

November 2022

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Dear SGAMS Members,

Here we are, barely more than a week away from Thanksgiving!

And so much to be thankful for—especially when we look back on having made it through that year of COVID, after which, the great luck of being able to get back to our “home” venue of The Largo Event Center (which we should be able to stop calling “formerly the Minnreg” one of these days!), the majority of us (from what I have heard) making it safely through the passage of Hurricane Ian and now Nicole, and now here we are gearing up early for our 2023 Show.

I am so thankful for the steady-eddy volunteers who have helped with so much through the Summer, and now with beginning Show Preparations. The Show Committee will be meeting after Thanksgiving and from there you will start seeing work days and other opportunities pop up—so keep an eye on your email for SGAMS messages!

Be sure to read the fascinating and fun interview with member Mark Burton about the new discovery on Pages 8-9

A reminder that DUES are now nearing the end of the Grace Period and the final cut off date is December 1st. See the message on page 11 about getting your dues paid up.

We are also looking forward to a presentation by member Michael Kulas on Petoskey Stones for the November 17th Meeting. Please come out and enjoy the talk and to see your fellow/sister members!

Best regards,

*Susan Biel*

Susan Biel

President, SGAMS

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**\*\*\*GUEST SPEAKER FOR NOVEMBER 17TH MEETING\*\*\***

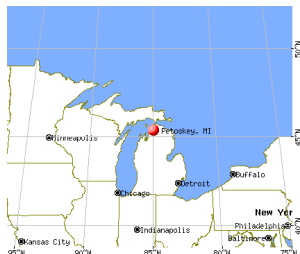
PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND THE GENERAL MEETING THIS

COMING THURSDAY TO ENJOY OUR GUEST SPEAKER,

**Michael Kulas**

Michael will do a presentation on

**PETOSKEY STONES**



Map courtesy of City-Data website

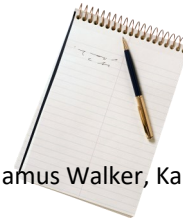
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# SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY INC,

## Board Meeting

**November 3, 2022**



The meeting was called to order at 702 pm. Present were Susan Biel, president, board members Shamus Walker, Karen Kulas, Debbie Hamilton, Pat Davis, Pat Church, Breta McGuire and Julia Larson.

2023 show business: Pat Davis distributed samples of the postcard for the March 2023 show for discussion. Some changes were suggested. Susan will remind members to think about where they could put a supply of cards and suggested they put it on their own media sites (Facebook, etc.). She had a copy of the floor plan from the event center, and there was discussion about purchasing a software package for the layout. The show will feature a newly discovered lapidary stone, Markonite, and the member who discovered it will be at the show. There was discussion regarding where he can set up his display and sell the mineral. Linda Taylor has volunteered to oversee filling grab bags. We need volunteers to fill bags for the gem mining booth. The silent auction needs to be better organized both before and after the show. We also need volunteers to transport things to and from the show. Susan said she will contact Professor Ryan, who did a presentation last year, to ask if some of his geology students would be willing to help with organizing and identifying our cache of rocks. Show chair Bill Schmidt will be available only on Sundays and Mondays for show committee meetings. The first show meeting will be November 28.

Clubhouse concerns: The cover for the air conditioning unit in the shop still has not been fabricated. The new saw needs a bushing. Susan related her efforts to contact the Facetron company regarding the head that was sent for repair in July. She will continue to follow up on that. Apparently, the company has closed. Termite inspection is due December 3. Tree trimming continues to be an issue. The board agreed to go ahead with trimming the limbs that hang over our property without waiting for the County to do their part. The new membership application was discussed; Susan will put a notice in the newsletter asking all members to complete the new form annually. The raffle at the general meetings was discussed. This will be resumed, but we will limit the number of items each meeting to cut down on time. Karen agreed to run the raffles. There is a tumbler that was donated but not being used and there is an offer to purchase it. Breta is checking if it is in working order first.

Mike Kulas will present the November program on petosky stones.

The meeting was adjourned at 755 pm.

Submitted by Julia Larson, Recording Secretary

## SUNCOAST GEM &amp; MINERAL SOCIETY INC.

## General meeting

October 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Susan Biel. Susan said there has been some difficulty with a few members not receiving the newsletter & asked that everyone keep the membership chair informed of any changes in email or physical address.

Minutes of previous board and general minutes were accepted as published. The treasurer was absent so there was no report. Tree trimming is still not done. There are a number of outside repairs that are needed but these have been postponed until the weather cools. Debris from the hurricane has not been picked up.

Dinner committee chair JoAnn Knoss said she has arranged the Christmas holiday dinner to be held at Panera on Starkey & Bryan Dairy, roads December 15, the usual meeting time. She passed around sign-up sheets. There is room for about 25 people in the private room.

Show chair Bill Schmidt and dealer chair Breta McGuire were absent. Susan said the plan is to start preparations earlier this year, with the grab bag meeting on a Thursday night from 6-8. The date will be announced to the show will be increased to \$6.00. The club tables need to be staffed with people who can identify rocks and what they are worth.

Susan noted that new member Tom McNaughton recently did a lot of facility work including setting out rat traps, yard cleanup and installed a new faucet for the kitchen sink.

Joe Cooper mentioned the broken faceting machine still has not been repaired. It has been sent out for repair but so far not returned. Susan will check on this.

Susan passed out a new version of the membership application form and asked all members to complete one so Donna Sapp has up-to-date information on everyone. She reminded members using equipment and classes they need to complete a new insurance waiver every year.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned and Leona Feldhausen presented the program on amber.

Submitted by Julia Larson, Recording Secretary

## THE RE-REVISED APPLICATION!

Well, dear Members! The best laid plans of Mice and Men: This one truly went awry!

After working with Donna Sapp on a new Application, (which was mostly on my part a self-serving update, as I wanted to capture the information on who had what talents and time to help the Club), I had it printed out and handed it out at the October Meeting. Everyone kindly completed the form that evening and handed them back to me.

And Lo and Behold, when I brought them home, all excited to catalogue all your talents and abilities that could benefit SGAMS...*screeeeech* to a halt there!

Looking at the forms, I realized a visual foible in the creation of the revision:

The line—like this: \_\_\_\_\_ that I put under the request for your “TIME AND TALENTS” was perceived by ONE and ALL as just that, *a line under that sentence*. NO ONE filled it out!

The next sentence asking what the reason was that you joined SGAMS had a line that made more sense and it was filled out.

Oh my oh my. So, I re-re-revised the Application. It is on the next page. But I am NOT going to make y’all fill out yet another application.

I am going to reach out to each one of you INDIVIDUALLY and ask you—what skill, what time, what talent do you think you could give to SGAMS to help us maintain, thrive, or even GROW!

I bet you don’t even know what gifts you have to give, and truly, even the smallest contribution of time and talent is what keeps us going!! Contacting you one by one and one-on-one I hope to get to know and connect with you as a vital part of SGAMS. So be aware, that (315) area code may show up on your phone, that peechikeene8@gmail.com may be in your email in box. PLEASE do respond. YOU are the reason SGAMS continues to exist, so please, let’s talk!

~~~ Susan Biel, SGAMS, President (315) 380-7037

## REGARDING DONATIONS:

~~~ And until we get a few clean-up days with the sheds and outdoor shelf storage under way, I would like to ask that donations be suspended. We need to clear out some stuff to make room and organize to know what we have on hand before we take in any more.

### AND

~~~ When we start taking donations again, I will have a clipboard with a form on the table to the right of the television. The form to fill out will be simple, but VERY NECESSARY—giving us a brief description of what you are dropping off and please—place it with your items.

There are some lovely items already in our donation drawers that I have no idea what they are and who they are from. I will be passing around that clipboard at the September 15th meeting, so if you already donated items, I will be asking you for that information.

## Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Spouse's Name

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Single (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$30)

Family means spouse and/or at least one child under 18 living in your home.

**WHAT TIME AND TALENTS CAN YOU DONATE TO THE CLUB?** (for example: retired; lapidary skills; plumbing; grant-writer, machinist, etc.) :

Reason for Joining the Club (Shared, Interest, Education, Field Trips, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
What other Gem clubs are you (or have you been) a member? \_\_\_\_\_

**Service to the club:** In order for your membership application to be considered for approval, you must select at least 1 (one) area below where you have an interest and feel you can be of assistance.

| (Indicate all areas where you have an interest and can assist YOUR club)       |                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Serve as a Committee Chairman                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I. Assisting Newsletter Editor (as needed)                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Serve on a Committee.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> J. Assist with Maintenance of the club house.                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Assist VP with monthly membership meeting program. | <input type="checkbox"/> K. Working as a club Instructor (cubbing, faceting, wire wrap, silversmith, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Work with Field Trip Chairman on club trips.       | <input type="checkbox"/> L. Hospitality for Monthly Meetings (set-up coffee and supplies)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Assist at annual show: Ticket Booth                |                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F. Assist at annual show: Information Booth           |                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G. Assist at annual show: Club Booth                  |                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H. Serve as club officer or board member/Historian.   |                                                                                                            |

Use of the club facilities is a privilege of membership in SGAMS. Please be prepared to present your membership card when you come in to use the shop or take a class.

**Mail application to: Donna Sapp, 3200 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702**

11/19/2025

**Dues Paid?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

|                     |           |                       |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Membership Chairman | Treasurer | Date Accepted to Club |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|

**MARKONITE—AND AN INTERVIEW WITH A MULTI—FACETED MEMBER:** Mark Burton is a fairly new member of SGAMS, and this past summer, Pat Davis visited him at his home in Tennessee and learned of the newly discovered lapidary stone, which is named for Mark. You will see it on the SGAMS media post card for our 2023 Show and it will be our “draw” and special attraction—to be able to debut a new find like this is spectacular and very unique! And after talking with Mark, I found him to be a pretty spectacular and unique guy himself. Here is the interview:

**Hello Mark, first tell us a little about yourself. How old are you? What do you do for a living? Where are you from?**

I am 35 and wear many hats. At present, the two biggest jobs in my life are working as a flight attendant and working as a geological consultant for Copperhill Industries in Tennessee. I was born and raised in a little city called Cleveland, Tn which is next to Chattanooga.

**And what got you interested in rocks and minerals and when?**

Somewhere around the age of nine or ten, my local church youth group went on a little spelunking expedition to Racon Mountain near Chattanooga. That was the event that started the landslide... and storage space issues.

**How did you get involved with mining?**

The mining chapter of my life didn't occur until I met the museum director of the Ducktown Basin Museum, who then introduced me to the owner and operator of Copperhill Industries. The two of them took me on a little driving tour all over the 4,000 or so acres and showed me all of the historical and current ongoing of the land. We all became fast friends and before I knew it, I was aiding in researching historical documents, surveys, assays, and working samples of rough for identification and analysis. Let it be known that this is the short answer to this question.

**What is your greatest concern and your biggest hope when you are mining?**

I'd wager that any geologists greatest concern while mining is having a rock come off the hill at you. Be that as it may, I do take every precaution for safety and never take a greater risk than I can afford. While mining, I'm actually more concerned about all of the daily ongoing of the workers. They are all well trained men and women but I am very small (even if I'm in my ATV) compared to a truck bigger than a house. The mine has a very active work day with gigantic loaders, dozers, dump trucks and more are all over the place. This requires me to be hyperaware of where they are that day, what roads they are using, and what cliff sides they are working on top of or driving alongside so that I don't interfere with their work and vice versa. My biggest hope while mining out a pocket or exploring for one, is actually two things: First, I'm hoping to find some of the massive crystal clusters like the ones they pulled out decades ago. Secondly, I'm always on the lookout for a piece of the past from the 150+ years that the area has been mined for.

**Tell us about your latest discovery: (who chose the name? Why your first name and not your last name?)**

The name Markonite was actually chosen by the owner of the mine. I must have come up with a dozen different names (none of which included Markonite), but when he suggested it to me and the team, we all liked it and ran with it. The spelling is very specific as the first four letters are my first name, Mark, and the next two letters, on, are the last two letters of my sur name, Burton. As for using my last name in full for a new discovery, I think I might save that for when I have a mine or claim of my very own.

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“Markonite: An Interview with An Multi-faceted Member, cont.

**Besides this pretty amazing find, what other interesting things have you turned up in your rockhounding?**

I’ve come across some fascinating petrified wood and stromatolites in my own backyard in Tennessee, ancient agatized coral and fluorescent yooperlites in Wisconsin, stunning chromatophore agate out of Deming, NM, and just recently found some really striking orbicular rhyolite from the Cady Mountains in California near Joshua Tree National Park.

**What are some bits of advice you would give “would be” beginning rockhounders and miners?**

Research! Wherever you decide to rockhound, research the geology and minerals of the area and find examples of what is coming out of there. Also, look up to see if there are any clubs in the area and get in touch with them for tips on rockhound sites. This has been my method of finding the best that the area has to offer.

**Any last thoughts to leave us with?**

Never let circumstance dictate what you want to be in life. Don’t think you have to “have this or that” to achieve your goals. If you choose to become a rockhound, geologist, lapidary artist or anything you can dream of... declare it as so and the rest will follow. When I decided to become a rockhound geologist, I had no real knowledge, tools, or resources to call upon. I did, however, declare “I am...” and the rest fell into my lap. Go make some noise and declare “I am...” and see what worlds open up to you.




## THE 2023 ANNUAL SHOW AD AND MEDIA POST CARD

Here is our advertising post card—please download a copy and post to:  
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~ Periscope ~ Vimeo ~ Tumblr ~ Reddit ~ NEXTDOOR ~ YOUNAMEIT!

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EVERYWHERE!

Print Copies will be available by mid month and handed out at the  
Christmas Party. Bring them to your local library, Senior Center, Day  
Care, Doggie Day Care, favorite coffee shop, café or bar and lounge!

The poster features a black background with several large, irregularly shaped, light-colored rocks with dark inclusions scattered around the text. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, serif, and script fonts.

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society**  
**52ND ANNUAL SHOW**

*Largo Event Center (formerly Minnreg Hall)*  
**6340 126th Ave N, Largo, FL**  
**MAR 3, 4, 5, 2023**

Fri, Sat 10am–6pm, Sun 10am–5pm  
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ADMISSION

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\$1.00 off admission with this ad. Limit one per person.

**REMINDER!**

The grace period for payment of dues ends  
December 1st.

Please pay your dues so that you continue to be on the roster, receive emails, the Rock A Gram, are able to attend classes and events and well, Be A Member!

Please make your checks payable to SGAMS.

And send them to

Donna Sapp,

3200 74th Ave N., St Petersburg, FL 33702

GEM MINING BAGS ARE GOING TO BE ASSEMBLED

AND WE ARE IN NEED OF THESE ROCKS!!!

PREFERABLY ALREADY BUSTED UP INTO SMALL  
BUT NOT TOO SMALL PIECES FOR THE GRAB BAGS.

PERIDOT

FLUORITE

CALCITE

SELENITE

PYRITE

AMAZONITE

COAL

GRANITE

AVENTURINE

MOONSTONE

ROSE QUARTZ

BARITE

PETRIFIED WOOD

PLEASE BRING TO THE NEXT

MEETING, OR EVEN THE

CHRISTMAS DINNER, OR DROP

OFF AT CLUBHOUSE.





Crinoids (*Uintacrinus socialis*) | #Geology #GeologyPage #Fossil

Crinoids (*Uintacrinus socialis*), also known as sea lilies or feather-stars, are marine animals from the Cretaceous age, 144 to 65 million years ago. These crinoid fossils are embedded in a limestone matrix.

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Geology Page

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I HOPE THAT ALL THESE BOXES OF  
ROCKS JUST MAKE YOUR MOUTH  
WATER AND YOUR HANDS ITCH TO JUST GET  
AHOLD OF THEM

AND LET'S ORGANIZE! IDENTIFY! RE-PACK  
AND EARN SOME MONEY FOR THE CLUB!

A WORK DAY IN DECEMBER IS BEING FORMU-  
LATED—KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A WORK DAY  
AND PICNIC TO DIG INTO THIS TREASURE  
TROVE AND GET 'ER DONE!



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***Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?***

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American Lands Access Association: [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org)

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies [www.southeastfed.org](http://www.southeastfed.org)

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

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Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club: <http://www.tampabayrockclub.org/>

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

An amazing resource is the website: <https://geology.com> — a wealth of information on geology, rocks, minerals, volcanoes, etc. ; maps, and geology products for sale.

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**Our Web Site:** <http://www.sgams.com>

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**SGAMS OFFERINGS FOR MEMBERS —**

Our club offers shop time to its members at a cost of \$3.00 per hour or any part of the hour. Classes are open shop with a monitor to provide assistance as needed.

In cabbing, participants will learn the basics of cutting, forming, and polishing a simple cabochon.

Faceting is the art of cutting and polishing angled faces on a gemstone; this class is at a cost of \$65.00 and the student will cut and polish one round brilliant stone.

Wire wrapping basic class allows you to set precious and semi-precious gemstones into simple metal frameworks made out of copper, silver, gold, and other materials.

Silversmithing class is to help with foundational silversmithing skills and finishing suitable for the novice or those with limited experience.

Wax casting is a \$50.00 class which includes one 3 inch flask, in two sessions, which involve investing spruced trees in preparation for the burnout process and then melting and pouring into the remaining cavity to produce the cast pieces. Finishing of the cast pieces is minimal and participants are encouraged to attend the Silversmithing Lab if they wish help in this last stage.

SEE PAGE 11 FOR CLASS SCHEDULING AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE INSTRUCTORS.



**WE THANK OUR ADVERTISERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ALL OUR MEMBERSHIP TO VISIT AND PATRONIZE THEIR BUSINESSES.**



### **Clubhouse Class Schedules - By Reservation Only**

**CABBING: Thursdays 12 to 4pm Larry Murray (727) 686-1314**

Must receive TEXT request by Tuesday Evening

Saturday Cab Shop hours are suspended until further notice.

**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

**WAX CASTING: By Reservation, announced by Email Blast to All Members**

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

## **ROCK-A-GRAM**

This is the official newsletter of the SUNCOAST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. , 4619 69th St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33709\* 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. \*[the club no longer has a Post Office box, and now receives mail at this location, EXCEPT for dues, which should be mailed to Donna Sapp, Membership Committee Chair) If you have an article or information that you would like to contribute to the Rock-A-Gram, please email it to [peechekeene8@gmail.com](mailto:peechekeene8@gmail.com) with "FOR THE ROCK-A-GRAM "in the subject line, by the first Thursday of the month, between September and May. Thank you! ~ Susan Biel, Editor