

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Olive Garden Restaurant
6700 U.S. 19,
St. Petersburg, FL

Program: Dinner & Installation

Annual End of Year Dinner—and Installation of Officers

The Dinner Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm at Olive Garden Restaurant.

We are looking forward to seeing all that can attend our May Dinner and Officer Installation.

See you next Thursday!

The Clubhouse and Classes continue year round so, don't stay away this summer!

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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

Well I hope this message finds everyone in good health and spirit. It's hard to believe we've come to the end of another great year. Hopefully I will see all of you at our end of your dinner which is being held at Olive Garden. If you have not yet signed up to go, please contact Ann Morrison and let her know that you will be attending so we can let the restaurant know how many people we have coming.

It has been a great honor to be the president of our club over the last few years. I have made a lot of good friends and look forward to getting to spend more time in the shop. I'm sure our new president Joe Cooper has many fun and exciting things in store for us next year. Unfortunately, we were not able to get out on a field trip this year due to my back problems, but I am confident that we can get something on the calendar for next year.

I'd like to remind everyone that even though we will not be having a general meeting over the next three months, we will still be having open shop time on the Regularly scheduled days. Thank you all for being a member of this club and we will see you all soon

Eric Odegaard,
 President

Picnic and Yard Sale:

On Saturday May 12th at 10:00 am, until 3:00 pm.
All members are invited to come help out.

We need some members to help set-up before the opening at 10:00 am.
So, plan on arriving at 8:00 am!
We'll start our Picnic around Noon.

Help organize and assist until 10:00, No Shopping until then, Please.
Our SGAMS Club Members will shop 1st
(We shop from 10:00 on!)

Members from Other Clubs and Guests may start shopping at 12:00
(That's right, If you're a member in good standing you shop 1st!)

Then the Picnic is at Noon, during the general public Yard Sale.

SGAMS is providing this Picnic to our members, to celebrate us!

Yes, New Members and long standing members, this is for All!

You do NOT need to bring any food items!

The club is giving back to all of us!

NOTE: If you are NOT a SGAMS member, don't fret, You can buy your lunch!

We'll have rocks and some equipment to!

So, bring your cash!

Dinner and Officer Installation:

The SGAMS end of year dinner and installation of officers for 2018-2019 will be held Thursday
May 17th beginning at 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 6700 US 19.

Members are invited to bring family and guests. We will be ordering from the regular menu,
with separate checks for each party.

We need to let the Olive Garden know the number of guests to expect. If you plan to attend,
please sign the list at the Clubhouse or contact Ann Morrison.

Ann Morrison Contact Information: (813) 220-3975 or AnnMorrison@gmail.com

Upcoming Shows:

September 21, 22, and 23, 2018
 Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society
 28th Annual Show
 Morocco Shrine Auditorium
 Jacksonville, FL
www.jaxgemandmineral.org

October 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

November 3 and 4, 2018
 Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
 Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo
www.tampabayrockclub.com

November 17 and 18, 2018
 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, 2018
 Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County
 Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL
www.withlacocheerockhounds.com/

January 11, 12, and 13, 2019
 Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
 Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL
www.PGS.Rocks

March 1, 2, and 3 2019
 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

2017-18 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
 TBA

Midwest Federation
 May 6-7, 2017
 Brainerd, MN

Southeast Federation

Northwest Federation
 May 19-21, 2017
 Hamilton, MT

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.

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

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: www.canaveral-mgs.com, Canaveral Moonstone Newsletter

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society: www.cfmgs.com, Central Florida Newsletter

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club: www.tampabayrockclub.com, Coral Geode Newsletter

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

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County: www.withlacocheerockhounds.com, Withlacoochee Rockhound Newsletter

Our Web Site:

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

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
April 03 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Eric Odegaard at 7:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were Eric Odegaard, Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Jerri Heer, Gerri Groves, Dan Stefanski, Rhonda Kuntz and Shamus Walker. Also attending were Lori Heinemann and Susan Biel.

Secretary's report-A motion by Dan Stefanski to approve the minutes as printed. Motion approved. Treasurer's report-Jerri Heer presented to treasurer's report. A motion by Dave Watson, to accept the report, and file for audit, was approved.

Budget for the New Year was discussed and the addition of a Scholarship line under disbursements was approved. A motion by Joe Cooper to approve the new budget with changes was approved. Education-Rhonda Kuntz has submitted her resignation.

Program for this month will be game night.

Dinner- the end of the year dinner and installation of officer's for the New Year will be May 17th at 6: p.m. at the Olive Garden on U.S. 19 in Pinellas Park a signup sheet is at the clubhouse. Please sign up to let Ann Morrison know how many are coming.

Nomination committee- the following are the people nominated for the Board of Director for the 2018-2019 year. President Joe Cooper, Vice President Susan Biel, Treasurer Eric Odegaard, Correspondence Secretary Dan Stefanski, Recording Secretary Gerri Groves, Past President Pat Davis, Director's 3 years Sandy Theisz, 2 years Shamus Walker, and 1 year Dave Watson. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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 clean the interior of the Clubhouse. We need to keep up some general housekeeping. 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.

Bud Caldwell

Bud Caldwell has passed away and will be greatly missed! Your hearts go out to Nan-C and their family and friends.

There will be a celebration of life for Bud Caldwell, this Saturday May 12th from 1-3pm. It will be at the clubhouse in Holiday Shores Park. 10289 Paradise Dr. Largo, FL 33773.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Suncoast Hospice.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
General Meeting
April 15, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Eric Odegaard at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's report-a motion by Susan Biel to approve the minutes as published in the Rock-a-Gram, was approved.

Treasurer's report-Lori Heinemann presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the report and file for audit was approved.

Dinner-will is on May 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Olive Garden on U.S. 19 in Pinellas Park.

Yard sale and new member picnic will be on May 12th. Will need members to come out at 8:30 a.m. to help set up for the sale, members will be allowed to shop at 10:00 a.m. We will open to the public at 12:00 p.m. All members are invited.

The new Board of Director's as approved by the members will be:
President Joe Cooper, Vice President Susan Biel, Recording Secretary Gerri Groves, Correspondence Secretary Dan Stefanski, Treasurer Eric Odegaard, Past President Pat Davis, Directors 3 years Sandy Theisz, 2 years Shamus Walker, and 1 year Dave Watson.

Lanyard contest was held and 3 people entered, they received club bucks to be used for shop time in the club or at the yard sale.

Tonight's program is game night. The infamous Marshmallow game was played.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Gerri Groves
Recording Secretary

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

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Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:

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

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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, 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