



The Prez sez . . .

Another year has come to an end. New officers and new challenges. I have enjoyed working with Susan Schiffner and Judy Crawford.

Judy always kept me on the straight and narrow at the meetings, and Susan gave me writers cramps from signing checks. Thanks to Jim Hoag for all the work he has done on the claims, and Wayne Treers for getting the Field trips going again. Maurice Crawford for running the shop; Carolyn Abbey for all the work putting out the chips; and Monika Anderson for all the great meals she has prepared, and Barbara Hamilton for Sunshine. Thanks also to our Web Mistress Shelia Hoag who will be our new President next year in 2012.

I would also like to mention Elena Bost our membership chair person and Ron Ehrlich and Susan Schiffner for assisting Maurice Crawford as Roundup Chairman; Sandy Barber our Librarian and our new Historian Zillah Karstetter.

Thanks to Marilyn Page for the taking the Vice President position., and to Lori Coleman who volunteered to run for Secretary, and Kevin Coleman whose running for a 2 yr. Director position.

If I have forgotten any one, I apologize.

Thanks to all of you, and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Frank

Upcoming Field Trips

Saturday, January 21st Daryl Johnson will lead us to the Victorio Mountains (south of Gage, NM) to look for agates, chalcedony, azurite, malachite, and other copper ore specimens. The Victorio Mountains saw much mining activity at the turn of the 20th century as miners looked for gold, silver, copper, tin, and lead. There are plenty of tailings to poke through, and possibly we might visit an old ghost town close by (Chance City).



Meet outside the Club's parking lot at 8:30 a.m., and we will leave sharply at 9:00. A hat, sunscreen, and plenty of water are recommended. Be prepared for winter weather. Bring a lunch if you want to stay past noon.

Saturday, January 28th Bonus Field Trip

Because this field trip was cancelled in December, we will try to go to the Baker Egg Mine to look for agates and geodes again. Our friends from the Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society will be joining us. We will meet outside the Club's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and leave at 8:30. A hat, sunscreen, and plenty of water are recommended. Be prepared for winter weather.

Bring a lunch if you want to stay past noon.

Wayne

Upcoming Roundup Meetings

10 a.m. on December 10th,
January 14th and
February 11th & 25th

Be sure to attend the Roundup meetings. We need your help to make this a great show.

Thanks,
Maurice & Judy



Shop Notes

Shop will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 3. All the saws are working except the Lortone, which will be fixed shortly. Everyone have a great holiday!

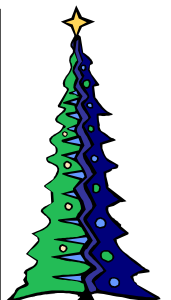
Maurice

Classes

We had a great turnout for the Christmas gourd ornament class. A Wirewrapping class will be held Sat. Dec. 17 from 9:00 am to noon. If you do not have your materials list, pick one up at the club. You should be able to get your supplies from Black Hat Trading.

Judy

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2:00 p.m.

4th Thursday of each month

NEXT ROUNDUP MEETING

10:00 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10th

Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

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Merry December Birthdays to:



Don Bennett, Robert Clements, Kay Dales, Maria Ehlers, James Frederick, John Goss, Jacque Grummett, Robert Hanson, Jim Hazelton, Charles Jago, Pat King, Harry Lingenfelter, Joyce Martin, Betty Merrill, Katherine O'Riordan, Susan Schiffner, Paulette Schilling, Ben Staff, and Bruce Williams

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Our Last Field Trips

On Saturday, November 12th about 12 enthusiastic rockhounds traveled back to the BLM's Round Mountain Rockhound area in Greenlee County, AZ and found nice specimens of chalcedony (both white & pink), common opal (both white & pink), quartz crystals, and fire agate. We had a great time, and we would like to thank Paul Browning for volunteering to lead the field trip.



DG&MS member carrying a heavy load of treasures



Jack Russell, a true "rockhound" (Paul Browning's buddy)

Our December field trip to the Baker Egg Mine was cancelled due to unusually bad weather. We will re-schedule this field trip for January.

Refreshments

No one has signed up for December



Welcome to

New club Members

Jackie & Dan Mayer—Deming, NM
Jacque Grummett—Elliott Lake, Ontario, CA
Sandy Winright, Silver City



Sunshine Greetings

A card of get well wishes was sent to Sam Wenz & George Laudermilk, and Thinking of You card sent to Julia Williams.

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

Librarian

I would like to thank Monika Anderson for donating a book titled "Pearls". I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Sandy

P.S All of you Holiday travelers have a safe trip!!

Shop Schedule

Monday 9 a.m.—noon	Monday 5—8 p.m.
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wed. 9 a.m.—noon	
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday 9 a.m.—noon	
Saturday 9 a.m.—noon	



PLEASE pick up your Roundup raffle tickets at the January General meeting. Save us the chore and expense of mailing them



a little reminder . . .

Mail your payment to DGMS at P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031.

Or you can pay them at the general meeting.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society Board Meeting Minutes – December 7, 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: Joe Bost, Ron Ehrlich, Sheila Hoag, Maurice & Judy Crawford, Carolyn Abbey, Brian Beringer, Susan Schiffner, Frank Barber. Non-board members present: Joe Morone, Wayne Treers, Jerry Abbey, Jim Hoag, Elena Bost.

Secretary's report: Judy read a letter from a new member, Jacqueline Grummett, who recently joined, but had to leave to go back home in Ontario, Canada. She made a donation to the club of \$20.00 to be used as we wish. She advised since she will not be here to assist in club functions, she wanted to do this. I sent her a thank you letter from the club.

Judy advised that we have received our request for scholarship from the Deming High School. After discussion, Brian made motion to approve one \$1,000 scholarship this coming year, seconded by Susan, approved.

Judy advised that there will be a wire wrapping class on Sat. Dec. 17th from 9-12:00. If you do not have your materials list, please pick one up from the club.

Treasurer's report: Susan gave her report of finances. She reported that for the first time, the shop is ending their year with money in the bank – way to go guys! Thank you to all those that helped make this possible. Sheila made motion to approve the Secretary and Treasurer reports, seconded by Ron, approved.

Committee reports:

Claims – Jim Hoag reports that we have the permits for Big Diggins. When the weather allows, they will be posted at the claim. Jim also said we have permission to work on the road, so we will be looking for volunteers when that happens. We have the permit for a whole month this year to forestall any problems. Jim had made proposal for several members to help with the claim paperwork. It was suggested that the president, Roundup Chair, Shop foreman, possibly the 2-year director serve on the committee. For now, Joe Morone, Ron Ehrlich and Rich Little have agreed to also be on the committee. This should relieve the burden that Jim Hoag has had to endure the past couple of years.

Librarian: Not present.

Membership: Elena reports new members have signed up. She reminds that the 2012 dues are now due as of Dec. 1. Please start sending those in, or pay at the meetings.

Bulletin: Carolyn has the Chips ready to go, need anything in by tonight.

Roundup: Maurice reports that the T-shirts should be done by next week. Reminder of Roundup meeting this Sat. Dec. 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Field trips: Field trip to Baker Mine for Dec. 3, was cancelled due to the weather. Our next field trip will be Sat. Jan 21 led by Daryl Johnson to Victorio mountains, where there is a ghost town also. Rescheduled field trip to Baker Mine is Sat. Jan 28.

Shop: One saw down should be up and running next week. Maurice thanks all those members who have volunteered their time, and helped make this a successful year for the shop.

Webmistress: Sheila reported that the Chips may be late going out on the website as her internet is down right now. Joe Morone advised that we are getting calls about the website and he has asked them to send inquiries in writing, whether it be change of

email address or some other matter so we can get it to the appropriate person.

President's report:

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1) Maurice presented a proposal that the capital items (inventoried assets) should be maintained (repairs) by the club and not the shop. The shop's budget should be used for expendables, oil, propane. After discussion, Susan made motion that the matter be tabled for now, seconded by Ron, approved.

2) Joe Morone brought up that the grit we purchased last year for the tumblers has lasted all year. Need to purchase more, about \$250.00. Also, one of the tumblers needs a new bearing.

3) Since the club is paying for 1/3 and the shop paying 2/3 of the cost of running the tumblers, it was discussed on how to set aside 2/3 of the tumbled stones for Roundup and 1/3 for club donations, etc. A proposal for keeping track of how much stone is produced for the cost effectiveness was made and a written proposal will be presented at the next board meeting.

4) Joe Morone advised that we have a piece of machinery (geode polisher) that has been in the shed for some time not being used. It was discussed to put an ad in the Chips and on the website, and if it does not sell, then put it in the silent auction at Roundup. It is \$1800 new and has very little use. Minimum bid is \$850 with the motor.

5) Joe advised that he attended the GPAA meeting on 12/6. The coordinator, Russ Schumacher, has asked to rent our clubhouse for meetings once a month. After discussion, Susan will check on legal ramifications, waivers and insurance liabilities and will report to the board members on Dec. 16th. We will have a reply to Mr. Schumacher after that date.

Brian advised that this is his last board meeting as past president. We thank you Brian for all your hard work and help to make the club run much smoother.

No further business for the good of the club. Motion to adjourn by Carolyn, seconded by Ron. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Crawford, Secretary

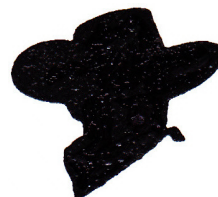
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Rockhound State Park Happenings December, 2011

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

We are happy to see all of the winter visitors. Some are first timers, others are repeat snowbirds. Hopefully, we will not have a winter like last year. Remember the COLD days and nights. Burr.

We have new gravel on the Labyrinth path next to the Native Garden. It sets off the path nicely, and makes it even better to stroll on.

The Holiday Lights will be held on the evening of December 10th. Over 1,000 candles will be lighting up the Native Garden, Labyrinth, and the road to the Visitor Center. The Friends of Rockhound will be serving the Big C-3, also known as cookies, coffee, and cocoa. Come out and take in the view.

Rockhound State Park Visitor Center will be closed Christmas Day. The park itself will be open for your enjoyment and walking pleasure. Sounds like a good thing to do after a big meal doesn't it?

The Visitor Center is normally open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m, closing from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch. Our telephone number is 575-546-6182 for questions and comments.

Without a Clue, One Thing To Do

This Class Rocks

A rock was needed to teach a school class
No one could find the rock, and time did pass
The teachers looked and could not find a clue
They said, "there's only one thing we can do."
They asked for help and got it from a cop
They said, "any further day must stop
Without specimens how can we teach rocks?
We've searched everywhere, even in our socks."
Now the cop that they called was Sherlock Holmes.
He and Dr. Watson came from their homes
Sherlock deduced and solved many a crime
They all knew he could do it one more time.
He carefully inspected the school scene,
While he learned about rocks and what they mean.
The class was smart, they answered and they talked.
Sherlock saw that this class really rocked.
He guaranteed he'd find the rock today.
Everyone then heard Dr. Watson say,
"Sherlock you found the rock; the time is noon.
How could you find this rock so very soon?
You didn't even have to leave the room.
And you used no tools, not even a broom.
How could you find it immediately,
When everyone else searched so futilely?"
The teachers and the class with one intent
To hear the answer leaned forward and bent.
The answer was a familiar one,
"It was sedimentary dear Watson."

Source: RockNGem-11/11—by Ronald J. Yadusky, BS, MD, FACS

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.*

Tighten vice clamps after every few cuts for a smoother cut even if successive slabs are saved from one piece of rough.

Grinding Obsidian Slabs: Approach the grinding wheel with the material at a slight horizontal angle. If brought straight in, it may be a shattering experience since obsidian fractures easily if not worked correctly.

A Silurian specimen of chlorophane, a variety of fluorite, is luminescent when heated. A pale violet color specimen emits a white light by merely heating it in your hands; boiling water can cause it to give off a green light.

When buying a gold chain make sure that the karat mark appears on a part of the chain besides the clasp. If only the clasp is marked, the chain may be plated and not real gold.

Mineral IQ Test

by Anita Westlake

1. What is black mica called
2. What color streak does hematite leave on an unglazed porcelain tile?
3. What does pseudomorph mean?
4. What is the purple variety of quartz called?
5. Are diamonds found in meteorites?
6. In the mineral kingdom, what is a halfbreed?
7. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe had what mineral named after him?
8. What mineral is 4 on the Mohs Hardness scale?
9. Which mineral is a natural magnet?
10. Which is the stalagmite and the stalactite?
11. What is another name for pyrite?
12. What is a "thin section"?
13. What's the difference between magma and lava?
14. What is silver/clear mica called?
15. Is amber a mineral?
16. What are aa and pahoe-hoe?
17. What's the difference between a meteorite & a meteor?
18. Do meteorites come from meteor showers?
19. Where in outer space do meteorites originate?
20. Which mineral has variable hardness?
21. What is the principle use of bauxite?
22. What is "quicksilver"?
23. Why is Rancho La Brea famous?
24. What common natural glass is still used in eye surgery?

Mineral Test Answers on page 7

Source: Strata Gem—Nov. 2011

DGMS, Inc. – General Meeting – November 17, 2011

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

New members and guests: Jackie & Dan Mayer, Sam & Kim Fry, Jacqueline & Bob Grummett, Rodger & Lynn Schaap. Welcome to all of you!

Secretary's report: Judy thanked all those who helped set up for our Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday: Jacque Grummett, Keith & Zillah Karstetter, Nancy Johnson, Deb Rorick, Ernie & Grace Bent, Barbara Hamilton, Pam Morgan, Maggie Karam, Judy & Maurice Crawford, Marilyn & Lloyd Page, Frank Barber. A BIG THANK you to Monika for organizing another great dinner. Thanks to all those who helped clean up afterwards. It was very much appreciated.

Treasurer's report: Susan read her report of finances and it will be posted on the bulletin board.

Committee reports:

Sunshine: Barbara sent a get well card to George Lauder milk, and we were very glad to see him here today.

Library: Sandy had nothing new to report.

Membership: Elena reports two new members.

Shop: Maurice reports the 30" saw is down for a day or two. Everything else working fine.

Roundup: Maurice advises that the next Roundup meeting is this coming Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the club. Please come and volunteer.

Historian: Zillah reports we need more pictures and articles for our history book for this year. Be sure to check it out on the front table.

Field trips: Wayne advised that the last trip to Round Mountain was good and new things were found with Paul Browning leading the trip. Our next trip is Saturday, Dec. 3 to the Baker Egg Mine for geodes and agates. Meet at the club at 8:00 a.m. and leave about 8:30 a.m. The Silver City club members are coming along with us.

Claims: Not present.

Bulletin: Carolyn reports she is working on the next Chips and it will be out on time.

Old Business:

Marilyn read the roster of names for upcoming board officers. Lori Coleman has volunteered for the position of secretary, and Kevin Coleman has volunteered

for two year director. Marilyn invited anyone to volunteer for vice president. When no one volunteered, she volunteered for the position. Remember, at our December meeting on December 22, we will be voting on our new officers, so be sure to come.

New Business:


- 1) Maria Ehlers from the Girl Scouts spoke about an upcoming event in Las Cruces which will be held at the NMSU campus. There will be a great opportunity for our club to show the progression of rough rock to finished piece of jewelry, by tumbling or lapidary work and exposure to our club. It will be on Dec. 3 and if you can help with this, please contact her. The information is on our craft sign up table.
- 2) Jim Foutch advised that the group of gifted kids came for a field trip, but the road to Big Diggins had some washouts, so they "rockhounded" at our rock pile in back and still had a great time. No further business for the good of the club. Motion to adjourn made by Marilyn Page, seconded by Keith Karstetter. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. for our Thanksgiving dinner. Yum!

Respectfully submitted, Judy Crawford, Secretary

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Mineral Test Answers from page 5

1. Biotite
2. Red to Brownish Red
3. False-Form
4. Amethyst
5. Yes, most notably in Canyon Diablo
6. A specimen of half silver and half copper
7. Goethite
8. Fluorite
9. Magnetite
10. Stalagmite grows up mightily from the ground. Stalactites have to hang on tight to drip from the Ceiling
11. Fool's Gold

12. A wafer thin slice of a mineral or meteorite that is virtually transparent. It is placed in a polarized microscope to identify individual minerals and their crystal structures.
13. Magma forms inside the volcanic chamber lava flows outside the chamber and is visible to the eye.
14. Muscovite
15. No it does not pass one of the five characteristics of a mineral most specifically "inorganic"
16. Types of lava. Aa is named for the sound one makes when walking upon its rough surface pahoe-hoe is ropy lava.
17. A meteorite is a rock from space that makes it to the ground. A meteor is the LIGHT you see

- when the meteor-oid hits the earth's atmosphere and briefly catches fire.
18. No-Meteor showers are cyclical and are the result of comet trails intersecting with earth's orbit.
 19. The aster-oid Belt between Mars and Jupiter
 20. Kyanite
 21. Aluminum
 22. Mercury (the liquid metal that used to be in thermometers)
 23. The La Brea Tar Pits where hundreds of animals were found preserved in tar
 24. obsidian

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 7th	Board Meeting	2 p.m.
Saturday, December 10th	Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.
Thursday, December 22	General Meeting	2 p.m.
Saturday, December 25th	Christmas Day	<i>Merry Christmas</i>
Saturday, December 31st	New Years Eve	

JANUARY

Sunday, January 1, 2012	<i>Happy New Year</i>	
Wednesday, January 4th	Board Meeting	2 p.m.
January (Field Trips)	See Article on page one for details	
Saturday, January 14th	Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.



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