

SOUTHWEST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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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.

GENERAL MEETING: November 10, 2009
TIME: 6:30pm Refreshments, 7:00pm Meeting
PLACE: 17018 Silverwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas
Just East of Hwy 281 on Donella Drive

JANUARY, 2010

*******REFRESHMENT HOSTS/HOSTESSES*******

Glynn Eychner Teresa & John Farmer

Toribio & Alicia Garza Bruce Hagmann

Dan Hanke Billye Harris Gail Hopkins Phil Hurley

****Hosts and Hostesses: If you cannot attend, please let Jim Meloche 658-8920 know so we will have the needed refreshments. Thank you for your consideration.*

Health Updates of our Members

Connie Moultrup continues to recuperate. Connie has been at Regent Care Center at Oakwell Farms. Richard has taken up residency there as well dealing with his own health issues. To send cards, mail to: (their name), Regent Care Center, Oakwell Farms, 8501 Laurens Lane, San Antonio, 78218. To reach them by phone, call 804-1223, Richard is #608A and Connie is #609A. Connie and Richard appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

There are quite a number of our members that are in poor health.

Members, please let us hear from you if you know of any other members needing to be remembered with prayers and mentioned in our newsletter. Thank you!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I do hope you all had a blessed Christmas Season. Hopefully 2010 will bring some better times for our Country. Please put a couple of dates on your calendar:

- 1) January 12, our next meeting, Glen Kroeger with Trinity University will give a presentation using all of his petrographic microscopes and thin sections of various rocks and minerals. This will be a program not to be missed. Be sure to bring your young Rockhounds.*
- 2) January, February and March meetings will be critical to have as many members attend as possible. We will be preparing for our show, MARCH 20TH AND 21ST.*

It takes a lot of volunteers for a small club like our to put on a great show. Last year we had a GREAT SHOW because of the dedicated club members that VOLUNTEERED!!! We will be asking for several Coordinators to organize. The spots that we will be up for grabs are: the Admissions desk, Club Booth, Spinning Wheel (for the kids) AND Setup and Teardown, etc.

PLEASE COME TO THE JANUARY MEETING AND BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER. THIS IS OUR MAJOR PROJECT FOR THE YEAR. OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE MONIES TO SUPPORT THE SCHOLORSHIP FUND PROGRAM. IT IS A WORTHWHILE EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE IN.

- 3) Gail Hyatt has stepped up and taken on our monthly newsletter on a temporary basis. We need someone to volunteer to take on this responsibility of organizing and putting out the monthly Newsletter.*

Happy New Year! Bob Bowie, President

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Folks, it is that time of year to renew our dues. This is the dues schedule:

*Junior Members 8 years old- 17 years old.... \$10
Individual Membership....\$15*

Family Membership....\$25

Dues are due now. You may pay them at the meeting or if you prefer, mail them to Gail Hyatt, 3116 FM 1518, Schertz, Texas 78154. Your membership cards will be available for you to pickup at the meetings.

New Members that joined since September, 2009, your dues are considered paid up until this time next year, 2011.

Thank you, Jim Meloche, Treasurer

SHOW CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Our 49th Fiesta of Gems is coming up in 3 months. The dates for the show are March 20th and 21st. Setup day is March 19th.

All members need to be thinking of things that you have for the Silent Auction. Your items can be donated OR put in on Consignment. Items that are appropriate would be cut and or finished pieces, rough, tools/supplies.

The Lucky Wheel (spinning wheel for the kids) needs donations of items such as tumbled rocks, some not soooo good geode halves, fossils ie deer heart clams, roadside snails, petrified wood etc.

During the Show plastic bags, ie grocery bags, as well as some newspaper will be needed to put treasures in for the customers purchasing items. The Club Booth will need items to sell. This is a great time to donate your old rock/mineral related books and magazines.

Stay tuned for future announcements about workdays or certain help requests that you may be able to assist in.

The Show date will be here before we know it! Now is the time we start gearing up. Our goal is to have as good a Show or better Show than last year. With proper planning, preparation and participation I am certain this is possible. Our Annual Show is a team effort. WE are the only team WE have!!!

*Thanks, Bobby Schultz
Show Chairman*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAME TAGS....are still available. If you have not ordered one as yet, or if you are a new member and would like one, email Gail Hyatt (see last pg for contact info) or phone. Will need the correct spelling of each name as well as do you want a plain pin on back or a magnet. These run around \$7.50 to about \$9.00 with the magnet.

MINI CLASSIFIEDS

Our club is hoping that someone might have a spare TV and DVD player that could be loaned to the club to be used at the Show. We want to keep some videos running for the kids to watch "how to videos". Please let any one of the board members know if you have one that would work for us. Thank you!

Debbie Krause has Century Cactus pups looking for new homes. 210-659-7125

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

Instead of a meeting we had our Christmas Party. We dined at Harmons- BBQ in Cibolo. We had a wonderful BBQ dinner. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to just visit and get to know each other better. There was no gift exchange this year. The Board thought that sharing our blessings with those in need this year was appropriate. There was more than a large car truck full of food items that were delivered to the local food pantry. (They were more than pleased to receive these wonderful gifts!) They extend a warm "Thank You!" to our club.

Since we were "partying heartily", there really are no minutes for December, all though, I would report that "a good time was had by ALL at the Christmas Party".

Submitted by Gail Hyatt, Secretary

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