



SOUTHWEST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TIME: 6:00PM – 8:00 PM**

**USUAL MEETING PLACE:
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1018 E. GRAYSON STREET
SAN ANTONIO, TX**

**DIRECTIONS: (Traveling SOUTH on Interstate 35)
Exit#159A, turn right at N. New Braunfels Ave.,
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Refreshments Committee

**Brown, Sharnell; Chankin, Roland; Clark, Tim & Lisa; Cook, Lee & Gayle; Daniel, Robert;
Demmer, Jochelle; Deuter, Karen.**

If you do not wish to be selected for refreshments please let Joe Noonan know by whatever means are available to you.

President's Message

It is surprising how fast these years are passing—and that our ANNUAL FIESTA OF GEMS is only about a month away. Several of us have been working on the preliminaries for the show since last October—notably Joe Noonan, who has reserved the locations for our street banners and arranged for their repair and updating. Also, he has sent out contracts and received deposits from this year's vendors, to include finding and signing up new vendors. We had several vendors who are not returning for various reasons, i.e., age and schedule conflicts with other shows. This has given us the opportunity to get several new vendors to our show that will, we hope, add some variety and new products.

We had a good CLUB meeting in January with a couple new members and we tried to add some variety to the meetings by having some time for members to present items for show, sale, or swap. This activity occurred from 6pm-7pm. It seemed to generate a lot of discussion and interest so we will plan to do this again at our February meeting.

MORE IMPORTANT FOR OUR FEBRUARY MEETING is signing up volunteers for our CLUB VENUES, i.e., the CLUB BOOTH, SILENT AUCTION, SET-UP ON FRIDAY 3/10/17, AND TEAR DOWN AND CLEANUP ON SUNDAY, 3,13/17. Don Kolle will have sign-up sheets for most of these.

SUSAN NOONAN, who coordinates our MOST IMPORTANT FRONT DOOR SALES OPERATIONS, WILL ALSO HAVE HER SIGN-UP SHEETS for anyone that is good with handling money and change to help us with a two-hour time period on either or both days of the show.

For the Silent Auction, we are always in need of old newspapers, small boxes (shoe box or smaller), and plastic bags that customers can use to carry their purchases.

I will be unable to attend the February meeting as I will be at the Tucson show to purchase items for the SILENT AUCTION and LUCKY WHEEL.

Don Kolle will also have our flyers and posters to hand out for members to distribute to message boards, Schools, motels, friends, etc.

PLEASE TRY TO MAKE THE FEBRUARY MEETING AS THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN MARCH AS THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOW SET-UP.

⚡ Bob Bowie ⚡

Program

There will be no speaker for February. The meeting will be devoted to preparation for the show in March.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Bob Bowie.

Prior to the formal meeting, from 6-7 p.m., members brought items, minerals, rocks, jewelry etc. to show and tell or sell. All had a good time.

Business meeting : all were reminded that our March show is coming up soon and the February meeting is important as we need to set up volunteers for club venues; Venues are club booth, lucky wheel, and silent auction; set up on Friday the 10th and clean up Sunday the 12th;

We will also have a work session to bag items for the front desk giveaway for kids, bags and items for the lucky wheel and items for the silent auction;

Sam discussed a hunt at eagle pass for Sunday the 15th;

Dues were received from some members and we had 2 new members present;

John speck gave a summary of his night classes he is offering.

John also gave us a presentation on his trip to Sanderson and hunting jasper/flint in West Texas

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT AROUND 9PM

New Members

New members who joined recently:

John Gabriel
Bruce & Mary Jane Morris
John Tracy

We welcome you wholeheartedly to the club and hope you will become active and involved members. We also hope you will share your skills and experiences with the club.

I also get to inform you that you will be on the Refreshments list as soon as I get to your name.

Other Items

John Speck will be teaching two courses starting in February 2017 at the Northside Learning Center located at 6632 Bandera Road. This is at the intersection of Grissom and Bandera Roads.

The first course is an **Introduction to Gemstones** course number 7700027. This will be taught in two sessions-Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm beginning 2/16/2017 and ending 2/23/2017. In this course you will learn about precious and semi-precious gemstones by examining actual gemstones. Cost of the course is \$35.00. Members of SWGMS will receive a discount. Call John Speck at 210-596-1611 for the discount code.

The second course is **Gemstones and Lapidary Arts** course number 560104. The class size is limited to eight students. This course will be taught twice. The first starts on Thursday, 3/2/2017 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for 4 sessions ending 3/30/2017. The class will be repeated on Fridays from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm for 3 sessions starting 3/24/2017 and ending 4/7/2017. In this course you will learn to cut and polish gemstones and make one piece of jewelry. Cost of course is \$55.00 and a supply fee of \$30.00. Members of SWGMS will receive a discount. Call John Speck at 210-596-1611 for the discount code or if you have any questions.

You can register and see more course details by going to www.nisd.net/ace. Both courses are listed under Mind & Body: Science & Discovery. You can also call

210-397-8100 to register.

You do not have to reside within the Northwest Independent School District in order to attend the classes.

Rockhound Show Dates

February 18-19: Georgetown, TX; Annual Show, Williamson County Gem & Mineral Society, San Gabriel Park Community Center, 445 East Morrow Street.

February 18th: Llano, TX; Annual Show, Friends of the Llano Red Top Jail, Llano County Community Center, County Road 152. Texas Prospectors 2nd Annual Get-Together and Swap Meet, Small number of vendors; prospectors, treasure hunters, metal detection enthusiasts meeting, swap meet is non-commercial only. *Free Admission*

February 25-26: Plainview, TX; Hi Plains Gem & Mineral Society, Ollie Liner Center, 2000 South Columbia.

February 25-26: Pasadena, TX; Annual Show, Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society, Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway.

March 4-5: Big Spring, TX; Annual show and sale, Big Spring Prospectors Club, Howard County Fair Barn, Rodeo Grounds. *FREE ADMISSION*

March 11-12: San Antonio, TX; 56th Annual Show, San Antonio Event Center, 8111 meadow Leaf Drive, San Antonio, TX 78227.

Show Listings for all 50 States
<http://www.rockngem.com>

Field Trips & Hunts

Back on January 15th, a large group from several clubs met at the Eagle Pass site. As I heard it, the *group was turned loose on a new berm of rocks* which gave great finds to everyone. The group further strengthened ties to the site owners by donating to a holiday party they were having then, as they were unable to have one at a more appropriate time.

NEW

SPRING 2017 FIELD TRIP TO 4 M RANCH SONORA TEXAS. APRIL 21-22-23. 2017

It's that time of the year for that wonderful trip to the 4 m Ranch outside of Sonora TX. To collect Cactus, Hunt rocks or just get out of town.

Cost. \$120.00 ea All included. 50% deposit at reg.

Meals 5 meals including a steak dinner cooked over Wood fire

2 Nights in Bunk house. private room for 2 people.. 3 rooms for 4 people

3 days to hunt cactus and collect. last trip I found petrified wood An Indian scraper and dozens of Epithelanthia micromeris

Open Shooting Range Saturday afternoon

Fishing tank (Catch & Release)

Hiking Miles of trails. Great nature Photography. I like the night shot of the sky. I do it just to get out of town

What I like is that we only have to bring our clothes and personal items and of course boxes to put our goodies in and papers to wrap things in. and small digging tools.

MAIL. A DEPOSIT CHECK OF 50% \$60.each MADE OUT TO 4 M RANCH TO ME WITH YOUR EMAIL address. TO [Claude H Townsend 5102 Village Green San Antonio TX 78218](mailto:Claude.H.Townsend@satx.rr.com)

[CALL FOR MORE DETAILS.](mailto:Claude.H.Townsend@satx.rr.com) Claude 210-655- 8959

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Booking is made first come. For special needs call me. SATURDAY DAY HUNTS CALL ME FOR INFO...

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