

ROCK-A-GRAM



September 2016



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General Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2016
6:30 p.m.



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



Program:

Lost Wax Casting

Provided by Joe Cooper

Lost Wax Casting is now offered here at the club! The equipment and casting area were set up over the summer! Joe will be providing an overview of Lost Wax Casting, and then discussing what equipment we have at the club, and what is being offered with this new and exciting program! Joe Cooper is excited to share all of this with all of us!

Looking forward to seeing all that can attend our September General Meeting!

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

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



Yes, We Have A New Membership Year!



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 2016—2017 SGAMS Dues are as follows:

\$20.00 for Individuals, or \$30.00 for Couples / Families.

Donna Sapp (Membership) will be happy to assist you in renewing your membership at the September SGAMS General Membership Meeting!.

Or, Mail your check to: SGAMS P.O. Box 13254, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733-3254

New Officers

The new SGAMS officers for 2016-17 have begun the new year!

Come to the meetings and see what the new officers, the clubhouse improvements, and the new year holds for SGAMS!

Our Clubhouse:

We are having a **Fall Cleanup.**

On Saturday September 25th at 9:00 am, until completed.

All members are invited to come help out.

We would like to clean our Clubhouse, both inside and outside!

Yes, We are Spring Cleaning in the Fall.

We Thank You for donating a few hours towards the Clubhouse!



Show News

In looking forward to our annual show, in March 2017:

As expected we have begun the planning for this year's show.

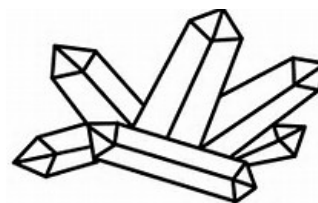
We plan to keep the Show Committee meeting on the Thursday after the general meeting.

If you would like to lend a hand see me at the general meeting.

If anybody found grab bag material, or smaller for gem mining, and you would like to donate it to the club bring them now or any time this year.

If it isn't on your calendar yet then ink us in for March 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2017.

Bill Schmidt



Upcoming Shows:

September 23, 24, and 25, 2016
Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society
Morocco Shrine Auditorium, Jacksonville, FL
www.jaxgemandmineral.org/

October 7, 8, and 9, 2016
Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society
Florida National Guard Armory, Orlando, FL
www.cfmgs.org

October 15 and 16, 2016
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo
www.tampabayrockclub.com

October 24 and 25, 2016
St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club
Martin County Fair Grounds, Stuart, FL

November 12 and 13, 2016
Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society
Melbourne Auditorium, Melbourne, FL 32901
[/www.canaveral-mgs.com/](http://www.canaveral-mgs.com/)

November 19 and 20, 2016
The Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches
South Florida Fairgrounds, West Palm Beach, FL
www.gemandmineralsociety.org/

November 18, 19, and 20, 2016
SFMS Annual Meeting Hosted By:
Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society
Cobb County Civic Center, Marietta, GA
www.cobbcountymineral.org/

December 2, 3, and 4 2016
Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County
Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL
www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/

January 13, 14, and 15, 2017
Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
with the SFMS Quarterly Meeting
Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL

March 3, 4, and 5 2017
Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society—46th Annual Show
Minnreg Building, Largo, FL

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

Midwest Federation
May 6-7, 2017
Brainerd, MN

TBA

Northwest Federation
May 19-21, 2017
Hamilton, MT

**Southeast
Federation**
November 18-20, 2016
Marietta GA

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.

Celebrate Earth Science Week from October 9—15 2016:

Since October 1998, the American Geosciences Institute has organized this national and international event to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth. This year's Earth Science Week will be held from October 9-15, 2016 and will celebrate the theme "Our Shared Geoheritage." Geoheritage is the collection of natural wonders, landforms, and resources that have formed over eons and come to this generation to manage, use, and conserve effectively. Geoheritage locations are valued for many reasons, including scientific, economic, ecological, educational, cultural, aesthetic, artistic, and recreational purposes.

Source: www.earthsciweek.org/

Learn more about Earth Science Week by visiting the Earth Science Week website: www.earthsciweek.org/

Club Bulletin Board

Please check our Club Bulletin Board when you visit our Clubhouse...

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.****Board of Directors Meeting**

May 05, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Pat Davis.

Board members present were Pat Davis, Dave Watson, Eric Odegaard, Joe Cooper, Julia Larson and Gerri Groves. Also present was Bill Schmidt.

Secretary's report- a motion by Eric Odegaard to accept as printed was approved.

Treasurer's report- a motion by Eric Odegaard to accept and file for audit was approved.

Show committee- a discussion was held about hiring security for the hours that the show is open, several questions were brought up. A motion by Julia Larson to table this discussion until the Sept board meeting was approved.

May's general meeting will be at the Olive Garden on U.S. 19 in Pinellas Park, we will install the officers for the new year 2016-2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Gerri Groves recording secretary

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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**.



The Clubhouse Needs your old Towels!

Please Donate your Old Towels to Our Clubhouse Shops, we are in need!



Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

General Information

September, 2016

Everyone had a nice time at the Olive Garden Dinner and Installation of New Officers in May!

Thanks to all those who donated to our bag raffle, the proceeds earned the club \$93.00.

That closes out our 2015-2016 year.

You've noticed we've begin our new SGAMS year! This is the first newsletter for our 2016-2017 year! And, the Club has so much more!

For those who have not visited the clubhouse, we have some news for you:

We have enclosed the breezeway!

There is a casting room, contact or look for Joe Cooper for casting classes!

A Thank You to both Pattie Reed and Rhonda Kuntz for working over the summer to clean and organize the clubhouse!

Reminder in addition to the listing of classes on page 7, please contact the instructor regarding any class time or changes to the schedule!

If you wish to take beginning Lapidary instruction, contact the staff member for that time to get on the class schedule, to ensure one-on-one instruction time.

Thank You All,

SGAMS-Rock-A-Gram

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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

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 \$2.50 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.

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: \$20.00 single or \$30.00 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.