



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, May 12, 2009**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Place: 17018 Silverwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas**

**Just East of Hwy 281 on Donella Drive**

**Refreshment**

Mary Lomax	Fernando Lozano
Bob Lucas	Dora Lytle
Jim & Eva Meloche	Michael Messer

**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

Kathy Bowie

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 had a great meeting in April with quite a few new members. Also, we have had an offer from the Pipe Creek Ranch (near Bandera) to set up a field trip sometime in May. The owners father had 11-ton rock collection will be available for sale for \$1.00 pound. There are bags of Woodward Ranch Agate, jaspers, petrified wood and palm wood from all over Texas.

Bob Bowie

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## **Announcements**

The May program will be a video on *The New Crystal Hunters*. It is about 3 young kids who go to Pala, California hunting rocks.

## **Upcoming Show Dates**

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

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### Meeting Minutes

New members and guests were recognized. New members are Lynn & Clarice Young, Debbie Peterson, Keith King and Harrison & Jennifer Schumann. Also present, Bill, a visitor who had some items for sale.

Fernando reminded everyone that Alamo Rock Shop would be closing their doors on May 29th.

Jim Meloche gave Treasurer's Report. As of 03/31/09, there was \$30,179.52, with \$5,700.00 outstanding checks. He stated that this year's Show cost more than ever, but we did so much better. Jim had several letters of appreciation from UTSA, Trinity and one of the Science Fair winners. This young person was very appreciative for the money, as well as the opportunity to participate. The Club provided \$300.00 to the Science Fair Organization for prizes. Six awards are given; 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for both Sr. and Jr. Divisions.

Bobby Schultz thanked everyone for all they did. He said this was the best Show ever!

Curtis Threatt said that for the most part vendors were pleased with the outcome of the Show and shared the comment sheets from the vendors.

Uli Railsbach presented the Silent Auction numbers of \$6008.50 with 856 bids vs. \$5,965.00 with 863 bids last year.

Our program was a film on *The Gemstone Adventure* and was very interesting.

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### 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.

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