

# ROCK-A-GRAM



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## General Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 2016

7:00 p.m.

### Clubhouse Location:

4619 69th Street North,  
St. Petersburg, FL

### Program:

## Rock and Mineral Identification

Have some specimens that you need help with?

This month you are all encouraged to bring in specimens that are unique or that you may need help in identifying.

We will do a short class, have talking points, and will rely on our experienced members to help!

Eric is presenting this Identification and he sees this as a real hands on experience with a lot of member involvement in conversation. He plans on this program to be full of fun and very educational at the same time!

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

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



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**SGAMS Clubhouse Address: 4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709, 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

Many thanks to every member who gave so graciously of their time and effort to make our show a success. It was great to see long time members showing newer faces how we pull it together. You all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done. Now take a few minutes to relax after the busy show weekend.

Look for next year's slate of officers elsewhere in this newsletter.

Voting for the new officers will be at the April meeting and your new officers will be installed at the May dinner meeting.

If there is an area of interest where you would like to get involved please contact any member of the board. They will be able to get you in touch with the right person.

Happy St. Paddy's Day!

Pat Davis  
President



## Field Trip—with Pinellas Geological Society

From Leona Sheffield: There is not a lot of rock hunting in Florida but in order to see what some others have collected over the years we are welcome to the Stetson University Gillespie Museum for a special tour for just our group on Saturday, April 16th. This is located in Deland FL which takes 2 ½-3 hours to drive. We will meet in the Carillon St. Anthony's Patient Care Center parking lot at 7:30 AM and car pool to Deland. If we arrive early we can have some time to explore on our own. The Museum is open that day 10 AM – 1 PM. Dr. Karen Cole will be our tour guide. I would like a sign up at the meeting to be sure we have enough folks interested in going. Other members have gone and said it is a worthwhile trip.

WHAT: A trip to Gillespie Museum, Deland FL

WHEN: Saturday April 16th leaving at 7:30 AM

WHERE: Meeting at the parking lot of the Carillon St. Anthony's Outpatient Center

### 2016 SFMS Workshops:

Here is a listing of the SFMS Workshops, and feel free to visit <http://sfmsworkshops.com/> for details:

#### William Holland Schedule 2016

June 5 – 12

Beading -Becky Patellis	Mineral ID - Scott Forward
Cabochons - Dave Bergquist	Opals - Carl Talbott
Casting - Bill Harr	Polymer Clay - Sandra Davis
Chainmaille - Kathy Morris	Silver II-SW Silver - Nancy English
Faceting - Tom Mitchell	Wire I - Sandy Bergquist
Gem Trees - Jerri Heer	Wire II - Wire Weaving & Wire Wrap Filigree - Jan Stephens

#### Wildacres Schedule 2016

August 22 – 28

Fused Chain Maille - Roy Deere  
 Metalwork Special Projects - Jeff Sheer  
 Beading - Advanced  
 Mineral ID - Travis Paris  
 Chasing & Repousse - Tom and Kay Benham  
 Display Case - Danny Griffin  
 Deep Relief Wood Carving - Clancy Smith  
 Metal Clay 1 - Katie Baum  
 Gourds - Pat Davis  
 Beginning Wire - Rowan Rose

#### Wildacres Schedule 2016

September 19 – 25

Chain Maille 1-2 - Roy Deere  
 Gem Identification - Teresa Polly  
 Casting - Bill Harr  
 Flint Knapping - Michael Miller  
 Wire for Beaders - Leslie Wayment  
 Faceting - Tom Mitchell  
 Silversmithing - Pattie Appleby  
 Scrimshaw - Rich Williams  
 Cold Connections and Enameling - Debora Mauser  
 Chasing & Repousse 2 - Tom and Kay Benham  
 Metal Clay 2 - Katie Baum

## Upcoming Shows:

March 19 & 20, 2016

Dothan Gem and Mineral Show

Houston County Farm Center, 1701 East Cottonwood Road, Dothan, AL

May 6, 7, & 8, 2016

Georgia Mineral Society

Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy, Marietta, GA

May 28 & 29, 2016

Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society

Joppa Shrine Temple, 1.5 miles North of I-10 at Exit 41, Gulfport, MS

June 4 & 5, 2016

Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society

Tannehill Historical Ironworks State Park, 12632 Confederate Pkwy, McCalla, AL

October 15 & 16, 2016

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo

November 12 & 13, 2016

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

Melbourne Auditorium, 625 East Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901

January 13, 14, & 15, 2017

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.

Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo,

## FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

[www.AMFED.org](http://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](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)

Bob's Rock Shop, <http://www.rockhounds.com>.

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

**Nominating Committee: For the coming year 2016-2017 the following names are on the ballot:**

President - Eric Odegaard  
Vice-President - Joe Cooper  
Recording Secretary - Gerri Groves  
Corresponding Secretary - Dan Stefanski  
Treasurer - Jerri Heer  
3 Year Director - Richard Sarafian  
2 Year Director - Dave Watson  
1 Year Director - Patti Reed  
Past President Director - Pat Davis

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
January 07, 2016

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, Joe Cooper, Dave Watson and Julia Larson. Also in attendance was Bill Schmidt.

**Secretary's report** – a motion by Dave Watson to approve the minutes as printed was approved.

**Treasurer's report** – Jerri Heer presented the treasurers report. A motion by Julia Larson to accept and file for audit was approved.

**Show committee** – Feb 20 is set for filling the grab bags and the gem mining bags from 10 to 4. The contract for security for the show has been signed and is ready; we still need people to sign up for the different areas of the show. The last show meeting will be on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to finish up anything that needs to be completed.

**Building** – wiring for the Dave Schwebel Lapidary Art center, we will need at least 3 more drops for the wiring. Will get estimates for several electricians to see what this will cost and if we need more breaker boxes.

**Yard work** – all the rocks have been picked up and placed in crates and are now on the shelves. A request has been made to Dave Watson to see what it would cost to build a platform for all the coral in the yard to get it up off the ground.

**Breezeway** – Dave Watson estimates the cost of closing in the breezeway to be less than \$500.00. These are all necessary but we need to determine what we should do first. The decision was made to do the Lapidary Art center first.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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**.

### The Clubhouse Needs your old Towels!

Please Donate your Old Towels to Our Clubhouse Shops, we are in need!

### Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

#### General Meeting

February 18, 2016

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

**Secretary report**-motion by Sue Hazelden to approve the minutes as published in the Rock-a-Gram was approved.

**Treasurer's report**-Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report it was filed and place for audit.

**Building committee** the breezeway has been cleaned out and made ready for the casting room.

The last show meeting before the show will be on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. also on Sat 2-20 at 10:00 a.m. we will be filling the grab bags and the gem mining bags for the show, if you can come and help please be there you can learn some of the different stones by working to fill these bags.

Tonight's show is the annual auction, a good time was had by all, Eric Odegaard was our auctioneer and he did a wonderful job.

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 20 p.m Submitted by

Gerri Groves

Recording Secretary





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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) or  
*Sandy Schwebel*, [dschwebel@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dschwebel@tampabay.rr.com)

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

**SILVER SMITHING:** *Joe Cooper* (727) 202-8095, [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 \$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.

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

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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.