

# ROCK-A-GRAM



November 2016



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## General Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2016

7:00 p.m.



**Clubhouse Location:**  
4619 69th Street North,  
St. Petersburg, FL



## Program: Faceting

Provided by Joe Cooper

Facets are flat faces on geometric shapes gemstones have facets cut into them in order to improve their appearance by allowing them to reflect light. In this program we will discuss the art of cutting a gems. We will talk about the do's and don'ts of faceting and go over the equipment that the club has for your use.

Looking forward to seeing all that can attend our November General Meeting!

**DUES ARE DUE!     \$20.00 Individuals - \$30 per family**

If your last name starts with N - to - Z, please bring goodies to our meeting to share. Thank You!

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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](http://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

Another month has passed. I can not believe how fast time is going by. Thanksgiving is right around the corner and then Christmas sneaks up right after that. Please do not forget to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas dinner on the 15th of December at 6:30. This year it will be at Romano's on Tyrone. Please sign up before the end of November so we can get an accurate count. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Our first "yard sale" of the year will be on Saturday, 10 December at 10:00. Will will start setting up at 8:00. Our club members will be able to shop from 10-3pm. Other clubs will be invited also but they will not be able to shop until 12 noon. We should have a very good selection of stuff to choose from this year.

I know there have been a few people inquiring about a possible field trip. I had an awesome experience digging sapphires in NC and believe that this would make an outstanding trip for our club. I will be making some phone calls and there will definitely be more to follow!

See you all at the meeting...

Eric Odegaard,  
President



### Dues are Due!

To ensure you continue your Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society relationship, please bring in or mail in your Annual Membership Dues. The 2016—2017 SGAMS Dues are as follows:



**\$20.00 for Individuals, or \$30.00 for Couples / Families.**  
(A nominal annual membership to enjoy all the club has to offer!)



Donna Sapp (Membership) will be happy to assist you in renewing your membership at the November SGAMS General Membership Meeting!. Or, Mail your check to: SGAMS P.O. Box 13254, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733-3254

#### **If you don't renew your Membership...**

Soon the grace period will end, and our communications and your delivery of the Rock-A-Gram Newsletter will end.

### In Memory Of:

Bob Harrelson passed away August 13<sup>th</sup>. Robert's family has notified us that his Memorial Service will be at the Bay Pines Veterans Cemetery Pavilion near the Columbarium on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 9:15 AM. This date was chosen because it was his wedding anniversary and the same date 2 years ago of his wife Brenda's service. Bob and his late wife Brenda were members for many years.

Jerri Heer (our Treasurer), lost her Mom late on November 4<sup>th</sup>, both her Mom and Dad strove to attend all of Jerri's local shows from Hernando, Pinellas, and Hillsborough Counties. In support of Jerri, she attended our annual shows.

### Yard Sale:

On Sunday December 10th 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 Thank You for donating a few hours towards your Clubhouse!

You may start browsing and shopping at 10:00am!



### Show News

Happy November,

For coordinating each of the different areas of the Show there is a volunteer who acts as a sub-committee chair to find, schedule, and help the members interested. This way the proper amount of preparation can be assured and that nothing will be over looked. So far we have Donna Sapp to head up the Ticket Booth and Information Table, for Silent Auction – Rose Lebranche, for Display Cases – Patti Reed, and for the Club Table – Darrell Groves & Sandy Schwebel. 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 AND next our normal schedule for the committee meetings will not work. So the Show Committee will meet on December the 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be prepping for the gem mining, grab bags and other things, so feel free to come out and join us.

If you haven't marked your calendar yet.... the Show is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> with set up on Thursday.

Thanks,

Bill Schmidt



## Upcoming Shows:

November 12 and 13, 2016  
 Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society  
 Melbourne Auditorium, Melbourne, FL 32901  
[www.canaveral-mgs.com/](http://www.canaveral-mgs.com/)

November 19 and 20, 2016  
 The Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches  
 South Florida Fairgrounds, West Palm Beach, FL  
[www.gemandmineralsociety.org/](http://www.gemandmineralsociety.org/)

November 18, 19, and 20, 2016  
 SFMS Annual Meeting Hosted By:  
 Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society  
 Cobb County Civic Center, Marietta, GA  
[www.cobbcountymineral.org/](http://www.cobbcountymineral.org/)

December 2, 3, and 4 2016  
 Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County  
 Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL  
[www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/](http://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/)

January 13, 14, and 15, 2017  
 Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.  
 with the SFMS Quarterly Meeting  
 Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL

January 21 and 22, 2017  
 Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society  
 Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland, FL  
[www.tomokagms.org](http://www.tomokagms.org)

January 21 and 22, 2017  
 Panama City Gem & Mineral Society  
 Central Panhandle Fairgrounds, Panama City, FL

February 4 and 5, 2017  
 Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club  
 Kiwanis Island Recreation Center, Merritt Island, FL  
[www.centralbrevardgems.org](http://www.centralbrevardgems.org)

February 25  
 Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Society  
 Lakeland, FL  
[www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

March 3, 4, and 5 2017  
 Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—47th Annual Show  
 Minnreg Building, Largo, FL

## FEDERATION NEWS

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

The URL for CMGS web site is: <http://www.canaveral-mgs.com/>

Winnipeg Rock and Mineral Club: [www.wrnc.ca](http://www.wrnc.ca)  
 Rock Vein Newsletter

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

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

**Faceting Classes:**

The Faceting Class is set up to teach the student how to facet a gemstone. The student will be familiarized with the Facetron faceting machine. Discussion will cover how to select faceting rough, understanding the refractive index of materials, and selection of designs. The student will be shown how to dop rough for faceting, how to preform rough, and the step by step procedures for grinding and polishing the gemstone. The faceting pattern used in the class is the Standard Round Brilliant. The cost of the class is \$65.00 and the class generally takes from four to six weeks to complete. The class is held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Contact Dave Watson , 727-541-2917, email [bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com) for scheduling information.

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 06, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 700 p.m. by President Eric Odegaard.

Board member in attendance, were Eric Odegaard, Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Jerri Heer, Gerri Groves and Shamus Walker. Also present were Bill Schmidt, Sandy Schwebel, and Lori Heinemann.

Secretary's report-A motion by Joe Cooper to accept as printed, was approved.

Treasurer's report-A motion by Joe Cooper to accept and file for audit, was approved. The budget for the new year was submitted, a motion by Joe Cooper to accept was approved.

Show committee- because of the Thanksgiving holiday the Nov. meeting will be combined with the Dec. meeting and held on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Oct. meeting will be on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Building committee-Tree trimming needs to be done before we have the roof work done, need to get estimates for this. We received two estimates for the roof repair they are within a few hundred dollars. A motion by Shamus Walker to have R.J. Owens to do the job for a cost of \$7,745.00, motion approved.

Audit report- this report was submitted for the months of Nov, Feb and March and everything was in order. A motion by Eric Odegaard to accept and file was approved.

Equipment- better lighting for the Lapidary studio was discussed and Eric Odegaard will check into pricing new lights.

Publication-Lori Heinemann has requested that if you have something that you want to see in the Rock-a-Gram get them to her as soon as possible so she can get them done.

This month's program will be show & tell.

A yard sale is being set for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We will need members to come early and help set everything up.

Work day is set for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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**.

### Donations to the Clubhouse?

Donations (Rocks, Equipment, etc.) to the club should be labeled—Attention: Pattie when dropped-off. She will catalog, and if you want a receipt just let her know.

### Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

#### General Meeting

October, 2016

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

Secretary's report – a motion by Shamus Walker to approve the minutes as published in the Rock-a-Gram was approved.

Treasurer's report—a motion by Darell Groves to accept and file for audit, was approved.

Show committee meeting will be Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Building committee—the proposal for the new roof has been signed, and they estimate the time to begin will be about two weeks.

Work day is set for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Christmas party will be on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at Romano's Macaroni Grill on Tyrone Blvd. in St Petersburg and will be from 6:30 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. There is a signup sheet in the club house and you need to sign up no later than Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

The changes to the by-law will be e-mailed to all the members, please review them and if you have any question e-mail them to Joe Copper. We will be voting on the changes at the Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Tonight's program is Show & Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Membership-Donna Sapp has recommended the following Yolanda Carter, and Jerry Zolciak.

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](mailto:darell.groves@gmail.com)

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 [bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bwatson1@tampabay.rr.com)

**Contact Instructors, if interested in following classes:**

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

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

**SILVER SMITHING:** *Joe Cooper* (317) 775-5476, [je.cooper@outlook.com](mailto: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](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, [je.cooper@outlook.com](mailto: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.



# **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.

## **ROCK-A-GRAM** (Official Bulletin)

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**

*Lori Heinemann, Editor*

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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.