

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Location:

Clubhouse, 4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL

Dedication to Dave Schwebel

This month we will be having a social event. We will have a dedication of the capping shop to honor Dave Schwebel. There will be a selection hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Members are invited to share their memories of Dave or just to visit with other members.

DUES ARE DUE DUES!

Our membership year runs from September 1st of each year, until May of the next year. The club does not hold meetings or enact business during June, July, or August although, the clubhouse is open during regular class hours for any member who might want to use the facilities. A lot of members join in March at our show and think they are paid up until the next March. Not so, if they join in March, they will have dues due again in September for the upcoming year. We allow a short grace period, but if we have not received their money, they will no longer be active members. Only active members are allowed to use the club's facilities. November is the end of this grace period, so for anyone who wants to remain an active member, please get your dues taken care of. I get calls from members not understanding why they no longer are receiving the Rock-A-Gram or emails from the club, so hope this helps to clear up any confusion. If anyone has a question, please call me.

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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

OMG! It's time to write another president's message. It's November. Time to be thankful. If 2015 hasn't been a good year for you that can be hard. It's trite but true that there is always someone less fortunate.

SGAMS members have much to be thankful for. We have each other; a somewhat loosely conglomerated band of rockhounds who will come together when the need arises. We have members who give generously of their time, their effort and sometimes even their rocks. We have our own clubhouse and one of the best shops in the state. And we have a party every now and then.

When all else fails remember the good times. Be thankful for them. Be thankful if you can remember them!

Happy Thanksgiving.

Pat Davis, President

Christmas Dinner at Olive Garden

Our annual Christmas dinner meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Olive Garden, US 19 and 79th Ave. N, St. Petersburg. Friends and family are welcome. We will order from the regular menu and separate checks will be provided. We need to let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect, so please let me know, if you plan to attend. Julia Larson, 727-410-3781, glassgal0947@gmail.com.

Show News - Happy November

For setting up the different areas of the Show we have a volunteer in each who will act as a sub-committee to find, schedule, and "run" the members interested. This way the proper amount of preparation can be assured and that nothing will be over looked. So far, we have to head up the Ticket Booth and Information Table – Donna Sapp, for Silent Auction – Rose Labranche, for Display Cases – Patti Reed, and for the Club Table – Darrell Groves & Sandy Schwebel. Dawn C. will be helping with publicity. I am still looking for members who can head up the Gem Mining and Hospitality areas. Please give me a call if you are interested. To contact these dedicated people directly: Donna 420-0383, Rose 742-3053, Patti 262-748-8650, Darrell 656-0323, and Sandy at 547-0364.

With the holiday this month our normal schedule for the committee meeting will not work. So we are going to meet on the Tuesday after the general meeting, making that the 24th. So if your not cabbng or other wise busy feel free to come out and join us.

If you haven't marked the dates yet.... Show is on March 4th, 5th, 6th & set up on Thursday.

Thanks, *Bill Schmidt*

Volunteers Needed for March Show

I am the chairman of the Ticket Booth and the Information Table. Anyone who would like to help me at either one of these places, please contact me, as I am filling up time slots now. The Ticket Booth involves collecting the admission money and handing out a ticket for re-entry into the show---piece of cake.

The Information Table is not rocket science either. You have "grab bags" of small stones to sell for \$1.50 (I think), old lapidary journals and magazines, & club literature. Mostly it is just talking to people about our club and answering any questions they may have. You will not be by yourself---there will be 1 or 2 others there to help you. On top of all that---you get free (FREE!!) admission to the show!! How great is that??

Please contact me with days and times of availability. The show will be March 4th, 5th and 6th 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Thanks

Donna Sapp, Tickets and Information, 727-420-0383 or dsapp43@yahoo.com

Rockhound Estate Sales!

From time to time we hear of estates and collections that are being sold out by "retiring" Rockhounds. In case you are interested. These may be opportunities for some great deals!

Rock Shop Closeout Sale!

Thousands of tumbled stones, pre-forms, mineral specimens, all for pennies on the dollar! Moving, must closeout! **Saturday, November 21**, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. 1320 Brahma Dr., Valrico (Near east end of Lumsden) Bill MacDonald, 813-689-5550

Estate Sale: "lots of rocks", large/med./small-large selection. old digging tools, metal/book case shelves, lots of nick knacks, storage containers, lots of art & craft items-beads etc., variety furniture, gem I.D. equipment. bargain pricing. **Sunday - 11/22 and 12/6**. 1 p.m. to dusk. 141 78th Ave. N., St.Petersburg, FL. 33702 Pat Joseph, 727-525-2755 leave a message, she'll get back to you!

Upcoming Show: Sources: www.amfed.org, FGCGM Golden Nugget Newsletter, Nov. 2015

November 21 - 22, 2015; West Palm Beach, FL
Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches
49th annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead and Fossil Show, South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach Florida 33411

Hours: Saturday (Nov. 21st) 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday (Nov. 22nd) 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
<http://www.gemandmineral.cc>

December 4-6: Hudson, FL
Withlacoochee Rockhounds 41st Annual Jewelry, Fossil, Mineral & Gem Show, Veterans Memorial Park; 14333 Hicks Rd; Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Adults \$3, Students/Teens \$1, Children 12 and under are free. Free parking/Indoor show.

December 5-6: Pinecrest, FL
The Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild is holding its semi-annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Evelyn Greer Park, 8200 SW 124 Street in the Village of Pinecrest – just one block off US 1. – Free parking.
For directions and a half-price admission coupon, go to www.miamigemandmineral.com

January 8, 9, 10, 2016: Largo, FL
Largo Geological Society 40th Annual Gem and Mineral Show & Sale, Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room 105 Central Park Drive, Largo FL

Hours: Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Free Admission, Donation \$1.50 for hourly drawing to benefit college scholarships, lapidary training, information, and publications, Call Lee Sheffield (727-709-3236) or Walt Staats (727-415-7867) for information or to sign up for a table.

FEDERATION NEWS

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

2015 Regional Federation Shows and Conventions

California Federation
September 12-15, 2015
Lodi, CA

Rocky Mountain Federation
TBA

Eastern Federation
October 21-23, 2016
Rochester, NY

South Central Federation
October 23-25, 2015
Austin, TX

Midwest Federation
August 19-21, 2016
South Bend, IN

Northwest Federation
July 27-Aug 1, 2016
Albany, OR

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.canaveral-mgs.com/>

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

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: www.canaveral-mgs.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.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
October 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric Odegaard at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were Jerri Heer, Joe Cooper, Gerri Groves Eric Odegaard, Dave Watson, Julia Larson, and Donna Sapp. Also attending were Darell Groves, Bill Shmidt and Sue Hazelden.

Secretary's Report: a motion by Jerri Heer to accept as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Julia Larson to accept, and file for audit. Motion carried.

Show Committee Meeting will be held on October 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Equipment: Dave Watson is working on a shelving unit for the backyard to store all the bins of rock on. He looked at the lumber from the old deck and he does not think any of this is useable. He has checked into the cost of lumber and it will be about \$368.78.

A committee has been formed to make needed changes in the wording of some of the bylaws. The committee will consist of Julia Larson, Joe Cooper and Pat Davis.

Motion by Donna Sapp the following are considered for new members Petya Figueirido (Gabreva), Susanna Stefanski. Motion carried.

November meeting will be the dedication of the plaque honoring Dave Schwabel, it has been suggested that the wall in front of the cabbing room needs to be cleaned and a fresh coat of paint. This should be done on the work day.

Work day is set for Saturday, November 7th and the dumpster will be delivered on Friday, November 6th. Everyone that can should come out and spent some time helping out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

Welcome New Members:

Petya Figueirido (Gabreva)
Susanna Stefanski
Ed Klingar

Thank you...

Many, many thanks to all who helped with the yard cleanup. Atta boys and Atta girls all around to Dave Watson, Sue Hazelden, Richard Sarafian, Carole Sarafian, Holly Dodson, Eric Odegaard, and Ann Morrison. The back yard looks great! All that stuff that people have been saying needs to go is gone! Well done!



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

October 15, 2015

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

Secretary's report-motion by Jerri Heer to approve the minutes as printed in the Rock-A-Gram, was approved.

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

Yard clean-up is set for Saturday, November 7th.

Show committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 22nd. The following have agreed to be the chairperson for the following areas of the show.

- Silent Auction: Rose LaBranche
- Display Cases: Pattie Reed
- Set up, teardown and show table: Darell Groves
- Information & tickets: Donna Sapp

Tonight's program is an open forum to find out what the members would like to see the club do. The following are some of the suggestions: Fields trip, local and out of state, class on how to identify different types of gems and mineral, how to determine if material is good for cabbing or just a pretty rock, show video's on informational topics and how to make different projects, casting Joe Cooper is looking into Lost Wax Casting, hopefully getting it started at the club, lamp work several people are interested in this.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by:
Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

Motion by Donna Sapp to accept Ed Klingar as a member of the club. Motion carried.

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 or
Sandy Schwebel, dschwebel@tampabay.rr.com

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

SILVER SMITHING: *Joe Cooper* (727) 202-8095, 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

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 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.

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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.