



General Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 2019
at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location:
4619 69th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL

Program: Rubber Mold Making

Today we are going to demonstrate the process for making Rubber molds. These molds will then be used to make precise wax copies of items for lost wax casting. - Susan Biel

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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President's Message:

I want to welcome all of our friends back. I hope that your travels back to the St Pete area was uneventful. This summer we have made some much-needed improvements to the clubhouse. Some of these improvements are still in process so any and all help will be greatly appreciated. The Vice president has put together another year of fun programs that ever one is sure to enjoy. So welcome back.

My thanks to Julia Larson for volunteering to be our new news letter editor. Julia is a life member of SGAMS. She served as recording secretary for a number of years and is a past president of the club.

At least one person expressed an opinion that the board of directors would not take members' views into consideration when making decisions that affect the club. There was also something about members attending board meetings and them not being welcome. I want to address these issues: The board meetings are open to all SGAMS members. Meeting are held on the first Thursday of the month. Meetings are at the club house starting at 7pm. Members are encouraged to attend. Be a part of keeping the club running smoothly and the everyday issues that affect the club.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED I hope this addresses these issues.

Thank you

Joseph Cooper, President

SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

49TH ANNUAL

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St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club Inc.

Ft. Pierce, FL

www.slcrockandgem.org

November 2 and 3, 2019

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Plant City, FL

www.tampabayrockclub.com

November 9 and 10, 2019

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society, Inc.

Melborne, FL 32901 www.canaveral-mgs.com

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**

March 23-24, 2019

Cedar Rapids, IA

Northwest Federation

October 18-20, 2019

Lewiston, ID

**Rocky Mountain
Federation**

Date TBD

Big Piney, WY

**South Central
Federation**

AR, LA, TX

TBA

**Southeast
Federation**

October, 2019

SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

GENERAL MEETING September 19, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Cooper at 7:10 p.m.

Secretary's report-a motion by Sue Hazelton to approve the minutes as printed in the Rock-a-Gram was approved.

Treasurer's report-a motion by Darell Groves to table the report until next meeting because Eric Odegaard, the treasurer, was not present, motion approved.

Membership dues-Donna Sapp present a talk on how membership dues are to be paid. Mail to Donna Sapp, at the next meeting, or in the box on the wall, of the club room. Dues are due in September but she will accept them up until November, after that you will be dropped from the roster. If you join at the show in March you will still have to renew them in September.

Education committee-had a class in the summer for the moderators in the cabbng room. Pat Davis will have another class for anyone wishing to become a moderator on Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Hospitality- this year's Christmas Dinner will be at Pofolk's on 34th St in St. Petersburg on Dec 19th at 6:00 p.m. A signup sheet will be in the club room to let them know how many are coming, they can accommodate 30- 35 in their room.

Rock-a-gram- we are in need of someone to do the new letter, anyone interested please see Joe Cooper.

Show Committee- this year's show will be Banquet Masters on the Corner of Ulmerton Rd and 49th St. We cannot get into the building until Fri. morning to setup, the tables will be delivered at 7:00 a.m. Will open the show on Friday at 1:00 p.m., to allow the vendor's to setup their tables. The first show meeting of the year will be Sept 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Building committee, the back door to the cabbng room has been installed. Library has been moved into the club room by the kitchen. We have file cabinets for sale. The soffits on the building will need to be replaced. The faceting room has been moved into the old library room, and the silver class now has two rooms.

We will have a Yard Sale and Craft Sale on Nov 9th.

Tonight's program is Show and Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Submitted by Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

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

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Website at: <http://www.amfed.org/sfms>

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

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

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society: www.cfmgs.org

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society: www.bonevalley.net

Pinellas Geological Society: www.pgs.rocks

Tampa Bay Fossil Club: www.tampabayfossilclub.com

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club: www.tampabayrockclub.com

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County: www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com

Our Web Site:

<http://www.sgams.com/>

The Rainbow at the End of the Gravel Road

by Susan Biel

On a warm, sunny day in September, my sister and I drove from Sedona, AZ to the southwest edge of The Petrified Forest National Park to Dobell's Ranch [Approximately 135 miles, 2-1/2 hrs]. Having read advise with phone numbers online, we called the owner Rhonda in advance, and were met at the entrance by her daughter Edna. We slowly followed (patient) Edna's pick up truck along the three miles of gravel and dirt road in our rental Nissan Sentra (and so you know - it is not necessary to have 4WD or a high clearance vehicle to reach her place).

Rhonda was just coming in from their dig site.

I introduced myself as the VP of the Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society of St. Petersburg, FL and told Rhonda that I had read much about her on the internet* and that she was an Icon of the Rock World due to her helpfulness and enthusiasm in fulfilling rockhound dreams with access to these jewel-toned ancient beauties spread throughout the ranch (which has been in her husband's family over 40 years).



True to spirit, Rhonda sparked our excitement as she went from stone to stone, splashing water from the milk jugs proffered by Ariel and Edna, pointing out the rainbows of color. She noted a gorgeous 3 foot high piece that she will be shipping to Florida to become a water feature alongside a pool. We could envision it as she poured water down the sparkling striations of color.

The pricing is an amazing bargain – fill a 5 gallon bucket for \$40! I only gathered as much as I knew would fit in a USPS Medium Flat Rate box - for the price of \$10. I gave her one of my "Lake Pebbles" – a polished piece of Gneiss from the Shore of Lake Ontario, in Oswego, NY. She then surprised me, choosing a lovely 4" x 5" four pound piece and told me that it was her gift to our club! I thanked her for our graciousness, and granddaughter Ariel kindly took a photo of me with Rhonda and Edna.

We said our good-byes and bumped back along the ranch road – all smiles and excited about such a wonderful adventure, our beautiful "wood" and bonding with three generations of rock-lovers.

*[You can find – and "LIKE" **Dobell's Curios/Rhonda's Petrified Wood dig at Dobell Ranch** on FACEBOOK]



SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 05, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Cooper, at 7:05 p.m.

Board members in attendance were Joe Cooper, Dave Watson, Susan Biel, Gerri Groves Eric Odegaard, and Rick Bunton. Also attending were Bonnie Boyson and Bill Schmidt.

Secretary's report-motion by Rick Bunton to approve the minutes as printed was approved.

Treasurer's report-Eric Odegaard presented this report for June thru Aug. Motion by Susan Biel to approve and file for audit. Motion approved. Need to have two members help Pat Davis on the audit committee, for this year.

Building-improvements have been taking place to expand the silver room to two rooms, the library has been moved into the main club room in the corner by the kitchen, and the faceting room is moving into the old library. Bill Schmidt is working on the duct work in the attic, to improve the cooling system in the building. Fire extinguishers have been hung on the walls, and the propane tanks have been secured. The soffits on the front of building will need to be replaced in the future. Joe Cooper has set up a computer system for the club to eliminate all the paper work that has been stored in the filing cabinets.

Yard Sale-Susan Biel suggested that we have a yard sale and a craft sale in November to sell off some of our rocks and allow members to sell some of their crafts. The sale is set for November 09, 2019.

Club Show- Pat Davis has worked hard all summer to find a place to have this year's show, because the former location is up for sale. The show will be at Banquet Masters on the corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th St. The show will be March 6, 7 and 8, 2020.

This month's program is what you did over the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Gerri Groves, Recording Secretary

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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 Saturday 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 SGAMS2020@gmail.com

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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.

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

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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- 5:00 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