

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Location:

4619 69th Street North,
St. Petersburg, FL

Program:

Annual Club Auction



Our annual club auction is here again!

Please bring in something to contribute to our Annual Club Auction... And we can auction off what you donate to this annual auction event, watching to see what it will bring in for our Club!

If your contribution is rock related that's great, but it doesn't have to be. It can be anything someone will buy!

And bring money so you can scarf up all the treasures your fellow members are bringing. Get ready to grab some loot, and good time will be had by all!

All proceeds go to help fund our club projects! So, please be as generous as you can. Eric will be providing an encore performance as auctioneer! If you attended last year's event you know how much fun it was!

If your last name starts with A -to- M, 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

Happy Valentine's Day!

Happy Presidents Day!

The state fair ended it's twelve day run Monday.

Our February meeting is our last meeting before our big annual gem and mineral show in March!

If you haven't already checked with the show committee, Bill Schmidt, Chairman, to see where you can help...

Please reach-out to Bill, and see where and how you can contribute, to make this our best show so far!

Our Show is a three day event and it takes a lot of people to make it happen. With all the booths and activities we have going on through-out the show there is bound to be something that is fun for everyone.

The best part of belonging to our club is your ability to contribute and make our Club better and stronger, and all the while together our friendship bonds become stronger. We learn from each other, and share knowledge, and grow both as a Club and personally.

So, please contribute!

Pat Davis

President

Show News

I hope you have been able to spread the word about OUR show to your friends and acquaintances. There is just one month left till D-day! Remember I have electronic copies of the different sized fliers and written notices if you can distribute them. Just call or e-mail with your requests. Also our website has the full-color, full sheet flier for you to copy and paste. Feel free to mention us on any social media that you use.

The sign up sheets are hanging up in the Clubhouse Main Room by the bulletin board. As of this writing we are at 87% full. So, check over the 8 empty time slots and step in where you can. There are also slots that we need a second person for.

There is room for two more display cases. If you want to display your work and show possible new members just what SGAMS is about then step up quickly. The cases are about 2' x 4' (or Federation standard) size and can hold quite a lot of small pieces.

On Saturday February the 20th we going to assemble grab bags (sold at the Information Table) and sand bags for the Gem Mining flume. This is a great time for learning your rocks and minerals. We'll be going through bins with lots of the same material, bagging them, put in a pre-made label and with this amount of practice you will pick it up very fast. We are going to meet at the Clubhouse at 10:00. The Gem Mining bags are similar but will be measuring out sand, minerals and tumbled stones into the larger bags.

And lastly the last Show committee meeting will be Thursday the 25th at 7:00. We will be doing our last minute checking and inventorying supplies so everything is ready for the week after.

Remember our show dates are March 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2016.

Thanks,

Bill Schmidt
Cell: 657-0998

Get Ready to set-up and fill out your show tables!



Upcoming Shows:**Feb. 20-21, 2016****Treasure Coast Gem Show**

Vero Beach Community Center

Vero Beach, FL

Feb. 27, 2016**Bone Valley Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show**

First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland

Lakeland, FL

www.bonevalley.net**Feb. 28, 2016****The Villages Gem and Mineral Society**

The Villages, FL

www.thevillagesgemandmineralsociety.com**March 4-6, 2016****Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society Show**

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<http://www.SGAMS.com>**April 22-24, 2016****Central Florida Gem Show**

Florida National Guard Armory

Orlando, FL

<http://www.cfmgsorg/>**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**

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Eastern FederationOctober 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.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.uThe URL for CMGS web site is: <http://www.canaveral-mgs.com/>Winnipeg Rock and Mineral Club: www.wrmc.ca

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Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: www.canaveral-mgs.com, Canaveral Moonstone Newsletter**National Park Foundation:**www.nationalparks.org/explore-parksBob's Rock Shop, <http://www.rockhounds.com>.If you find any other interesting websites, please let me
know and I will publish in newsletter.

**In Memory Of:
Mary Abel**

Mary Abel, a long time member of SGAMS died Sunday, Feb 14th 2016 at Morton Mease Hospital.

Services and burial will be held in Birmingham Alabama at a later date.

Mary had many friends in our club and we enjoyed the many good times she shared with SGAMS.

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
January 07, 2016**

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

The following board members were present Pat Davis Jerri Heer, Gerri Groves, Dave Watson, Joe Cooper, Julia Larson, and Pattie Reed. Also attending were Darell Groves and Bill Schmidt.

Secretary's report - A motion by Joe Cooper to approve the minutes as printed was approved.

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

Equipment - Dave Watson and Darell Groves are still working on getting all the cabbng machine up and running properly.

Building - breezeway enclosure was discussed.

A work day is set for Sat Jan 30th to clean up the back yard and get the containers of rock set on the shelves that Dave Watson built. The time will be 10:00 a.m. until 4:00p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Show - next show meeting will be Jan 28th at 7:00 p.m. there are show flyers available to anyone to give out. Feb. 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. will be to fill grab bags and the gem mining bags.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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**.

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

January 21, 2016

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

Secretary's report - a motion by Sue Hazelden to approve as printed in the Rock a Gram, was approved.

Treasurer's report - Jerri Heer presented to treasurer's report. A motion by Julia Larson to accept and file for audit was approved.

Building report - need to have the wiring checked in the cabbng room, it is causing the breakers to pop when too many machines are in use.

Show the flyers and mail cards are ready. Will have a show meeting on Jan 28th, to get the cards ready for mailing, with address labels and stamps. Also on Feb. 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. members are need to help fill the grab bags, and the gem mining bags, this is a great way to learn what some of the rocks look like.

Tonight's program is on some ways to help identify different rocks. Eric Odegaard has a game set up with question. 4 teams were set up to answer the questions and the team with the most points will win the game. A fun time was has by all.

Donna Sapp has made a motion to accept the following new members.

Jason Fulker, and Amanda Benitez, Joseph Ventimaglia, and Cindy & Tom Cook. The motion was approved.

Meeting was 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 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 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.

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.