

SOUTHWEST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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Our Website: www.swgemandmineral.org

GENERAL MEETING: February 9, 2012

TIME: 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

MEETING PLACE

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1018 E. GRAYSON STREET
SAN ANTONIO, TX*

DIRECTIONS: *(traveling south on IH35)
Exit #159A, turn right at N. New Braunfels Ave.,
Continue on to E. Grayson St and address will be on the left.
Entrance will be through door marked OFFICE.*

~ ~ FEBRUARY - REFRESHMENT HOSTS & HOSTESSES ~ ~

Johny Gabriel	Cynthia Garza	Roribio & Alicia Garza	J. Glenwinkel
James Griffin	Dan Hanke	Billye Harris	

~ ~ ~ FEBRUARY PROGRAM ~ ~ ~

For our February 9th meeting, we will watch another episode from the "How the Earth was Made" series. See you there !!
Kyle Qubrosi

~ ~ ~ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~ ~ ~

FEBRUARY and MARCH meetings will be very important to have your attendance as we prepare for our 51st FIESTA OF GEM SHOW. Again, we hope to make this show the best so far; and the success of the show depends upon our great club volunteers.

We need volunteers for both days Friday, MARCH 17 AND Saturday, MARCH 18 in order to support the many Club activities at the show; as well as set up-tear down, one of the less glamorous jobs, but very important. This will occur on Friday, MARCH 16.

We also need plastic food store bags and newspaper for the silent auction; and your old Lapidary Journals or Rock and Gem magazines to sell at the club booth. If you want to sell some items at the silent auction that you make; you can be getting them ready.

Don't forget about the display cases, in case you want to show off some of your lapidary work or fine mineral specimens.

We also need to get the word out about our show so we will have our show flyers for everyone to take some and give them to your friends, put them in your local stores, motels, libraries or other locations where they are allowed.

More on the show next month.

Bob Bowie

~ ~ ~ **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** ~ ~ ~

January 12, 2012

7:00 pm meeting began with the Pledge of Alliance.

President Bowie began the meeting by having key members that Chair our Show address the membership.

Curtis Threatt, Dealer Chairman, advised four dealers had dropped out, but he has already filled their spots with four other dealers.

Bobby Schultz, Show Chairman, introduced the following as Leaders for the different booths during the Show. Debbie Krause, Silent Auction; Brenda Schultz, Lucky Wheel; Susan Noonan, Front door/Ticket Sales; and Gail Hopkins, Club Booth.

Bobby stressed that these are the Leaders and they all need volunteers to sign up to work shifts during the two days of the Show. Please contact the groups you would like to work with

President Bowie introduced Debra Peterson as being new to our Board of Directors and that she will be working with Bobby Schultz, Show Chairman.

Marie Banta reported working on vests. She advised that if anyone had not yet contacted her wanting a vest, to please do so soon. (210) 494-1143.

Trish Brooks, Newsletter Editor, reported on her activities with the newsletter. She reminded members that there is a classified area if members have items they are looking for or to get rid of.

She also reminded that any member with a business associated with our area of interest, we have paid advertising available to them.

Sam Rodgers briefly discussed possible hunts coming soon.

Kyle explained that the speaker for this meeting had been taken ill and we would be viewing a video. The video was a terrific film and our club has the video available should you care to borrow it.

Boerne Rock Shop advised that they had brought back lots and lots of rocks from Eagle Pass assisted by Sam Rodgers. This was done to keep us from "all" traveling to Eagle Pass...now we can just go up the road to the "Shop" and dig through their supply. Sounds like an excellent plan...thanks guys!

Jim Meloche requested volunteers to help enter contact information from the entry tickets completed during the 2011 Show. The information will be used to mail our Show reminders for 2012.

The raffle was a lot of fun ...there were a lot of great specimens; as well as some radishes to select from. Thanks to all the contributors of items and to those members that purchased the tickets.

Thanks also to the members that provided our treats. We don't always say "Thank you", but we should.

We watched the video and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Hyatt, Secretary

~ ~ ~ MEMBERSHIP ~ ~ ~

DUES FOR 2012 - \$15.00 INDIVIDUAL - \$25.00 FAMILY

Dues may be paid at any meeting. You are also welcomed to mail them to Gail Hyatt, 3116 FM 1518, Schertz, Texas 78154.

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Proceeds support Earth Sciences Scholarships

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Dealer Possibilities - Club Members - SWG&MS Annual Show

Display Showcases

"We have 20 showcases available. They are approximately 40" wide X 24" deep X 22" Tall. Anyone wishing to fill a showcase should make their request to Bob Schultz by email wschultz@satx.rr.com or phone 210-337-8908 with your name, brief general description of your display (ie. cabochons, rough gems stones, beads, shells, etc.) and if you would like to enter into competition. Note: Contestants in the competition should remain anonymous to avoid favoritism so you will not be able to display business cards or other identifying material. Please try to have your showcase reserved as early as possible before they are all taken."

Club Member Booths at Show

Some club members have expressed interest in having a small member dealer booth at our show so that those members wishing to sell a limited amount of their work could do so. The board of directors has considered this carefully and have come up with a plan that we hope will work well to this end. We will be making available four locations consisting of one (1) six foot by 30 inch table (maximum). The table will have no electrical outlets. Battery powered lighting will be allowed. Member dealers must provide their own tables as Live Oak does not provide any six foot tables. These locations are being provided in the spirit of allowing members to sell some of their own work and also to show off the talents of our members. All items must be items of your own creation or finds. Please, no selling of wholesale purchased products. Please keep in mind that most, if not all of our major dealers are paying for large booths and depend on this income to stay in business. Please keep this in mind when you set your prices. Our dealers will not be happy if they see they are being undercut. Unhappy dealers may put an end to this program. The charge for these locations will be \$75.00 for the entire two day show. Member dealers will be required to be present at the tables for both days. Two of the table locations will be in the near the Earthworks and Lucky Wheel area. The other two table locations will be in the corner near the restrooms. Member dealers and their locations will be determined by lottery. **To be eligible for the selection process you must have been a member before January 1, 2012.** Interested members should contact Bob Schultz **before February 20th 2012.** Email wschultz@satx.rr.com. Subject line should read "Member Dealer Booth". If you do not have access to email I can be reached by phone 210-337-8908.

Bob Schultz - Show Chairman

and/or

Curtis Threatt - Dealer Chairman

~ ~ ~ **FALL ROCK SHOWS** ~ ~ ~

Please review the web site and click on the newsletter link to review various shows currently in process or scheduled.

South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies
<http://www.scfms.net/>

SHOW LISTINGS FOR ALL 50 STATES
<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates/>

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Dick and Bess Shields

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Event: Saturday, February 18, 2012 - - Noon to 5pm

Dr. Paul Smith, an avocational archeologist and lithic instructor, is ready for another afternoon of demonstration and instruction regarding knapping. Again, we encourage you to try your hand at this art; and there will be assistance to help participants select good candidate rocks. Safety is our first consideration, so bring gloves and eye protection! Since we must hold this event out-of-doors, we keep an eye on the weather and for your comfort, we have added a shade tent (which works for light rain, too).

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Eagle Pass Cobbles come to Boerne - A Field Trip Opportunity

Boerne Rock Shop and the Cave Without a Name have teamed up to create a field trip opportunity - hunting Rio Grande rock in relative comfort. We've hired transport for nearly 50 yards of Eagle Pass cobbles, and working through slippery surface issues, managed to place the rock at the Cave Without a Name. The cave is located 15 minutes east of Boerne at 325 Kreuzberg Road, about 50 minutes from downtown San Antonio.

We couldn't resist "testing" the pile and found beautiful jasper, plume agate, petrified wood, fluorescent quartz masses, chert, fossils, and even fire agate. Many cobbles are small enough to cut in a trim saw. Cost to rock club members and guests is \$2 per pound. (Hauling all those tons of rock wasn't free).

Our first "day on the rock pile" will be Saturday, February 25, 2012, from 9am to 5pm, weather permitting. Bring you favorite collecting tools and a lunch. We have running water available, bags for your beauties. There are picnic tables and toilet facilities at the cave, and all participants are eligible for a discount on cave tour tickets.

The collection area is conditionally handicap accessible, but the cave is not.

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~ ~ ~ **SWG&M FIELD TRIP UPDATES** ~ ~ ~

Please submit any and all your ideas and suggestions for organizing various hunts and field trips during 2012.

Sam Rodgers buckrogers000@yahoo.com (210) 240-7721
Claude Townsend ctownsend@satx.rr.com (210) 655-8959

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~ ~ ~ **CLASSIFIED ADS** ~ ~ ~

We now offer the opportunity to our members to use our newsletter as a source of advertising for businesses that are related to our fields of study.

We appreciate our two paid advertisers highlighting their businesses in our newsletters each month. If you are interested in advertising as well, contact Gail Hyatt. The price is a great deal for the exposure you will receive.

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Have something to sell, trade, or just find a new home for ? Perhaps you are looking for something specific...that is what this space is for. Contact Gail Hyatt.

FOR SALE: #1 = 18-inch rock lapidary rock saw. in good condition, \$170.00 #2 = 8-inch, two wheel sanding machines with hoods. #3 Motor, three speeds, adjustable, \$180.00. Please contact Jim Meloche @ (210) 658-8920 or email: jmeloche@satx.rr.com.

FOR SALE: Vintage restored Highland Park 24-inch slab saw w/blade \$3,300. Electro D612-T Filtered DC Power Supply \$150. Contact J. R. Able (210) 724-4545.

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