

# ROCK-A-GRAM



November 2019



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## General Meeting

**Thursday, November 21, 2019**

at 7:00 p.m.

### Meeting Location:

4619 69th Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL

## PROGRAM

Chris Arbutine, second generation owner of Silver Queen in Clearwater, will talk about the huge amethyst cathedral that greets visitors and customers.

If you won something at a previous raffle, bring something to share! If your last name starts with M - to - Z, please bring goodies to our meeting to share. Thank You!

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### President's Message:

**Here we are at the holiday season already. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and in the blink of an eye it's Christmas. Please remember the annual Christmas holiday dinner will be next month's meeting. There will be a signup sheet at the club house. I look forward to seeing all my friends and fellow club members there.**

**I would like to thank Susan and Rick in advance for all their work on the yard/ jewelry sale. Our first yard sale / jewelry sale of the year will be on Saturday, the 9th of November at 10:00. As usual we still have lot of repairs going on at the clubhouse. All help is greatly appreciated.**

**See you soon.**

**Joseph Cooper, President**

## SUNCOSAT GEM &amp; MINERAL SOCIETY

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Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gerri Groves secretary

**We Came, We "Saw," We Trained**

MANY thanks to Bill Schmidt for spending a whole afternoon enlightening some of our of our shop moderators on the intricacies of our saws. Bill explained about the different kinds of saws, blades and lubricants. He provided specific instruction on each of the saws in our shop. But probably the most valuable part was having him there to troubleshoot problems that arose as the group tried out what they had learned about operating these machines.

"Thank you" is also in order to our shop moderators Linda Taylor, Rick Bunton, Irene Muench who took the time to avail themselves of Bill's vast knowledge. He truly is a storehouse of information!

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[Rockd.org](http://Rockd.org)

This geology app lets you find minerals or fossils you can find in your area. Also lets you record your own finds and nearby geologic attractions.

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**49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW AND SALE

**MARCH 6, 7 & 8<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

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SATURDAY – 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19

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2002 34TH ST N ST PETERSBURG

CONTACT JOANN KNOSS, 727-914-4569 (H), 305-304-7298 (C) OR [jknoss@yahoo.com](mailto:jknoss@yahoo.com) TO LET HER KNOW YOU'RE COMING, OR SIGN UP AT THE MEETING.

**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>

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)

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

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

Tampa Bay Fossil Club: [www.tampabayfossilclub.com](http://www.tampabayfossilclub.com)

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

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

Our Web Site:

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**CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm**

TBD

**Wednesdays, 12 to 4pm**

Larry Murry 727-686-1314

**FACETING/WIREWRAPPING: Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm**

Dave Watson (727) 541-2917  
or sgams2020@gmail.com

**SILVER SMITHING: Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm and Saturdays 1 to 5 pm**

Joe Cooper 317-775-5476  
or sgams2020@gmail.com

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

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

GEM TREES: Jerri Heer (419) 344-9999 or jheerx6@aol.com

WAX CASTING: Joe Cooper (317) 775-5476, sgams2020@gmail.com

Cost for classes (except Faceting and Wax Casting) is \$3.00 per hour, or any portion thereof, 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.



**Upcoming Shows:**

November 23 and 24, 2019

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411  
www.gemandmineralsociety.org

December 6, 7, and 8, 2019 Withlacoochee  
Rockhounds, Inc. Hudson, FL

www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/

January 10, 11, and 12, 2020 Pinellas  
Geological Society, Inc. Largo Cultural  
Center, Largo, FL www.PGS.Rocks

February 22, 2020

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society  
Lakeland, FL  
www.bonevalley.net March  
6, 7, and 8, 2020

Tampa Bay Fossil Club  
www.tampabayfossilclub.com

**Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society  
49th annual show  
NEW Location: Banquet Masters  
13355 49th St. N. Clearwater FL 33762  
March 6, 7, and 8 2020**

**FEDERATION NEWS**  
American Federation of  
Mineralogical Societies  
www.AMFED.org, AFMS

**2019-20 Regional Federation  
Shows and Conventions**

**California Federa-  
tion CA, HI, NV**  
June 25-28, 2020  
Lodi, CA

**Eastern Federa-  
tion**  
March, 2020  
Monroe, NY

**Midwest  
Federation**  
TBA

**Northwest Federation**  
TBA

**Rocky Mountain  
Federation**  
Date TBD  
Big Piney, WY

**South Central  
Federation**  
AR, LA, TX  
TBA

**Southeast  
Federation**  
TBA

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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**

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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.

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**Silver Room:**  
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And

Saturdays 1:00- 5:00 p.m.

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**Faceting:**

**By Appointment:**

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

**Lost Wax Casting:**

**By Appointment:**

Friday pm and Saturday