



The Southwest Gem & Mineral Society

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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, February 10, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 17018 Silverwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas

Just East of Hwy 281 on Donella Drive

Refreshment

Doug Threatt	Frank Whitehead
Doug Williams	Marie Banta
Gary Bethke	Auman Burnett

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

Pray for the following members who are ill:

Connie & Richard Moultrup

Marie Banta

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

We have two important monthly meetings coming up in February and March. Coordinators for volunteers to help with our upcoming show will be asking you to identify specific times, days and areas you can work at the Show; i.e. Club Booth, Entrance Table, Silent Auction, Wheel of Rocks, etc. Please volunteer to help so the same people don't have to do all the work. There are plenty of areas we need help in.

We also need help on Friday to set up and Sunday to tear down. Remember this is **YOUR CLUB**. We all need to pitch in to make this a great Show and to keep the Club alive.

Bob Bowie

Please visit our website at www.swgemandmineral.org

Announcements

Tom Banta passed away on January 22nd after a long battle with cancer and other health issues. The funeral was held at Celebration Bible Church with a full honor guard ceremony at Fort Sam. Our prayers go out to Marie and the family.

Our February program will be a "Show & Tell". Please bring items you are working on or have completed to exhibit.

Our March will be focusing on the final prep work for the Show.

Upcoming Show Dates

February 21-22, '09: Williamson County Gem & Mineral Society Show, San Gabriel Park, Georgetown, TX

February 21-22, '09: Hi-Plains Gem & Mineral Society Show, Ollie Liner Center, Plainview, TX

February 21-22, '09: Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society Show: Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, TX

February 28-March 1, '09: San Antonio Bead Market, Live Oak Civic Center, Live Oak, TX.

March 7-8, '09: Love of Land Images, Howard County Fairgrounds, Big Spring, TX

March 7-8, '09: Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society Show, Regional Fairgrounds, Robstown, TX.

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

Meeting Minutes

No minutes to report, but here is some information from Bobby Schultz

Any club members wishing to reserve a showcase to display their personal items should complete the **Showcase Display Form (form following on page 6)** and submit it to Bob Schultz, via mail or contact by phone, no later than March 16, 2009. Please indicate how many showcases you need, size of showcases, a brief description of what you are exhibiting and if you would like to enter it into the “*Best of Show*” competition.

Thanks, Bobby

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.

Please save your plastic coffee “cans”, large plastic Mayo jars, etc. and bring to meetings. Collecting these for a project.

If anyone has some old furniture, dishes, containers, etc. please contact Debbie or Gail. We are collecting items we can use in our Schertz Museum.

Any old terra cotta type flower pots needed. Even if they are cracked or broken.

Debbie Krause is looking for any used equipment or tools, and **old, old, windows**. Call her on 659-7125.

SOUTHWEST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY SHOW

Live Oak Civic Center 8101 Pat Booker

MARCH 21, & 25 2009 Live Oak, Texas, 78233

RETURN TO: Bob Schultz, 3934 Viewsite, San Antonio, TX 78223 (210) 337-8908 E-MAIL: wschultz@satx.rr.com

APPLICATION TO EXHIBIT

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CLUB/SOCIETY _____

USING YOUR OWN CASE? ____ SIZE: LENGTH _____ WIDTH _____

NEED TO USE A CLUB CASE? _____

LARGE _____ (APPROXIMATE SIZE: BOTTOM: 23 ¼" X 39" HEIGHT: 22 ½")

OR SMALL _____ (APPROXIMATE SIZE: BOTTOM: 24" X 24" HEIGHT: 22 ½")

DISCRIBE YOUR DISPLAY _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO INCLUDE THIS EXHIBIT IN "BEST OF SHOW" COMPETITION? ____ NOTE: ALL ENTRIES IN "BEST OF SHOW" COMPETITION MUST MEET THE CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION AS STATED ON EXHIBITOR INFORMATION SHEET. ALL COMPETITORS IN THE "BEST OF SHOW" COMPETITION AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES.)

NAME: (PRINTED) _____ (SIGNATURE) _____

THIS AREA FOR USE OF SHOW CHAIRMAN:

DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED: _____ ENTRY NUMBER: _____ POSITION NUMBER: _____

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