



Miz Prez sez . . .

It's almost time! Roundup is here again. Can you believe it has been a year? Me either. Everyone is invited to stop by for Roundup meetings on Sat. Feb. 11 & 25, 10a.m. both days.

Welcome back to the Snowbirds also. It's good to see everyone again. If you've been to any exciting rockhounding places, let us know.

This promises to be a great year for the club. Stop by and bring your friends.

Sheila

Upcoming Field Trips

Saturday, February 18 Dave Shepard will lead us to Kilbourne Hole to look for olivine and the gem variety peridot, as well as augite minerals and volcanic rocks. Kilbourne hole is the remnant of a volcanic explosion crater called a maar (gas vent). Four-wheel drive vehicles are strongly recommended. We will meet at the dirt parking lot in front of the clubhouse property at 8:00 a.m. and leave promptly at 8:30. Expect winter weather. Bring sunglasses, a hat, plenty of water, and a rock hammer or other similar tools. We anticipate a long day; bring lunch if you plan to stay a length of time.



Saturday, March 3 due to popular demand, Wayne Treers will lead us back to the Victorio Mountains to look for more copper ore minerals (azurite, malachite, chrysocolla, etc.) and possibly galena and hematite. We'll also explore the old ghost town Chance City. We will meet at the dirt parking lot in front of the clubhouse property at 8:00 a.m. and leave promptly at 8:30. Expect winter weather. Bring sunglasses, a hat, plenty of water, and a rock hammer or other similar tools. If you plan to stay past noon, bring a lunch.

Rockhound Roundup Trips—March 8 – 11

Thurs. & Fri.: Big Diggins, Baker Mine, and Fluorite Ridge.

Sat., March 10: Big Diggins, Baker Egg Mine, Fluorite Ridge, and Rockhound State Park

See more field trip info on page 4 *Wayne*

Upcoming Classes

On Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 9 a.m. til noon, there will be a special 4-session lecture/workshop on beading around a cab, from start to finish. Sign up in the club house and get material list.

Silver smithing classes will be held on Thursdays, Feb, 9, 16, & 23 from 9 a.m.-noon. People interested need to get the basic items. A list can be picked up at the club class table.

On Saturday, February 18th there will be a pine needle basket class. A materials fee of \$5 will be charged.

On Saturday, March 31 there will be a wire wrapping class, and on Saturday, April the 21st there will be a sun catcher class. *Judy*

**Upcoming
Roundup Meetings**
Feb. 11th & 25th
10 a.m.



We would like to thank all of those who attended the January 14th Roundup meeting. Your support is greatly appreciated, and needed in order to make our 47th Roundup another success!

We accomplished a great deal. We still have a few chairs to fill, most of the work is done, but we need people to head some committees to make sure everything gets done.

The T-shirts and hats have arrived and we will have them at the Feb 11th an Feb 25th meetings for those who would like to buy them before the show (at a discounted price).

Thanks to Alan Hebert and Rick Krueger who have volunteered to do security in Bldg. #1 for the entire show. Now we need people to do security for Bldg. #2 for Wed – Sun.

We still need people to take silent auction tables. This requires donating 20 rock related items and labeling them. If you can help with this and you don't have enough to fill a whole table by yourself, you can share a table with someone. Just let us know.

We still need chairs for the Information and Membership booths. We divided these jobs this year to make it easier on the chair person. We need your help please. We need someone to oversee the raffle tickets, especially selling at Peppers, Walmart and Kmart. We have reserved two Saturdays – Feb. 25th and Mar, 3 from 10 until 2. We need people to man the tables there and sell our raffle tickets.

Susan needs volunteers to help her obtain donations from various businesses for our hourly drawings. Please call her to help out.

It is coming together, but we still need lots more help. Please contact Maurice or Judy to let us know where you can help out. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered, so far, and are helping us make this show a success.

Maurice & Judy Crawford



DGMS, Inc. – General Meeting – January 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Sheila Hoag. She then led the pledge of Allegiance.

Guest and new members: none

Sheila asked for a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the Chips. Motion made by Ron Erlich, seconded by all. Sheila swore in Pamela Morgan as secretary and Kevin Coleman as second year director.

Secretary's report: None as new secretary had just been appointed.

Treasurer's report: Susan read her report. It will be posted on the bulletin board. Two monetary donations were announced.

Committee Reports:

Field Trips: Wayne updated us on the trip to Victoria Mountains on January 22, 2012. Was very successful. Daryl Johnson led the expedition. A visit to the Ghost Town of Chance City was included. Small pieces of magnetite, Azurite and Quartz crystals were found at a number of different mines and quarries.

Wayne advised us that all vehicles must be parked outside of the gate before leaving on field trips.

January 28 at 8 am Baker Mine trip. Road is in decent shape.

February 18 at 8 a.m. a trip to Kilborne Hole is planned. David Shepherd will lead trip. The hole is a collapsed vent. Olivine and Peridot might be found. 4 wheel drive may be needed.

There will be three Roundup Trips, Thursday, Friday and Saturday to Big Diggins, Baker Egg Mine and Flourite Ridge. Saturday, a fourth trip to Rockhound State Park will be geared to families and especially kids. The March 17th field trip is for people who worked Roundup and were members by January 1, 2012.

Membership: Reminder: **dues are now past due.**

Bulletin: Those members who have not received their Chips might have to update their addresses, or email addresses.

Sunshine: A sympathy card was sent to Roy Smith.

Shop: Joe reported the saw room will be closed Saturday 1/28 but shop will be open. He asked that Geodes from Baker need to be scrubbed with a wire brush before sawing to remove dust and ash. The shop will be closed from March 2 to March 19 due to Roundup activities. A lot of people are now at Quartzite leaving the shop more accessible. Beading class starts Feb. 7th. Shop times will be offered for beading around cabs, Limited to 8-10 people. Look for sign up sheet. Jim Foutch will be getting Monday nights started up again soon.

Round Up: Jerry asked for strong backs to help move larger items to their new locations Saturday at 8 am. Judy asked that people pick up their raffle tickets in order to save mailing charges. There is a \$2.00 reduction in price on hats and tee-shirts before Roundup. Maurice stated that volunteers are still needed for Roundup. Check over lists – membership, cashiers, rock washers, silent auction items [can combine with other people if you don't have 20 items yourself]. We'll need people to help set up the auction tables. Pizza will be provided for those who help. Newspaper & Plastic shopping bags needed for geodes.

Claims: not present

Historian: not present

Librarian: library is open during the meeting

New Business: Jerry reported that a new copy machine has been purchased with all the bells and whistles. Therefore, anyone needing copies should first see Judy or Jerry before use. Someone without prior instruction has already caused enough of a problem that an outside computer guy had to be called in. Copies for Roundup should be given to Jerry prior to March 6th

Refreshment Break-

Drawings: Door Prize of a Galena rock was won by Chet Schilling, 50/50 was won by Robert Merrill, Terry Huck won a Bollo donated by Ron Ehrlich.

Thank you to Mary Soule, Judy Crawford, Marilyn Page, Betty Merrill for refreshments. Some of you ladies are really master bakers. We need signups for February refreshments.

Motion to adjourn by Art Guetierrez seconded by Jim Foutch at 3 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Pamela Morgan - secretary

ROUNDUP COMMITTEES

Show Chairs – Maurice & Judy Crawford 546-0056
Co-Chairs – Ron Ehrlich 544-0028
Susan Schiffner 546-4591

**Please call any of these people if you have questions
or if you would like to help out in their area.**

Inside Dealers – Susan Schiffner546-4591
Outside Dealers – Art Krasinski.....494-5971
Coffee & Donuts #1 & #2 – Maureen Scepka..... 546-2939
Display Cases – Sally Hansen Sheila Hoag544-8841
Information Booth: **STILL NEED SOMEONE**
Membership Booth: **STILL NEED SOMEONE**
Signs around town – Frank Barber.....546-0212
Field Trips – Wayne Treers 575-528-8696
Field Trip Trailer—Barb Hamilton & Doris Miller.....544-8643
Spinning Wheel – Shirley Krasinski544-1315
Geode Cutting – Joe Morone937-2062111
Raffle Tickets –..... **STILL NEED SOMEONE**
Raffle Ticket Sales at: Peppers, Walmart, Kmart—**still need volunteers**
Silent Auction — **STILL NEED SOMEONE**
Live Auction - MC Jerry Abbey 543-8915
Auctioneer: Matney Auctions
Security Bldg. #1 Alan Hebert & Rick Krueger
Security Bldg. #2 **STILL NEED SOMEONE**
Advertising – Carolyn Abbey543-8916
Janitorial/Maintenance - Ernie Bent.....546-2906
Donations: Susan Schiffner 546-4591 **Need helpers**

February

Frank Barber,
Marilyn Page,
Charles Grimes,
Walter Hummel,
Priscella Lingenfelter, Ron Ehrlich, and James Enos,



Birthdays

Donna Dellinger,
Chet Schilling,
Madelyn Harris,
Florence Lovell,

Happy Anniversaries to

Leon & Gloria Chanco, Robert & Madelyn Harris, Walt & Kathleen Hummel, Lloyd & Marilyn Page, Ray & Frankie Price, and Roger & Lynn Schapp



ROUNDUP BRIEFING

Rockhound Roundup time is almost here



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 5th) at 8 a.m. Tables, display cases, equipment, and other supplies, must be moved and set up. The buildings need to be swept out and the outside and inside vendor spaces marked.

Tuesday (the 6th) we finish whatever still needs doing.

Both days, coffee and donuts are provided for the morning break, around 10:00 a.m. Lunch is on your own.

This year, Jerry Abbey will head the general set up crew, Sally Hansen and Sheila Hoag the display cases, Barbara Hamilton and Doris Miller the Field Trip trailer, Susan Schiffner and 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 (cuz 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 tables, spinning wheel, Geode cutting, bucket brigade (to pick up auction donations from the dealers), some people to make announcements over the PA, and many other things that may come up.

The Roundup ends Sunday 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.

The Rockhound Roundup is the Club's main source of income. It takes contributions of time and effort from **ALL** club members to make it work. So mark your calendars, plan your schedules, bring your gloves, and come on out.

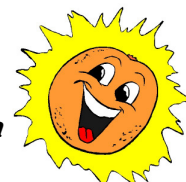
WE NEED ALL OF YOU!!!!

Thanking you in advance,

Maurice & Judy Crawford

Sunshine Greetings

Cards of get well wishes were sent to : Carol Seebruch, Martha Green and Florence Lovell.



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

Welcome to New Club Members

- Dalemarie Burke—Newport, TN
- William Curtis—Mesilla Park, NM
- Truman Dean—Deming, NM
- Connie Martin—Livingston, TX
- David McClaskry—Las Cruces, NM
- Lisa Roark—Deming, NM
- Russ Shumacher—Deming, NM
- Larry, May & Jacob Springer—Topeka, KS
- Otis Turner — Deming, NM
- Pat & Ruth Velasco — Payson, AZ
- Ken Vieu —Tyrone, NM
- Al & Kate Waldburger—Merrill, WI
- Joe & Tamalyn Wolford—Deming, NM
- Pat Wolph—Silver City, NM

Refreshments

February refreshments will be provided by

Dellana Lindenmuth, Neil Pace and Daryl Johnson



Our tummies Thank You

Deming Gem & Mineral Society — Board Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2012

The Board meeting was called to order by Pres. Shelia Hoag. Members present were VP Marilyn Page, Treas. Susan Schiffrer, Bulletin Ed. Carolyn Abbey, Roundup Maurice and Judy Crawford, Past Pres. Frank Barber, Shop: Joe Morone. Guests were Ernie Bent and Lloyd Page.

Treasurer: Susan gave her report on the Accounts. Books were audited and everything balances out.

Joe reported that the trim saw blades are wearing out quite fast. He suggested going to a 10" blade which costs a little more, but would last a lot longer than the thin blades they have now. Board ok'ed.

Joe stated while shop is closed he will see about the leak in the roof, also he would like to run water pipes back and forth on the back wall to aid in heating up the water for the grinders. He is trying to be frugal with the propane as the cost is quite high right now.

The Loratone saw is all fixed and painted for Roundup. 700 lbs of rocks were tumbled last year and a lot is unaccounted for. A book will be used to keep track of the rocks. You must sign out by weight or volume for anyone needing tumbled rocks. 250 lbs. will be set aside for the Roundup. The grit used for this project is expensive but needed. Susan made a motion to purchase the grit and Maurice seconded. Passed.

Red Roof Rock Shop has a large saw blade for sale at \$715, never used. This will be a savings of over \$300. Board OK's the purchase.

Remember, shop closes for Roundup on March 3rd and will be open again on March 19th.

Cab beading class will be Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28, from 9-12.

Bulletin will be a little late as General Minutes are not yet available to be published.

Claims are all set for the Roundup and papers filed.

Roundup: Going to get TV stations to run announcements and also the radio stations in the surrounding area. Next meetings are February 11th and 25th.

Old business:

Gold panning group held their meeting and several of the board members joined the DGMS. They had over 30 people present.

New Business:

Maurice made a motion that Wayne Treers and Jim Foutch be reimbursed 37 cents per mile for official field trips sanctioned by the club. Susan seconded. Passed.

Due to postage and other rises in the cost to run the club, motion made by Maurice and 2nd by Joe to raise the dues \$2.00 next year, beginning this July. The dues from July to Dec. will then be \$6. Passed.

Gravel around the building needs to be leveled. Looking for a donation of 6-8 ft. piece of chain link fencing to be used in making a drag. Contact Joe at the Shop.

Age limit for children using the shop was discussed and was decided that the age would be 10 years and over, and the child must be able to reach grinders, etc. without the use of stools, etc. Joe will see about a height limit. All officers present agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Protem Secretary Marilyn Page

Field Trips *Continued from page 1*

On January 21st, 25-30 DGMS members and non-members enjoyed our field trip to the Victorio Mountains. Thanks to Daryl Johnson for leading the trip. We found samples of azurite, malachite, magnetite, quartz, and calcite crystals, some white botryoidal-looking precipitate rocks, and lots of iron-stained rocks. We also explored the old ghost town in the area (Chance City).

On January 28th I led a group of about 55 - 60 people to the Baker Egg Mine. Our friends from the Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society (Silver City) joined us as well as other non-members. Although the wind was cold in the morning, we had a great time looking for black and red agates, quartz geodes, common opal, and other minerals. Thanks to Robert Colburn (the Geode Kid) for giving us permission to explore and dig in his claim's tailings.



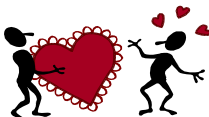
Rockhounding near old ghost town (Chance City) in Victorio Mountains



Rockhounding site with headframe of old mine in background



Remnants of old building in ghost town (Chance City)



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Rockhound State Park Happenings February, 2012

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

What a month of close to perfect weather in January. A little snow and a little rain. It was great for the heating bill also. Let's see if February can match it.

We have had a full campground all month. Many people camp at the park on their way to Arizona and California. We have visitors who just like to stay here from the Midwest and Eastern states, plus visitors from Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Japan, and Australia.

The Friends of Rockhound are celebrating their 8th year in operation. They are a wonderful support group for our park with interesting programs every month plus they clean the Native Garden next to the Visitor Center every month, and pick up litter on the trails. There will be no guest speaker this month. Instead, the group will be reviewing their accomplishments for the year, and plan the improvements they will be working on for the rest of this year. If you have extra time on your hands, please consider joining this group. It will be worth your time.

Rockhound State Park is open all year. The Visitor Center is open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Spring Canyon State Park is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Entrance fee is \$5.00 per vehicle. We also sell a yearly day pass for \$40.00, which is good for all of the parks except Living Desert, and the Rio Grande Nature Center State Parks. Our telephone number is (575) 546-6182 for any questions you may have about the park.

A Volunteer

It's not for money, it's not for fame,
 It's not for any personal gain.
 It's just for love of fellowman,
 It's just to give a helping hand.
 It's just to give a tithe of self,
 That's something you can't buy with wealth.
 It's not for medals won with pride,
 It's for that feeling deep inside.
 It's that reward down in your heart,
 It's that feeling that you've been a part
 Of helping others far and near
 That makes you be a VOLUNTEER !

Author unknown—Source: The Scribe—12/2011

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

*Shop will be closed for Roundup
on March 3rd and re-open the 19th*

**DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE.
IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID THEM YET, PLEASE DO SO**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY


Saturday, February 11th	Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.
Thursday, February 23rd	General Meeting	2 p.m.
Saturday, February 25th	Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.
Wednesday, February 29th	March's Board Meeting	2 p.m.


MARCH


Monday, March 5th	Set up Roundup (at the Fairgrounds)	8 a.m.
Thursday—Sunday March 8—11	Rockhound Roundup	9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13th	Tear down Roundup	8 a.m.
Saturday, March 17th	Big Diggins Roundup workers Field Trip	8 a.m.
Thursday, March 22nd	General Meeting	2 p.m.

Roundup Meetings – Saturday, February 11 and 25th – 10 a.m.

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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

NEXT ROUNDUP MEETINGS

10:00 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 11 & 25

Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

OFFICERS

President.....	Sheila Hoag	544-8841
Vice President	Marilyn Page	544-9019
Secretary (Temporary)	Judy Crawford.....	546-0056
Treasurer.....	Susan Schiffner	546-4591
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Asst. Roundup Chairs .	Ron Ehrlich & Susan Schiffner	
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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

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Photographer	All Club Members	
Social Chairperson.	Monika Anderson.....	544-4655
Refreshments.....	All Club members	
Reporters.....	All Club Members	
Shop	Maurice Crawford	546-0056
Sunshine.....	Barbara Hamilton.....	544-8643
Webmistress.....	Sheila Hoag	544-8841

ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

March 8 - 11, 2012



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

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March 8th

Thru

March 11th

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Valentine's
Day**

