



# SOUTHWEST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

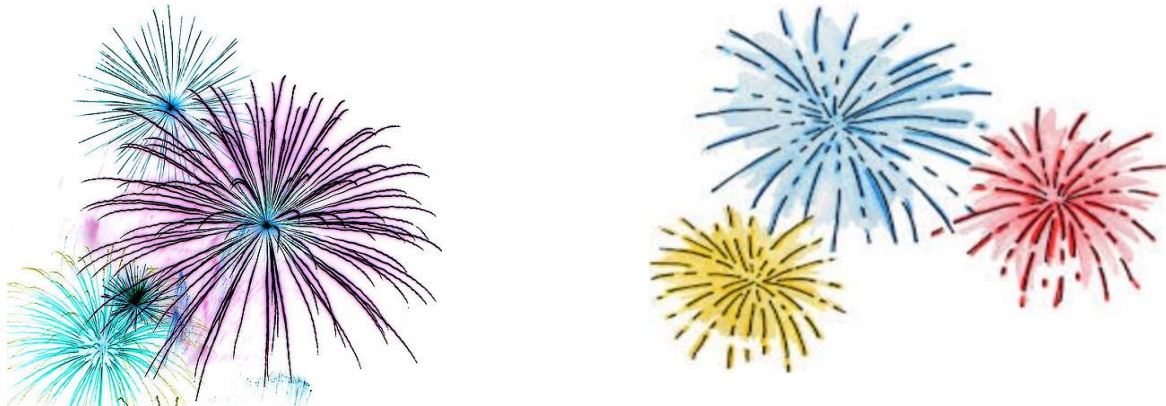


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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

APRIL\*13, 2017  
TIME: 6:00PM – 8:00 PM

\*Why April, you ask...there will be no regular meeting in March because on **March 11-12,**  
**2017** it will be>>>>



## SHOW TIME

### President's Message

We are only about one week away from our 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FIESTA OF GEMS SHOW at the SAN ANTONIO EVENT CENTER with SET UP DAY on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> and our show on Saturday-Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. THE SUCCESS of your show year after year depends on our GREATclub members. Pretty well all the background work has been done in securing our vendors, getting our insurance and Police coverage, putting our banners out, making the final payment of \$9,000.00 for the EVENT CENTER, paying for our lighted message boards, and ADVERTISER ad in the *Weekender*, etc., etc... DON'T FORGET TO PUT OUT AS MANY OF THE SHOW FLYERS AS YOU CAN AND TELL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE SHOW. PUT IT ON YOUR FACEBOOK PAGE IF YOU HAVE ONE.

So NOW we need your help! SET UP DAY IS FRIDAY THE 10<sup>TH</sup>. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SET UP THE CLUB BOOTH, THE LUCKY WHEEL, AND THE SILENT AUCTION. ALL THE MATERIAL IN OUR STORAGE WILL BE DELIVERED EARLY FRIDAY. JOE NOONAN AND I WILL BE GOING DOWN ON THURSDAY TO MAKE SURE THE TABLES ARE SETUP PER PLAN. SAM RODGERS WILL BE SUPERVISING THE ELECTRICAL LINES TO EACH BOOTH WITH SOME HELPERS FROM THE EVENT CENTER ON FRIDAY MORNING.

WE WILL NEED HELPERS TO MAKE LABELS, ETC., FOR THE MINERALS THE CLUB WILL BE SELLING AT THE SILENT AUCTION.

SUSAN NOONAN IS IN CHARGE OF THE FRONT DOOR SALES AND SHE MAY NEED SOME ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS DURING THE SHOW HOURS TO BE CASHIERS AT THE FRONT DOOR.

DURING THE SHOW ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AT THE SILENT AUCTION TO HELP DEBBIE KRAUSE PACKAGE UP ITEMS THAT ARE SOLD. WE NEED NEWSPAPERS, SMALL BOXES LIKE SHOE BOXES, AND PLASTIC BAGS TO PLACE PURCHASED ITEMS IN FOR OUR CUSTOMERS.

OF COURSE, WE WILL NEED CLUB MEMBERS TO HELP AT THE CLUB BOOTH AND LUCKY WHEEL.

WE WILL HAVE 10 DISPLAY CABINETS- LET'S TRY TO FILL THEM ALL. HOPEFULLY EVERYONE THAT FILLED ONE UP LAST YEAR WILL BRING ALONG SOME OF THEIR SPECIAL TREASURES TO EXHIBIT.

ALSO REMEMBER THAT WE NEED HELP ON SUNDAY AT 4PM UNTIL WE ARE THROUGH PACKING UP ITEMS THAT ARE RETURNED TO STORAGE AND TO HELP CLEAN UP THE EVENT CENTER.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP. LET'S MAKE THIS ONE OF OUR VERY BEST SHOWS.

BOB BOWIE

It is also worth noting that the club will provide a gift card to one of San Antonio's fine restaurants to all who help with set up and/or tear down. (Editor)

The \$10,000 prize for noticing that the volume number was wrong goes to Joe Noonan, our esteemed editor. What a coincidence!

## **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

BACK YARD ROCK AND EQUIPMENT SALE

CONTACT: KEITH HARMON

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WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

STARTS AT 9AM

WHERE: 9116 US Hwy 84 West, Rusk, TX 75785

WHO: KEITH AND TONI HARMON

WHAT: OVER 50 TONS OF ROCK OF VARIOUS TYPES ó

INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO; agates, jaspers, obsidians,

Jade, palm wood, Arizona wood, tumbling rough, large rock,

Cutting material.

USED EQUIPMENT: SAWS, GRINDERS, POLISHING UNITS

VIBRATING LAPS, FLAT LAPS, SPHERE MACHINE, TUMBLERS

COST: ROCK: FROM \$0.50 TO \$4.00 PER POUND AVERAGE

EQUIPMENT: INEXPENSIVE FOR WHAT IT IS.

PLEASE ó NO EARLY SALES.

**From:** Donna Albrecht  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** krbotx@gvtc.com  
**Subject:** New Lapidary Blog – Please share with your members

Hi Bob,

I commit lapidary on beautiful slabs here in CA. I love sharing my hobby with others, so I've started a blog called [www.LapidaryWhisperer.com](http://www.LapidaryWhisperer.com) I'm hoping that some of your members might enjoy my blog and the community for lapidary lovers I'm building.

If possible, would you please put the message below in an upcoming newsletter and encourage members to share with people who might be interested. I've also attached an image to use if you wish.

Best, Donna Albrecht

Lapidary Lovers ó a blog just for us!

## **ROCKHOUND SHOW DATES**

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

**March 4-5: Robstown, TX;** Annual Show, Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society, Richard M Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd, Exhibit Hall A.

**March 11-12: San Antonio, TX;** 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, San Antonio Event Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf Drive.

**March 24-25: Ada, OK;** Annual show, Ada Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Club, Agriplex, 1710 North Broadway.

**April 8-9: Abilene, TX;** Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society, Abilene Civic Center.

**April 14-16: Alpine, TX;** Chihuahua Gem and Mineral Society, Alpine Civic Center.

For complete show information go to [www.rockngem.com](http://www.rockngem.com).

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