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General meetings will tentatively be held the second Tuesday of the month, except in September and December. Board meetings are usually held the second Monday after the general meeting.

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General Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 17018 Silverwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas

Just East of Hwy 281 on Donella Drive

Refreshment

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| Sam & Pepper Rogers | Bobby & Brenda Schultz |
| Jennifer/Harrison Schumann | Lee Smith |
| Curtis Threatt | Doug Threatt |
| Claude Townsend | Frank Whitehead |

If you can not attend, please let Jim Meloche or Debbie Krause know so they can bring refreshments. Thank you for your consideration.



Health Updates of Our Members

Please say prayers for Debra Peterson's parents in West Texas who are not well.

Please let myself or Gail Hyatt know if any of our members need to be remembered with prayers and mentioned in this newsletter. Thank you.

Greetings from the President

For our August meeting, Jim Meloche will present a video and his personal experiences with intarsia. Intarsia is making beautiful designs with very small pieces of rock and minerals. This should be a very interesting to all members. Hope you all can make it.

Bob Bowie

Please visit our website at www.swgemandmineral.org

Announcements

Our August program will be on intarsia by Jim Meloche.

If you have a good idea for the 2010 Fiesta of Gems Club Pin, please submit your ideas by the September meeting. We will choose one design to use as our official Show pin.

Please note the positions that are vacant on our Board. Anyone interested, please let Bob know. We would love to have you!

Upcoming Show Dates

August 15-16 ARK-LA-TEX G&MS, Bossier City Civic Center, Bossier City, LA.

August 22-23 Pine Country G&MS, Events Center, 5 miles west of Jasper on Hwy 190, Jasper TX.

September 5-6 Arlington G&MS, Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, TX

September 26-27 Texoma Rockhounds, Denison Senior Center, Denison, TX

Please let me know of any other events or shows coming up so I can include the information in the newsletter.

Meeting Minutes

President Bob Bowie called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Meloche presented the Treasurer's Report. As usual, our funds are in great shape.

Gail Hyatt distributed the name tags that had been ordered from June's meeting. Anyone still wanting one was asked to put their name on the list which was on the raffle table. Everyone seemed very pleased with the new name tags.

Having our new *Suggestion Box* on the raffle table has produced this comment. "A food theme for each meeting so we don't all bring the same thing." A helpful response to this is that on the front of our newsletter is a list of the folks responsible for the goodies for the upcoming meeting. If you like, you could contact each other to see who is bringing what. Now that everyone has a membership roster....this should simplify things.

Another comment in our *Suggestion Box* was: "Let's take a field trip to Corpus to look for the sea glass". That could be a fun trip....especially in the fall, when it's cooler.

Jim Meloche discussed grit at \$2.00 a pound that he had for sale.

We had a terrific raffle. Many beautiful specimen found exciting new homes. Thank you to all those bringing the treasures for the raffle and to those purchasing tickets and providing new homes for the treasures.

The program for the evening was a video that Bob Bowie provided, *Diamonds in Arkansas*. This was a really interesting film. It showed the different methods of how to search for diamonds. There were many diamonds shown that had been found in this area. This could be a really fun field trip to take ... maybe in the cooler weather.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Mini Classifieds

This space will be for anyone wanting to sell something or is looking for something that someone else might be able to help them with.

Anyone wanting any Century cactus “pups”, please email Debbie Krause.

Our annual picnic will be coming up soon. It will be in October at McAllister Park. More details will follow in the next issue!!!!
