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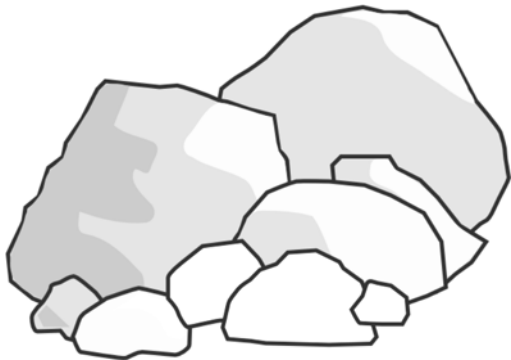
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General Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2018
7:00 p.m.



Clubhouse Location:
4619 69th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL



Program: Cabbing & Your Clubhouse

By Jerri Heer & Lori Heinemann

We'll look at what our clubhouse offers you to create Cabochons, information on our facility, and how you can safely learn and enjoy your hobby here at SGAMS!

Whether you'll be taking a rock and slabbing it, taking a slab and turning it into a cabochon, We have a cabbing room with many pieces of equipment to cut, grind, and polish!

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

Good morning my fellow rockhounds.

I hope this finds you all safe and well. I know that flu bug has been going around and hitting people pretty hard. Just a reminder to everyone. Let's try not to spread this thing anymore than it already is. If you feel like you might be getting sick, please try and refrain from coming to the clubhouse to do work. Everyone will thank you because no one wants to get sick. Thank you.

Our show is a month away! As you all know this is our largest money making event for the club each year. For those of you that have come in and help prepare for the show, I would like to personally thank you for volunteering your time. If you have not got the opportunity to assist with the show, and would still like to help out there are plenty of ways that you can still help. We are still looking for volunteers to fill vital slots for working different areas of the show. We also are still looking for people to set up display cases. If you can volunteer couple hours of your time for either one of these, that we absolutely wonderful. There a sign-up sheets at the clubhouse or you can contact Bill Schmidt for positions that still need to be filled. It's going to be a great show and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. I head in for surgery tomorrow so I probably will not see everyone at the general meeting but I will see you at the show. Thank you for everything you do.

Eric Odegaard,
President

Grab Bag Assembly

Many thanks and a big round of applause for the club members who came out today [Saturday, January 20th] to work on assembling the Grab Bags for the show ~ and what a body of work it was! We pulled together a variety of gem and mineral specimens, placed them in individual zip bags with their labels, then gathered them up to fill 125 Gift bags with 12 different items in each, for sale at the Gem Show in March. Everyone felt it that it was a good time, and very gratifying to see our end results of many hands making for light and fun “work”.

Many thanks to: Kelly, Rose, Darrell, June, Dan, Otis, Linda, Marcia, Helen and our new members Jim & Chris and Carolyn!
Submitted by Susan Biel

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 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!

Thank You,
Bill Schmidt
(727) 657-0998



Upcoming Shows:

February 17 and 18, 2018
Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society
Vero Beach, FL

February 24, 2018
Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society
Lakeland, FL
www.bonevalley.net

March 2, 3, and 4 2018
Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—48th Annual Show
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL
www.sgams.com

April 6, 7, and 8 2018
Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society
Rock, Mineral, Gem, and Jewelry Show
Florida National Guard Armory
Orlando, FL
www.cfmgs.org

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

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
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.jewelrysthows.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
January 04, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Eric Odegaard at 7:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were Eric Odegaard, Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Pat Davis, Shamus Walker, Dan Stefanski, and Gerri Groves. Also attending were Lori Heinemann, Donna Sapp, and Bill Schmidt.

Secretary's report-Motion by Dave Watson to accept the minutes as printed, was approved.

Treasurer's report-Jerri Heer is out of town, No report was filed.

Show committee-Bill Schmidt submitted an update of where things stand with the show, and what still needs to be done.

Membership-proposed changes to the by-laws regarding membership are as follows:

Section 2: Admission to Membership

Any person who is interested in the purposes and goals of the Society may obtain membership by completing an Application for Membership Form, volunteering to serve on at least one committee, and paying one (1) year's dues. Upon acceptance into the Society by the membership chair, a membership card shall be issued.

Section 5: Reinstatement

A member suspended for nonpayment of dues by November 30th may be reinstated by filling out a new application, paying their delinquent dues, and sending or giving the application and dues to the membership chairperson for review and approval.

If the suspended member does not submit a completed application and include their dues by September 1, they shall be required to meet the requirements then in force.

By-law changes will be presented to the membership at the January 18th meeting.

The effect of these changes in that membership is suspended if dues are not paid by November 30th. A new application and dues will be required for reinstatement and membership is not reinstated until approved by the membership committee.

Program will be game night.

Audit report-Pat Davis and Joe Cooper did this year's audit report and submitted their report for the board. A copy will be given to the treasurer for the appropriate changes.

Nominating committee this year will be Pat Davis, Joe Cooper, and Sandy Theisz.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Gerri Groves,
Recording Secretary

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Clubs

Our SGAMS club is affiliated with many clubs under the SFMS and two are very close to us both logistically and with fellow members. When we recently had a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program locally in Pinellas County - our sister clubs assisted us with representation and with the gem and mineral ID kits given freely to all of the students attending the event at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School.

Special Thanks to the Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club for providing all of the kits! Another Thank You to the members of Pinellas Geological Society for working with the students, and showing what our clubs have to offer. These clubs helped out, while our SGAMS logo was the representation for the event! Now that is sharing and caring with-in our local gem and mineral clubs. These clubs support and promote our Club and Show, please support all SFMS Clubs!#

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

General Meeting

January 18, 2018

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

Secretary's report-A motion by Sue Hazelden to approve the minutes as published in the Rock-a-gram was approved.

Treasurer's report-Lori Heinemann presented the report. A motion was made to approve and file for audit. Motion approved.

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A vote was taken and was unanimously approved.

Show meeting will be Jan 24th at 7:00 p.m. Grab bags will be done on Jan 20th at 9:30 a.m. Need members to come out and help. Sign-up sheets are in the club house there are still open spaces that need to be filled.

Pat Davis showed members what an empty display case looks like and gave a brief explanation of what you can fill them with. They are for display and not a place to sell you work..

Program tonight is game night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Gerri Groves

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Clubhouse Class Schedules

CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

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Darell Groves (727) 656-0323 or darell.groves@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 12-4 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

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, 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