

# ROCK-A-GRAM



May 2019



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## General Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

### Meeting Location:

Applebee's  
5110 East Bay Drive  
Largo, FL

## Program: End of Year Dinner And Installation of Officers

All are welcome to attend our End of Year Dinner!

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

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](http://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

It's here the final president's message for the year.

We have accomplished a lot this year. Some major improvements to the clubhouse were completed. New equipment has been ordered and a new storage shed will be delivered paving the way for more improvements over the summer.

The last meeting for the year is not at the club house but will be at Applebee's Restaurant 5110 East Bay Drive, in Clearwater FL.

The club house will remain open with classes going all summer. We continue to try and get more information on next year's show and put that information out as soon as we hear anything. Please remember that any ideas are welcome the club depends on this income.

Wishing you all safe travels see you soon.

Have a great summer!

Joseph Cooper,  
President

## The SGAMS Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers will be held at:

### Applebee's

5110 East Bay Drive

Largo, FL

(727) 539-6388

6:00pm – 9:00pm

JoAnn has provided there is a sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse!

Provided by JoAnn Knoss,

Dinner Committee

## 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  
3076 95th Drive  
Live Oak, FL 32060  
(386) 364-1683  
[www.musicliveshere.com](http://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.

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

## Upcoming Shows:

May 17, 18, and 19, 2019  
 SouthEast Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
 Rockhound Round-Up  
 Spirit of Suwannee Music Park  
 Live Oak, FL  
<http://www.amfed.org/sfms>

Later in the year:

Jacksonville—September 2019  
[www.jaxgemandmineral.org](http://www.jaxgemandmineral.org)

Orlando—October 2019  
[www.cfmgs.org](http://www.cfmgs.org)

Tampa Bay—November 2019  
[www.tampabayrockclub.com](http://www.tampabayrockclub.com)

Withlacoochee—December 2019  
[www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/](http://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/)

Pinellas—January 2020  
[www.PGS.Rocks](http://www.PGS.Rocks)

Lakeland—February 2020  
[www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

March 6, 7, and 8, 2020  
 Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—48th Annual Show  
 Minnreg Building, Largo, FL  
[www.sgams.com](http://www.sgams.com)

## FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
[www.AMFED.org](http://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](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.

**National Park Foundation:**  
[www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks](http://www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks)

**Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society:**  
[www.canaveral-mgs.com](http://www.canaveral-mgs.com)

**Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society:** [www.cfmgs.org](http://www.cfmgs.org)

**Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club:**  
[www.tampabayrockclub.com](http://www.tampabayrockclub.com)

**Pinellas Geological Society:** [www.pgs.rocks](http://www.pgs.rocks)

**Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society:**  
[www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

**Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County:**  
[www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com](http://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com)

### Our Web Site:

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

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

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 04, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Cooper at 7:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were President Joe Cooper, Vice President Susan Biel, Dave Watson, Sandy Theisz, Gerri Groves, Dan Stefanski, Pat Davis and Shamus Walker. Also attending was Rick Bunton.

Secretary's report-motion by Dave Watson to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report- Eric Odegaard was not present by sent the reports in. They report was approved and filed for audit.

Old Business-the new back door has been put up in the cabbing room, a thank you to Dave Watson, Dan Stefanski, and Rick Burton.

New Business-have Eric Odegaard set up an Amazon Smile account, when you purchase something on Amazon a portion of the sale will go to the club. We are in need of backup personnel to help with the newsletter and the web page. Anyone that is interested please let one of the board members know.

This month's program is about the Lost River Fault of Central Idaho, presented by Professor Paul Wetmore of USF.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.  
Submitted by  
Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary



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**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
General Meeting  
April 18, 2019**

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

Secretary's report-motion by Sue Hazelden to accept the minutes as published in the Rock-a-Gram, motion approved.

Treasurer's report-Lori Heinemann presented the report, a motion by Darell Groves to accept and file for audit, was approved.

Annual dinner will be at Applebee's on East Bay in Clearwater at 6:00 p.m. the signup sheet is in the club house, we need a count to let them know how many will be attending.

Old business-we need another shed for storage, so that we can make room in the clubhouse for more class room space for the Silver room. The board is looking into the cost and size that we need.

Election of officers for the new year are as follows-President Joe Cooper, Vice President Susan Biel, Correspondence secretary Dan Stefanski, Recording secretary Gerri Groves, Treasurer Eric Odegaard, Past President Pat Davis, Directors Dave Watson, Sandy Theisz, and Rick Bunton.

Tonight's program is the Lost River Range Fault of Central Idaho presented by Professor Paul Wetmore of USF.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves,  
Recording Secretary

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**CABBING:** Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

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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 [SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com](mailto:SGAMS-Club-Information@mail.com)

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

**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 \$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](mailto: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.





## ROCK-A-GRAM

*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