



Miz Prez sez . . .

Hope you had a great Easter. *Sheila*

Roundup field trip

On Saturday, April 7th Maurice and Judy Crawford led us to some of the old mines near the Old Hachita townsite to collect moss agate, jasper, various copper ore specimens, and small amounts of turquoise. There were 20+ people who went.

Upcoming Field Trips

Saturday, May 19th Paul Browning will lead the club into the Rough and Ready Hills to find chalcedony, agate, perlite, calcite crystals, and travertine onyx. Four-wheel drive vehicles are strongly recommended. A hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, plenty of water, and food are also recommended. We will meet at the dirt parking lot in front of the Clubhouse at 8:00 AM, and leave promptly at 8:15 AM. We will then meet Paul Browning at the Blue Moon Restaurant in Radium Springs between 9:30 and 9:45 AM.

It is getting warmer now, and that means rattlesnakes are getting active. Please be aware of your surroundings – watch where you place your hands and feet.

Wayne

Upcoming Classes

Elaine Angstrom will have the "Earrings Galore!" class on Saturday, **April 14th**, 9-12 a.m. Charge will be \$5 and all materials provided.

On Saturday, **April the 21st** there will be a sun catcher class.

For more information call Judy at 546-0056

Roundup Thank You

We just wanted to say that despite the weather, and our attendance being down, the Roundup did come out in the black.

We want to thank again all those who participated in making it a great show.

Maurice & Judy

Refreshments

April refreshments will be provided by

Lyle Megli and Jackie Mayer

Our tummies Thank You



Rockhound State Park Happenings April, 2012

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

The Mexican gold poppies are in full bloom, covering the slopes of mountains, the sides of the roads, and in and around the campsites in the park. The Spanish name, Amopalo del Campo, means "poppy of the countryside." These brilliant displays of color depend upon the weather conditions, especially the amount and timing of the rain. Come out and walk the trails, admire the poppies, and find the "perfect" rock.

Desert Alive event will be held at the park on Saturday, April 14th from 8:00AM to noon. The **Friends of Rockhound** will be selling native and "adaptive" plants. Native plants are grown here and do not need a lot of water to thrive. Adaptive plants are non-native, but suitable to our area. They cost from \$6.00 to \$16.00. We will also have a bird walk and native plant walk.

The **Friends of Rockhound** will be celebrating the **New Mexico Centennial** on Sunday, April 15th from 1-5PM at the park. Entertainment will feature Mike Moutoux with music and cowboy poetry, Randy McCowan, story-teller, Darrell Hawkins, western roper, and more. There will be fun for the kids such as a stick-horse race, potato relay, and a penny toss. Booths will feature some of our numerous official state symbols, and of course, yummy cowboy grub will be available at nominal prices.

Centennials only happen once every hundred years, so come out and enjoy it. I will, since I probably will not be around for the 200 year celebration.

Rock Hound State Park is open every day. The Visitor Center is open from 10:00 A.M to noon, and from 1:00P.M to 4:00 P.M. Spring Canyon is open Wednesday through Sunday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Our telephone number is (575)546-6182.

A Special Thanks

This was my first time to chair a part of the Roundup and I was so pleasantly surprised by the generosity of time by the volunteers who helped with Coffee and Donuts. Many signed up ahead (more than one shift lots of times). When I called to fill some time slots, not one person said no or offered an excuse. I couldn't believe how wonderful you all were.

Also, thanks to Judy Crawford for trying to think ahead and help where she could even though her plate was overflowing. And, boy, thanks to those security people or Jerry who turned the coffee on first thing. That helped a lot.

Hope next year mother nature is a little kinder to us all. In spite of the weather, we did well and enjoyed all the visitors. Have a cup of coffee!!!!

Maureen Scepka
Coffee & Donut Chairperson

DGMS, Inc. – General Meeting – March 22, 2012

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm. The

Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Sheila Hoag, President.

Minutes of Board & General Meetings (approved as in Chips) Maggie Bennett motioned to accept and Marilyn Page seconded.

Secretaries report- none

Treasurer's report- Susan is working up Roundup figures.

Committee Reports:

Field Trips- There will be upcoming trip 4/7/12 to old Hachita mine site to be led by Maurice & Judy Crawford. Leave at 8:30 from club. There may be a joint trip to Mule Creek with the Silver City Rock Club later this year. In December, there may be a Ranger led tour to the Dinosaur Tracks Monument, NW of Las Cruces, NM. There may also be a return trip to Round Mountain later this year.

Bulletin- printed late due to Roundup. Congratulations to Carolyn Abbey for completing the task so soon after Round Up with all her other obligations.

Shop- Johnson Brothers from Albuquerque have donated a drill press for drilling cabochons or agates. We must supply our own diamond drill bits. Another dealer will pay for all the bussed children's geodes for next year. We will have to supply the cutting. The odor from the geode cutting was much less this year due to the plastic curtain. Shop hours will be changing May 1 to M, F, & Sat. 9-12.

During Roundup Joe didn't have to replace any saw blades for the Geode cutting, thanks to you sawyers and he didn't have to do any dressing of wheels (with obsidian). Next year we might add a demonstration grinding station.

Round-Up- Maurice reported most dealers felt their time and

money had been well spent, especially the indoor dealers on Saturday with the inclement weather. Wayne Treers and Joe Morone did a terrific job. Thanks to all.

General Notice- The newest response to Rattlesnake bites by the EMS.

Do not touch the puncture site or apply ice.

Dial 911, give them your location. The EMS will either direct you to the nearest EMS or meet you in route.

Head for the hospital.

Membership- Joe and Elena Bost's youngest daughter recently passed away in Denver, CO. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Joe & Elena. Jim Foutch has been quite ill since Round Up and is still ill as of 3/28/12. Wishes for a speedy recover Jim.

Prizes-The following won gift certificates: Betty Merrill, Priscilla Lingenfelter, Richard Gordan, Susan Schiffner, Nancy Johnson, Carolyn Abbey, Joe Morone, Sandy Barber, Jim Frederick, Jerry Abbey, Marilyn Page

New Business- Two students from Deming HS who are applying for our scholarship addressed the meeting – Aaron Gonzales, WNMU, criminal justice & Johnathan Richmond, NMSU, Hotel Management

Drawings- 50/50 won by Robert Merrill.

Thanks Refreshment people: Thanks you to Monica Anderson & Judy Crawford. Signup list is at sign in table. Refreshment break was at 2:50.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 Motioned by Frank Barber and 2nd by Jerry Abbey.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Morgan, Secretary

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April Birthdays

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Christine Mercadok, Kathi Nash,
Ken Newman, Tim Padilla, Dick
Schuleter, Chuck Smith, and
Charles Steven*

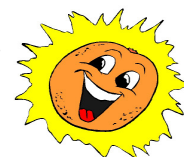
April Anniversaries

*Ernie & Grace Bent, Merle &
Nancy Burton, Mel & Carolyn
Carpenter, Harry & Priscella Lin-
genfelter, John & Dorothy Shoe-
maker, Karen & Ken Spring,
Charles & Laura Steven, Ken & Beverly Vieu,
and Cary & Barb Voss*



Sunshine Greetings

*A get well card was sent
to Jim Foutch*



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

Shop stuff

EDITOR'S NOTE: The source of these tips and hints are other club bulletins. Be careful when trying out any new idea. They have not all been tried by this editor.

Opalized Wood

... is Extremely Brittle: Clamp it and slab it with care, exerting as little pressure as possible. This is a heat sensitive material and should be kept wet and cool at all times while working. A drum sander or horizontal lap works better for removing saw marks than grinding wheels. Cerium oxide, tin oxide, or Linde A on a moist felt buff will bring a mirror polish. It is not usually precious opal, but do remember that opalized wood is opal.

"WHAT ARE DENDRITES?"

Dendrites - crystalline, black, fern-like patterns that resemble forest scenes - have captured the fancy of collectors for centuries. Dendrites produce an amazing original work of art by Mother Nature.



You may have heard the term dendrite, or more likely the adjective, dendritic, used when describing a gemstone, and wondered exactly what it was. They are attractive patterns, usually black or dark brown, that are seen in many types of gemstone material. They are most often associated with agates but are sometimes found in quartz, opal, limestone and other stones. They are sometimes called picture stone or painted stone. The patterns occur naturally due to the presence of iron and manganese oxides. Dendrites are the branch-like formations of manganese oxide crystallizing within the stone.



Metaphysically, these mineral dendrites symbolize growth or change. The word **dendrite** comes from the Greek word for "tree" because a dendritic inclusion in a stone looks like a branching tree or at least like some type of plant life. They are often said to look like ferns or moss and many people mistakenly speculate that they are fossil imprints of moss. Actually, dendrites are inclusions of manganese crystals.

They are formed when manganese-rich water seeps into tiny crevices in rocks and the manganese crystals are deposited in intricate branching patterns.

*Source: Cutting Remarks, April 2012
(Originally From Pasadena Lapidary Soc. Ramblings, June 2010 Issue)*

Welcome

New Club Members

Douglas Ferguson –Elkhart, IN
Marjory Regel –Colorado Springs, CO
Gus Werman –Deming, NM
James Robb –Wilcox, AZ
Henry Van Den Bos –Wilcox, AZ
Clark Gilbert –Portal, AZ
Cheryl Barnes – Deming, NM
Sergio Schwartz –Deming, NM
Terri Creiglow –Mesa, AZ
Pat Grace–Las Cruces, NM
Ronnie Coon –Deming, NM
Merle Burton –Deming, NM
Ronald Erickson –Elk Mound, WI
Marian Hall – Tacoma, WA
Tony Nunez – Las Cruces, NM
Gerry & Gert Kretek–Deming, NM
Christine Mercedo–Deming, NM
Don & Louise Treanor–Deming, NM
Keith Merherg–Deming, NM
Charles, Laura, & Nate Steven– Las Cruces, NM
Karhy Burnett – Regina Beach, Sask, Canada
Paulette Chatelain – Sandy Hook, Manitoba, Can.

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2:00 p.m.

1st Wednesday each month

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.

4th Thursday of each month

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Roundup Meetings

As Needed

Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

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ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

March 7 - 10, 2013



The **ROCK CHIPS**

is the official bulletin of the Society

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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Rockhound Roundup . . . OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

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

THE DEMING GEM and MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. *an incorporated, non-profit organization shall be dedicated to the knowledge, advancement and enjoyment of the earth sciences and associated subjects. The Society's primary purpose is the dissemination and furtherance of knowledge of mineralogy, gem cutting and geology, and to stimulate interest in the development of these studies. It is composed of individuals who have chosen gems and the aforementioned studies as a major interest in their lives.*

Deming Gem & Mineral Society—April Board Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2012

President Shelia opened meeting at 2pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's report was read and will be placed on the bulletin board. This will include the Roundup expenses and profit. Susan broke down the expenses and profits of each day.

Shop: Pipe has been purchased to help heat the water for the grinders next winter, as it was real cold this past year. A coin machine has been installed for the cab saw and runs 5 minutes for a quarter. A few complaints but if you line up your work ahead of time you will get it done in the allotted time. Joe reported that the chop saw does a better job of cutting slabs out back and it's easier. Maurice ordered new 24 inch saw for the shop. We need more rocks for the silent auctions.

New hours beginning in May will be Monday, Friday & Saturday 9-12. Maurice will run the shop when Joe heads home in April. They are still looking for sawyers. Thanks Joe for all you have done for us who frequent the shop. Have a safe trip and see you in the Fall.

Roundup: Suggestion was made to have First Aid boxes in building 1 & 2 for minor injuries.

We will be buying geodes for next year.

The insurance waiver will be for 2-3 days before the show and 2-3 days after. The waiver has to be in place before we are allowed to dig at Big Diggins.

We didn't do as well this year as last year; we did have a profit.

Field trips: Wayne has stated that he will not be in charge of the Roundup trips next year. We really need him as he has done one terrific job and we all appreciate what he has done.

Judy suggested the club have a rock/yard sale and proceeds to go to the club toward expenses. Any other suggestions greatly appreciated.

Now is a good time to start bagging the rocks for the Show. Judy will see about this.

The holiday pot luck was set for the 2nd week in Nov. and another if wanted around April. It was suggested we not have a Christmas dinner out, but the club members can decide.

It was suggested that we have programs following our meeting. This will be brought up also. We have a good selection of DVD's in the library.

Judy is looking for HELP teaching the classes at the club.

Shirley Krasinski would like to see presence of our club in the city and news and has agreed to Chair this; set up display cases in banks; Class and field trip information in the paper, radio etc. She will need volunteers to help out. Will bring up at the general meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Morgan Secretary

Safety Article

Snakes, bugs, and varmints - RATTLE – RATTLE

When we are out on field trips, we should remember that we are not alone. We are visiting the home of a great number of other critters, some of whom - snakes, bugs, and varmints- are not real friendly. They even attack to protect themselves and their homes or because they are ill.



Rattlesnakes are everyone's big worry, of course. With some reason too. Their bite can be very dangerous, and contrary to myth, they don't always rattle to warn you before they bite. Of course, there are other poisonous snakes too - the copperhead, the cottonmouth, water moccasin, the coral snake - and a whole bunch of harmless ones, too. The only way out from meeting one of these snakes too closely is to not get where they are. When you are where they might be, you must ALWAYS 'look before you leap'. Before you take a step, look ahead. Before you step over a rock (or branch, or trunk, or whatever), look on the other side to see who's lying there. Before you stick your hand in a hole or behind a rock, poke around with a stick to see if it is occupied.. Always go slow, so you won't 'run' into a snake, and, if bitten, go immediately to a hospital.

ALL the old first aid we heard about as kids is NO LONGER RECOMMENDED!

Scorpions are another danger. These range from



as dangerous as a bumble bee to deadly. As you go from the oak woods to the desert, remember these are shy creatures. They like to hide in cracks, crevices, under rocks, under brush, in brick pile holes, in concrete blocks, in your unattended shoes, in unattended gloves, in bedrolls, or under picnic baskets - almost anywhere. So, if you stick your hands or feet into hiding places without looking first, you may get stung.

Another thing, never assume a place is too small for one - they can squeeze into and through unbelievably small cracks. So look first, then reach, even if you have spotted an egg size facet grade ruby. Again, if stung, it's hospital time.

Ticks, mosquitoes, flies, 'can't see-ums', chiggers and other bugs are, for the most part, irritating nuisances. They can be avoided through proper use of bug repellants and flowers of sulfur.

Tick bites should be closely watched after the tick is removed. If they don't clear up immediately, check with your doctor - they may have been carrying Lyme's disease - potentially fatal if not treated.

Finally, if you see an animal - skunk, fox, squirrel, rabbit, whatever - that isn't acting naturally, then run the other way. One symptom of rabies is for animals to become unafraid of predators, including you. Another is for them to change normal habits - like nocturnal animals wandering around during the day. Don't make friends, feed, or approach wild animals. Avoid them.

Source Strata gem—April 2012 By: Mel Albright

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL

Saturday, April 7th Field Trip Old Hachita (Grant County, NM) 8 a.m.
Sunday, April 8th EASTER
Thursday, April 26th General Meeting 2 p.m.

MAY

Wednesday, May 2nd Board Meeting 2 p.m.
Sunday, May 13th Mothers Day
Thursday, May 24th General Meeting 2 p.m.
Monday, May 28th Memorial Day Observed



Shop Schedule

Monday, Friday, & Saturday 9 a.m.—noon

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There went Peter Cottontail