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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY\*, May 11, 2017**

\*The second Thursday of the month

TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Program begins at 7:00 PM

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

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**Refreshments Committee**

Daniel, Robert	Davis, Laura	Deuter, Karen
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had sort of a scant crowd last meeting, probably due to EASTER week and Maundy Thursday. JoAnn Socash gave a super talk on her visit to the TUCSON GEM AND MINERAL SHOW and gave us a lot of info on how she seeks out the dealers that give her the best prices and quality material. If any of you want a great experience, think about attending in some future year. I must say that prices are not getting any cheaper and you really have to look to get value for money. You must shop around for the best deals.

Hope you can all make it for our next club meeting on MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>. We are having a most interesting speaker to give us some info on the oil exploration plays in Texas that are making such a difference in the Texas economy. Remember oil and gas come out of pore spaces in the sandstone and limestone rocks so the subject is close to our interests. See you all on the 11<sup>th</sup>.



## PROGRAM

Our speaker this month is Mary Hughes, a geologist with the State of Texas Geological Survey (STGS). The following is an outline of her presentation:

### TITLE: Alpine High: A Geological Look at the New West Texas Oil & Gas Play

#### Geological History

- Tabosa Basin
- Permian Basin
- Delaware Basin

#### Alpine High

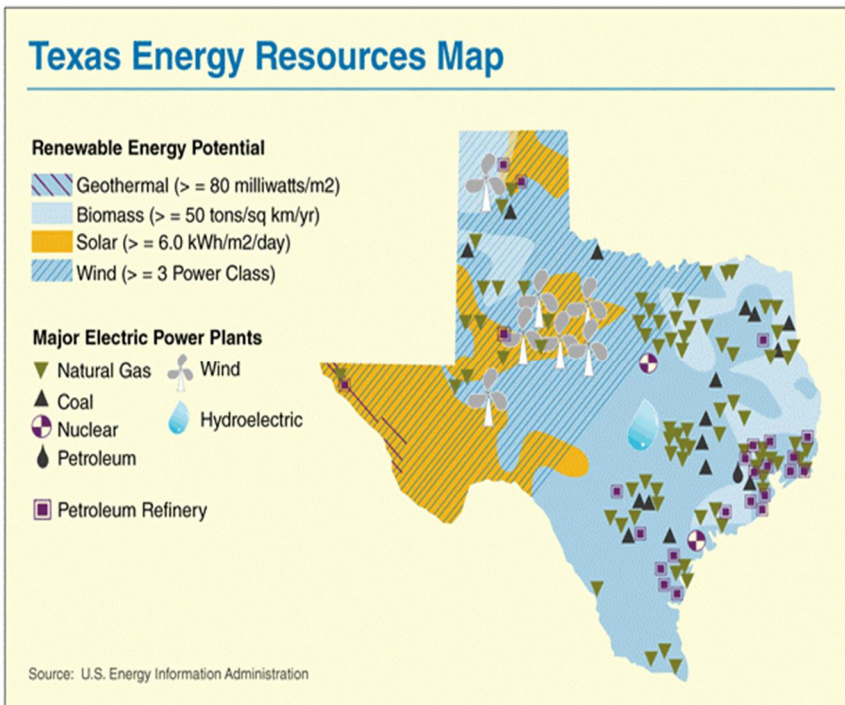
- Structure
- Formations

#### Characteristics of Unconventional Plays

- Conventional- Porosity and Permeability, Trap, Seal
- Unconventional- Organic Content, Kerogen, Temperature, Seal

#### Will the Alpine High be a Success?

- Infrastructure
- Commodity Pricing
- Time



## **AREA SHOWS AND EVENTS**

**May 6-6: Arlington, TX;** Swap Meet, Arlington Gem and Mineral Club, 1408 Gibbins Road.

**May 6-7: Lubbock, TX;** Annual Show, Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane.

**May 27-28: Fort Worth, TX;** Annual Show, Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club, Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 West Lancaster.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

For those who may have missed the note, Curtis Threath recently suffered a severe leg fracture at his workplace. He required extensive surgical repair of his leg. He has been in Northeast Baptist Hospital for some time, undergoing rehab. Curtis has been a member for many years. He served on the club board of directors for several years as the Vendor Chairman, and is still the person responsible for all the printed material we have for our annual show. We wish him a full and fast recovery.

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