

ROCK-A-GRAM



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Year End Dinner & Installation

Thursday, May 18, 2017

7:00 p.m.



Chili's Location:

5430 East Bay Drive
Clearwater, FL 33764



Program:

Annual Dinner & Installation of Officers

Come Join us for our Annual year end dinner out!

We will be Installing the Officers for our upcoming 2017—2018 year!

Yes, there is still time to attend!

We are looking forward to seeing all that can attend and celebrate this evening of togetherness!

Remember, the Clubhouse is open year round...

But, our next General Monthly Meeting will be September 21, 2017.

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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

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

Well, we made it through another year! We have seen quite a few improvements to our clubhouse and we have also seen the growth of a new area in our shop. Casting has become quite popular and thanks to Joe Cooper, many of our new members have had the opportunity to take his class and cast some of their own works of art. It has been a great experience for all.

Even though our monthly meetings are put on hold through the summer, I would still like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to still come by during normal workshop hours. We would love to see your smiling faces.

It has been a great year and I would like to thank everyone who has been a part of this club. Together we make our club a better place and create memories that will last a lifetime. I would love to do more field trips this coming year.

Have a wonderful summer, I hope to see you at the shop and I look forward to seeing everyone at our installation dinner later this month.

Eric Odegaard,
President

Newsletters—Electronic Delivery

As we close our club year, we will also be end the printed and mail delivery of the newsletter.

Due to exorbitant costs, we will no longer be mailing out the newsletter.

We will have a copy or two available at the Clubhouse for those who would like to view a hard copy of the newsletter.

Recycling

We will no longer be recycling aluminum cans.

Do NOT bring any aluminum cans or recycling material to the Clubhouse.

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Specials

The SFMS is seeking out you, to learn with gem and lapidary skills, under their programs.

Please see the attached SFMS (Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies) Flyer!

Please check-out both of the below schooling opportunities:

WILLIAM HOLLAND SFMS WEEK

The SFMS week at William Holland will be June 11-17, 2017, and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies is looking to fill the school!

Please check-out the William Holland calendar, and find the classes available for June 11, 2017 at <http://sfmsworkshops.com/> You will find the 2017 Registration Form on the 2017 SFMS Workshops page link. During this SFMS week, the cost will be \$370.00.

WILD ACRES SFMS WEEK

Wildacres will be adding another week for the SFMS, July,23-29 2017, and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies will have a total of 3 weeks here!

Please check-out the Wildacres calendar, and find the classes available at the SFMS website: <http://sfmsworkshops.com/> You will find the 2017 Registration Form on the 2017 SFMS Workshops page link.. http://sfmsworkshops.com/?page_id=322

Wildacres weeks: 07/23/17 to 07/29/17; 08/21/17-08/27/17; and 09/18/17 to 09/24/17.

Upcoming Shows:

October 6, 7, and 8, 2017
 Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society
 Rock, Mineral, Gem, and Jewelry Show
 Florida National Guard Armory
 Orlando, FL
www.cfmgs.org

October 13, 14, and 15, 2017
 Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society
 Kerbela Temple
 Knoxville, TN
www.knoxrocks.org/gemshow.html

November 4 and 5, 2017
 Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
 Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo
www.tampabayrockclub.com

November 18 and 19, 2017
 Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches
 South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East
 West Palm Beach, FL
www.gemandmineralsociety.org

December 1, 2, and 3, 2017
 Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County
 Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL
www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/

January 12, 13, and 14, 2018
 Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
 with the SFMS Quarterly Meeting
 Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL
www.PGS.Rocks

March 2, 3, and 4 2018
 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, 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

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.wrnc.ca
 Rock Vein Newsletter

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

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

Our Web Site:

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

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

SFMS :

The SFMS replaced the stamp collecting program with a drawing to raise funds to provide full Scholarships to the SFMS Workshops.

There are two ways to participate:

1. Donate an item for a drawing prize, (minimum value of \$25.00)
or
2. Buy tickets for the Drawing. (The tickets are \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20.00)

Drawing to be held at the Annual Meeting!
Submissions must be received on or before October 1, 2017

Note: The Scholarships to the SFMS workshops are NOT prizes in the drawing.
All member clubs that participate will be entered into a drawing for the scholarships.
Contact Jerri Heer if you are interested in participating.

Club Moderators

The Board of Directors empowers the Moderators with authority, when the Shop or Classes are Open.
The Moderators are overseeing the Club Facilities, Equipment, and well being of those present..
As always Members should respect our Clubhouse, Equipment, and Fellow Club Members.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**Board of Directors Meeting****April 06, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Cooper at 7:00 p.m. Board meetings present were Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Dan Stefanski, Jerri Heer and Gerri Groves. Also in attendance were Lori Heinemann, and Bill Schmidt.

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

Treasurer's Report-Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Dan Stefanski, to accept the report, and file, for audit. Motion carried.

New member picnic and yard sale is set for April 8th.

Equipment- new wheels are need for the lapidary studio.

Program for the April general meeting, Joe Cooper is working on this.

Building committee-Bill Schmidt has brought in chicken wire to cover the crawl spaces to keep the animals out.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 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**.

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
General Meeting
April 20, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Cooper at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report-a motion by Sue Hazelden to approve the minutes as published in the Rock a Gram was approved.

Treasurer's Report-Jerri Heer is out of town and no report was given.

Tonight's program-Joe Cooper had a quiz on Knowing your Rocks and Minerals.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 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 - 9 p.m.

Darell Groves (727) 656-0323 or darell.groves@gmail.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 bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com

Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:

ENAMELING: *Pat Davis* (727) 323-2147, wayouttamygourd@gmail.com

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

SILVER SMITHING: *Joe Cooper* (317) 775-5476, 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

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, 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.



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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 Open:

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

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