

ROCK-A-GRAM



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General Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2017

7:00 p.m.



Clubhouse Location:

4619 69th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL



Program: Show and Tell

Had a Summer Rock and/or Gem Adventure? Share it Now!

We are asking everyone to please bring in items they have completed over the summer.
Give everyone a chance to enjoy your achievements.

See you on 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 M - to - Z, please bring goodies to our meeting to share. Thank You!

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

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

It's hard to believe the summer is over and we are gearing up for our first meeting of the year. It is too bad that our weather does not realize that Summer is over and fall is here. I am really looking forward to the cooler weather and the opportunity to go outside and enjoy without sweating half to death!

I hope and pray that hurricane Irma did not cause any of our members serious damage or harm. Our clubhouse fared pretty well and it looks like cleaning up the yard is about the extent of what she left behind for us. With that being said, I would also like to remind each and every member that there are a multitude of areas that require volunteers to keep our club running. I encourage each and everyone of you to pick an area that you could help our club with and volunteer in that area.

Another thing that I would really love to see this year is a couple more field trips. I personally had an awesome time with our small group of members that went sapphire mining last year. I would like to see two trips this year. It gave us a chance to enjoy the outdoors while hanging out with and learning about other members of our club who all enjoy a common interest.

I look forward to seeing everyone this year and if you have not made it back down to Florida yet, please drive safe and we will see you when you return.

Eric Odegaard,
President

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: SGAMS P.O. Box 13254, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733-3254

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.

Recycling

We will no longer be recycling aluminum cans.

Do NOT bring any aluminum cans or recycling material to the Clubhouse.

Classes—Open Shop / Appointments:

We offer some classes and shop times at structured hours, such as:

Cab Room
Silver Room
Faceting
Lost Wax Casting

Some classes are offered as interest is inquired
If you see a class offered on Page 7, and it is not listed as an Open Shop,
Contact the instructor listed for the respective class.

Some classes may require a minimum attendance, while other classes don't!

Since our club has the clubhouse to offer an array of classes to our members,
Make use of the opportunities presented!

Yes, these classes are available for you!
We're local, and don't have to drive for hours, or give-up a week at a time to attend.
and you've paid to be a member and enjoy all the facilities can provide!

Show News:

The Show Committee will start to meet-up soon.
Please think about how you can volunteer to help with the show preparation this year!

Bill Schmidt is our Show Chair and he'll be leading committee with your assistance!

The meetings will be short and fun
If your new to rocks, minerals, and gemstones—you may learn some gem identification while you donate your time!

If you won't be at the September meeting, but want to sign-up, please email Bill at:
SGAMSGemshow@gmail.com

Upcoming Shows:

September 25, 26, and 27, 2017
 Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society
 28th Annual Show
 Morocco Shrine Auditorium
 Jacksonville, FL
www.jaxgemandmineral.org

October 6, 7, and 8, 2017
 Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society
 Rock, Mineral, Gem, and Jewelry Show
 Florida National Guard Armory
 Orlando, FL
www.cfmgs.org

October 13, 14, and 15, 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

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.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.

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/>

Club Badges

Do you have your Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society Name Badge?

If you are a new member, or have misplaced your SGAMS club badge, then it is time to get a new one!

See Donna at the meeting, and order your badge for \$3.50, monies due upon placing the order!

We wear the badges at our General Monthly Meetings, our Special Events, and our Annual Show!

Show your spirit, and sport your badge! It is also a great way to get to know one another better! We have many new members, and this is a great way to know who is a member, start a conversation, and easier to get acquainted!

At our Annual Show, it is a great way for all to know who is who, as we volunteer!

The badges will be in a plastic sleeve with a metal clip attached, but no lanyard.

But, don't forget your badge at the meetings!

There is a 'Penalty Jar' to encourage all to wear the badges, and if you forget to wear your badge, you get to donate a quarter (.25 cents) and this can be placed in the jar at the sign-in table.

Club Moderators

The Board of Directors empowers the Moderators with authority, when the Shop or Classes are Open.

The Moderators are overseeing the Club Facilities, Equipment, and well being of those present..

As always Members should respect our Clubhouse, Equipment, and Fellow Club Members.

Club Bulletin Board

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

Donations to the Clubhouse?

Donations (Rocks, Equipment, etc.) to the club should be labeled

—Attention: Rhonda when dropped-off.

She will catalog, and if you want a receipt just let her know.

Some donations will be included into club inventory,

Some items may be raffled off,

Some items may be used auctioned off,

Some items will be sold at our annual show.

No matter how donations are used, we always appreciate donations!

We can't do it with-out you!

Club Library

Did you know we have a Library at our Clubhouse...

Well, if you didn't already know that—We Do!

There are books and magazines for your to view!

Some magazines are to review while you are in the clubhouse,

Some books may be checked-out, so you may view at your leisure!



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**.

Yard Work:

We have contracted the Yard Work out,
Therefore, we will no longer be seeking volunteers to assist maintain the grounds!

Volunteering:

Our SGAMS Club is built on Volunteers!

Everyone who is contributing is a Volunteer!
No one is paid...

The Officers, the Board Members, the Appointed Positions, are all volunteering.

How would you like to contribute?

There are many opportunities!

If you can arrive early to our Monthly General Meetings, you can:

- * help set-up chairs,
- * start a pot of coffee, and have the kitchen prepared,
- * clean-up after the meetings,
- * put the chairs back away

You can submit articles to this newsletter.

You can assist with our show planning committee...

You can assist at our show, there are so many ways to volunteer here!

- * assist to bring items from the clubhouse—to the show
- * work a booth, there are shifts available
- * show a demonstration
- * bring items back from the show—to the clubhouse

And, there are many more ways to contribute, see what you can do for your club! Volunteer.

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*

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 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 member-meetings. **Dues: \$20.00 single or \$30.00 couple/family; due annually each September.** ship meet-

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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 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