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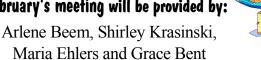
President's Message

It was good to see so many of you at the general meeting. And I would also like to thank everyone who stayed after to help fill the grab bags for Roundup. It was greatly appreciated. And, thanks to everyone who volunteered to help Jerry and Terry tear

down and reposition the partitions from building #1 at the fairgrounds.

There is still a great need for more volunteers for various jobs.

Refreshments for February's meeting will be provided by:



Thank you so much . . . We love the goodies!

Shop Notes

Rockhound Roundup Shop Hours

During Roundup this year the shop will be closed for working on individual projects. It will be open at times for tours and safety classes only. Hours will be posted on the



gates and around the Show. This allows us to introduce new members and people not familiar with the shop yet, and make sure that we are not taking vital staff away from the Roundup.

Mother Lode Info

The paper work and fees for have been filed with BLM and we are awaiting the permit for Roundup. As has been discussed at the general meetings we have to keep our Recreational and Claims separate and maintain records for each activity. We are trying to get a guest speaker to come to the club to explain the claims rules as they have changed over the past twenty years and what is involved in keeping a claim active now.

Roundup Meetings - Saturday, February 12 and 26th - 10 a.m.

ROUNDUP BRIEFING

For the benefit of our newer members, here is a brief description of what goes on and what it takes to put our show on each year.

We start setting up on Monday (this year it's the 7th) about 8 a.m. Tables, display cases, equipment, and other supplies, must be moved from storage and set up. The buildings need to be swept out and the outside and inside vendor spaces marked.

Tuesday (the 8th) we will finish whatever tasks still need doing.

On both days coffee and donuts are provided for the morning break, around 10:00 a.m. Lunch is on your own. It's important that you sign the worker's sheet (at the stage) so you get credit for your help.

This year, Jerry Abbey will ramrod the general set up crew, Sheila Hoag the display cases, and Susan Schiffner, Ken Newman & Art Krasinski the dealer spaces. The more help we have, the easier and quicker the job gets done. There are tasks for everyone; some that can be done while sitting and not involving manual labor, and even running errands (we always forget to bring something).

Wednesday is the day the dealers arrive and start setting up their booths.

Thursday through Sunday is Show Time! Many tasks need your help during the show: Membership/information table, spinning wheel, geode cutting, bucket brigade (to pick up auction donations from the dealers), helping with silent and live auctions, and many other things that may come up.

The Roundup ends Sunday at 5 p.m. and the dealers pack up and depart. Monday, following the show we take a day of rest and catch up at home. On Tuesday, starting about 8 a.m., we tear it all down and put everything away ready to go again next year.

The Rockhound Roundup is the Club's main source of income and the reason we can keep our dues low. It takes contributions of time and effort from <u>ALL</u> club members to make it work. So mark your calendars, plan your schedules, bring your gloves, and come on out.

Thanking you in advance, Terry Dellinger

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting – January 27, 2011

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

Guests and new members: Regina Croteau, Kathy Porath, Gregory Aldret, Toni & Paul Sanders, Debra & David Sumner, Ric & Linda Morgan-O'Connor, Felipe Salazar. Welcome to all.

Secretary's Report: Judy advised that the craft classes schedule is posted on the shop door and are printed in the Chips. More classes will be scheduled shortly. Proposal for rock/yard/art sale like we had last year at the club will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 9:00 to 12:00. Pick up an info sheet at the club and sign up if you are interested. Judy is handling the silent auction tables for Roundup, so if you are willing to take a table, contact her soon. Motion to accept minutes as printed in the Chips made by Jim Foutch, seconded by Ron Ehrlich. Approved.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Susan gave her report and it will be posted on the bulletin board. Ron Ehrlich made motion to approve report and Art Krasinski seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports:

<u>Sunshine:</u> Barbara advised she sent get-well cards to: Hank & Judy Nelson, and Ruth Foutch.

<u>Membership:</u> Carol advised that new Roundup T-shirts are available now for sale.

Shop: Joe advised that 14 Girl Scouts came into the club for a jewelry day. They all made a nice pendant from working in the lapidary shop. Thanks to those who volunteered: George Laudermilk, Chet Schilling, Art Krasinski, Ron Ehrlich. Some equipment in the shop has been moved around, everything running, some further maintenance to be done. Come and see your shop. Hours are posted on the shop door. Joe reminds that we need volunteers for geode cutting for Roundup. They need to complete a 6-hour training course at the shop prior, then can sign up for actual cutting. Joe says attendance is down a little.

<u>Field Trips:</u> Jim Foutch will lead a filed trip on Monday, Feb. 7 to his "secret" place. Come to the club by 8:30 and they will leave by 9:00 a.m. Be sure to bring water.

<u>Librarian</u>: Shirley advises that Sandy Barber will be taking over the library as soon as possible. Shirley reminds that after the meeting, people are needed to help fill grab bags. Also, she needs more people to sign up for the spinning wheel for Roundup and still need more rocks for grab bags.

<u>Historian:</u> Elaine received more things for our last 2010 book. If you have more, get it to her as soon as possible.

<u>Bulletin:</u> Carolyn asked if you are not getting the Chips the way you want it, see her. To help defray the cost of postage, we are accepting business card sized ads to be placed in the Chips; \$25.00 for one year. Does not have to be rock related, so contact a business or someone you know to get an ad in.

Roundup: Terry advised he needs one more assistant, Bud Daily is one, but need one to train. Sign up sheets are on the front tables, so please sign up to help somewhere. He needs a field trip coordinator, and trip leaders and tail gunners for the

field trips. Jerry Abbey advised he needs 8-10 men to help move partitions at the fair about 8:30 a.m. on Sat. Jan 29. He reminds that the fair is not charging us a yearly rent if we help do things for the fair now and in Sept. The signs go up in about 1-1/2 weeks, need volunteers and we will need some adjustment as to placement due to road construction. Reminder: March 19 is the exclusive field trip at Big Diggins for those who help with Roundup.

<u>Claims</u>: Jim advised he is working well with BLM. They are so pleased with our handling of things, they returned our bond. He is getting all the paperwork in place for Roundup. To develop the claim properly, it is a whole new process and BLM is very cooperative. It is now a commercial/recreational claim. Costs will go down for future years. New claim markers have been placed.

President's Report:

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1) The Board approved giving Barbara Hamilton a Lifetime membership in the club for all the years of service to our club. Congratulations Barbara!
- 2) Raffle tickets are ready to be picked up at the front table.
- 3) We need a new Historian to continue our history books. Please volunteer!
- 4) Monika Anderson has graciously agreed to continue being our social chairperson. Yea! Thank You Monika!
- 5) Today's silent auction will close after the meeting.
- 6) Monika advised that we need volunteers to sign up for refreshments for the next meeting.

Break.

Door prize of beaded earrings won by Doris Sutton.

50/50 won by Carolyn Abbey.

Name tag prize of a bola donated by Ron Ehrlich won by Nancy Johnson.

Frank thanks those who provided refreshments for today. We appreciate the goodies!

Arlene Beem advised that George Gollihar, a long-time member, is doing better and is home again.

Frank advised the silent auction was closed.

Motion to adjourn made by Art Krasinski, seconded by Pat Smail. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, Secretary

Happy February **Anniversaries** to



Happy February Birthdays to:

Frank Barber, Harold Buck, Donna Dellinger, Ron Ehrlich, James Enos, Ken Ledbetter, Mike Leonard, Donald Lyle, Priscilla Lingenfelter, Flo Lovell, Sherry McDaniel, Marilyn Page, Amanda Ruff, Chet Schilling, Bruce Small, Emilie Smith, Clark Smith, and Nancy Vanbeusekom



Sunshine Greetings

were sent to Hank & Judy Nelson and Ruth Foutch.

Correction: Hal Wheeler passed away, not his wife as was listed last month from wrong info supplied. My apologies.

If you know of someone who could use a little

Welcome New Members

Dale Williams, Liberty Lake, WA Glenn Tuter Tyler, TX Jim Beals Deming., NM Felipe Salazar Deming, NM Robert & Judy Denune

Ajo, AZ

Maria & Robin Ehlers

Deming, NM J. Tindell Deming, NM

Regina Croteau

Mesa, AZ Frank Smith

Deming, NM

Cary & Barb Voss Newcastle, WY

Phil & Arlene Madsen

Vail, AZ

Duane Wegley Kilgore, TX Linda Alverson

Deming, NM Lisa Jackson

SM Centen, KS **Charles Gilbert** Houston, TX

Ric & Linda Morgan

Millbury, MT

Dave & Debra Sumner

Lenox, GA

Frank (Andy) Anderson

Silver City, NM

Gerald Deeg, Sebewaing, MI

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

ROUNDUP COMMITTEES

Show Chairman – Terry Dellinger 936-433-0108
Co-Chairman – Bud Daily 505-267-4399
Please call any of these people if you have questions or if you would like to help out in their area.
Inside Dealers – Susan Schiffner
Outside Dealers – Ken Newman
and Art Krasinski494-5971
Coffee & Donuts #1 & #2 – Pat King 715-210-4284
Display Cases – Sheila Hoag544-8841
Information Booth – Carol Seebruch 546-4385
Signs around town – Frank Barber546-0212
Field Trips – SINU NEED SONEONE
Field Trip Trailer
Spinning Wheel – Shirley Krasinski544-1315
Geode Cutting – Ray King715-210-4284
Raffle Tickets – Elena Bost & Grace Bent
Silent Auction MC is Em Hoag
Live Auction MC – \$
Auctioneer Doug Tharp
Security Bldg. #1 WedThurs IIII IEED SOUED IE
FriSat \$
Security Bldg. #2 SINU NEED SOURCE
Advertising – Carolyn Abbey 543-8916
Janitorial/Maintenance - Ernie Bent

Still need lots of smaller rocks for the grab bags. These are used at the spinning wheel and also sold at the information booth.



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Deming Gem & Mineral Society Board of Directors Meeting – February 2, 2011

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

Members present: Judy Crawford, Susan Schiffner, Frank Barber, Brian Beringer, Joe Bost, Ron Ehrlich, Terry Dellinger and Jerry Abbey for Carolyn Abbey.

Non-members present: Sandy Barber, Maurice Crawford, Dave Shepherd.

<u>Secretary report:</u> Judy advised that at our March general meeting, we will be having Art Amati present a Mineral Identification class.

Treasurer report: Susan read her report. We now have a checking account set up strictly for the shop. Susan advised that the shop needs to be self-sufficient. We are required to keep a \$500 balance at all times in the checking for the shop and if anything large needs to be ordered, it must be cleared with her first to make sure the funds are available. Susan brought up also that all the tumbling being done at the club is mostly for goodwill, and also for Roundup. That expense should not be carried by the shop, it should be split by the club and Roundup. Susan made motion that this be changed, Judy seconded, approved.

Committee reports:

<u>Librarian:</u> Sandy advised that she has just come on board, but the library should be ready within 2 weeks.

<u>Bulletin:</u> Jerry advised for Carolyn that anything that needs to be in the Chips, be emailed to Carolyn tonight.

<u>Field trip:</u> Frank reminded that the club field trip is Monday, Feb. 7. Meet at club at 8:30 a.m. and leave by 9:00. Jim Foutch will be leading to his "secret" place and also to Big Diggins.

Shop: Joe advised that at present, anyone cannot complete polishing a cab as we don't have the higher grit wheels. Joe mentioned that we need work lights, either on ceiling or over grinders. Joe made motion to get two grinder lights, Brian seconded, approved. The shop will be moving the 24" saw and work on the 30" saw very soon and they should be up and running shortly. We will have to shut down the shop to do that. There was discussion of curtailing bulk buying for now, and only order exactly what we need in supplies. Finish wheels are on order. Motion to hold off bulk buying for 60 days made by Brian, seconded by Susan, approved. Joe advised that we will need cutting oil before Roundup. It was agreed that Joe will get prices, and if over \$500.00, he will notify President and Treasurer prior to ordering. Joe brought up about preparing a flyer to provide to RV parks, Visitor Center, Rock Hound Park, Museum, with lapidary hours and class information and what can be done in the shop. In regards to the tumblers, Joe found a 5 lb. bag of grit. He will let Dave Shepherd explain about tumbler supplies.

It was discussed that the one-time yearly \$75.00 shop fee is not generating enough income for the shop. After discussion, Brian made motion that we stop the \$75.00 yearly fee. Those who have paid already will be honored until their year is up. Also, after discussion, Joe made motion that the shop fees will be decreased to \$3.00 per shop session for 60 days, beginning Feb. 2,

2011. After 60 days, that decision will be reviewed. This was seconded by Frank, approved.

Roundup: Terry advised that he received the remainder of the hats, shirts and mugs. He is only waiting for the fabric 2011 tags. Reminder of Roundup meeting Sat. Feb. 12 at 10:00 a.m.

President's report:

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1) Dave Shepherd presented an outline of costs of doing the club tumbling. He has comparison priced items needed, such as grit and estimated the amount needed to process about 600 lbs. of stones, which are needed for our goodwill donations and Roundup. Translated to costs, it would run about \$600.00 to \$900.00 per year for grit and it should be budgeted into the club's budget. He suggested that the rough rock donated to the club be placed in 5 gal. buckets with lids and stored in the shed. At present, they are haphazardly stored in the shop and much disappears. Dave also suggests that the maintenance and repairs be carried by the club, not the shop. Of concern, was receipt of supplies if ordered from Johnson Brothers, as they don't ship timely. After discussion, Susan made motion that Dave contact Johnson Brothers to see if we place an order, they can bring it to the show, as they have a booth. Seconded by Joe Bost, approved. This would save us on shipping charges. Dave suggested using the small tumbler for experiments with different kinds of grits, and members rocks.
- 2) Joe advised there were people interested in leading the Roundup field trips. Terry advised there is a sign-up sheet at the club for those interested.
- 3) Joe advised that GPAA (Gold Prospector's Association of America) is interested in having 2-3 spaces at our show. This will be explored further.
- 4) Ron asked if there was room for a small table for Crime Stoppers McGruff to be at our show. This can be accommodated if he understands he will need to be there every day for a few hours at least.
- 5) Judy clarified the ads for the Chips will be run for a year for a business card size for \$25.00. A flyer will be prepared to hand out to prospective advertisers. Let's all get out there and sign them up!

Motion to adjourn made by Frank, seconded by Joe. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, Secretary

SHOP STUFF

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

PROTECTING FINISHED SURFACES

I figure that any accidental scratch I make on a piece means about 15 minutes of extra sanding and polishing. So after finishing major surfaces, I typically cover them with some masking tape to avoid any scratches when doing final work like cleanups and setting of stones. The blue masking tape used by painters is best because it doesn't leave a sticky residue when removed.

PICKLE PROBLEMS

Dropping a hot item into the pickle after soldering causes a hiss that sends small droplets of the acid pickle into the air. This will rust your nearby tools and can't be all that good to breathe either. Mysolution is to use a coffee cup of water next to my solder block to quench the piece and then decide if I want to drop it in the pickle.

Also, a hot pickle pot gives off fumes that bother me in my home workshop. I get around that by using my pickle cold. I mix it a little stronger than with a hot pot so that it works just as quickly. I keep it in a large-mouth peanut butter bottle and cap it off whenever I'm done using it.

Source for the above: The Voice 1/2011 by Brad Smith

CHALK PREVENTS TARNISH

Adding a small piece of chalk to a sealed bag with a sterling silver jewelry piece inside **does work** to prevent tarnish. The chalk will attract any moisture as well as most chemical residues that cause tarnish to occur. If you prefer not to worry about the chalk touching the jewelry, wrap it in a small piece of cheesecloth. This will work for jewelry as well as for flatware, tea sets, etc. By Dale "Cougar" Armstrong.

Rockhound Terms

Geologist: Person who learned about rocks in school. **Rockhound:** Person who learned about rocks the hard

way.

Geologist's pick: Handy gadget that you always have with you when you don't need it and always leave at home when you do.

Field polish: Spit.
Field kit: Paper bag.

Station wagon: Vehicle designed to satisfy the colossal greed of rockhounds. *Source: Arrowhead News Jan. 2011*

Rockhound State Park Happenings: February, 2011

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

How about this nice weather? I was watering the plants the other day, and saw a lizard running around outside. I cannot remember seeing a lizard in January before. It sure makes you happy to be here and not in the eastern part of the U.S.A. We get snow and we are ecstatic. They get it and grumble and shovel.

We have been busy at the park. We have visitors from everywhere, including Canada, Germany, England, Netherlands, and Japan. The campground has remained full for the past month as new campers come in as soon as other campers leave.

The Friends of Rockhound are an active group. They clean the Native Garden once a month and usually have a program every month. They had a great speaker at their January meeting. July McClure told us all about Columbus, N.M. There will be no guest speaker this month, as the Friends of Rockhound will be celebrating their 7th year of working with the park to make our park even better.

Just in case you have a little time on your hands, please consider joining the Friends of Rockhound.

Rockhound State Park is open all year. The Visitor Center is open from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Spring Canyon State Park is open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Our telephone number is (575) 546-6182 to answer any questions you have about the park.



Club Class Schedule

Note some of the changes from last publication

February

Sat. Feb. 5 – Introduction for beading around a cab

Thurs. Feb 10 – Silversmithing 9-12 a.m.

Sat. Feb. 12 – Continue beading around a cab and Roundup meeting @ 10.00 a.m.

Thurs. Feb. 17 – Silversmithing 9-12 a.m.

Sat. Feb. 19 – Wire wrapping 9-12 a.m.

Sat. Feb. 26 – TBD

March

Sat. March 5 – Possible class TBD

SHOP CLOSED DURING ROUNDUP

Roundup Set up and Show March 7–13

Roundup tear down March 15

Sat. March 26 – wire wrapping 9-12 a.m.

April

Sat. April 2 – Club rock/yard tailgate sale from 9 - noon

Sat. April 9 – Advanced Gourd Carving Class (sign up ahead & get list)

Sat. April 16 – TBD

Sat. April 23 – Suncatchers

Sat. April 30 – TBD

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Sat. May 7 – gourd class 9-12 noon

SMILE

Charlie's wife Lucy, had been after him for several weeks to paint the seat on their toilet. Finally, he got around to doing it while Lucy was out shopping. After finishing, he left to take care of another matter before she returned.

Lucy came home and undressed to take a shower. Before getting in the shower, she sat on the toilet. As she tried to stand up, she realized that the not-quite-dry epoxy paint had glued her to the toilet seat.

About that time, Charlie got home and saw her predicament. They both pushed and pulled without any success whatsoever. Finally, in desperation, Charlie undid the toilet seat bolts. Lucy wrapped a sheet around herself and Charlie drove her to the hospital emergency room.

The ER Doctor got her into a position where he could study how to free her (try to get a mental picture of this). Lucy tried to lighten the embarrassment of it all by saying, "Well, Doctor, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before."

The Doctor replied, "Actually, I've seen lots of them. I just never saw one mounted and framed."

Source: The Glacial Drifter - Jan. 2011

Treasurer's Dream

I fell asleep the other night and while I had my snooze I dreamed each member stepped right up and promptly paid his dues. But when I found it was a dream, I nearly had a fit. It's up to you to make it true, so won't you please REMIT?

DUES ARE PAST DUE NOW

Mail your payment to: DGMS at P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031. **You may also make payment at a general meeting**.

Food For Thought:

A dietitian was once addressing a large audience in Chicago. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Soft drinks erode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. Vegetables can be coated with pesticides, and no one really knows the long-term consequences of the germs found in drinking water." "But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

A 75 year old man in the front row stood up and said "Wedding Cake?" Source: Gems of the Rogue - 5/2008

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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

NEXT ROUNDUP MEETINGS February 12th and 26th 10 a.m.

Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

OFFICERS

CHA	IRPE	ERS	\mathbf{O}	NS
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. . . 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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Saturday, February 12th Monday, February 14th		10 a.m
Thursday, February 24th		2 p.n
Saturday, February 26th		
MARCH		
Monday, March 7th	. Set up Roundup (Need lots of help)	8 a.m
Tuesday, March 8th	. Finish Roundup Set up	8 a.m
Wednesday, March 9th	. Dealers Arrive to Set up	9 a.m
Thursday-Sunday, March 10-13th	. 46th Annual Rockhound Roundup	9 –5 p.m
	. Tear Down Show and take down signs	
Thursday, March 17th	. Roundup Critique Meeting	2 р.т
Saturday, March 19th	. Big Diggins Field Trip (Club Members Only!))
See Schedul	le of Classes on Page 5	

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46thAnnual ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

Coming Soon!