have many new members, and this is a great way to know who is a member, start a conversation, and easier to get acquainted!

At our Annual Show, it is a great way for all to know who is who, as we volunteer!

The badges will be in a plastic sleeve with a metal clip attached, but no lanyard.

But, don't forget your badge at the meetings!

There is a 'Penalty Jar' to encourage all to wear the badges, and if you forget to wear your badge, you get to donate a quarter (.25 cents) and this can be placed in the jar at the sign-in table.

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Specials

The SFMS is seeking out you, to learn with gem and lapidary skills, under their programs.

Please see the attached SFMS (Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies) Flyer!

Please check-out both of the below schooling opportunities:

WILLIAM HOLLAND SFMS WEEK

The SFMS week at William Holland will be June 11-17, 2017, and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies is looking to fill the school!

Please check-out the William Holland calendar, and find the classes available for June 11, 2017 at <http://sfmsworkshops.com/> You will find the 2017 Registration Form on the 2017 SFMS Workshops page link. During this SFMS week, the cost will be \$370.00.

WILD ACRES SFMS WEEK

Wildacres will be adding another week for the SFMS, July,23-29 2017, and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies will have a total of 3 weeks here!

Please check-out the Wildacres calendar, and find the classes available at the SFMS website: <http://sfmsworkshops.com/> You will find the 2017 Registration Form on the 2017 SFMS Workshops page link.. http://sfmsworkshops.com/?page_id=322

Wildacres weeks: 07/23/17 to 07/29/17; 08/21/17-08/27/17; and 09/18/17 to 09/24/17.

Upcoming Shows:

April 22 and 23, 2017

Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society
Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show
Memphis, TN

www.theearthwideopen.com

November 4 and 5, 2017

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo

www.tampabayrockclub.com

December 1, 2, and 3, 2017

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County
Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL

www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/

January 12, 13, and 14, 2018

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
with the SFMS Quarterly Meeting
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL

www.PGS.Rocks

March 2, 3, and 4 2018

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

2016-17 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

Midwest Federation

May 6-7, 2017
Brainerd, MN

TBA

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/showdates>

<http://www.jewelryshowguide.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.canaveralmgs.com/>

Winnipeg Rock and Mineral Club: www.wrmc.ca

Rock Vein Newsletter

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: www.canaveralmgs.com, Canaveral Moonstone Newsletter

National Park Foundation:

www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks

Our Web Site:

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

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

Field Trip:

This Month: April 19th—23rd
Franklin Mine, North Carolina with a stop by the Mason's Mine
Join Us for the Trip or the dates you can spare!

More Details to follow!

Our fearless leader Eric is organizing this trip for all of us!

So, stay tuned for more information
At the Monthly Meetings,
Email Blasts from Dan,

You don't want to miss this event!

Club Moderators

The Board of Directors empowers the Moderators with authority, when the Shop or Classes are Open.
The Moderators are overseeing the Club Facilities, Equipment, and well being of those present..
As always Members should respect our Clubhouse, Equipment, and Fellow Club Members.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
March 02, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eric Odegaard.

Board members present were Eric Odegaard, Joe Cooper, Dave Watson Shamus Walker, Pat Davis, Jerri Heer, and Gerri Groves. Also in attendance were Lori Heinemann and Darell Groves.

Secretary's report-motion by Joe Cooper to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report-Jerri Heer presented the treasurers report, a motion by Dave Watson to accept and file for audit. Motion carried.

New member picnic and yard sale is set for April 8th. Have Dan send out an e-mail to remind everyone.

Field trip is scheduled for April 19th to 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by Gerri Groves,
Recording Secretary

**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**.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
General Meeting
March 16, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Eric Odegaard.

Secretary's report-motion by Jerri Heer to approve the minutes as published in the Rock a Gram. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report- Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Dan Stefanski, to accept and file for audit. Motion carried.

Field trip is scheduled for April 19th to 23rd going to Mason mine near Franklin NC. Eric has gotten room rates from \$75.00 to \$80.00 a night. If you are interested in going you need to email or text Eric and let him know what dates you are going for and how many are going so he can make the arrangements.

New member picnic and yard sale is set for April 8th. Set up for the sale is at 8:00 a.m. and sale will start at 10:00 a.m. for members picnic will begin at 12:00p.m.

Board of directors for next year is as follows: if someone would like to serve let the nominating committee know and they will add names to the ballot.

President Eric Odegaard- Vice President Joe Cooper- Treasurer Jerri Heer, recording secretary Gerri Groves- Correspondence secretary Dan Stefanski- Membership chairperson Donna Sapp. Directors Dave Watson, Rhonda Kuntz, and Shamus Walker.

Tonight's program is the annual auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerri Groves

Recording Secretary

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

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

SILVER SMITHING: *Joe Cooper* (317) 775-5476, 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 \$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 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.

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 Open:

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 12:00- 4:00 p.m.