

ROCK-A-GRAM



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Annual Banquet

Thursday, May 21, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Olive Garden Restaurant:

6700 U.S. Hwy 19
Pinellas Park, FL, 33781
(727) 525-4339

“Installation of Officers”

We have a private room reserved, orders will be taken from regular menu and separate checks will be provided. Please contact one of the below members, if you plan to attend (family and friends welcome). We need to provide an approximate head count to the restaurant a week before. This is the last formal meeting of the year, we will resume our regular meetings at the clubhouse in September.

We hope to see you all at the banquet.

Holly Dodson, 813-928-0372, prozac282@tampabay.rr.com

Donna Sapp, 727-420-0383, dsapp43@yahoo.com

Nominations:

The following names have been submitted for 2015-16 year.

President, Pat Davis
Vice President, Eric Odegaard
Treasurer, Jerri Heer
Recording Secretary, Gerri Groves
Correspondence Secretary, Nikki Heim
Membership Chairperson, Donna Sapp
Past President, Julia Larson

Directors:

3 Year, Patty Reed
2 Year, Joe Cooper
1 Year, Dave Watson

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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

Summer is a'coming in and many of you are getting ready to head north to escape the oppressive Florida heat and humidity; or to other areas of the country where the rock hunting is plentiful and more varied.

I hope some of you will be attending the SFMS workshops in June (William Holland), August, and September (Wildacres). We need to support these opportunities so they continue to be offered. The week-long sessions (summer camp for grown-ups!) need a minimum of 40 students per session just to break even. Years ago there were five workshop weeks each year. We are now down to three because of dwindling attendance. Don't let us lose even more.

Our end of year dinner is this month at the Olive Garden on our regular meeting night, May 21st. It also marks the end of my term as president. Officers for 2015-16 will be installed. We need to have at least 35 folks attend so we can have a private room like we did last year. Please let Holly Dodson (813-928-0372 or prozac282@tampabay.rr.com) know right away, if you plan to attend. Friends and family members are welcome.

If you don't receive *Rock & Gem* magazine, pick up a copy of the May issue. It has some very interesting articles, including one on ways to display your cabochons besides around your neck.

Safe travels, happy hunting, and y'all come back now, you hear?

Julia Larson, President



2015 SFMS WILLIAM HOLLAND WORKSHOP

The first session of the SFMS annual workshops at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts is fast approaching (June 7-13). The classes are conducted at a beautiful location in northeast Georgia. They provide a fun filled vacation which includes: lodging, food, and instruction for less than the cost of a hotel! In addition to the classes, they have an exciting auction, tailgating, and many other fun activities. Our website sfmsworkshops.com provides schedules, class details, instructor information and registration forms.

If you are interested in a class or know someone who is, please call the William Holland registrar: Rosemary van Wandelen (386-860-5586 home or 386-479-1509 cell) **immediately** to reserve a class and a room. **It is extremely important that you do not wait. Classes are filling up! Also, if any class does not meet the minimum enrollment requirement it will be cancelled very soon. A class you want may be cancelled if you hesitate too long.**

Since the session is virtually upon us, I have included a short recap of the classes:



Cabochons - Instructor: Pat Davis

Students will learn how to cut cabochons, both calibrated and freeform. All skill levels are welcome.



Casting - Instructor: Bill Harr

You will learn proper spruing techniques to insure good casting results.



Chain-Maille - Instructor: Kathy Morris

This class will be structured for beginners to learn the basics of making chains with unsoldered jump rings.

Intermediate students are welcome and will be taught some harder patterns.



Channel Inlay - Instructor: Dave Wayment

NOTE - THIS CLASS MAY ALREADY BE FULL CHECK WITH THE REGISTRAR. Channel Inlay combines a soldered silver grid with carefully fitted

shaped pieces of stone.



Faceting - Instructor: Bill Roberts

Students will learn the Meetpoint faceting method of stone cutting. All students will be supplied with 3 pieces of facet rough, an instruction book with 10 different facet diagrams and a list of critical angles.



Glass Fusing; Beginning to Intermediate -

Instructors: Rich & Linda Dillon

Using 90 COE fusible glass, techniques from several of our regular classes will be taught: basic fusing, slumping, manipulation, dichroic principles, stamping and coldworking along with a new technique or two to make dazzling one of a kind pieces.

Jr. Rockhound; Mineral ID - Instructor: Scott Forward

Field Trips to various locations will occur and the kids will enjoy identifying and classifying all that they find. The lab fee covers the expense of going on the field trips and supplies.

Jr. Rockhound; Wire Wrap & Chain -

Instructor: Sandra Bergquist

Designed for beginning wire wrap and chain students aged 12 and above, this course will present the most basic information about wire, tools, suppliers and references.



Opals - Instructor: Sara Lee Boyce

Students will learn 14-step method for cutting and polishing various types of opal. The finished opals are cabochons.



Seed Beading - Instructor: Barbara Green

This class begins with learning to make a bead bezel around a cabochon using peyote stitch.



Silver 1 - Instructor: Nancy English

This class will introduce shop safety, tools, sawing techniques, solder, soldering and hammering for design.



Tool Making - Instructors: Tom & Kay Benham

Acquiring a set of tools for creating your own chasing and repoussé works can be expensive; take home the knowledge and experience that allows you to create your own tools in the future is priceless.



Wire for Beaders - Instructor: Leslie Wayment

In this class you will learn about jewelry hand tools and metal wire, master the simple loop, wrapped loop, rosary chain or linked wrapped loops to start with.

For applications and more details on all the available classes visit the website at WWW.SFMSWORKSHOPS.COM

Source: Danny Griffin, Education Chair (in training)

SFMS Workshops 2015 William Holland

May 7, 2015

Wild Acres Classes (sfmsworkshops.com)

Source: Outcroppings, April 2015, Volume 30, No. 4

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*

*Contact the instructor before registering for advanced classes.
 Download registration form at www.sfmsworkshops.com.

Upcoming Show:

Email from Donna Sapp, Moonstone, April 2015

June 13, 2015: Greensboro, NC

Piedmont Open Air Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show and Sale, Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club, Location: Greensboro Day School, 5401 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC, Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., www.ggmc-rockhounds.com

Items For Sale

Pat Joseph is down sizing and has lots to sell, great bargains, rocks (many types), open metal shelves (large and small), book cases (free standing), metal file cabinets and much more.

Contact Pat: 727-525-2755, after 1 p.m. leave message, she will contact you with a date and time for viewing.

Final Rock Yard Sale

Source: Jerri Heer

The final sale of the stock from the former
Wally's World Rock Shop, Tampa
 will be Saturday, May 16.

See/call: Bert Dooley, 813-967-2987
 1015 Sonya Lane, Brandon, FL 33511

Contact Bert for details. Bfdooley@gmail.com.

FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
www.AMFED.org,
 AFMS Newsletter, April 2015

2015 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions

California Federation

June 12-15, 2015
 Lodi, CA

Eastern Federation

October 21-23, 2016
 Rochester, NY

Midwest Federation

May 23-24, 2015
 Wheaton, IL

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

November 6-8, 2015
 Melbourne, FL

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.u

The URL for CMGS web site is: <http://www.canaveralmgs.com/>

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

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: www.canaveralmgs.com, Canaveral Moonstone Newsletter

National Park Foundation:
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.



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 Federation

Pat Davis, Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

Have you heard mention of “the federation” around the clubhouse or maybe at the show? Well, Star Trek fans aren’t the only ones who have a federation. Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society (SGAMS) is a member club in the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS). SFMS is in turn, one of nine member federations of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). These clubs have banded together for mutual support and encouragement. They have meetings and shows and field trips. SGAMS also gets a better deal on our insurance than we could get by ourselves.

One thing that sets the Southeast Federation apart from the others is its educational program. SFMS conducts three week-long, hands-on workshops where club members can learn and practice a variety of lapidary and jewelry-making skills. Well, that’s pretty cool. But wait. It gets even better. These workshops are held at retreats in the beautiful mountains of Georgia and North Carolina. Classes are taught by incredibly qualified instructors who VOLUNTEER their time. As a result, students only have to pay for room and board at these retreats and whatever class fees instructors may charge for supplies and materials needed for the class.

Can you smell a deal here? It’s not the Ritz-Carlton but it is real vacation bargain; you get to learn new skills, improve your own, and spend time with people who are just as excited about your special interest as you are. It’s summer camp for grownups - and you can’t beat the price, which includes lodging and meals.

I started out to explain what “the federation” is and ended up plugging the workshops. I have been going to them for almost 20 years now and have no plans to stop until I have the proverbial one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel. Check it out. You might just have as much fun as I have.

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

Source: Julie Larson, President

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
April 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Julia Larson at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Eric Odegaard, Jerri Heer, Gerri Groves, Dave Watson, Joe Cooper, Julia Larson, and Donna Sapp. Also present were Pat Davis and Bill Schmidt.

Treasurer's Report: Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Dave Watson to accept the report and file it for audit was approved.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the minutes as printed was approved.

Building Committee: The fence was put up, the gates are upside down and the hardware is backwards. Julia will call and have them come out and correct these problems. Deck: Dave Watson is trying to get a schedule to remove the old deck and the pine trees. The new deck pavers are ready to be put in. We are currently getting several bids to replace the old A/C units in the cabbng room.

Equipment: Dave Schwebel has a list of parts that he will need to order for basic repairs to the machines.

New member picnic is scheduled for Sunday, April 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The April program is an enameling demonstration by Holly Dodson.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerri Groves, Recording secretary

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of General Meeting
April 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Julia Larson, President at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary Report: A motion was made to accept the report as published in the Rock-A-Gram was approved.

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

Building Committee: The fence has been complete and the gates and hardware have been corrected. Dave Watson and Joe Cooper went outside to verify that everything is the way it should be. They state that it is acceptable.

Show Committee: Jerri Heer talked about having competitive display cases as well as the regular display cases. Pat Davis also suggested that we have a class in setting up and taking down display cases for anyone who would like to do a case in the future.

Nominating Committee: The proposed Board of Directors for the 2015-2016 year are as follows: President, Pat Davis; Vice President, Eric Odegaard; Treasurer, Jerri Heer; Recording Secretary, Gerri Groves; Corresponding Secretary, Nikki Heim; Past President, Julia Larson; Directors: 3 year, Patti Reed; 2 year, Joe Cooper; and 1 year, Dave Watson.

New Deck: We are still waiting to get a scheduled date for the removal of the old deck and the pine trees.

Tonight's program is a demonstration of Enameling by Holly Dodson.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Lou Codol

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

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

SILVER SMITHING: *Joe Cooper* (727) 202-8095, je.cooper@outlook.com

will be closed April 8th and 11th, reopen April 14th.

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

KUMIHIMO: *Sue Black* (727) 345-8994, sueblack@tampabay.rr.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.

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.

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.