

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Location:

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

Our Club...

Come join us for an open forum discussion on the following:

- Field Trips ●Program Ideas
- Tell us what you want to see, know, and do.

Remember this is "Our Club" but we need your help in making it a successful one.

Please come out and share your thoughts with us.

DUES ARE DUE once again. Please give them to the membership chairperson, or *Jerri Heer*, Treasurer at our General Meeting.

DUES ARE DUE!

\$15.00 Individuals - \$20 per family

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

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SGAMS Clubhouse Address: 4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709, 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

Intarsia was on my mind last week. I spent a whole week with the master, Bill Boggs, at William Holland Retreat. Great class, wonderful instructor. It just doesn't get much better than that. And for all you tool junkies, I have a new one - a wonkometer, it's used for de-wonking stones. Ask me about it.

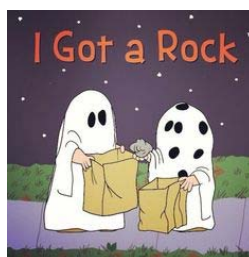
Ok, this is one more shameless plug for William Holland School of Lapidary Arts. Watch for the new catalogue so you can plan your visits for next year. It should be out right after Thanksgiving. Sign up begins December 7th. Some of the more popular classes fill fast, but don't despair if you end up on a wait list. Things change and you could still get the class you want.

Fall is in the air. It's a great time to be in the mountains; cool evenings, crisp mornings. It feels like the whole world is perfectly air conditioned during the day. The leaves are starting to change and should be at their peak in another week or so. Hayesville, N.C. hosts a Punkin Chunkin Festival. What kind of contraptions do people devise to fling pumpkins across a field? Maybe a better question is why?

Happy Halloween!

Pat Davis, President

**Happy
Halloween**



Show News

It is time again to begin preparation for Our show. The Show Committee is starting up and our first meeting is on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Everybody who is interested in helping out behind the scene is welcome. We will keep to the normal schedule of having our meetings the week after the General Meeting.

To make the show work, we need volunteers in the "upfront" portion as in the show itself. We need solid coverage and dependable attendance in all areas of the floor. Don't worry if you have never worked a show most jobs are simple, fun and you have a chance to learn a lot of things. The areas to be covered are Set-up, Break-down, Information Table, Ticket Booth, Club Table, Hospitality, Silent Auction and Gem Mining. So we have a place for everyone and every talent. The sign up sheets will be at the General Meeting. The more we can spread the work around the easier the show will be for us. Confirm the date on your calendar; the show is on March 4th, 5th, & 6th and set up is Thursday, March 3th.

Thanks,
Bill Schmidt



Welcome New Members

Jeff Chandler
Wendy Thurlow



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Monthly Bench Tips

By Brad Smith

DEBURRING A HOLE When you drill a hole, there's usually a burr produced on the underside of the metal. Typically, burrs are removed by filing or sanding the area smooth, but doing it this way will put scratches on your piece that will have to be polished off. A quick way to remove the burr is to grab a drill that's two or three times larger than your hole. Simply twist it in the hole to cut off the burr. I usually do this twisting by hand, but if you have many holes to do, it's easier on your fingers to put the drill into a holder like a pin vice.

CLEANING STEEL SHOT Steel shot in a vibratory or rotary tumbler works great to burnish and shine your finished silver pieces. But a common problem is how keep the shot clean. Carbon steel shot can get rusty if exposed to the air, and even stainless steel shot can sometimes develop a blackish coating that's hard to remove. My solution of choice to clean the shot is Classic Coke. Just pour an ounce or two over the shot and let the tumbler run for an hour or so. A bad case might require a second cleaning. Some folks like to let the bubbles in the Coke dissipate before using it so that gas pressure doesn't build up in the tumbler barrel. I've heard that it's the phosphoric acid in Coke that does the trick. While you're waiting for the shot to clean up, just settle back and enjoy the rest of the Coke.

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/ or facebook.com/BenchTips/ or see the book "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon - <http://amazon.com/dp/0988285800/> Brad Smith is moderator of LAROCKS and teaches jewelry making in Santa Monica, California.

Upcoming Show: Source: www.amfed.org

October 24-25 2015: Stuart, FL

The St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club Annual Show, Martin County Fair Grounds
2116 Dixie Hwy., Stuart FL 34996
Rocks, Minerals, Jewelry and Supplies for sale

Hours: Saturday, Oct. 24th from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 25th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

October 31 - November 1, 2015: Plant City, FL

56th Annual Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club Annual Show: Hot Rocks, Cool Gems, Fabulous Jewelry Strawberry Festival Expo Hall, 2301 W. Oak Avenue, Plant City, FL 33563
Website: www.tampabayrockclub.com

Hours: Saturday, Oct. 31st: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 1st: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**November 6, 2015: Melbourne, FL
SFMS Annual Meeting**

Crowne Plaza, 2605 N. A1A, Indianlantic (Melbourne), FL

November 7-8: Melbourne, FL

Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society Annual Parade of Gems Show
Location, Melbourne Auditorium, head south from the Crowne Plaza on A1A to US-192, turn west, cross the bridge and proceed to US-1. Turn north on US 1 to the first stoplight then turn west for 3 blocks. Auditorium will be on your left.

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>

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.wrmc.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
 September 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Davis at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were in attendance, Pat Davis, Jerri Heer, Eric Odegaard, Dave Watson, Julia Larson, Gerri Groves, Pattie Reed and Debbie Bremer.

Committee Reports

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

Treasurer's Report: Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. Motion by Julia Larson, to accept for audit. Motion carried. Jerri Heer also presented the budget for the 2015-2016 year. Motion by Julia Larson to accept the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 year. Motion carried.

Committee Chairperson's for the following year:

Hospitality: Carol Sarafian	Annual & Holiday Dinners: Julia Larson
Equipment: Darell Groves & Dave Watson	Historical, Library, Field trips: TBA
Show: Bill Schmidt	Dealer Chair for Show: Sandy Schwebel
Rock-A-Gram: Debbie Bremer	Education: Pattie Reed

A plaque will be made and placed outside of the cabbing room in honor of Dave Schwebel. It will now be called the "*David J. Schwebel Lapidary Arts Center*". We would like to place the plaque on the wall at the November meeting. We would also like to give Sandy a certificate to commemorate this occasion.

Air Conditioner for the cabbing room. We had purchased a new window unit, but it is not large enough to cool this room. We had approved a larger wall unit, and will get new proposal, and replace it. Eric Odegaard has made a motion that we get this done as soon as possible. Motion carried with one opposed.

Education: The following are the hours that the shop will be open for use.

Cabbing: Tuesday's 6-9 p.m. Darell Groves
 Wednesday 12-4 p.m. Jerri Heer

Faceting: Tuesday 6-9 p.m.
 Dave Watson, he also will have a wire wrapping class if there are 4 people interested.

Silver Room: Tuesday 6-9 p.m. Joe Cooper, he will also be in on Sat from 1-5 p.m.,
 if you let him know that you will there. He will not show up, if no one lets
 him know they want to use the room.

Equipment: Dave Watson would like to build shelving outside for the bins of rock in the yard. He will sort through the lumber and keep what he can use.

Program for September will be "What Did You Do This Summer".

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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**.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

General Meeting

September 17, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's report was accepted as published in the Rock-A-Gram.

Treasurer's report Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report and it was accepted for audit.

The following are the committee chairpersons for the new year:

Hospitality - Carol Safafian

Building - Bill Schmidt

Show Dealer Chair - Sandy Schwebel

Education - Pattie Reed

Annual & Christmas Dinners - Julia Larson

Show - Bill Schmidt

Rock-A-Gram Newsletter - Debbie Bremer

Field Trips - TBA

Yard Ceanup: We need to set a date to get the yard cleaned up, and to order a dumpster to haul the debris away. We would like this to be in October, when it is a little cooler.

The air conditioner has been replaced in the cabbing room.

We are having a plaque made to honor Dave Schwebel for all that he did for the club. It will be placed on the outside wall of the cabbing room at the November meeting.

Tonight's program is "What Did You Do This Summer". Several people give a little talk about what they did.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

Motion by Donna Sapp to recommend the following peoples to be accepted as new members Jeff Chandler and Wendy Thurlow. 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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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: \$15.00 single or \$20.00 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 Open:

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

Wednesdays 12:00- 4:00 p.m.