

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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



Program: Intarsia Making pictures in Stone

By Joe Cooper and Dave Watson!

Joe Cooper and Dave Watson will be providing this overview on Intarsia. What you can make, what equipment the club has, and how to make pictures in stone.

See you next Thursday!

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

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

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Clubhouse Activities: Listed on page 8 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

Welcome to fall! I believe we are finally starting to see a little cooler weather down here. It feels so nice to be able to go outside and do things without dripping sweat.

I realize a lot of our snowbirds are starting to make their way back down to the Tampa area. I wish you all a safe journey and look forward to seeing everyone at the clubhouse again. We have some fun programs planned for this year to include our one of a kind "game night". It's going to be a fun year.

I would like to take a moment and talk about our cab room equipment. Historically, we have had some trouble from time to time with people miss using equipment, not using the equipment correctly and not cleaning up after they are done. I would like everyone to remember, this is just as much your club and equipment as it is mine. If you see something that is not right, fix it. Say something to that individual or bring it to the attention of the moderator. It could be as simple as the individual just doesn't know better. Let's help each other out, and help the equipment out at the same time! #

Eric Odegaard,
President

Cab Room Etiquette

Our club facilities are intended to provide the opportunity and means to learn and enjoy our hobbies. To that end, we would like to address a number of topics and issues that affect anyone using our cab room.

Respect

You need to respect yourself, others, the equipment, and the building.

As a member of the club, you are privileged to work in the shop and practice your hobby, without having to purchase your own equipment. It is your responsibility however, to use the equipment properly, and assist with the cleaning and maintenance. This responsibility includes reporting any issues that arise with the equipment. It also includes cleaning up after yourself, even if you are leaving a session early.

Respect your surroundings, the sink area, the walk ways, safety first.

Machines are intended for all, so if more than one wants to use the same machine, you'll need to share the time and take turns – communication between fellow members is key.

Be conscious of your work area, and that you're not encroaching on someone else's workspace. For example, if you're bringing in many items to work on, you might limit the items in your work area. There is a shelving unit to place any other items you are bringing in.

The use of the equipment is intended for our members' training and hobby use, not for production. The machines are not intended for or built for mass production. The machines will not last if they are subject to hard core commercial use.

Safety

Protect yourself: You should wear proper fitting clothes, no loose sleeves. Long hair should be tied back, or otherwise restrained. Closed-toe shoes only. You may bring safety glasses or there are some available in the shop.

Be aware of your water usage, as on some machines the valves allow water to flow too freely, if you walk away the water can spray to the floor. The valves if opened too far can cause the basin or tray to overflow.

If you see a puddle of water or any other liquid substance on the floor – don't walk in it, run up to it, or through it - wipe it up!

The purpose of using water while cutting or grinding stone, is to alleviate dust and debris in the air. Breathing dust is not healthy. The only machine intended to be used without water is the buffer/polisher. The buffer/polisher machine is only intended for limited period use to produce a final finish. Prolonged use of this machine will release particulate matters. If your piece does not produce a high polish quickly, it's not ready for a final buffing, go back to a previous step. If you're buffing for an extended period of time, you're releasing dust into the air that everyone is forced to breathe. That must not happen.

Machines and Equipment

If you use a machine, you'll be plugging in the equipment and turning on water. When you're done, you'll need to turn off the water and the machine. If you are leaving for the day, and no-one else is waiting to use the machine, clean-up after yourself, and unplug the machine. If you and someone else are both using a machine during shop time, either or both of you may assist with cleaning the equipment and area. Note: by default the obligation to clean-up is held by the last one using a machine. Always turn-off the machine and water source if you step away from a machine.

Learn how to use the machines properly. Ask questions if needed. Example with the cab wheels, use the entire wheel, not just the center. [Using only the center wears out the wheel prematurely, which will require replacing too soon.]

Time

The cab room hours are posted, and you may arrive when we are open. The shop closes promptly at respective time of day or night the shop is scheduled. That means, 10 minutes prior to the closing, stop working, and start cleaning and unplugging. All participants are to be done, cleaned-up and walking out the door at the end of the shop time. If you leave early, and no one else is using the machine, you'll need to clean the machine...

Fees – We accept Cash and Checks.

Plan ahead, and try and bring the proper amount to pay for the time you intend to be in the shop. While we may have some change available, we are not a bank and don't have unlimited change.

If you don't have the means to pay the proper amount, don't get started. There are no 'I Owe You's'.

Show News:

Welcome back everybody. The Show Committee has already met once and meetings will be on the regular schedule of being the week after the General meeting, pending holidays. So the next one is October 26th at 7:00 and we will continue the behind the scene work. If you are interested please come by!

But for the Show to work we also need volunteers in the "upfront" portion of 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, they're 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 to fill in the time slot and floor area your interested in will be at the General Meeting. The more we can spread the work around the easier the Show will be for us.

Please confirm the date on your calendar; the Show is on March 2nd, 3rd, & 4th and set up is Thursday the 1st.

Thank You,
Bill Schmidt

Upcoming Shows:

October 20, 21, and 22, 2017
Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society
with the SFMS Annual Meeting
Kerbela Temple
Knoxville, TN
www.knoxrocks.org/gemshow.html

November 4 and 5, 2017
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo
www.tampabayrockclub.com

November 18 and 19, 2017
Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches
South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East
West Palm Beach, FL
www.gemandmineralsociety.org

December 1, 2, and 3, 2017
Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County
Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL
www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/

January 12, 13, and 14, 2018
Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL
www.PGS.Rocks

January 20 and 21, 2018
Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society
Jewelry, Gem, Minerals, & Fossil Show & Sale
Volusia County Fairgrounds
Deland, FL
www.tomokagms.org

February 3 and 4, 2018
Symphony of Gemstones Show and Sale
Kiwanis Island Recreation Center
Merritt Island, FL
www.centralbrevardgems.org

March 2, 3, and 4 2018
Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—48th Annual
Show
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL
www.sgams.com

FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
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
TBA

Midwest Federation
May 6-7, 2017
Brainerd, MN

**Southeast
Federation**

Northwest Federation
May 19-21, 2017
Hamilton, MT

November 18-20, 2016
Marietta GA

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates>
<http://www.jewelrysthows.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.

National Park Foundation:
www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society: www.canaveral-mgs.com, Canaveral Moonstone Newsletter

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society:
www.cgmg.com, Central Florida Newsletter

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club:
www.tampabayrockclub.com, Coral Geode Newsletter

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

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County:
www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com, Withlacoochee
Rockhound Newsletter

Our Web Site:

<http://www.sgams.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SuncoastGemandMineral/>

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
May 04, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jerri Heer treasurer. Board members present were Jerri Heer, Dave Watson, Gerri Groves, Rhonda Kuntz, and Shamus Walker. Also attending was Lori Heinemann. Secretary's report-a motion by Dave Watson to approve the minutes as printed. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report-Jerri Heer presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Dave Watson, to accept, and place on file for audit. Motion carried. We need a motion to allow Jerri Heer to get replacement value of all our equipment, also to allow her to purchase addition insurance for equipment if the cost is \$601.00 or less. Motion by Rhonda Kuntz, motion approved.

Building- fire extinguisher's need replacing. A motion by Shamus Walker to eliminate the recycling of cans, they sit on the patio all summer and we have a bug problem. Motion carried. Shamus Walker has agreed to look into a lawn service, no one has signed up to take care of this. Jerri Heer will look into hiring a trash service as this is also a problem area.

Education- Rhonda Kuntz has requested some changes be made to the application form. She would like to see some of the area of help be updated to things that are more relevant to what we need now, She would also like the people that are current members it up date the area's that they can help in. She would also like to see some form of listing for all the classes that are available and who are teaching and have them at the clubhouse on those days. Motion by Rhonda Kuntz, to make the above changes. Motion carried.

Equipment- need to replace several wheels on the cabbing machines also need new saw blades for the trim saws 8" and 10".

Publication- Lori Heinemann has requested that due to the cost of mailing and the time involved that we discontinue the mailing of the Rock-a-Gram as of the Sept 2017 meeting. Motion by Rhonda Kuntz, motion approved.

The installation of the board for 2017-2018 will be held at Chili's on U.S. 19N in Clearwater on May 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
September 19, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Cooper at 7:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Shamus Walker, Rhonda Kuntz, Gerri Groves, and Pat Davis. Also in attendance were Lori Heinemann and Donna Sapp.

Secretary's report - discussion on changes to the member's application form. After much discussion, a motion by Shamus Walker to keep the application as it currently reads was made. 5 yes votes and 1 no, motion carried.

Treasurer's report - Lori Heinemann presented the treasurer's report in Jerri Heer absence. Motion by Joe Cooper to accept, and place on file for audit, the 2017 final report and the 2018 report for the summer months. Motion carried. The budget for 2017-2018 was tabled until the next meeting. The audit committee will be Joe Cooper and Pat Davis.

The Tampa Bay Club has requested the use of the display cabinets and the Gem mining equipment. Motion by Rhonda Kuntz, to allow other clubs to borrow these items. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

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 2017—2018 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: Donna Sapp, 3200 74th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

If you don't renew your Membership...

You'll miss out on all the fun, and our communications and your delivery of the Rock-A-Gram Newsletter will end.

Club Fees

Our Club fees are \$3.00 per shop hour, or any portion of an hour. If you are working in the clubhouse for more than an hour, then it is considered 2 hours, and the cost is \$6.00; if you are working in the clubhouse for more than two hours, then consider it 3 hours of shop time, and the cost is \$9.00, etc. These are nominal fees, and all proceeds go to the club.

\$3.00 per Hour, for any portion of each hour of Shop Time, effective 11/01/17

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting September 21, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Cooper at 7:15 p.m.

18 members were in attendance and 4 guests.

Introduction of the board members and key personal.

Show committee will have their first meeting on Thursday Sept. 28 at 7:00 p.m. Every one interested in being a part of this committee is asked to come to the meeting.

Tonight's meeting is show and tell, what you did over the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by
Gerri Groves
Recording Secretary

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Clubhouse Class Schedules

CABBING: Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Lori Heinemann (727) xxx-xxxx or sgams-rock-a-gram@mail.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*

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

SILVER SMITHING: *Joe Cooper (317) 775-5476, 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*

Anyone interested in taking a Beginning Gem Tree class, please contact Jerri Heer: (419) 344-9999 or 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*

(by appointment)

Cost for classes (except faceting) is \$3.00 per hour, or any portion there of, 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 member-meetings. **Dues: \$20.00 single or \$30.00 couple/family; due annually each September.** ship meet-

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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.

Clubhouse Activities Year Round

Silver Room:
Clubhouse Open:

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

And

Saturdays 1:00- 4:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Activities Year Round

Faceting:
By Appointment:
Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Lost Wax Casting:

By Appointment:
Friday pm and Saturday