

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Location:

4619 69th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL



Program: Game Show



By Eric and Joe

Eric and Joe will provide us with another fun-filled evening of entertainment and education as we play a game with a rock, mineral, gemstone theme...

These game show programs have been quite well attended, so arrive early!

See you next Thursday!

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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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

I can I believe how fast this year has gone by. I have missed all of you at the last few meetings due to my back surgery but I am happy to say that I am doing much better. I do have a long ways to go, but I making progress every day.

We had a fantastic show in March and I thank each and everyone of you for volunteering and participating to make this your show such a success. We will have the show figures for everyone to look at during the May dinner. Speaking of the May dinner, the sign-up sheet is out so if you would like to come and join us and say farewell to some of our board members and to welcome the new board members in, that would be fantastic. Please sign up at the clubhouse so we know how many people to expect. We always have a good time.

We have a few things coming up that I'd like to point out. The first thing is that back by popular demand, we will have our last game night of the year during this months meeting! Who knows what crazy ideas we will come up with for this one.

On May 12, we will also have a rock yard sale as well as a new member picnic. There will be more information to follow on the picnic. Please come and support your club.

I guess that's it for now and I will see you at the April meeting

Eric Odegaard,
 President

Lanyard Contest

We are having a fun competition!!!! This is an event we do every few years so you can show off your skills.

What: Lanyard Competition

When: Now until our next general meeting on April 19th, 2018

Where: SGAMS clubhouse, Located at 4619 69th St N, St Petersburg, Fl

Why: This is a fun way to show off your creativity to other members and maybe give them some ideas on what they can do too. Also, it helps encourage members to wear their name badges to meetings and other club events.

Details:

1. Lanyards can be made from any medium of your choice.
2. They will be judged on
 - Creativity
 - Originality
 - Workmanship
3. Your finished project must be brought to our April 19th general meeting at the clubhouse for judging.
4. Lanyards will be judged by: Holly Dodson, the previous 1st place winner, Rose LaBranche, and Donna Sapp
5. The judges will award three (3) prizes:
 - 1st place, \$20.00 in Club Bucks
 - 2nd place, \$10.00 in Club Bucks
 - 3rd place, \$5.00 in Club Bucks

Club Bucks can only be used here at the clubhouse to pay for shop fees. Club instructors/moderators will note the charges & balances on back of Club bucks form.

There is no cash value.

So get your thinking cap on, your hands busy and come up with some Really cool and unique ideas!!!

Picnic and Yard Sale:

Save the Date!

On Saturday May 12th at 10:00 am, until 3:00 pm.

We need some members to help set-up before the opening at 10:00 am.

So, plan on arriving at 8:00 am...

Help organize and assist until 10:00, No Shopping until then.

We'll start our Picnic around Noon.

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/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.

National Park Foundation:
www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks

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

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society: www.cfmgs.com, Central Florida Newsletter

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club: www.tampabayrockclub.com, Coral Geode Newsletter

Winnipeg Rock and Mineral Club: www.wrmc.ca
 Rock Vein Newsletter

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County: www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com, Withlacoochee Rockhound Newsletter

Our Web Site:

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

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
March 01 2018

Meeting was called to order by Pat Davis at 5: p.m. Those in attendance were Pat Davis, Dave Watson, Dan Stefanski, Jerri Heer, and Gerri Groves.

Secretary's report- A motion was made by Dan Stefanski to approve as printed. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's report - Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Dan Stefanski to approve and file for audit was approved. Also discussed were, addition security expense of \$720.00, for the show as Eric Odegaard is unable to do the overnight hours. Need to get the budget for 2018-2019 set.

New member's picnic is set for May 12th. We will also have a yard sale that date to sell some of our excess rocks and equipment. Club will supply the meat and sides.

Field Trips several people have asked if we are going to have field trip this year, we do not have one scheduled, but will see if anyone is interested in getting one set up.

Next year's show will be March 01, 02, 03, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Submitted by Gerri Groves,
Recording Secretary

Officer Installation and End of Year Dinner

On May 17th we will have our Installation Dinner Meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Olive Garden. Address is 6700 U.S. Hwy 19 North, Pinellas Park, FL. Located near 34th Street North, and 1/2 mile South of Parkside Mall. Please sign-up on the sheet, so we have a count of those attending.

The dinner is arranged by our Dinner Committee, with Ann Morrison as the Dinner Chair. Ann's contact information is on Page 8. Thanks Ann!

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.

Nominating Committee

Our nominating committee consisting of Pat Davis, Joe Cooper, and Sandy Theisz— have their proposed board positions for the elections this month.

Elections are in April, this month! The nominations are listed in the General Meeting Secretary Report below.

If you are interested in serving on the board next year, or in future years, please talk to one of our current board members to learn more about contributing to our club.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
General Meeting
March 15, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Lori Heinemann at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary' report- a motion was made by Dan Stefanski to approve the report as published in the Rock a Gram was approved.

Treasurer's report Lori Heinemann presented the treasurer's report a motion was made by Dan Stefanski to approve and file for audit was approved.

Annual dinner will be held on May 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Olive Garden on U.S. 19 in Pinellas Park. The signup sheets are on the bulletin board at the club house, please signup to let Ann know how many are coming.

Lanyard contest will be part of the April meeting there will be three prizes in the form of club bucks to be used for shop time at the club. First place is \$20.00, Seconded place is \$10.00, and Third place is \$5.00.

The following people have been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 year.

President Joe Cooper, Vice President Susan Biel, Recording Secretary Gerri Groves, Correspondence Secretary Dan Stefanski, Treasurer Eric Odegaard and Past President Pat Davis. Directors- 3 years Sandy Theisz, 2 years Shamus Walker, and 1 year Dave Watson.

Tonight's program is our annual auction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by
Gerri Groves
Recording Secretary

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CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

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

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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

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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, 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