



As everyone is aware all club meetings in March were postponed due to the covid-19 state wide shelter in place. The shelter in place requirement is still in effect. The club will at this point have no meetings in April. I have consulted with the other board members and we believe that we should err on the side of caution. We will reopen as soon as the state says it's safe to do so.

Pat Davis and the board committee have put together a list of members for next year's Board. That list will be in the Rock-A-Gram. I believe that trying to do a vote for new board members in an email would be a real pain. I have asked that the current board members keep the positions they hold until the next club meeting and a vote be held at that time. The board members have agreed to do this. Voting for the recommended for changes to the club Bi-laws are also on hold. Please remember that the recommended changes are in the February 2020 and March 2020 Rock-A -Gram.

We intend to keep club members inform of any changes by email.

Thank You

Joseph E Cooper

THERE IS NO MEETING THIS MONTH (APRIL)
STAY HOME AND STAY SAFE.

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HELP WANTED!

Do you know your way around Facebook?

SGAMS is looking for a computer-savvy member to handle our presence on Facebook. Contact Pat Davis at shasta73@gmail.com to discuss.

The nominating committee has nominated the following for 2020-21 board positions:

President—Julia Larson

Vice President—Rick Bunton

Recording Secretary—Gerri Groves

Corresponding Secretary—Dan Stefanski

Treasurer—Pat Church

3 Year Director—Shamus Walker

2 Year Director—Irene Muench

1 Year Director—Kelly Nolen

1 Year Director (Past President slot) - Greg Stephenson

Note: The election is normally held at the April meeting, with installation of new officers occurring at the May meeting. Since we are unable to have meetings due to the stay-at-home order, the election will not take place until the next meeting. The current board members will remain as such until that time.

Note: When new officers are installed, the newsletter will be edited by Susan Biel.

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There being no board or general meetings, there are
no minutes to report.

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL RECOMMENDED SAFETY PROCEDURES

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

STAY HOME OR MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING.

WASH YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.

BE KIND—PLEASE DON'T HOARD NECESSARY ITEMS.



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.cfmgs.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 WEBSITE: www.sgams2020.com

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and want to promote your busi-
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Clubhouse Classes will resume at a future date

CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm

TBD

Wednesdays, 12 to 4pm

Larry Murry 727-686-1314

FACETING/WIREWRAPPING: Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm

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SILVER SMITHING: Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm and Saturdays 1 to 5 pm

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Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:

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GEM TREES: Jerri Heer (419) 344-9999 or jheerx6@aol.com

WAX CASTING: Joe Cooper (317) 775-5476, sgams2020@gmail.com

Cost for classes (except Faceting and Wax Casting) is \$3.00 per hour, or any portion thereof, 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.

**Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society
Amendments Requested by SGAMS Bylaws Committee.**

In accordance with Article XII: Amendments. The Bylaws Committee recommends that the following changes be made to the SGMA Bylaws. (Please note that **red strike thru text** are to be removed and yellow highlighted text are our requested changes to the Bylaws.

Article III: Section I D. Honorary Membership: Any person who has made outstanding contributions in promoting popular interest in the fields of earth science or lapidary arts shall, upon majority vote of the Board of Directors, be granted an Honorary **Life** Membership in this Society. No more than two (2) Honorary Memberships shall be granted in any one (1) calendar year. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay dues and are not entitled to vote or hold office.

Article III: Section 4: Suspension Membership dues are due September 1st of each year. Any member whose dues are not paid by **December 1** September 30 of each year is automatically suspended and forfeits the right to vote and the privilege of holding office. Further suspended members shall not use club facilities and club equipment, participate in any club classes, and can no longer attend club activities.

Article III Section 5: Reinstatement A member, suspended for non-payment of dues, **may be reinstated by paying delinquent dues before the next September 1. If delinquent dues are not paid before September 1, the former member shall apply as a new member and meet the requirements then in force.** must reapply as a new member by submitting a new membership application with dues payment and be approved by the club's membership Chairman. Until suspended members are reinstated, they forfeit the right to vote and the privilege of holding office. Further, they shall not use club facilities, club equipment, participate in any club classes, and can no longer attend club activities.

Article IV Section 3: Delinquent

Dues shall be considered delinquent if not received by **December 1** September 30th, and the membership shall be suspended. Any suspended member must reapply as a new member by submitting a new membership application with dues payment and be approved by the club's membership Chairman. Until suspended members are reinstated, they forfeit the right to vote and the privilege of holding office. Further, they shall not use club facilities, club equipment, participate in any club classes, and can no longer attend club activities. **If dues are not received by the next September 1, membership shall be forfeited.**

ROCK-A-GRAM

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

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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- 5:00 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