

ROCK-A-GRAM



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Our Clubhouse

Saturday, January 30, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location:

4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg



2016 Clubhouse workdays begin this month!

On Saturday, January 30, 10AM—4 PM, we will start with the new storage shelter!

Lunch provided.

Join us for some fun sorting and identifying our droolworthy Rock collection.

Questions, Call Jerri Heer (419) 344-999, or email jheerx6@aol.com.

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Rockhound Estate Sales!

Estate Sale: "lots of rocks", large/med./small-large selection. old digging tools, metal/book case shelves, lots of nick knacks, storage containers, lots of art & craft items-beads etc., variety furniture, gem I.D. equipment. bargain pricing. **Call for appointment....**Pat Joseph, 727-525-2755 leave a message, she'll get back to you! 141 78th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL. 33702

DUES ARE DUE! \$15.00 Individuals - \$20 per family

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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 New Year!

SGAMS accomplished a lot in 2015.

We finally have adequate air conditioning in the Schwebel Center. The patio was rehabbed and some trees were removed. We have a new storage rack in the back yard. New wheels have just been installed on all the capping machines that needed them.

We have a new editor for the Rock-A-Gram. Lori Heinemann has graciously offered to take up the challenge. Her email address is SGAMS-Rock-A-Gram@mail.com. Please let her know any information you would like to see included in the newsletter.

We are starting the new year with a lot of momentum. The yard project scheduled for January 30th is the first step in getting things set up for all the casting activities that are planned.

Our annual show is only six weeks away. There is still plenty to be done, but if everyone does a little bit it will all come together. We'll have an even better place to play!

Pat Davis
 President



Storage Chores

If you've looked in the backyard of the club, you've seen the new storage shelter emerging. It is now finished. Many thanks to Dave Watson for the design and implementation! Shamus Walker and Darrel Groves helped with the construction.

And now... It's time to fill it. We are planning some work days to start sorting, replacing tubs and crates and then filling the shelves.

We have quite a pile in the back yard, so we need all the help we can get. The first work day will be Saturday, January 30th, 10AM to 4PM, Lunch provided.

To be prepared for this day, we'll need a bunch of milk crates, Rubbermaid tubs (medium size-18 gallon or less), 5 gallon buckets, cat litter pails, etc. Nothing too large, as we are filling them with rocks and need to be able to handle them without a forklift!

Join us for some fun sorting and identifying our droolworthy Rock collection.

Questions, call Jerri Heer—(419) 344-9999, or email jheerx6@aol.com.



Show News

Welcome to the New Year!

We have Show fliers at the Clubhouse! Get them in the main room! Already members are spreading the word by taking these to gem shows, not only this past weekend but to ones coming up. And you can help out too. Think about the groups and organizations that you're involved with. Where and how can you get our information to your friends. See if you can get a flier or notice distributed in newsletters, bulletins, posted on notice boards, make a personal announcement, or whatever you can think of. I have electronic copies of different sized fliers and written notices. Just call or e-mail with your requests. Also our website has the full-color, full sheet flier for you to copy and then print out or attach to e-mails. Feel free if you use Facebook or any social media to mention us, post our flier and "Like" us.

The sign up sheets for the Show are in the Clubhouse Main Room and as of this writing we are at about 60%. So check over the empty slots and step in where you can.

There are display cases available so members can display their work and do some show & tell about how you did it. We really want to involve people by educating them and plant the thought that they too can learn how to create such beautiful things. And of course SGAMS is just the place to learn.

On Saturday February the 20th I need people to help assemble the grab bags that are sold at the Information Table and some 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 measuring out sand, minerals and tumbled stones into larger bags.

The next Show committee meeting will be on schedule at 7:00, Thursday the 28th.

Remember the 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. 6-7, 2016****Central Brevard Gem Show**

Kiwanis Island Park

Merritt Island, FL

<http://www.centralbrevardgems.org/>**Feb. 20-21, 2016****Treasure Coast Gem Show**

Vero Beach Community Center

Vero Beach, FL

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

The Villages, FL

March 4-6, 2016**Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society Show**

Minnreg Bldg

Largo FL

<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**

TBA

Eastern Federation

October 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.wrnc.ca

Rock Vein Newsletter

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.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
December 3, 2015

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

Board members present were Pat Davis Jerri Heer, Gerri Groves, Dave Watson, Joe Cooper and Eric Odegaard. Also in attendance were Donna Sapp and Darell Groves.

Secretary Report: A motion by Eric Odegaard to approve the minutes as printed was approved.

Treasurer Report: Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Eric Odegaard to approve and file for audit was approved.

Audit Report: Eric Odegaard and Joe Cooper did the annual audit of the financial records for the 2014-2015 year. They filed a report of their findings.

Equipment the order from Kingsley has arrived, Darell Groves and Dave Watson will set up a time to start replacing the wheels on the cabbng machines.

Storage shelves in the yard. Dave Watson has researched the cost of putting a roof over the shelves and it will cost \$222.00. A motion by Eric Odegaard to approve the additional cost was approved.

Membership: Donna Sapp has 5 new members for the board's approval. The following names were submitted. Kent, Clint and Nicole Rosser, Suzanne Johnson, and Anna Digiacomma, the motion was approved.

January's program will be on identifying rocks. The Dec meeting is the annual Christmas Dinner at Olive Garden on U.S. 19 N in Pinellas Park. There will be a gift exchange if you wish to do so. The limit on the cost is \$5.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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**.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**Rock-A-Gram Newsletter****Getting To Know your Editor**

I joined Suncoast Geological and Mineral Society as a member in the 2014-2015 year, at the Annual Show in March of 2015.

I've been making things my entire life, starting with many drawing classes early on. In high school just about every semester had an art class. Then, when I could manage to, I included a few classes in college. I have been creative with jewelry, leatherwork, stained glass, and even working with recycled / upcycling items, often using multi-media. I am excited to move forward with my love of creating by being involved in our local clubs!

I have been enjoying participating in many shows in the past two years. Some of you may have already met me at any of our local shows!

Thank You in advance for having faith in me as your new editor, as I am looking forward to publishing our newsletter bulletin on your behalf!

Please feel free to submit any tips, information, articles, or news to share with all!

Please send an email to SGAMS-Rock-A-Gram@mail.com, or I hope to see you at an upcoming meeting or our Annual Show!

Submitted by:

Lori Heinemann
SGAMS Rock-A-Gram Editor

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 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: \$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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Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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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.