

# ROCK-A-GRAM



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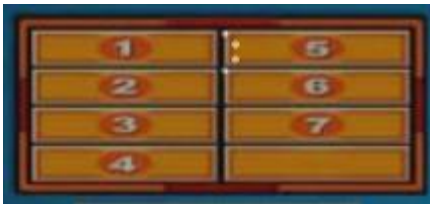


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## General Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2017

7:00 p.m.



### Clubhouse Location:

4619 69th Street North,  
St. Petersburg, FL



## Program:

# Family Feud Style Game Show Night

Provided by Eric Odegaard

Game night is back by popular demand! Come and join us for a fun filled evening of Family Feud!  
Of course we will add our own twists into it. It will be a great time. See you at the meeting.

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

If you won something at a previous meeting, bring something to share!

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

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Rock-A-Gram Newsletter

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**SGAMS Clubhouse Address: 4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709, [www.sgams.com](http://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

Well hello to everyone once again!

I hope you all have been able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather than we have been having here in Florida. This type of weather always makes me want to go and DIG. Speaking of digging, we are looking at doing our club field trip April 19th up to the Franklin area. Its going to be a great opportunity to enjoy each others company and dig at some great spots.

I would like to ask our club for help. We currently are in need of cabbng instructors/monitors. We do not have a permanent person that can do this as of now. We are looking for someone to take over or to help out run the cabbng shop on Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm. Don't worry. We will not throw you to the wolfs! We will make sure that you are spun up on the responsibilities of that job. The down and dirty is that you would be responsible for assisting members in cabbng, ensuring the proper use of the clubs equipment, and ensuring everything is shutdown and locked up when done. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A BOARD MEMBER!** Please talk with one of the board members to volunteer.

I look forward to seeing everyone for game night at the general meeting this month.

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.

## Show News

Less than a month away!

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 for you to distribute. 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 85% full. So, check over the empty time slots and step in where you can. There are also a few slots that we need a second person in the earlier shifts.

We have room for a display case. If you want to show off your work and give potential members an idea what SGAMS is about then step up quickly please. The cases are about 2' x 4' (Federation standard size) and can hold quite a few small pieces. We have a few fabric liners and platforms to lend but they could already be reserved by now. And lastly, the last Show committee meeting will be Thursday the 23th at 7:00. We will be doing our last minute checking, gem mining bags, grit weighing and inventorying supplies so everything is ready for the week after. Hope to see you there.

Thank You for the 8 members that came out on Saturday morning and filled the Grab Bags that the Information table will be selling. It was a lot of fast paced work to make 100 bags in just over two hours but y'all did it!

Thanks,

Bill Schmidt



## Upcoming Shows:

February 18 and 19, 2017  
Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society  
Vero Beach Community Center, Vero Beach, FL

February 25, 2017  
Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Society  
Lakeland, FL  
[www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

February 26, 2017  
The Villages Gem & Mineral Society  
The Villages, FL  
[www.thevillagesgemandmineralsociety.com](http://www.thevillagesgemandmineralsociety.com)

February 25 and 26, 2017  
Mississippi and Mineral Society  
Jackson, MS  
[www.missgems.org](http://www.missgems.org)

March 3, 4, and 5 2017  
Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—47th Annual Show  
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL  
[www.sgams.com](http://www.sgams.com)

March 10, 11, and 12, 2017  
Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show  
Julian Smith Casino  
Augusta, GA  
[www.agam.club](http://www.agam.club)

March 18 and 19, 2017  
Dothan Gem and Mineral Club  
Dothan, AL  
[www.wiregrassrockhounds.com](http://www.wiregrassrockhounds.com)

March 25 and 26, 2017  
Blue Grass Gem & Mineral Club  
Lexington Rock Gem & Jewelry Show  
Lexington, KY  
[www.bggamc.homestead.com](http://www.bggamc.homestead.com)

April 22 and 23, 2017  
Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society  
Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show  
Memphis, TN  
[www.theearthwideopen.com](http://www.theearthwideopen.com)

## FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
[www.AMFED.org](http://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

**Northwest Federation**  
May 19-21, 2017  
Hamilton, MT

**Southeast  
Federation**  
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](http://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.wrnc.ca](http://www.wrnc.ca)  
Rock Vein Newsletter

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: [www.canaveralmgs.com](http://www.canaveralmgs.com), Canaveral Moonstone Newsletter

National Park Foundation:  
[www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks](http://www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks)

### Our Web Site:

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

**Beginning to Intermediate Gem Tree Classes:**

Our January general meeting featured a mini gem tree class for the program. There were several requests for additional classes in this discipline. I can offer availability on Wednesday or Saturday afternoons. This will not be an ongoing class, but rather a short series of two to three classes.

The first session will be Basic Gem Tree, where you will complete one tree in a 2-3 hour period. Cost will be \$10.00 for materials and \$3.00/hour to the club.

The second session will be Intermediate Gem Trees and Design. Also \$10 for materials and \$3/ hour to the club, 2-3 hours.

If desired, a third session can be scheduled to focus on a specific tree design.

Interested members please contact Jerri Heer at 419-344-9999, or preferably by email at [jheerx6@aol.com](mailto:jheerx6@aol.com), so I have a written request. Include your name, contact info and preference for Weds. or Sat. class. Classes will be schedule when 3-4 students sign up.

Interested in Rock Tumbling? The below is a link to the comprehensive beginners guide to rock tumbling article:  
<https://www.smarterhobby.com/rock-tumbling/>

Permission, Presented, Author, and Provided by: Mark Orwig

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 05, 2017**

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

Board members present were Eric Odegaard, Joe Cooper, Jerri Heer, Gerri Groves, Dave Watson, Dan Stefanski, Shamus Walker, Pat Davis. Also attending were Donna Sapp, Lori Heinemann, and Bill Schmidt.

Secretary's report- A motion by Jerri Heer to approve as printed, was approved.

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

Show committee-the next show meeting will be Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. On Sat. Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, will be the date to fill the grab bags, all who want to learn different gems are asked to come and help fill the bags.

Building committee-the Termite inspection will be done on Jan 11<sup>th</sup>.

New members Picnic and yard sale will be April 8<sup>th</sup>. Set up for yard sale will be at 8:00 a.m. Sale will open to members at 10:00 a.m. Picnic will begin at 12:00 p.m.

New Door locks- Eric will pick them up.

Field trip is set for April 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be four to five day trip.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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**.

### Club Moderators

The Board of Directions 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.

### The Nominating Committee for the coming year 2017-2018 year are:

*Dan Stefanski, Shamus Walker, and Lori Heinemann are the nominating committee, and they are looking towards our future! 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. And, should you be approached by a nomination committee member in any year, think how you can enrich the future of SGAMS*

### Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

#### General Meeting

January 19, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Cooper at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's report-A motion by Rhonda Kuntz to approve the minutes as printed in the Rock a Gram was approved.

Treasurer's report- Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Shamus Walker to accept and place on file for audit was approved.

Show committee- the next meeting will be on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. On Jan 21<sup>st</sup> we will be filling the grab bags.

A memorial service will be held on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 p.m. at Bay Pines National Cemetery, for Pattie Reed. Let Rhonda Kuntz know if you are going to attend, will assemble at 12:00 p.m.

Tonight's program is String Gem Trees presented by Jerri Heer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.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](mailto:darell.groves@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays, 12-4 p.m.**

*Jerri Heer* (419) 344-9999 or [jheerx6@aol.com](mailto:jheerx6@aol.com)

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

*Dave Watson* (727) 541-2917 or [bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com)

**Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:**

**ENAMELING:** *Pat Davis* (727) 323-2147, [wayouttamygourd@gmail.com](mailto:wayouttamygourd@gmail.com)

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

**SILVER SMITHING:** *Joe Cooper* (317) 775-5476, [je.cooper@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:jheerx6@aol.com)

Anyone interested in taking a Beginning Gem Tree class, please contact Jerri Heer: (419) 344-9999 or [jheerx6@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.



# **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.**

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.