

President's Message

I want to thank Art Amati for putting on the 'hands on' class on Mineral Identification. It was very informative and a lot of fun for everyone.



With spring coming we will try to get at least one field trip a month in. I have been asked to take a Field trip to look for white onyx on Brazil road. The trip is planned on Friday April 15th. We will meet at the club house and will leave at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Bring a snack and water.

This trip is for four wheel drives and pick up trucks only.

Thank You, *Frank*

Shop Notes

The 24" and 30" saws are up and running. One drop saw is down for major repairs, but everything else is good.



Many thanks to Joe Marone for all his hard work and assistance in the shop and the silent auctions. Since most of the snow birds have left, the shop will be closed on Tuesdays for the month of April. All other days and hours will be the same and will be posted on the shop door. The shop fee will remain at \$3.00.

Two chairs filled

as of the April 6th Board meeting.

Thank You go to Elena Bost who is now our Membership Chairperson, and to Wayne Treers who will now be coordinating our club Field Trips.

Library



This past three weeks, there has been no activity in our Library, during Thursday shop hours, so I will now only have it open during our once a month regular club meetings.

Sandy

From the Editor:

Important to You...

Important to Rockhounding in New Mexico

Important to our Club

The letter appearing on **Page 5**, written by club members Maurice & Judy Crawford, contains important information which also needs **your** support. Please take the time to read it and let your feelings be known to the people listed. Thank you.

The Original Sin. . . .



"I've decided to teach her to talk, what harm can it

Not getting your Chips bulletin by email

when you've requested it that way? Please add the club's email to your contact list as the bulletin is sent out in bulk and may go to your SPAM list if not listed in your addresses. Our Club's email: theDGMS@gmail.com

Thank You to Frank Barber, Judy Crawford, Em Hoag, Susan Schiffner, Priscella Lingenfelter, and new member John Kleber for helping me to get the Chips all put together and mailed after the March Board meeting so it would get to our members before the Roundup. *Carolyn Abbey, Editor*

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting – March 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Frank Barber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report: Judy advised she received correspondence from the Celebration of Life Cancer Support group of Deming & Luna County asking again for the club to be a sponsor. After discussion, there were some questions that need to be answered prior to donating. We will bring it up at the next Board meeting after getting further information. Also, the DHS scholarship applications will be ready to pick up March 4 and need to be reviewed and returned by April 1. Jerry and Carolyn, Maurice and Judy, and Susan will review the applications and make some decision prior to April 1. Motion to approve report made by Carolyn, seconded by Sheila, approved.

Treasurer's report: Susan gave her report of the status of all accounts. All accounts are balanced. Thanks to Maurice and Joe Marone and all the shop leaders for all their cooperation in making the shop work so well now. Judy made motion to approve report, seconded by Frank, approved.

Committee reports:

Shop Maurice advised that the propane tank for the shop is at 30%. We may need to get propane within the next month or so. The 30" saw is almost done and the other saws are all working fine. Joe reports that there were a lot more people in Feb. in the shop. Training has been completed on all the sawyers for the geode cutting at Roundup. Abrasive belts will be ordered soon. We will be changing the shop hours about April 1 when we lose a lot of our volunteers. **Shop will be closed March 7 through March 17 and will reopen March 18.**

Library: Frank reported for Sandy that the library will be open every Thurs. from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for those wishing to check out items. There will be a policy that only 3 items be checked out at a time. Still doing some organizing, but coming along.

Claims: Jim reports that he is having a problem with the insurance company getting the right documents to BLM for the permit. He is on top of it and will keep us posted. We may need to look into changing insurance companies. The backhoe operator needs a copy of the permit before digging. Maurice made a suggestion, and after discussion, Susan made motion that we research into getting another insurance company. Frank seconded, approved.

Roundup: Jerry reports that the plumbing leaks at the fairground have been finally fixed. This weekend, he needs help cleaning up the mess from the leaks, which will be done Fri at 9:00 a.m. The fair board will be getting an

electrician out as soon as possible for an electrical circuit problem. The communication wiring has been worked on also. Carolyn advised that the advertising is in place, and Desert Exposure is putting us in the El Paso, Inc.

Bulletin: Carolyn reports that the Chips is ready to go out and after the meeting, help would be appreciated for collating and stamping.

Membership: Carol reports that she will be moving to Wisconsin soon, and we will need to get another person for membership chair.

Jerry reminds that Monday, March 7 is set up for the show, so bring your gloves, and come out at 8:00 am. to help.

No further business, so motion made by Sheila to adjourn, seconded by Carol. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Crawford, Secretary

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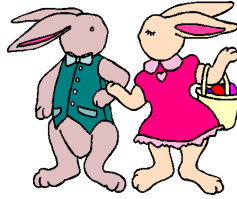
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Happy April Birthdays to:



Linda Alverson, Grace Bent, Oslo Dellinger, John Ewert, Deb Horton, Janet Klima-Losack, Robert Kosnick, Kathi Nash, Tim Padilla, and Regina Croteau,



Sunshine Greetings

Get well cards were sent to Monika Anderson, Ken Newman, and Mary Frances Watkins.

A sympathy card was sent to Terry & Laura Leiter

If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine greeting, please call Barbara at 544-8643

Welcome New Members

Sylvia Golden
Cochiti Lake, NM

Bruce Williams
Silver City, NM

John Della-Ratta
Deming, NM

John Read
Deming, NM

Rodney Flemmons
Lovington, NM

Vicki Espino
Deming, NM

Dan Welch
Deming, NM

John Goss
BattleGround, WA

Nancy Bailey
Silver City, NM

Gilbert Clark
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Charles Grimes
Silver City, NM

Walter Hummel
Las Cruces, NM

Ed Leake
La Mesa, NM

Duane Grahek
Jarales, NM



Rockhound State Park Happenings April 2011

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

Get out and enjoy the wonderful weather we are experiencing. I like it best with a little breeze, 80 degree weather, and sunshine. A little rain once in a while would be wonderful also.

We are extremely busy at the park. The campground is full every night. Our second Ranger, Art, is back on duty from Mesilla Bosque State Park in Las Cruces, and we are very happy to have him back.

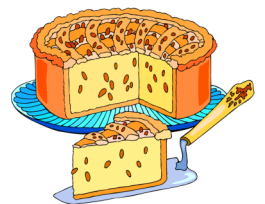
Every five years, each park must submit a Management Plan to the New Mexico State Parks Division. This is a guideline for possible projects and improvements for each park. A public meeting for citizens to voice their concerns and ideas about the draft of the Management Plan was held on March 29th. It was well attended by approximately 100 people. People may submit comment on the draft plan until April 18, 2011 by Fax: 505-476-3361, Mail to 1220 S. St Francis Drive, P.O. Box 1147, Santa Fe, NM 87505, drop it off at the park, or E-mail: nmparks@state.nm.us.

The Annual Desert Alive and Native Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon. It will be a great time to buy native plants from the Friends of Rockhound, and partake in the interpretive programs offered. The programs are free and open to the public.

Rockhound State Park is open year around. The Visitor Center is open from 10 to 11:59 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. daily. Spring Canyon (two miles from Rockhound) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Our telephone number is (575) 546-6182 for any questions about the parks.

Refreshments

for April's meeting
will be provided by:



Bill & Doris Sutton, Tim Harris, and Ric & Linda Morgan-Oconnor

Thank you so much . . .

We love the goodies!

Deming Gem & Mineral Society General Meeting Minutes – *March 24, 2011*

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President, Frank Barber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests and New Members: Bruce Hummel, Dar Gillespie, and Mary. Welcome.

Secretary's report: Judy read a "thank you" note from Crime Stoppers, thanking us for our donation of \$100.00. She also advised there was a correction to the Chips in that Ron Ehrlich is also an assistant shop supervisor. A thank you card was sent to the family of Jim Mitchell, who donated a large amount of rocks to the club. Judy thanked Susan for all her hard work getting donations for our hourly drawing at Roundup. She did an outstanding job. Thanks to all those who provided a silent auction table. Please start now putting things aside for next year so we have more member tables. Judy posted the silent auction table amount each made on the bulletin board. Charlie Kukral had the highest earning table. Thanks Charlie! The shop made about \$500 also for the club on tables Joe put together. Bud Daily was second and the Abbey's were third in sales. Thank you everyone. Reminder of wire wrapping class this coming **Sat. March 26, 9-12:00 a.m.** Also, class schedules are available for pickup for the next 2 months. Still have some exciting classes. Correction also, again, Linda and Ric Morgan-O'Connor are from MA, not MT.

Treasurer's report: Susan read the report of income from the various areas of our Roundup show. It pretty much evened out and was close to last year, even though attendance was a bit down. The report is posted on the bulletin board. Motion to accept both Secretary's report as amended and Treasurer's report as read made by Jim Hoag, seconded by Jim Foutch, approved.

Committee reports:

Claims: Jim Hoag made his report about the field trips and advised that we will be filing in May for next year's permit. The delay in getting this years was a problem with the insurance company.

Roundup: Jerry reports that we need more volunteers for chairing the various positions sooner than just before the show, so they can be instructed and shown what needs to be done. Reminder that the money we bring in at Roundup keeps this club going. Jerry reports that attendance is down 30% over the last five years, which with gas prices and economy is understandable. We need job descriptions of the various chairs to help make the jobs easier for those heading them up. Frank gave a special thank you to Jerry and all the guys who helped with the plumbing problems and getting the P.A. system and electrical straightened out. Jerry reminds that **we need a Roundup Chair person for next year,** as Terry will not be able to do it.

Librarian: Frank reports for Sandy that many books and items are missing. Apparently things are not getting returned. A new policy will be that only 3 items will be able to be checked out and only for a month. Library is open every Thursday from 2-4:00 p.m. Hours may change with the open shop hours. It will be posted and printed in the Chips if they change.

Shop: Maurice reports that the shop is running well. We only had to replace one saw blade at Roundup, no saws were damaged, they are all up and running again. The 24" and 30" are

also running. A big thank you to Joe Marone and to Ron Ehrlich for helping keeping equipment running well. The shop hours will probably change the beginning of April and will be printed in the Chips and posted at the club. Thanks to all the sawyers who took the time to be prepared for cutting at Roundup and have helped keep the shop in good running condition.

Sunshine: Barbara reports she sent a sympathy card to Terry and Laura Leiter and get well cards to Monika Andersdon, Ken Newman and Mary Watkins.

Membership: Carol reports that we had 13 new members sign up at Roundup and 39 renewals. This is Carol's last meeting as she will be moving to Wisconsin next week. We are VERY sorry to lose such a nice lady. Happy Trails, Carol!

President's report:

Old Business:

1) Elaine Smith advised that she received more things for our 2010 history book and she will be getting those in as soon as possible. If ANYTHING else for 2010, get it in now. Frank reminds that **we need a new historian to come on board!** Thank you Elaine for all your hard work and nice job.

2) Frank reminds that the silent auction will close 10 minutes after the end of the meeting.

New Business:

1) Frank advises there will be a filed trip in April for white onyx and other nice rocks. Date and time will be printed in the Chips.

2) Art and Karen Amati will be giving a class after the meeting on mineralogy and how to identify rocks.

3) Dave Shephard advises that if you are interested in learning silversmithing, please sign up and when we get enough for a class, we will call you. We will keep these classes ongoing if enough are interested.

4) Frank presented an appreciation certificate and gift card to Carol Sebruch for her years of service to the club. Best of everything, Carol!

Break

50/50 won by Maureen Scepka.

Door prize of a bolo won by Bill Sutton.

Name Tag prize of a belt buckle won by Sheila Hoag.

Frank thanks everyone who brought refreshments and reminds we need others to sign up for next month. Goodbye to all the snowbirds who may be leaving us shortly and look forward to seeing you next year!

Judy reminded of the rock/yard,art sale on Saturday, April 2, 9-12 a.m. Bring your rocks and "valuable" items to sell. If you need a table, you can rent one from the club for \$5.00.

Motion to adjourn made by Sheila, seconded by Art Krasinski. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Crawford, Secretary

Letter to the Editor - Deming Headlight

On the evening of March 29, 2011, in response to a notice from the New Mexico State Parks, about 80 people turned out to listen to a Draft Management Plan for Rockhound State Park here in Deming. This management plan is done every 5 years for every state park. In reading the proposed draft plan, there were several statements that thoroughly aroused the concern of Deming's citizens. There were representatives from the State Park Service discussing the various issues and to answer questions. Cabinet Secretary John Bemis attended and spoke, advising that he "knew nothing about State Parks"; Christy Tafoya, a staff archeologist, Cynthia Lovely who wrote the draft, Dave Gatterman who is in charge of construction at the various state parks; and Tommy Mutz, probably the most experienced and knowledgeable ranger, who has now been appointed the new Director of State Parks. All of these people are from Santa Fe. When asked who would be making the final decision about Rockhound State Park, Mr. Bemis advised that he would, after reviewing all the public input and editing and revisions the staff may make. After the meeting, he was very impressed with our comments and stated he would certainly review the comments before making a decision.

Many people in attendance spoke with knowledge and working experience in state park systems, and historical information. It was well presented, many suggestions were recorded by the staff for further review, and at no time did it get emotional or out of hand. The land was given to the state by the Select Western Lands who were part of the Rancho division. The original land was donated by the May family as a place to rockhound and it was the intent of that donation that rockhounding be done on the land. The law should pay attention to the INTENT of the gift. Years later, the government wants to come along and make their own rules and interpretations. There may be some changes as to how much can be collected and where, but we are hopeful that the suggestions will be thoroughly reviewed and the people's wishes be taken into consideration.

The draft erroneously states that rockhounding has declined significantly since the 1960's. That statement was rousingly denied and many people attested to the fact that they come and still come to Deming for the express purpose of rockhounding, as do many people from all over the U.S. and Canada. The Rockhound Roundup just past, attests to the many people that come here for that purpose.

The draft states that the park staff has already begun the transition away from rock collecting. We don't believe that to be a fact, when so many volunteers support and supply material to encourage rock hounding.

They want to change the name of the park "because the name 'Rockhound' implies and encourages visitors to come to the park to collect rocks", which contradicts state rule 16.2.32 NMAC. That rule ALSO states that the removal of a "natural object" (translate rock), can be removed for scientific study or non-commercial use by an individual as a souvenir in areas designated by the secretary (Mr. Bemis) and permitted by regulations. (Save us from more regulations!)

The consensus of all attending was that Rockhound State Park should retain it's name, and that rockhounding be allowed to continue. State Representative Dona Irwin was in attendance but did not speak. Mary Gallagher, the head of the Chamber of Commerce spoke and informed us of all the revenue generated by the Rockhound Roundup, and by the RV community that come to Deming for extended periods mainly for the pleasure of rockhounding, whether it be in the State Park or private areas or BLM land, and many people who have permanently moved to Deming because of that interest. You hurt Rockhound State Park, you really hurt the people and town of Deming who depend on the influx of rockhounds who support our businesses, restaurants and spend a lot of money in this town.

If you wish to review the proposed Draft Management Plan in it's entirety, log onto nmparks@state.nm.us under plans. Pay special attention to pages 24, 25 and 30. If you want to make your voice heard, then please email to the following:

nmparks@state.nm.us; Susana.Martinez@state.nm.us; John.Bemis@state.nm.us; Tommy.Mutz@state.nm.us. You can also write to NM State Parks, P.O. Box 1147, Santa Fe, NM 87505. You can fax your letter to: 505)476-3361. Also, send your letter and comments via fax to:

Senator Tom Udall, Washington DC fax: 202)228-3261

Senator Jeff Bingaman, Washington DC fax: 202)224-2852

U.S. Representative Steve Pearce, local fax: 575)522-0855; Washington DC fax: 202)225-9599

State Representative: Dona Irwin: Office number: 575)546-6016

State Senator: John Arthur Smith: Fax: 575)544-2715

We only have until April 18, 2011 to make our voices heard. Get your comments in now!

Maurice & Judy Crawford, Deming Rockhounds

**Deming Gem & Mineral Society
Board of Directors Meeting – April 6, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President, Frank Barber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Frank Barber, Susan Schiffner, Carolyn Abbey, Sheila Hoag, Judy Crawford, Joe Bost and Ron Ehrlich. Non-board members present: Jerry Abbey, Emily and Jim Hoag, Maurice Crawford, Carol Seebruch, Elena Bost, Grace & Ernie Bent, Wayne Treers, Shirley Krasinski, Sandy Barber.

Secretary's report: Judy advised that names have been placed on our In Memoriam and Life Time Member plaques. Judy reported that our rock/yard/art sale went well, we had a lot of vendors this time.

Treasurer's report: Susan read her report and it will be posted on the bulletin board. The taxes have not been completed as of yet.

Committee reports:

Librarian: Sandy reports that many items that were checked out have not been returned. If you checked something out of the library in the past year, please return as soon as possible. Thank you.

Bulletin: Carolyn requests that anything to be put into the Chips be in to her by tonight. There is a new roster which will be printed up soon. The postal mailing of the Chips has gone down.

Shop: Maurice reports that everything is running good. There is one drop saw that is down for repairs. The shop fees will continue to be \$3.00 per session. The new shop schedule for April is posted on the shop door and in the shop and will be printed in the Chips. This may change in May as more people leave for the summer. Shirley asked if we could possibly get an ultrasonic cleaner for the shop. Maurice will look into it.

Claims: Jim advised that the 30-day evaluation will be submitted shortly. Jim reported on the meeting at Rockhound State Park on March 29th. There may be some changes as to how much rock can be collected, but the general feeling was that Rockhound Park will retain it's name and rock collecting will continue to be permitted. However, read letter in Chips and con-

tact the Santa Fe representative to make your voice heard.

Field Trips: Wayne Treers has volunteered to be field trip leader with help from others in the club. The Board accepted his offer. Wayne has several good ideas and will present those shortly to the membership. **Reminder: field trip on Friday, April 15.** Meet at club at 8:00 a.m. and leave club at 8:30 a.m. Will be going for white onyx and other nice rocks.

Roundup: Susan advised that there are 3 prizes left from Roundup and they will be put into the "pot" for those who worked at Roundup to be drawn at the general meeting this month. There was discussion as to getting a Roundup chair elected in June so they could start in July, as has been done in the past. We will be actively recruiting soon. We need to get chairs for the various committees in place earlier so they can be ready ahead of time.

Membership: Carol thanked everyone who has helped her throughout the years. This is her last meeting. Bon Voyage, Carol and best of everything!

Webmistress: Sheila suggested a special speaker for our May meeting. We will be having our regular meeting, then a potluck dinner and speaker at 5 p.m. so plan on coming! Sheila advised that the website is coming up for renewal. After discussion, Carolyn made motion that we renew for 5 years for the reduced priced of \$299.00, seconded by Frank, approved.

President's message:

New Business:

1) Judy advised she needs someone to take minutes for the month of June.

2) Elena Bost has agreed to be our Membership Chair. Thank you Elena! We still need a Historian and, of course a Roundup chair, so please volunteer!

Motion to adjourn made by Judy, seconded by Sheila. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, Secretary

Enhanced, Treated, Heated, Dyed, Stabilized, Created, and Irradiated Are They FAKE????

by Deborah Pfanz

Gemstones and semi-precious stones have been fiddled with for centuries to make them 'more' colorful, more eye-catching, and easier to work. This does not make them 'fake', however one should know what some of those terms and treatments mean.

Heat Treated: this is the most common treatment and is as old as fire. Humans heated agate and jasper so as to be able to knap the stones for tools. Humans also heat gem materials to enhance, clarify or create color in a stone. Amethyst is heated for citrine and ametrine. Zircon is heated to clarify the stone to clear white. Sapphires are heated to get the most amazing pinks and blues. Tigereye is turned blue or red. Carnelian turns orange-red. Aquamarine may go from green-blue to blue. Rubies may lose a purplish tint. Iolite may be turned a deep blue. It is also used to enhance the 'color change' gems such as tanzanite.

Dyed: this is also a very common practice. Agate is dyed to get fancy pinks, purples, orange and blues – eye catching and very saleable. Chalcedony is often dyed; black is sold as onyx and green is sold as chrysoprase.

Howlite is often dyed to look like turquoise, lapis, socialite and harite. Turquoise and jadeite are often dyed to enhance the natural color. Alabaster, coral, banded calcite, and marble are dyed to enhance their color or to imitate other semiprecious stones.

Irradiation: while topaz is currently the most commonly irradiated gemstone (to get various shades and tones of blue) this is also how one gets those fabulously colored diamonds. In fact diamond was the first gemstone color treated with radiation.

Stabilized: Opals are often stabilized - either by filling such as with Opticon resin (or similar agent) or by capping either as a doublet or triplet.

Emerald has a long history of fracture filling due to its popularity and its tendency to be highly included and fractured. While natural oils have traditionally been used for fillings and stabilization, modern synthetic resins are now being used, such as Opticon, which are more permanent than the natural oils were. Turquoise and coral are also stabilized in such a manner so as to make them a bit more durable.

Created: this is a touchy subject. Much like farmed pearls are real with a center of plastic or mother of pearl rather than sand. Still real, still a pearl just helped to grow by a human. Laboratory grown crystals of ruby, sapphire,

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Source:
Cheryl Christensen - 10/2010




diamond, emerald, and star sapphire are real semiprecious stones. They just weren't grown in the earth. So what is the answer: Real or Fake? This 'real vs fake' can be argued with all sides being technically correct. That is not the most important information one can have. The really important bit about this from a lapidary or jeweler's point of view is disclosure. Does one know up front that the stone you are getting has been 'helped along' by the human touch? Do you as a lapidary artist, gemsmith, jeweler or Draftsperson know what you are using? The beauty and art that we create with these stones is being helped along by our touch, much as it was to first get our attention. There is beauty in the knowing - be sure to share with those around you.

Source: Strata Gem 4/08

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1st Wednesday each month

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.

4th Thursday of each month

ROUNDUP MEETINGS

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Secretary.....	Judy Crawford.....	546-0056
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Roundup Chair ('12).	NEED NEW CHAIR	
Asst. Roundup Chair	
Field Trips.....	
Historian.....	NEED NEW HISTORIAN	
1 Yr. Director.....	Joe Bost.....	546-9003
2 Yr. Director.....	Ron Ehrlich.....	544-0028
Past President.....	Brian Beringer.....	546-0653

CHAIRPERSONS

Claims.....	Jim Hoag.....	544-8841
Custodian.....	Members sign up for one month	
Librarian.....	Sandy Barber.....	546-0212
Membership.....	NEED NEW CHAIR	
Parliamentarian.....	
Photographer.....	All Club Members	
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Refreshments.....	All Club members	
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ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

March 8 - 12, 2012



...OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

Held every year on the second weekend (Thursday through Sunday) in March at the SW New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

The Society presents the Annual Gem & Mineral exhibition at the SWNM Fair toward the end of September.

It is an official society function.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL

Friday, April 22nd Good Friday

May

Sat. May 7 – Pine needle baskets 9 – noon

Sat. May 14 – PMC clay class 9 –noon

Sat. May 21 – Suncatchers 9 – noon

APRIL

Sat. April 9 – Advanced gourd class for carving (sign up ahead and get list) and Bead around a cab 9 -noon

Sat. April 16 – Earrings Galore! 9 – noon
and Bead around a cab 9 – noon

Sat. April 23 – Arrow Bracelet 9 - noon.

Sat. April 30 – Twisted bead necklace 9 – noon

Sunday, April 24th Easter Sunday

Thursday, April 28th General Meeting 2 p.m.

MAY

Wednesday, May 4th Board Meeting 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 8th Mothers Day

Thursday, May 26th General Meeting 2 p.m.

Club Class Schedule

Please note some changes from previous Chips bulletin

All meetings are held at the Clubhouse (4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.) unless otherwise noted.
Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.

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It's Egg Gathering Time

