ROCK-A-GRAM

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End of Year Dinner

and Installation of Officers for 2010-11

Thursday, May 20, 2010

J. W. Cate Recreation Center

5801 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg

7-9 p.m.

Set-up will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This will be our last meeting for the club's fiscal year.

For the dinner, club will provide a meat. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, enough for 10 people. This can be an appetizer, salad, side dish, dessert, or bread. Please bring your own plates and silverware.

Installation of following officers will be conducted following the meal: **President**, Pat Davis; **Vice President**, Donna Remsnyder; **Recording Secretary**, Julia Larson; **Corresponding Secretary,** Dave Schwebel; **Treasurer,** Sue Hazelden; **3 Year Director**, Donna Mallory; **2 Year Director**, Dave Watson; **1 Year Director,** George Comas; **1 Year Director**, Bill Schmidt.

We will have a silent auction of donated items. If you wish to donate a nice item for the silent auction, please advise:

Julia Larson (huntingtonstreet@yahoo.com)

or

Pat Davis (outtamygourd@yahoo.com)

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

Clubhouse Activities: Listed on mailer coversheet 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 J. W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL.

President's Message

Members,

Well the time has gone quickly and the end of our year is here. Also up is my time as president of our fine society. While everything brought up and discussed among the Board and general members was not finished, I believe that a lot was accomplished and we are in a better and stronger position than when we started the year. I hope you agree and can assist in moving us even further forward over the summer and through the next year. The election at last general meeting went smoothly, and with no nominations from the floor, the slate of candidates were approved by voice vote alone. Your new president will be Pat Davis, a long time member with lots of good ideals. But of course, as always, we want to hear about your thoughts too. New to the board will be Donna Mallory a bright, energetic newer member who fills the 3-year Director position.

The Board of Directors will be installed at the general/dinner meeting on Thursday the 20th. Remember, we will be holding the dinner at the J.W. Cate Recreation Center. As usual the starting time will be a half-hour early. See the main page for full information and get your chef's apron out.

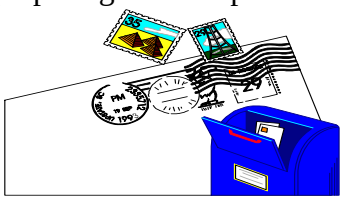
Over the summer, we will still have workshop and class time. While there is a schedule in the back of this Issue, there is a chance of changes while trying to plan this far out. Please check with the instructor to keep up to date. If you are out collecting and exploring, keep in mind that the first program at the September meeting is what you did over the summer. We want to hear and see all of your adventures. Also, remember that we need grab bag material for the next show. We are looking for lots of small pieces (or a big one to break up into a couple hundred samples) of any mineral that will be a good specimen example for the younger set.

Best Wishes and have a safe summer, *Bill Schmidt, President*

Postage Stamps

Please remember to bring your stamps to the meeting. Stamps can be either carefully removed from the paper or better yet neatly trimmed with a 1/4" boarder around the stamp. For complete details, please check the Southeast Federation website at: amfed.org/sfms/stamp program.html.

Also, if you can help with preparing the stamps for shipping, see *Bill Schmidt.*



Name Badges

Now that many of you have name badges, would you **PLEASE**!! wear them to our meetings. It is much nicer to address each other by name than the other alternative. For any of our membership that do not have name badges, they cost $3.50 each and can be had by contacting:

Sue Hazelden, *Treasurer*
727-321-5732
Email: sujagems1@aol.com

New Member:
Doris Paino

Cabbing Information

Cabbing has been busy in the Workshop recently. Last month James B. and Carole H. put their "First Cab" in the display case, please stop by the next time your over and check them out.

Brand new member Leslie F. went through her instruction and cut her very first cab. Looks good. Also new to us Shannon C-T. and Brenda G. were learning our machines and style of cabbing. They have had lessons else where, but it has been a while since they took sometime for themselves and got reacquainted with the joy of doing. After all that's why we all joined, right? To do!

I look forward to all three making a cab for display and show off their skills. Who knows next March they may have enough to fill a show case at our show for the folks of southern Pinellas County to admire, and be ready to pass the skill on to a new member.

Bill Schmidt
President

Traffic Report!

If your have been by the clubhouse recently you may have noticed that there is paving going down on the opposite side of 46th Avenue. Looks to be about a month or so before they will be done. I assume then traffic will be switched to that side while work is started on the half next to us. So if our street (69th) gets cut off remember that the back access road is 48th avenue. That can be reached from either 71st street on the West or 66th street/CR 16 on the east side.
For the JW Cate Youth Recreation Center both 58th street and 22nd avenue are clear. Parking entrances are on both roads although the 58th street one is a bit far in the back of the parking lot. The building's front door is near to the intersection corner of the building and faces 22nd. The flag pole is right near it and is a good landmark to use.

Lapidary Journals

Before the Gem Show this year a call went out for help with sorting, arranging and cataloging the Journals that we had and the boxes of donated ones. We needed to check our library copies, find which (if any) were missing and then search the boxes and boxes of donated issues to fill in the gaps. Well that project is done and we have the results. Pat Joseph answered the call and spent many hours sorting though it all, putting the magazines in order for the library and for the Information Booth sales and looking for the best condition of the copies. The list is below. If you have any extras of our missing issues in your collection and would like to donate them that would be great.

1950's

None

1960's

1960 we have Aug.
1961 we have Feb & Dec
1962 we have Feb, May, Jul, Sep & Oct
1963 missing - Jan, Feb, Jul & Oct
1964 missing - Apr, Jun & Aug
1966 missing - Apr
1967 missing - Jul & Dec
1968 missing - Jul, Nov & Dec
1969 Complete

1970's

1970 Complete
1971 Complete
1972 Complete
1973 Complete
1974 Complete
1975 Complete
1976 Complete
1977 Complete
1978 Complete
1979 Complete

1980's

1980 missing Jan & Apr
1981 Complete
1982 Complete
1983 Complete
1984 missing - Oct
1985 missing - Nov
1986 missing - Jul & Dec
1987 missing - Mar
1988 Complete
1989 Complete

1990's

1990 Complete
1991 Complete
1992 Complete
1993 Complete
1994 Complete
1995 Complete
1996 Complete
1997 missing - Jan, & Feb
1998 Complete
1999 we have Jan, Feb, Mar, & Apr

2000's

2000 missing - Feb
2001 Complete
2002 Complete
2003 missing - Feb, Apr, Jul, Sep, & Dec
2004 we have Jan & Feb
2005 missing - Jan, Feb, Jul, Sep, Oct, & Dec
2006 missing - Jan, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, & Dec
2007 missing - all
2008 we have Nov
2009 missing - all
2010 missing - all

GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS:

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., Lodestar, May 2010

June 5 & 6, 2010: Birmingham, AL
Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. 37th Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show, Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park. Hours: Sat & Sun 9 - 5. Show is free with paid admission to state park. For info call Gene Blackerby (205) 807-6777 or gene@lapidaryclub.com.

June 5-6, 2010: Marion, KY
Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum. 5th Annual Ben E. Clement Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show, Fohs Hall, 201 North Walker St. Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 11-5. Day & night digs available. Contact 270-965-4263 or www.clementmineralmuseum.org

June 18-20 2010: Whittier, California
AFMS/CFMS Show and Convention hosted by North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society. Hours: 10-5 daily. Contact Mike Beaumont (714) 510-6037 or www.nocgms.com.

August 13-15, 2010: Gulfport, MS
Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society. 35th Annual Harrison County Gem & Mineral Show, West Harrison Community Center, 4470 Espy Ave, Pass Christian, MS. Hours: Fri. 12-7, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5. Admission: Adults $3 & children under 12 free with paid adult. Contact: Tomsey Westermeyer Show/Dealer chairman at: 228-586-5279 or e-mail at: tomsey@cableone.net

September 10-12, 2010: Winston-Salem, NC
Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club. 39th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, Educational Bldg, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds (free parking through Gate #9 from 27th St only). Hours: Fri & Sat 10-7, Sun 12-5. Contact W.A. Marion at mariona1@yadtel.net.

October 1-3, 2010: Dallas, NC
Gaston County Gem, Mineral & Faceters Club. Biggerstaff Park, Hwy 279(Cherryville Hwy), Dallas NC. Free admission, hourly raffles, gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry. Hours: Fri. Sat. & Sun. 9-6. Contact: Jackay McDaniel 704-865-6748 or jackaythegrizz@aol.com or Connie Cole 704-864-4387.

October 2-3, 2010: Lexington, KY
Rockhounds of Central Kentucky, 20th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show and Sale, Kentucky National Guard Armory, 4301 Airport Road, Hours: Sat. 10 to 6 and Sun. 12 to 5. Mineral, jewelry, and equipment dealers; club sales and exhibits; hourly door prizes for adults and children; blacklight display; kids quarry; and silent auctions. Grand door prize drawing at 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission Adults $1, children 6-12 50 cents, max $3 per family. Scouts in uniform get in free. Contact: Mona Ferrell monaferrell@yahoo.com or Trish Henson birdgal@att.net.

October 15-17, 2010: Knoxville, TN
Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society. 19th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show, Kerbela Temple, Mimosa Ave. Show is $4/per day per adult.

November 6-7, 2010: Melbourne, FL
Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society. Parade of Gems, Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Ave. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-5. Contact Don McLamb 321-723-2592 or fdjmc@aol.com.

November 20-21, 2010: West Palm Beach, FL.
44th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead, and Fossil Show, Americraft Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd. Hours: Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5. Over 60 dealers, door prizes, fossil dig. Free parking. Adults $7, children under 12 free. Contact Barbara Ringhiser at bar5678@aol.com.

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board Meeting
April 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Bill Schmidt, Donna Remsnyder, Sue Hazelden, George Comas, Dave Watson, Dave Schwebel, Home Rankhorn, and Julia Larson. Also present were: Pat Davis and Martha Rankhorn.

Sue Hazelden: Treasurer's report read and accepted for audit. Noted donation of postage stamps by Tom and Gertrude McWilliams, and need for a stamp chairman.

Bill Schmidt: Noted upcoming Frank Cox shows; Diamond Del's (mining adventures for students); final numbers for show attendance; Minn-Reg contract for next year; vendor contracts for next year to go out beginning of May, with half of deposit due by July 1; discount for early payment in full by July 1; sand mine booth handled by visitors from Maine at their show; deadline for newsletter; liability releases for all classes; new releases needed for next year.

Julia Larson: End of year dinner/installation of officers May 20 at J.W. Cate Recreation Center; will ask for volunteers at general meeting; ask Sue Black to MC.

Discussion of publication of physical addresses for members: Agreed addresses will NOT be disseminated; one copy of roster WITH addresses will be maintained at the clubhouse; all other rosters and newsletters will NOT contain physical addresses. Need to be sure members update their phone numbers and email addresses – suggest adding this to the sign-in sheet at meetings.

Need for operating procedures for classes and club functions – this could be a project for the summer. Training session for workshop certification, the Tampa club's procedures don't really fit our operation.

Need volunteer for insurance liaison.

Painting: Finishing touches to be completed; where are house numbers?

Unfinished Business:

Election: Error in listing of board members – Dave is 2 year director; George is one year Director (reversed in published list)

Need to plan next year's budget

New Business:

Suggest moving meeting time to 7 pm to save money at J. W. Cate Recreation Center

Move board meetings to first Thursdays to open Tuesdays for classes.

Emily Coeyman's rock collection for sale; committee will check this out.

New member applications: Patricia Schlough' Peter LaVoie approved.

New financial report for state (Sue has done this).

Suggest getting flyers & postcards for show printed early to spread out show costs.

Summer schedule for classes

Program will be Rucks' Pit trip

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.
Submitted by:
Julia Larson, Recording Secretary

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
General Meeting
April 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Guests were introduced. Minutes from March Board and General Meetings were approved as published. Sue Hazelden gave the treasurer's report.

Committee reports: Nothing for mail and contacts. Dinner committee requested volunteers and donations; list was sent around. Building committee scheduled final painting day 4/24 and 5/1 for final touches; house numbers need to be located and re-hung.

Member list (roster) discussed. A single roster complete with addresses will e posted on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. Rosters without addressed will be emailed to members with internet access. Members' physical addresses will NOT be published except at the clubhouse.

Election of 2010-2011 board members held; slate of officers elected as published. Installation will be at annual dinner May 20, to be held at the J.W. Cate Recreation Center. This will be the location of general meetings starting in September. Officers for 2010-2011 are:

President – Pat Davis
Vice President – Donna Remsnyder
Treasurer – Sue Hazelden
Corresponding Secretary - Dave Schwebel
Recording Secretary – Julia Larson
1-year Director – Bill Schmidt
1-year Director – George Comas
2-year Director – Dave Watson
3-year Director – Donna Mallory

Volunteers needed: Insurance liaison, someone to handle the postage stamp collection.

A suggestion was made to offer a partial scholarship to an SFMS workshop; will be discussed at May Board Meeting.

Education: Sue Hazelden has someone who will teach a class on processing black coral, and has a large supply of coral which she will donate for the class. Several members indicated interest. Class date and time will be announced. Education Chair, Pat Davis will try to arrange future classes in polymer clay, PMC, and possibly lampwork beads.

The program was presented by Pat Davis, Jan Rambow and Donna Remsnyder, who recently went to Rucks' Pit and brought back a number of calcified clam shells.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m..

Submitted by:
Julia Larson, Recording Secretary

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board Meeting
May 4, 2010

Board members present: Bill Schmidt, Sue Hazelden, Dave Schwebel, Dave Watson, Don Schlough, George Comas, Donna Remsnyder.

Members present: Debbie Bremer, Donna Sapp, Pat Davis

The meeting was called to order by President, Bill Schmidt, at 7:35 p.m.

Officers' and Committee Reports:

The Treasurer's report was presented and filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary was requested to send appropriate cards to honorary member, Brian Evenson, who is in the hospital and to Sue Hazelden's friends who contribute to the club's aluminum recycling project.

Building Chair, Bill Schmidt will look into installing "burglar screen" around the new air conditioner.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Bremer advised that if the Rock-A-Gram emails do not bounce back to her the problem of not receiving them is probably due to the recipient's spam blockers/firewalls or an incorrect address.

Education Chair, Pat Davis advised the Board of the summer classes schedule which will be published in the Rock-A-Gram. Instructors will be responsible for keeping their students aware of schedule deviations created by vacations, etc.

Equipment Chair, Dave Schwebel: Bill Schmidt reported that the 15 inch Vibra-Lap is now available for members to rent. New pricing is as follows: $15 per week for the 20" flat lap, $10 per week for the 15" flat lap, and $5 per week for the small flat lap. A kit with the necessary grinding and polishing grits for each machine will be available for an additional charge.

Finance Committee - The 2010-11 budget was approved.

Donna Sapp's appointment to the Membership Chair position was approved by the Board.

The Board approved a motion by Don Schlough that the club institute a scholarship to the Federation workshops for the 2011 season, the amount of the scholarship and requirements to be announced in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Davis for Julia Larson
Recording Secretary

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Summer Clubhouse Schedule

Glass Fushion:
7-9 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18
Monday, May 24
June - September
Every Tuesday Evening

Cabbing Classes:
Monday & Wednesdays
6-9 p.m.
Saturdays
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Silversmithing:
Mondays
6-8 p.m.

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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.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through April at 7:00 p.m., at J.W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 22nd Avenue 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.

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Clubhouse Activities
September - May

Board Meeting:
(September - May)
First Thursday: 7:00 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