

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Location:

4619 69th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL

“Annual Auction”



I am sure you picked up a couple “extra” rocks or treasurers over this past year and are ready to donate them to our auction. Donated items don’t have to be lapidary related, but no junk, Please! Don’t forget that this is a fundraiser for the club, so bring treasures to sell and money to buy some more.

Let’s start the bidding!

If your last names starts with A-M, please bring goodies to or 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

The club owes a huge thank you to the THREE members, Eric Odegaard, Pat Davis, and one other, who bestirred themselves to set up, sell, and re-pack contents of the shed on Saturday, February 21, to make the rock sale a success. It was a beautiful day to be outside, and we welcomed a number of folks from neighboring clubs who opened their wallets and took home nearly \$1,400 in rocks, specimens and other items. Needless to say, these THREE club members were exhausted by day's end. Reading between the lines you may detect a note of - to put it mildly - disappointment in the club turnout, and you would be right. I can only hope we will have had a better showing of help for the show. A handful of people simply cannot continue to hold the club together. If you want to continue to enjoy the benefits of membership, you need to put in some effort to keep it going.

As you may know, the lack of participation is widespread throughout the entire lapidary community. Some years ago we lost a Federation week at Wildacres, and this year we have lost a week at William Holland for poor attendance. In looking at the list of officers and chairpersons in the Southeast and American Federations, you will note the same people filling a multiple positions.

Locally, this is my third – and final – year as president of SGAMS. There are literally none of our newer members currently qualified and willing to take the job next year. One of my family sayings is “If you want a green pepper, you have to pay for a green pepper.” Meaning that if you want something badly enough, you have to do what is necessary to obtain and/or keep it. Think about that in relation to our club. And then do something to keep our “green pepper” running.

While I am thanking folks, I want to express our appreciation to former president and life members, Lou Codol. Lou has again donated a stunning set of jewelry for the grand prize for this year's show. Last year he donated a helenite pendant and earrings; this year it's a necklace, bracelet and earrings of chrysoprase. I hope you will have had a chance to see, and sign up to win this set in our new grand prize case at the show.

Finally, we have reserved the room at the Olive Garden for the end of year dinner meeting and installation of officers. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 21, our regular meeting day. I know it's early, but we need to have at least 35 diners, so please let Holly Dodson, hospitality chair, know if you plan to attend.

Julia Larson, President

Show News

Greetings, well if you were at the show you saw that it was a success. (If you didn't make it then lets see what you can do next year to help out). The head count through the door was up by over a hundred and many dealers said they had topped previous years with us. All areas of ours were busy, we almost sold out of grab bags and the new \$3.00 Gem Mining bags also sold well. Thank You to the olde guard who were there as usual Rose, Sue, the Board members, Lou, Walt, Sandy, Darell, Pat, Laura, Diane C, Leona, Shelia, John, and the newer people Nikki, Sarah, Cheryl, Pattie, Dan, Cary, Rhonda, Ann, Kelly, Carole & Diane S. If I missed someone please my apologies.

Below are some photos that were taken by Dave Watson.

Thank You,
Bill Schmidt





William Holland and Wild Acres Classes:

Outcroppings, March 2015

Session 1, William Holland June 7-12, 2015

Cabochons - Pat Davis
 Casting - Bill Harr
 Faceting, Beginning & Intermediate - Bill Roberts
 Glass Fusing - Rich & Linda Dillon
 Silver I - Nancy English
 Seed Beads - Barbara Green
 *Channel Inlay - Dave Wayment
 Tool Making - Tom & Kay Benham (chasing tools)
 Junior Rockhounds - Scott Forward (12-18 year olds only)
 Opals - Sarah Lee Boyce
 Wire for Beaders - Leslie Wayment
 Wire - Beginning & Intermediate - Rowan Rose-Morgan

Session 2, Wild Acres August 17-23, 2015

Chain-Maille - Roy Deere
 Beginning Flint Knapping - Michael Miller
 Gem Identification - Teresa Polly
 *Metalwork - Special Projects - Jeff Sheer
 Meteorite Symposium - various speakers
 Silver Filigree - Shannon Stafford
 Beginning Wire Wrap - Rowan Rose-Morgan

Session 3, Wildacres September 9-21, 2015

Advanced Beading - Self Study
 Adv. Flint Knapping - Michael Miller
 Cold Connection & Enameling - Deborah Mauser
 Jewelry Bench Building - Danny Griffin
 Meteorite - Symposium Various Speakers
 Soldered Chain-Maille - Roy Deere

* *Advanced Class*

For more information visit their websites.

Welcome to New Members:

- Kelly Nolen
- Sara Peacock
- Carolyn Freitas
- Carolyn Kenner

FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
www.AMFED.org

2015 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions

California Federation
 June 12-15, 2015
 Lodi, CA

Eastern Federation
 March 27-29, 2015
 Hickory, NC

Midwest Federation
 TBA

Northwest Federation
 April 10-12, 2015
 Ogden, UT

**Rocky Mountain
Federation**
 July 16-18, 2015
 Cody, WY

**South Central
Federation**
 October 23-25, 2015
 Austin, TX

**Southeast
Federation**
 TBA

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

The URL for CMGS web site is: <http://www.canaverall-mgs.com/>

Winnipeg Rock and Mineral Club: www.wrnc.ca
 Rock Vein Newsletter

Canaverall Mineral & Gem Society: www.canaverall-mgs.com, Canaverall Moonstone Newsletter

National Park Foundation:
www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks

If you find any other interesting websites, please let me
 know and I will publish in newsletter.

**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.
Board of Directors Meeting
February 5, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Julia Larson at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance were: Dave Schwebel, Dave Watson, Eric Odegaard, Joe Cooper, Gerri Groves Holly Dodson, and Donna Sapp. Also attending were Pat Davis and Bill Schmidt.

Treasurer's Report - Motion by Dave Schwebel to accept and file for audit. Motion carried.

Building Committee - Bill Schmidt reported that he has put a ceiling fan with lights in the office. Eric Odegaard made a motion to allow Lowe's to replace the fence around the yard. Motion carried.

Show Committee - Bill Schmidt has set two show meetings for this month to get everything finalized. Meetings will be February 12th and February 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the club house. The annual show is March 6th, 7th, and 8th.

The club will have another sale on the donations that we have received, this will be open to our sister clubs and regular members, sale will be February 21st from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

February program will be a Bird Nest Glass Fusing Class.

Nominating Committee - Eric Odegaard has suggest that instead of two or three people trying to get new people to run for the open board positions, the person that is leaving that position find a replacement and train them in advance of them taking on that position.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of General Meeting
February 19, 2015

Secretary's Report- a motion was made by Pat Davis to approve the minutes as published in the Rock-A-Gram, was approved.

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

Membership - Donna Sapp has several applications for new members, and the board will vote on these after the meeting.

Building Committee - New fence and deck, the board has approved the replacement of the fence and the deck; we will need to remove the old deck.

Show Committee - Bill Schmidt reported that there are still several open slots that need to be filled before we can line up demonstrators. We have eight display cases to fill. The gem mining bags are in at a cost of \$2.00 a bag; they have a lot more rock samples in them, and will need to be sold at a higher price. Grab bags will be filled on Feb 27th.

Hospitality Committee - Holly Dodson reports that she has reserved the room at Olive Garden and U.S. 19 for the end of year dinner. It will be on May 21st the date of the regular meeting for the month. Holly also request that we RSVP so she can have a better count of how many are going to come.

This month's meeting is a class on Glass Fusing by Julia Larson she will be showing us how to make a Bird Nest.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

New Members - Donna Sapp has made a motion that we accept the following people as new member to our club, Kelly Nolen, Sara Peacock, Carolyn Freitas and Carolyn Kenner. Motion accepted.

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, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Dave Schwebel (727) 547-0364 or dschwebel@tampabay.rr.com

Pat Davis (727) 323-2147 or wayouttamygourd@gmail.com

Wednesdays, (1st and 3rd 12-4 p.m., 2nd and 4th 12-4 and 6 - 9 p.m.)

Jerri Heer (419) 344-9999 or jheerx6@aol.com

Saturdays, 9 a.m. - noon, (exception: closed last Saturday of each month)

Lou Codol

ENAMELING: Enameling Class is taking a break for summer, will resume in the fall.

Pat Davis (727) 323-2147 or wayouttamygourd@gmail.com

Sandy Schwebel dschwebel@tampabay.rr.com

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

Dave Watson (727) 541-2917 or bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com

FUSED GLASS: Contact instructor* *Julia Larson* (727) 410-3781 or glassgal0947@gmail.com

GEM TREES: *Jerri Herr* (419) 344-9999 or jheerx6@aol.com

KUMIHIMO: Contact instructor* *Sue Black* (727)345-8994 or sueblack@tampabay.rr.com

OPEN STUDIO: First Tuesday of each month, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. *Don Roberts* flmetalsman@yahoo.com

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.

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Clubhouse Activities September - May

Board Meeting:

(September - May)

First Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Open:

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Wednesdays (see schedule)

Faceting/Wirewrapping Classes:

Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m.

Open Studio:

First Tuesday/month

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.