

# ROCK-A-GRAM



February, 2010



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## General Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2010

7:30 p.m.

4619 69th Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33709



## Program:

### "ROAD TO QUARTZSITE"

Our presentation will be about three of our members who traveled to Arizona to attend one of the biggest rock shows in the country. Pictures of the VERY memorable trip getting to the show, as well as pictures of the show. Rocks found along the way will be on display, as well as a few purchased at the show. Come and have a fun-filled evening, so you can plan your trip next year.

### March Program:

Our March meeting is our annual Auction. This is our fund raiser meeting for the year. We ask that you each bring in something to auction off for the good of the club. Be it rocks, something you have made out of rocks, minerals, jewelry, you name it, anything you think someone would be willing to bid on. This year with our need to replace the stolen air conditioner, we need to make this a GREAT AUCTION!

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

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**SGAMS Clubhouse Address: 4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709, [www.sgams.com](http://www.sgams.com)**

**Clubhouse Activities:** Listed on mailer coversheet and announced at membership meetings.  
**SGAMS Board of Director's Meetings:** 7:30 p.m., 1st Tuesday 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:** 7:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday of each month; September - May, at clubhouse.

## President's Message

Members,

Classes have been going strong this month with a just a few skips for vacations. The water is warming up and so is the cabbing work. We have four new members leaning to cab now. One person is in the faceting class on Saturday morning. The 8" Highland Park is back running with a new pulley. The 6-wheeler will be a week or two more till we can adjust the base to get the bearing aligned with the new motor. Take a look at the new calendar in the back to see the scheduled times and a changed format (if the program allows it) we hope will make it more current.

We have decided on fixing the air conditioning instead of going for a full replacement. We are going to fix all the duct problems ourselves. In the next month everything should be done. In the mean time, the heat still works, so there is no need to worry about freezing during the general meeting or classes.

The Clubhouse Day for painting and maintenance is rescheduled. Look inside for more details.

Our show is almost here. The final jobs are coming together to a finish on the chairman's part and what you can do is listed inside. Remember, you need to get either a T-shirt or name badge to get in the show for your shift without paying.

Take care,  
*Bill Schmidt*, President

## New Members

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### HELP WANTED!

It is time once again to make up the Grab Bags for our upcoming show. Experience is not needed, or a knowledge of minerals. Many hands make for short work, so please, mark your calendars for **February 20th** (Saturday after our meeting) at 9 a.m. at the clubhouse. Or call me at 321-5732 for more information.

*Sue Hazelden*

## Grab Bags

Just a reminder, Saturday February 20th at 9 a.m., many hands are needed to fill the grab bags for our upcoming show. No experience is needed & you may just learn a little about rocks & minerals.

## Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society - "Your Club"

- I would like to remind all members of this society that this club belongs to each and every one of you. When you are asked to volunteer, please remember this.
- Also, when you bring something to the clubhouse that needs to be discarded, please try and take it with you. We do not have a garbage pick up, so anything brought into the clubhouse has to be taken out by someone. Bill and I are the ones most often emptying the garbage cans and carrying it back to put in our own bins. We have found pizza boxes, boxes with food in them left beside the cans, etc. This is NOT the goodies that are for everyone at meetings, but left during class hours, etc. So PLEASE, do your part in keeping our clubhouse clean. Thank you.

Submitted by: *Sue Hazelden*

## TrafficReport

On Monday the 8th the County had 46th Avenue torn up worse than usual. Very close to the clubhouse, a pipe was being laid across the whole road, and traffic was detoured onto the other (dirt) side of the road. But, by Tuesday night they were done. So these lane changes seem to be popping up here and there for a short period. Watch out for them on the way in to the clubhouse.

They have put new stop lights on the metal cross-arm style poles at the intersection of 71st Street. They look fully done but are not functioning yet. I would expect only a short time for both sets to overlap each other. Soon they have to remove the old ones as the poles are to close together to get the wider road in. So expect that intersection to look very different from normal.

When you come to the clubhouse this month we need to be more efficient at parking. We are not supposed to take up street parking as this is a residential neighborhood. I don't want to get on the bad side of our neighbors even for one day a month. We will open the back yard fence to allow about 7 cars back there and there are a few spaces in front of the closed motorcycle shop, which can be used if there is overflow. If you could carpool that will help out a lot too.

*Bill Schmidt, President*


**The Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society**  
a local non-profit club proudly presents:  
**40th Annual**

## Gem & Mineral Show and Sale

**March 5, 6, 7, 2010**  
Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**CONTINUOUS  
WORKING  
DEMONSTRATIONS**

- Bead Stringing
- Wirecraft
- Channel Work
- Gem Cutting



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(Ulmerton Rd) turn  
LEFT (South-East)  
onto US-19 N. Turn  
RIGHT (West) onto  
126th Ave N.
- From North on US 19  
take 66th Street exit go to  
126th Ave., turn left.

**ADMISSION**  
Adults - \$5.00 good for all three days, children under 6 FREE  
Students with parents or I.D. Card \$4.00

## It's Show Time!!

By the time you get this issue there will be only be two weeks until we are setting up for "The Show." There are two main things left that members need to do. First, and most important, are the positions that need to be filled to staff the Show. I have shifts available in all areas. So let's go through them and better explain what they are. First is the **Ticket Booth**. Here you do the straightforward job of figuring admissions based on adult or student and coupons presented, collecting money, issuing tickets and drawing cards. All the while smiling and greeting people. Next is the **Information Booth**. If you are working here then you are explaining about who we are and the lay out of the show, selling grab bags, our old magazines and a new addition are booklets for the younger set from Diamond Dan Publications. The next one is the **Building Booth**. We sell our crates of rocks and minerals and help people with mineral identification. The sales cases need tending, sorting minerals that get mixed up, giving advise to people on techniques, and of course smiling and being helpful. Here it can be the most challenging as a little bit of everything comes by. The Demonstrators are pretty much set. These folks have a table to give hands on demonstrations of their craft, show the results and maybe even sell a

piece or two. Behind the scene during show time are four areas. The Display Cases are available for you to show off skill and handiwork of what you like to do. These are a great draw for people to see just what is possible, the things that members do, and some of what can be learned upon joining SGAMS. There is a case already set up in the office room for you to size up and start generating ideals. This year *Dave Schwebel* is setting up a general case to make sure all skills are covered with items from different members. Also there is the set up on Thursday and break down on Sunday night, which is pretty much self explanatory. The last one is the **Hospitality Room**. Here you can help set up and restock the break room that we keep for the dealers. You will be keeping watch for supplies needed, getting donuts and a paper in the morning, making coffee and generally keeping an eye on things. Homemade goodies or a large dish would be most helpful.

The second and just barely next in importance is our advertising. We need to get the word out to get people to show up. If they don't know about the show, and us, there is little chance that they will stumble by and make the split second decision to come in. With the way the economy is still down an interesting experience as inexpensive as we are should be a big draw. But we need to tell people! There are half-sheet fliers printed for handing out and business cards too are waiting at the clubhouse. Please grab some of these and hand them out to the people you meet. If you can get a blurb in an association, lodge, circle, or business newsletter that you belong to, please ask about it. For example, I have been handing out cards to all the places that I go and people I meet. The week before the show I will send to the chat lists of all students, staff, and faculty at where I work. The moderator needs to approve it first but as it has been done in the past. A family member is asking about getting a flier and press release notice in the general interest science folder on the Pinellas County Schools website (Elementary section) and has asked the area supervisor to make it available to all sections. How about YOU? A bulletin board where you work or visit? A club or group that you socialize with? A friendly waitress/waiter where you go frequently? Think about it. Over the past three years we have increased our entries each year and I want to surpass it this year too.

If you have access to e-mail and can send things that way I have everything saved on my computer and can send you a copy in just a few seconds.

So, where do you fit in?

*Bill Schmidt*, President

## Hints and Tips

To clean and shine most drusy specimens, use Easy Off oven cleaner (fume free is OK). Spray the specimen and then leave it overnight in a closed container or bag before rinsing. This even works on iron-stained quartz crystals.

—from Golden Spike News 8-9/02 via the Agate Picker 12/02, Hound's Howl, February 2010

Is it CZ or a diamond? If the stone is loose, turn it upside down on its table and slide it over a thin black line on a piece of paper. When looking straight down through a CZ you will see a circle in the center of the stone. A diamond won't do this.

—from T-Town Rockhound 8/02 via the Agate Picker, 12/02 Hound's Howl, February 2010

## Happy Valentine's Day!



## FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
December, 2009 - Jan. 2010  
www.AMFED.org

### 2010 Regional Federation Shows & Conventions

<b>California Federation</b> June 18-20 La Habre, CA	<b>Rocky Mountain Federation</b> TBA
<b>Eastern Federation</b> March 6-7 Newark, DE	<b>South Central Federation</b> AFMS Nov. 13-14 DeRidder, LA
<b>Midwest Federation</b> TBA	<b>AFMS Annual Convention</b> TBA
<b>Northwest Federation</b> TBA	

### Scout Troop #285

In December, I gave a short talk and "demonstration" on the fossilized clams of Ruck's Pit to the Troop. The Assistant Scout Master, and the 5 member troop went to Ruck's for a second camping trip to work on their first merit badge. Guess which badge?

The Scouts gave a short report on a career in geology that they had researched and then showed what they had found over the weekend. I handed out a geological description of the formations at Ruck's from the Web. It was a description of how the clams are fossilized from another society's news letter, pictures taken in the pit from my previous digs (along with a CD of them), talked about matrix, and then showed my specimens. We both talked about how our digs went, cleaning the crystals and how they are "graded".

Their camping was smoother than the first time and as luck would have it another society was having a large gathering there, so the trading table area was open and there were lots of rockhounds to talk to. Over all about 45 minutes was spent talking to them.

The troop is sponsored by Faith Fellowship Church at 6645 1st Avenue South, in St. Petersburg.

*Bill Schmidt, President*

## Interested in Brazil Trip?


A couple contacted me about a rockhounding comment I made online, SGAMS was the first group I thought of. I had asked about a rockhounding trip to Brazil, and the Hoggatts replied. They have a trip set to go to Brazil on September 10th, 2010. I don't know the itinerary, cost or anything - I'm just forwarding their reply to me. Dave and Georgia can be reached at [naturesdrift@comcast.net](mailto:naturesdrift@comcast.net), should anyone be feeling adventurous, and if they need help with Brazilian customs, travel or anything they could always talk to Thais and me.

By all means share our information with your club. June 1st is our deadline for 50% payment as we want to buy our tickets early. We allow 10 spaces and have 5 booked now - we can stretch it to 12, if necessary. We operate on a 1st come 1st served basis, so whoever gets their money in first is guaranteed a space.

Thanks!  
Dave & Georgia Hoggatt"

So I am passing this on to your club members, and I hope it will be a great deal for somebody in the Club!

*Steve Clayton*



**Postage Stamps Needed**

Please remember to bring those stamps to the meeting. Stamps must be either off the paper or neatly trimmed with 1/4" border around the stamp.



## Upcoming Shows:

**February 13 - 14: Merritt Island**  
Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club, "Symphony of Gemstones" Kiwanis Island Park, 950 Kiwanis Park Rd.

**February 27: Auburndale**  
Imperial Bone Valley Gem Mineral and Fossil Society, Stuart Conference Center, Polk County Extension Services, 1710 US Hwy 17 - 98 South.  
Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

**March 7 - 8: Tampa**  
**Tampa Bay Fossil Club**  
Florida State Fairgrounds, I4 Exit 7  
Web site: <http://www.tampabayfossilclub.com>

**March 13 - 15: Tampa**  
**AKS Gem Shows**  
Florida State Fairgrounds, I4 Exit 7  
<http://www.aksshow.com>

**March 28-29: Orlando**  
**Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society**  
Central Florida Fair Grounds, 4630 W. Colonial Dr.  
Web site: <http://www.thumblicker.com>

**October 10 -11: Orlando**  
**Florida Fossil Hunters**  
Central Florida Fair Grounds, 4630 W. Colonial Dr.  
Website: [Http://www.Floridafossilhunters.com](http://www.Floridafossilhunters.com)



Source: Canaveral Moonstone, February, 2010

## 2010 Federation Workshop Dates

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. sponsors four Gem, Jewelry and Mineral workshops each year. Two are held at Wildacres Retreat, near Little Switzerland in North Carolina, and two at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts near the small town of Young Harris in northeast Georgia.

Both facilities offer double accommodations with a private bath. A small number of private rooms with private baths are available. William Holland School of Lapidary Arts also has a few RV sites. In most instances your room and all meals are included in your tuition costs. Please see the Information sheet for details.

A broad range of courses related to the jewelry & lapidary arts are taught by qualified instructors from throughout the Federation. All instructors are volunteers who are not paid for the highly skilled and professional experience that they bring to the workshops.

The workshops are equipped for common lapidary activities such as cabochon cutting, faceting, and silversmithing. Additional equipment is brought in when new or special courses are taught.

Feel free to contact the Workshop Directors, Registrars or myself for additional information. Thanks so much!

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### 2010 SFMS WORKSHOP CLASS SCHEDULE

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The intermediate and advanced classes listed with an asterisk (\*) require some prior experience by the student. Experience in a class provided by your local club, Workshop class, or self study may be enough. Please do not exclude yourself, if you're interested in one of these classes, without contacting the instructor first.

#### SESSION ONE - WILLIAM HOLLAND SUNDAY, June 13-19, 2010

Silver 1	Allen Jewell
Silver 1	Barbara Fields
*Silver 2	Nancy English
Cabochons	Gene Tipton
Chain Making	Roy Deere
Wire Wrap & Weaving	TBD
Opal Cutting	Joe DiPietro
Fused Glass	Addy DiPietro
Faceting	TBD
Lampworking	TBD
Polymer Clay	TBD

TBD – To Be Determined

#### SESSION TWO - WILDACRES MONDAY, August 23 - 29, 2010

Precious Metal Clay Level 1	Mary Ann Devos
Popular Polymer Clay Projects	Barbara McGuire
Beginning Fused Glass	Barb & Herrick Jeffers
Beginning Silversmithing	Nancy English
Scrimshaw	Bill Wetzel
Cabochon Making	Pat Davis
Intro to Wire Wrapping	Rowan Rose
Bead Stringing	Vivian Heath
*Metalwork Help & Special Projects	Jeff Shears
Jewelry Bench & Tool Making	Danny Griffin

#### SESSION THREE - WILDACRES MONDAY, September 13 - 19, 2010

*PMC Advanced techniques	Mary Ann & Ken Devos
Bronze Clay	Gail DeLuca
Chain Maille Jewelry	Warren Collins
Beginning Silversmithing	Jim Richardson
Wire Wrapping	Rowan Rose
Opal Cutting	TBD
*Advanced Fused Glass	Rich Dillon
Bead Stringing	Vivian Heath
Southwest Silver	Dan Haga

#### SESSION FOUR - WILLIAM HOLLAND SUNDAY, October 10-16, 2010

Silver 1	Barbara Fields
*Silver 2	Allen Jewell
*Silver 3	Nancy English
Cabochons	Betty James
Wire Wrap / Weaving	TBD
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
Faceting	TBD
Polymer Clay	Barbara McGuire
Cold Connections	Kim St Jean
Soapstone Carving	TBD

Wildacres registration forms can be downloaded at [www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm](http://www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm).

SFMS workshop information is published in the January-Lodestar Newsletter accessed at [www.amfed.org/sfms](http://www.amfed.org/sfms).

William Holland Lapidary School offers classes April through October, view information on [www.lapidaryschool.org](http://www.lapidaryschool.org).

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

January 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members present: Bill Schmidt, Donna Remsnyder, Dave Schwebel, Dave Watson, Don Schlough, Homer Rankhorn, Julia Larson; others: Pat Davis, Martha Rankhorn.

Treasurer's report read and accepted for audit.

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report. Bill: New Scout troop wants presentation.

Committees: **Show** - Possible contract modification discussed (individual basis, as may be needed); Demonstrators - Need to be club members. Grab bags - February 20, 9 a.m. Volunteers working show must wear name tags and/or SGAMS t-shirts. **Building** - Painting rescheduled for January 30. A/C unit - other upcoming expenses discussed. Need new fan in silver room - Julia has one and will donate.

Rock-a-Gram deadline January 14, later amended to January 12.

New member: Shannon Cobb-Tappan.

Adjourned 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Julia Larson, Recording Secretary

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**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.****General Meeting**

January 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Guests introduced: Loretta Sandt, Tom Petesch, Donna Stapleton, Jay Brown, Diane Stevenson, Dennis & Anita Crouch.

Discussion of possibly moving general meeting to an alternate, larger site, J. W. Cate Recreation Center, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. and 58<sup>th</sup> St. Details will be in Rock-a-Gram if/when decision is made.

Minutes of previous meetings accepted as published. Treasurer's report read.

Air conditioner unit repair/replacement/upgrade discussed. No decision as yet.

Show: Flyers and business cards available for members to distribute. Volunteers needed; sign-up lists will be available at February general meeting. Demonstrators mentioned.

Exterior painting postponed due to cold weather; rescheduled for January 30, 9 am.

Following the raffle, Sue Hazelden showed videos of past field trips. For those who knew her husband Jack, it was a bittersweet trip down memory lane.

Submitted by:

Julia Larson, Recording Secretary



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# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Cabbing 5-9 p.m. Silversmithing 6-8 p.m.	<b>16</b> Fused Glass 7-9 p.m.	<b>17</b> Cabbing 6-9 p.m.	<b>18</b> GENERAL MEETING 7:30 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Faceting 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Cabbing 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Cabbing 5-9 p.m. Silversmithing 6-8 p.m. Fused Glass 7-9 p.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Cabbing 6-9 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Faceting 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Cabbing 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
<b>28</b>						

# March

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	<b>1</b> Cabbing 5-9 p.m. Silversmithing 6-8 p.m. Fused Glass 7-9 p.m.	<b>2</b> BOARD MEETING 7:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> Cabbing 6-9 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Faceting 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Cabbing 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Cabbing 5-9 p.m. Silversmithing 6-8 p.m.	<b>9</b> Fused Glass 7-9 p.m.	<b>10</b> Cabbing 6-9 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Faceting 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Cabbing 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
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# **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.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through April at 7:30 p.m., at our clubhouse 4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg. 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.

## **ROCK-A-GRAM** (Official Bulletin)

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**

*Debra Bremer, Editor*

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### **Clubhouse Activities September - May**

**Board Meeting:**  
(September - May)  
First Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.

**Clubhouse Open:**  
Mondays, 5 - 9 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Faceting, Silversmithing  
Wire Wrapping Classes**  
By appointment