

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2019
7:00 p.m.



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



Program: Presentation of Nominees & Ice Cream Social

Members are encouraged to contribute a favorite topping for the ice cream and most definitely the Social-ability part! A great way to catch up with old and new friends and satisfy our sweet-tooth (Lo-cal and sugar free alternatives will be made available too).

- Susan Biel

DUES are: \$20.00 Individuals - \$30 per family

If you won something at a previous meeting, bring something to share!
If your last name starts with A - to - L, 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 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

We held our annual auction at the February meeting, we raise money for the club. I think that members were able to score a lot of goodies and a good time was had by all.

I would like to thank everyone for graciously giving their time and effort to support our show this year. You all deserve our gratitude for a job well done. Your efforts are what make the show the success that it is. We should have the tallies for the show out by our general meeting so that everyone can see how we did.

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.

Joseph Cooper,
 President

Show News

Well another Show is in the books. On the head count we were 78 ahead of last year which puts us at our third highest ever.

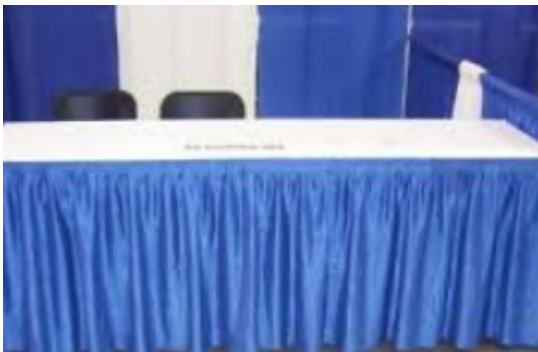
We also had the largest set-up and breakdown crew too. Both went rather smoothly with all the help and thanks to everybody who lent a hand. Ok forgetting the case bolts was a bump, but just a small one. The addition of the cargo trailer was a blast from the past and it worked well. Thank you Greg for the use of it. All of our Show areas did well. There were just a few Gem Mining bags left unsold, I think we sold the most Grab Bags ever, the Club Tables are quite a few pounds lighter (found some interesting stuff to boot) and the Silent Auction looks like the most sales ever.

I'm sorry I can't list everybody here who pitched in. With all of the shifts during the Show, the Show committee, Grab Bag & Mining bag assembly, and area leaders there are just too many to list. So thank you all, it takes a lot of concerned people to accomplish this and you're it. If anybody has thoughts, ideals, and notices about how to improve the show I'd like to hear about it. I already have a few notes for minor changes but I'm also looking for large things too. Drop me and e-mail or send a note.

Thanks, Bill Schmidt

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Upcoming Shows:

April 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

Later in the year:

Jacksonville—September 2019

Orlando—October 2019

Tampa Bay—November 2019

Withlacoochee—December 2019

Pinellas—January 2020

Lakeland—February

March 6, 7, and 8, 2020
 Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—48th Annual
 Show
 Minnreg Building, Largo, FL
www.sgams.com

FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
www.AMFED.org,
 AFMS Newsletter

2017-18 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions

California Federation
 CA, HI, NV
 March 8-10, 2019
 Pomona, CA

**Rocky Mountain
 Federation**
 August 2-4, 2019
 Prescott, AZ

Eastern Federation
 June 1-2, 2019
 Monroe, NY

**South Central
 Federation**
 AR, LA, TX

Midwest Federation
 March 23-24, 2019
 Cedar Rapids, IA

Fredericksburg, TX
 January 19-20, 2019

Northwest Federation
 October 18-20, 2019
 Lewiston, ID

**Southeast
 Federation**
 October, 2019
 Huntsville, AL

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

<http://www.rockngem.com/>

<http://www.jewelryshowguide.net/>

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

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society: www.cfmgs.org

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club:
www.tampabayrockclub.com

Pinellas Geological Society: www.pgs.rocks

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society:
www.bonevalley.net

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County:
www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com

Our Web Site:

<http://www.sgams.com/>

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

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
February 07, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Cooper at 7:15 p.m. Board members in attendance were Pres. Joe Cooper, Vice Pres. Susan Biel, Dave Watson, Shamus Walker, Pat Davis, Dan Stefanski, Eric Odegaard, and Gerri Groves. Also attending was Bill Schmidt.

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

Treasurer's report-Eric Odegaard present the treasurer's report. A motion by Dan Stefanski to approve and file for audit was made and approved.

Pat Davis presented the corrected audit report following the change in treasurers.

Building – we are trying to find space to expand the class space. Several people are looking into the cost of another shed for the backyard. A 10'x14' shed would be about \$934.00. No decision will be made until after the show.

South East Federation meeting at the clubhouse on March 1st. We will have a head count as to how many will be there by Feb 25th. Pat Davis would like the club to supply finger foods and soft drinks for this meeting, and get the club house cleaned up to look nice for this meeting.

Show- we have 85 tables sold for this year's show. 250 Grab Bags have been made, also 100 Gem Mining bags.

Sue Biel would like someone to help her identify some of the material that we have for the silent auction at the show.

This month meeting will be our annual auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by
Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

Volunteers for the Clubhouse

We need volunteers to arrive an hour early to our General Meetings, to assist and clean the interior of the Clubhouse. We need to keep up general housekeeping, since we don't have a maid.

Please arrive early to our meeting and contribute with a little elbow grease. Thank you for your continuous contribution to keep our clubhouse tidy and shining.

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**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
General Meeting
February 21, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Cooper at 7:00p.m.

Secretary's report-a motion by Dan Stefanski to approve the report at published in the Rock-a-Gram. Motion approved.

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

Show committee everything is set for the show.

Tonight's program is the annual auction.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves,
Recording Secretary



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Clubhouse Class Schedules

CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Lori Heinemann email: sgams-rock-a-gram@mail.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 SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com

SILVER SMITHING: *Joe Cooper* (317) 775-5476, SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com

Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.

Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:

FUSED GLASS: *Julia Larson* (727) 410-3781, SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com

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, SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com (by appointment)

\$50.00 class fee, plus cost for silver. Class date and time to be determined—Look for Email Blasts for Dates

Cost for classes (except Faceting and Wax Casting) 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.

Feel free to copy any material from this bulletin, but please list all byline credits.



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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

The slate of officers for 2019-2020 is as follows:

President - Joe Cooper
Vice President - Susan Biel
Recording Secretary - Gerri Groves
Corresponding Secretary - Dan Stefanski
Treasurer - Eric Odegaard
3 Year Director - Rick Bunton
2 Year Director - Sandy Theisz
1 Year Director - Dave Watson
Past President - Pat Davis

Provided by Pat Davis.

**SFMS Rockhound Round-Up
May 17, 18, and 19, 2019**

Our clubs Regional level, SouthEast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) is hosting their 1st annual Rockhound Round-Up.

Who: All Members of all SFMS Clubs are Welcome.
Members from over 80 Clubs in these states: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN.

What: An old-fashion Rock-Swap

When: May 17th, 18th, and 19, 2019.

Where: Spirit of Suwannee Music Park
307695th Drive
Live Oak, FL 32060
(386) 364-1683
www.musicliveshere.com

How Much: **For Buyers Only:** the only cost is the Admission Fee for the Park
If you have a few rocks in your pockets, you may be able to 'Swap' also.

For Sellers: \$25.00 for a 10' x 20' 'booth' to be a Vendor, plus the Park Admission.
The \$25.00 is for the 10 foot by 20 foot vendor booth, for all three days.
Park Admission—Paid directly to the Park as a daily fee, each day entering the Park.
Place your reservation with the SFMS Contact. Separate email sent with Application.

For Overnight Stays: The Park offers several overnight or weekend options,
Cabins, RV spots, Tent Camp-out locations. There are also nearby Hotel / Motels.
Contact the Park directly to make a reservation to stay overnight or for the weekend.

This Rockhound Round-Up is provided in conjunction with the 2019 SFMS 2nd Quarterly Meeting.