

# ROCK-A-GRAM



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## General Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2017

7:00 p.m.



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

# 2017

## Program:

### Strung Gem Tree - Make It, Take It

Provided by Jerri Heer

Yes, it is a Make It and Take It! Jerri Heer will be providing this opportunity for our members to make their own gemstone strung tree, Jerri has been working with gemstones, and making gem trees for over 23 years! This Make It and Take It Lesson should take about 30 minutes, and you'll be able to take your completed tree home, same evening.

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

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

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

Happy new years to everyone! I hope your New Years was a happy and safe one. We have a lot coming up this year. I would love to see maximum participation this year from as many members as we can.

During the months of January and February we will be preparing for our annual show which takes place in the beginning of March. If you are interested in helping, there is a sign up sheet at the club house to work the show and we will also be sending out dates that we will be gathering to prep for the show. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Schmit.

In March, we have our show! This is really big for our club as in that it brings in the majority of our revenue for the year.

Then there is April. We have a few big things planned for April. The first thing is our spring rock sale This will take place on the 8th of April. We will use the same times as we did for the fall sale. In conjunction with the sale, we will also hold a new members picnic. Around lunch time, we will be cooking up some food and welcoming our new members to the club. It should be a great time. The other thing we have going on in April is our field trip to Franklin NC and to Masons mine. We are looking at April 19th-23rd. I will get all of the info out by next month but I wanted to get the dates out there. Its going to be a great time and I hope to see as many as we can there. Please keep in mind that if you can not go for the entire trip, that is OK! You can still come up and meet us and you will still get the discount hotel and mining fee. More to follow.

I hope everyone enjoys this small break from the heat. See you all soon.

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

Welcome to the New Year!

We have Show flyers at the Clubhouse, so come and get them! Already members are taking these to gem shows they are attending. And I need your help to spread the word further. Think about the groups and organizations that you're involved with. So, where and how you can get our Show information to your friends? See if you can get a flier or a notice of ours distributed in newsletters, bulletins, posted on notice boards, make a personal announcement, or anything you can think of. I have electronic copies of the different sized fliers and also written notices. Just call or e-mail with your requests. Our website has the full-color, full sheet flier for you to copy and print or attach to e-mails. We are on Facebook and if you have not "Like" us yet, search for us and hit the button! The sign up sheets for the Show are in the Clubhouse Main Room and as of this writing there are three empty blocks. Others just have one person and a second is needed. So check these over and step in where you can.

Don't forget the display cases available for you to display your work and do some show & tell. We really want to involve visitors by educating them and show that they too can learn to create such beautiful things. And of course SGAMS is just the place to learn.

On Saturday 21st I need people to help assemble the grab bags for the Information Table and some sand bags for the Gem Mining. This is a great time for learning some rocks and minerals. We'll be going through bins of material, bagging them with a printed label and grouping them in sets. 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 26th.

Thanks,

Bill Schmidt

## Upcoming Shows:

January 13, 14, and 15, 2017  
Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.  
with the SFMS Quarterly Meeting  
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL

January 21 and 22, 2017  
Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society  
Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland, FL  
[www.tomokagms.org](http://www.tomokagms.org)

January 21 and 22, 2017  
Panama City Gem & Mineral Society  
Central Panhandle Fairgrounds, Panama City, FL

February 4 and 5, 2017  
Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club  
Kiwanis Island Recreation Center, Merritt Island, FL  
[www.centralbrevardgems.org](http://www.centralbrevardgems.org)

February 18 and 19, 2017  
Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society  
Vero Beach CommunityCenter, 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

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.thevillagesgemandmineralsociety.com](http://www.thevillagesgemandmineralsociety.com)

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

Winnipeg Rock and Mineral Club: [www.wrmc.ca](http://www.wrmc.ca)  
Rock Vein Newsletter

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: [www.canaveral-mgs.com](http://www.canaveral-mgs.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/>

**Mold Making Classes:**

First the metal master used to make the mold. The vulcanizing process, which cures the rubber, takes place at about 350 degrees Fahrenheit, so the lowest melting point temperature metal you can use is pewter, which melts at 500 degrees Fahrenheit. Other metals which work are silver, gold, aluminum, brass, nickel, and just about any high temperature material. That means coins, shells, fossils, etc., all can be used to make a rubber mold, provided they don't melt at 350 degrees

Contact Joe Cooper, 317-775-5476, email [je.cooper@outlook.com](mailto:je.cooper@outlook.com) for scheduling information.

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 01, 2016**

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

Board members present were Eric Odegaard, Jerri Heer, Dan Stefanski, Dave Watson, Pat Davis, Gerri Groves, Joe Cooper and Shamus Walker.

Also attending were Lori Heinemann, Darell Groves and Bill Schmidt.

Secretary's report-motion by Dan Stefanski to approve the minutes as printed was approved.

Treasurer's report-Jerri Heer presented the Treasurers report .A motion by Dave Watson to accept, and file for audit. Motion approved.

Show meeting will be held on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Building committee-need to have a termite inspection done. Jerri Heer will get in touch with the company to have this done. Need to have the back door in the Lapidary studio repaired.

Education committee- Rhonda Kuntz has asked if she could take Pattie Reed's place as education chairperson and finish out her term as a member of the board of directors. Recommended by Eric Odegaard, to accept Rhonda Kuntz, as new education chairperson, and member of the board of directors.

Christmas dinner will be on Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at Romano's Macaroni Grill in St Petersburg at 6:30 p.m.

Darell Groves is stepping down from working the Lapidary studio on Tuesday night because of back trouble. Dan Stefanski, Shamus Walker, and Eric Odegaard have step in to fill the time and Tuesday.

Motion by Dan Stefanski and Jerri Heer to purchase two keyless security lock for the front door and the outside door by the Lapidary Studio, to eliminate the need for extra keys. Eric Odegaard will look into the cost when he returns.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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**.

### Donations to the Clubhouse?

Donations (Rocks, Equipment, etc.) to the club should be labeled—Attention: Rhonda when dropped-off.



### Club Bulletin Board

Please check our Club Bulletin Board when you visit our Clubhouse...



### 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*

### Picnic and Yard Sale:

On Saturday April 8th at 10:00 am, until 3:00 pm.

All members are invited to come help out.

We need some members to help set-up before the opening at 10:00 am. So, plan on arriving at 8:00 am!

We'll start our Picnic around Noon,

### Field Trip:

Save the Date: April 19th—23rd

Franklin Mine, North Carolina with a stop by the Mason's Mine

Join Us for the Trip or the dates you can spare!

**We now have a facebook page...**

**Find us on facebook!**

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

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### 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)

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**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.

## **ROCK-A-GRAM** (Official Bulletin)

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**

*Lori Heinemann, 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 Open:**

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 12:00- 4:00 p.m.