

Your New President's Message



Hi Everybody,

Surprise! Surprise! Well the shock has worn off and I'll try to do better at the next meeting. I'll do my best to make the meetings interesting and informative.

Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to join you in Rock Hounding, good clean air, plenty of exercise, lots of bending, and stretching plus you get a good night's sleep.

I hope to see you on the trail or at the shop.

Your new Prez. *Marilyn*

Upcoming Field Trip

On Saturday, August 25th, I will lead the club to the Massacre Peak area south of Cookes Peak to look for banded sandstone (picture rock). 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 7:30 a.m. and leave promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Our monsoon season continues with showers and thunderstorms occurring daily in the area. All field trips are subject to the weather and could be cancelled due to heavy rainfall runoff in the specific rock hound area scheduled for a field trip. If you need more information, please contact me at 575-528-8696.

Wayne

Roundup/Claims:

Maurice and Judy want to thank Rich Little and Ben Staff for all their help in getting the claim reclamation work done this past month. The BLM approved seed mix and mulch were placed and hopefully with all our rains, the grass will grow. We will see. All the paperwork has been sent in and we should be good to proceed with our permits.

Roundup Reminder, we still need 2 persons to assist at Roundup this coming year. We need you by October 1, so please step up. *Thanks, Maurice*

Summer Shop:

The Highland Park saw has now been cleaned and refurbished and is up and running. Progress is being made on other repairs. Otherwise shop is doing well.

The shop is still open Monday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon.



An email received in October 2011

To: "The DGMS, Inc." <thedgms@gmail.com>
Subject: Oct. 2011 Rock Chips

Whoever put this newsletter together has done an absolutely FABULOUS job! It looks great! I know it can't be just one person, so I thank all who contributed and made it a fun, entertaining and informative read! I am proud to be a member of the Deming Gem and Mineral Society!!! *Maggie Karam*

Thank you Maggie for the complement. The bulletin is actually put together by only two people (Jerry & Carolyn Abbey) We would love to have input from other members.

ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS: We are in need of some people to step up and take Officer and/or Chair positions. This is your club. Without your help, it ceases to be.

It's Time for Nominations for 2013 Club Officers.

The question is... Are you willing to work to make us a great club. . . Or do they write poems about you??? Or does this poem hit close to home?

Nominating Committee will be on the prowl....

Who? Me? Run for office? No thanks!

The President's job . . . that should be Frank's
But, listen now, I've some suggestions to make.

How about a display case —

'twill only take a couple evenings for someone to make.

Program Chairman?

I don't see how I can manage that position just now.

But let's have good speakers this next year,

Maybe have a demonstration on cab making here?

You bet I'll attend every one, never fear.

Bulletin Editor?

Oh, I can't write a decent article — mine sound so trite.

But can't we have more rock cutting tips,

A column for news, and some humorous quips,

And something about our rock hunting trips.

Display table? I like it fine.

Oh, no, that Selenite isn't mine.

My minerals and gems are all packed away.

Anyway, I was much too tired today.

Don't you realize just how much rocks can weigh?

I'm in good standing. I've paid my dues.

I never fail to give you my views.

Meeting day comes and there I will be.

I'm present, please note, for all members to see.

Gee, don't you wish there were more members like ME?

THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

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DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR

Membership Dues: \$10.00 per person for Adult Members

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All meetings are held at the Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. building

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BOARD MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.

1st Wednesday each month

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.

4th Thursday of each month

2013

Roundup Meetings

As Needed

Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

OFFICERS

President.....	Marilyn Page	544-9019
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Asst. Roundup Chair.
Field Trips	Wayne Treers	575-528-8696
Historian.....	Zillah Karstetter .	575-694-0456
1 Yr. Director	Ron Ehrlich	544-0028
2 Yr. Director	Kevin Coleman.....	546-4078
Past President	Frank Barber.....	546-0212

CHAIRPERSONS

Claims .....	.....	.....
Custodian	Members sign up for one month	.....
Librarian.....	Sandy Barber.....	546-0212
Membership	Elena Bost	546-9003
Parliamentarian ...	.....	.....
Photographer	All Club Members	.....
Social Chairperson.	Monika Anderson.....	544-4655
Refreshments.....	All Club members	.....
Reporters.....	All Club Members	.....
Shop	Joe Morone	937-206-2111
Sunshine.....	Barbara Hamilton.....	544-8643
Webmaster/mistress .....	.....	.....

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, INC. GENERAL MEETING JULY 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 by Vice President Marilyn Page, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marilyn then read a letter of resignation as President and her membership from DGMS from Sheila Hoag, effective immediately. Marilyn then moved to the office of President (per our By-Laws).

There were two guests present, Willy & Lon Shelton, of Deming, who joined our Club during break..

An announcement was made about the progress of Wayne Treers daughter.

The minutes were approved as written in the July issue of the Rock Chips bulletin.

The Treasurer was not present.

Field trips: Barbara Staff reported on the trip to Baker Ranch. 8 people went along, the weather was good and they didn't run into any critters, i.e. snakes.

Wayne Treers will be the leading trip to Massacre Peak on August 25th. Meet here at 7:30 and leave at 8:00 a.m.

Claims: The claim has been seeded and mulched.

No membership report.

Sunshine not present.

Roundup needs someone to Co-Chair the show.

Shop: The Doppler wax is now available to use. Marilyn will open the shop now on Mondays.

Bulletin: Same as usual, let Carolyn know if there's anything you want included by Friday.

New Business

SWNM Fair—Marilyn is in charge of the display cases. She needs someone to help her out. The materials put in for judging need to be identified as to what, where from, and when acquired.

Jerry spoke on the needs of the club to honor their gate commitment to the Fair. Ron Ehrlich volunteered to coordinate the gate shifts. Please call him and sign up for a shift or two at 575-544-0028.

Sheila having resigned as President and club member, is also giving up being our webmistress. She will continue for a short period until someone else takes her place. So.... we need someone to take over this position. You do not have to live here or anywhere close, just know some about a computer. Sheila will help you get started.

We REALLY need someone to step up and take over this position. If we have no webmaster/mistress our club will have no Rock Chips bulletin emailed to a whole bunch of members, and our website will not be kept up to date. Please think about this and volunteer. Contact Marilyn or

Carolyn and we will set the wheels in motion.

Scholarship: We received a thank you letter from Jason Parra, our Scholarship recipient.

Marilyn presented the bills to be paid for the seeding and mulching. They were approved.

We need a new Vice President since Marilyn moved up to President.

It is the end of July and the current nominating committee term expires. New members will be chosen. Nancy Johnson, the President's pick, is the first to be on the new committee. The Board and general membership will each choose another.

Monika thanked Debbie, Mary, Judy and Nancy for the refreshments. Yum, Yum.

The Rolling Stones of Silver City will have their Rock Show during the Labor Day weekend. They welcome all of us to attend.

Break

After break, a walking stick was won by Nancy Johnson and Marianne DeMott won a mineral specimen. The membership badge drawing was won by Daniel Mayer, and the 50/50 was won by Joe Bost.

Nothing more for the good of the order so the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Abbey for Pam Morgan

DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

Board Minutes July 4, 2012

There was not a quorum present, therefore no meeting was held.

This is the second meeting in a row that was unable to function. *Where are you Board Members???????*

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 Joe Morone, Dave Nickerson, Marjory Regal,
 Felipe Salazar, J. Tindell, Gus Werman,
 Sandy Winright, and Gail Wise



Rockhound State Park Happenings August, 2012

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

Sorry I missed writing to you last month. No excuses, the time just got away from me. We had several events held at Rock Hound last month, topped off with a picnic for all of the volunteers that make this park the wonderful place that it is. The picnic was put on by the Friends of Rock Hound. They are a very dedicated and active group of people from the Deming area, plus Snowbirds that are Friends of Rock Hound in the winter.

Music in the Park will feature two talented musicians. Justin Reyes is a local guitarist/vocalist, and Veronika Barnes is a local accordionist/vocalist. This event will be held at the Group Shelter in the campground from 6-8 PM on Saturday, August 18th. Also mark your calendars for Saturday, September 15th when it will be mariachi time along with the "**Mariachi Corazon del Desierto**". This will be held at the Visitor Center. **Music in the Park**, sponsored by Friends of Rock Hound is always a free event. Bring your lawn chairs for a comfortable good time listening to good music.

The Friends of Rock Hound have their monthly meeting on the last Wednesday of the month with a business meeting at 10:00 A.M., followed by an interesting speaker. All are welcome.

Rock Hound State Park is open all year. The Visitor Center is open from 10-12, and from 1-4PM daily. Our telephone number is 546-6182 for any questions you may have about the park.

August Anniversaries

Robert & Jean Clements, Al & Joan
 Hemke, Keith & Zillah Karstetter,
 Vince & Adrienne Novick, James &
 Cherie Robb, Maureen & Tony
 Scepka, Barry & Laura Watkins,
 Bill & Jane Wellons, and Armand & Janet Zahn



Sunshine Greetings

Lifetime member Sam Wenz has passed away. A sympathy card was sent to his wife Tina and family. Sam & Tina worked in Roundup building security for many years and Tina always had the coffee made early for the field trip customers.

Welcome New Club Members

Fred Hurd – Las Cruces, NM
 Lon & Willy Shelton – Deming, NM

While creating wives, God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world.

And then he made the earth round.



Refreshments

August refreshments will be provided
 Marilyn Page

Our tummies
 Thank You



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J. Felipe Salazar D.D.S.
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Excessive Collecting Of Material: *A Caution* Author unknown

I recently had a conversation with our Field Trip Chair, regarding a new site for one of our upcoming field trips. Part of that conversation was about the amazing material to be found in this location, and part of it was how we could protect it from being stripped and made useless for future trips for our society and the generations that follow us.

I found an old article in the Stillwater Mineral & Gem Society, Inc., May 2002, Rockhound Gazette that highlighted this topic. It came from a talk give by Dan Brown at the 2000 Annual Co-op Seminar meeting in California entitled "How We Lose Public Lands and How to Slow the Process." In the article, Dan has this to say. "What I am about to say next will not win me a popularity contest, but I feel that it must be stated anyway. I'm speaking of the indiscriminate, excess collecting of material in the field and destruction and/or disfigurement and littering of public land."

"What is the average rockhound going to do with 100 lbs. of geodes? I'll bet my bottom dollar that most, if not all of them will sit in their yards until the individual is pushing up daisies. Then they are discarded by families who have little or no appreciation for them. There are too many excellent collection sites that have been completely depleted by this process."

"I'm a great one to talk. I have 100 lbs. of Texas Springs limb casts sitting in my garage. Perhaps one or two will be cut up and fashioned into jewelry and maybe one or two will be cleaned up and cataloged into my mineral collection. I take little comfort in knowing that I'm not alone in this practice. It's time we change our ways in this regard."

"I have observed countless times holes and even abandoned pits left behind by rockhounds. They are not only safety hazards to people as well as animals, but they are unsightly as well. There have been a number of occasions when I was the last person to leave a rockhound group campsite only to observe the litter left behind. In most cases I have hauled away the litter and made appropriate disposal of it. WE need to clean up our act."

"Finally, I would like to share an idea with you. Most, if not all of you, have experienced the joy and wonders of discovery when hunting for specimens or lapidary material. It's the searching and finding that gives so much satisfaction to many of us. The comradeship and social aspects add to our enjoyment of the hobby. Some of the material found finds its way into show and exhibits or is converted into an object of art and jewelry. Most of it does

not. Would it not be better to share our discoveries and materials with schools, colleges and universities? The alliances made and information shared would enrich the lives of all concerned."

I think our society can be proud of the manner in which we clean up our sites and carry out our litter. However, we have young members whom I hope will be able to take their young children out to the areas surrounding us in the future and still have the fun and thrill of collecting in the field that we do. Collect with caution.
Source: Strata Gem—July/Aug 2012

Hints & Tips:

Make Your Own Stone Cloth

Ever notice how quickly a polished stone starts to lose its luster when passed around and shown off? Many things contribute to this phenomenon, but two common elements are skin oils and microscopic abrasive particles. Professional gem dealers carry a "stone cloth" like the type available from the Gemological Institute of America. But unless you are GIA alumni, you probably don't know where to start looking; and when you do find cloths available, the asking price is often a little hard to swallow!

The good news is that you can make your own! Buy some felt (tight-grained is better) at any fabric or craft store (think of the fabric on the outside of a Sterling Silver polishing cloth). Simply cut to the size and shape you desire, then mist one side with 100,000 grit diamond spray (available at lapidary or rock shops, or occasionally available from faceter friends - good ones, anyway!). Let dry overnight. Use the side without diamonds first, to remove oils, then rub the stone well with the diamond impregnated side.

You (and all onlookers!) will be pleasantly impressed! You can use diamond spray of larger grit size (50,000 works well); but be certain not to use a grit size larger than your final polishing stage, or you'll "erase" your beautiful original finish! If you polish with an oxide compound (cerium, alumina, etc.), don't use any grit size larger than 50,000 (note that "larger" translates to a smaller number in this regard). This works well for almost any material, though it works particularly well for agates and jaspers - and their "evil" habit of losing luster over time!

Source: Strata Gem—July/Aug 2012

Extra High Polish: To put an extra high polish on a cabochon or a flat, first polish in the normal manner, then buff with a used sheet of "Bounce", or similar fabric softener sheet. A used sheet seems to work better than a new one (it has been transformed by heat in the drying process.) I have not tried other brands, but I believe the result should be the same. This trick has worked for me on several different materials. The result is noticeable increased shine. I do not know if it is the chemical agent or the texture of the sheet... whatever the reason, it works.

By Leslie Brooks, Boeing Employees Min. Soc. via Leaverite News—4/2012

Ivory Soap Flakes ("Ivory Snow") was discontinued in 1993. Fortunately the Ivory pure soap bars are still being made. Just grate the soap, the slotted grate is easier than the other side with the holes. The grated soap can be used for that cleaning tumble cycle just before the polish.

Note, I found the soap was very tough to wash out of my food processor. Even after the dishwasher some additional cleanup was necessary.

Source: Leaverite News—4/2012

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 1st Board Meeting 2 p.m.
Thursday, July 23rd General Meeting 2 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 3rd Labor Day
Wednesday, September 5th Board Meeting 2 p.m.
Thursday, September 27th General Meeting 2 p.m.

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Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.*

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. . . we all scream for Ice

