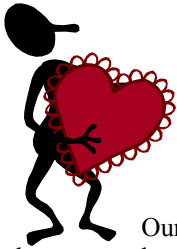


ROCK CHIPS



Miz Prez 's message

Greetings all you Rockhounds.

This is the month of love and I hope we are all treating each other with love.

Our Vice president, Barb Staff and her husband Ben have started setting up our display at the First Savings Bank. Stop by and check it out, and be sure to let them know you appreciate their efforts.

A large part of my vision for the Club is to expand our participating membership. We can have a lot of fun if we all pitch in and help a little.

Love to all, Shirley



UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

Joe Bost will be leading a field trip on Fri the 21st of Feb. We will be going to the Three Sisters (Tres Hermanas) mining district.

Deposit's of Onyx, Fluorescent material, Calcite, and Spurrite may be found around the Mahoney Mines. Meet at the Clubhouse at 8:30am, and we will be leaving at 9: 00 am.

Frank

The Shop will be closed for Roundup

From March 1st thru March 14th

*Regular
Schedule*

Monday and Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Wednesday – Noon - 3 p.m.

Friday - 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.



Incoming, outgoing and next in line.

Pres. Shirley Krasinski, Past Pres. Marilyn Page, and Vice Pres. Barb Staff

Help Needed

We are looking for a member who can do Calligraphy lettering to do some names on our Memorium posters. For more information, please call Carolyn at 575-543-8916

Last Meeting before the Show

Saturday, February 22nd 10 a.m.

Roundup is just around the corner.

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 March 3rd 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; the outside and inside vendor spaces marked. Art will need help with the outside space marking.

We need several folks to help assemble dealer packets, ribbons, and fold brochures. This is sit down work and good for those who want to help but aren't able to do the heavy work. We will meet at 9 a.m. in bldg. 2 for this project.

This year, Jerry Abbey will ramrod the general set up crew. The more help we have, the easier and quicker the job gets done. There are tasks for everyone, even running errands (we always forget to bring something).

Tuesday (the 4th) 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, as only those who help at Roundup will be eligible to attend the special Big Diggings field Trip on the Saturday after the Show.

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: Coffee & Donut sales, 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. We still need people to sign up for these tasks.

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 ALL club members to make it work. So mark your calendars, plan your schedules, bring your gloves, and come on out.

Thanking you in advance, *Marilyn Page*,
Roundup chair

At his writing we still need someone to oversee Coffee & Donuts, people to sign up for silent auctions, membership, and coffee/donuts, geode sawyers, more people to fill silent auction tables or only partial tables.



Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting – January 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Krasinski at 6:00 p.m. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance .

All guests at the meeting were introduced.

The minutes of January's Board Meeting were accepted as read.

The Secretary had no new business to report.

The Treasurer's report was given by Marilyn Page who is Acting Treasurer until a new one is found. Joe Morone's wife (Delana) will act as treasurer while she is in town and Marilyn will take over when she is gone.

On Tuesday, January 28, 2014 there will be a Field Trip to Hatch. There is very easy collection at this particular location. Participants are to meet at the club house at 8 a.m. Plans are to stop and have lunch at Sparky's Restaurant for some good food.

On Monday, January 27, 2014, there will be some teaching done for a group of children.

Barbara Hamilton gave the Sunshine report and it was noted that several cards were sent out, one to Nancy Johnson.

Carolyn Abbey noted that she is getting the members' emails straightened out to facilitate sending out the Rock Chips.

Joe Morone gave the Shop report and noted that things are going well. We did get some new saws. The new Sawyers and Sawyer Trainees were recognized. Joe indicated that we need more volunteers to work as Sawyers and Shop Leaders. Joe noted that he will be going out of town this summer and the shop will need more volunteers, or have to be closed.

The Roundup needs more volunteers. Many people are needed for March 3rd to set up. Also volunteers are needed to get donations from vendors which will be used for Live Auction on Saturday night. The next Roundup meetings will be held on 2/8/2014 and 2/22/2014. Both meetings will begin at 10 a.m. A Field Trip Chairman for Roundup is needed. Big Diggins is having a back hoe to dig big holes for the Roundup. The egg cartons are all done. The Grab Bags are almost done, as well. People are needed to get donations from businesses for raffle prizes.

An overview of the Roundup activities was given by Carolyn Abbey. This was very informative for the new members who have never experienced the show. It was noted that there are 75 outside dealers. Art will need help to line the areas marking out their spaces. There will be 40+ inside vendors.

Volunteers are also needed for the following: putting fabric liners in display cases to give them a more professional look. Coffee and donut sales need people to handle the duties associated with it.

There is a Membership table and there will be drawings every hour. Giving information about the club is very important to the Membership table. The table also will have T-shirt sales and sales of old RocknGem, beading magazines, etc., and, of course, sign up new members. On Sunday of Round Up, there will be a raffle for \$250, \$150, and \$100 cash as well as a new rock tumbler.

There will be a geode cutting area. After the geode is purchased, we cut them for free. For this activity, we need both Sawyers and Cashiers. There also will be a Spinning Wheel where kids (and adults) can spin and win a variety of prizes. A request went out for people to bring in stuff for the Spinning Wheel. To help facilitate this, we will have an open craft day. Regarding field trips during Roundup, there will be a free special one for kids and each child must be accompanied by an adult.

The club has a large supply of pins and it was voted to put one pin in each vendors' bags.

It was noted that we need a camera. It was moved and seconded that a camera will be purchased for less than \$100.

Members were reminded that we need to have a display set up at the First Savings bank. (See Barb Staff).

Joe Morone noted that help is needed to remove the partitions from a building in the Fair Grounds this coming Saturday a.m..

Judy Crawford reported that her classes are now on Fridays and not Saturdays. These classes are held in the Club House from 12 to 3 p.m.

On Feb. 1st Marilyn will teach a loom beading class at 9 a.m.

Carlos Chavez, Bill Sutton and Joe Bost won the drawings. Joyce Acton won the raffle.

Prior to the meeting being adjourned, it was announced that there are only 5 more minutes before the silent auction closes.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Edwards,
Secretary 2014

a little reminder. . . **DUES ARE PAST DUE**

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

You may also pay your dues at a general meeting.



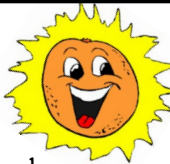


Happy February Birthdays

Frank Barber, Merle Burton,
Diane Chatterton, Marilyn Page, Dick Hoezee,
Jazlynn Eberling, Linda Edwards, Rana Homs,
Calvin Jackson, Priscella Lingenfelter,
Sabine Lyons, Bruce Manakas, Larry Randa,
John Robbins, Rosalinda Vasquez,
Chet Schilling, Willy Shelton, and Robert Stuth

Sunshine Greetings

A get well card was sent to Nancy Johnson, and a card of sympathy was sent to Dee Schlueter for the loss of her husband Dick.



If you know someone who needs a little sunshine call Barbara at 544-8643

Welcome New Members

John Robbins - El Paso, TX
Clifford Erdmann - Spring Lake, MI
Linda Pliska - Box Elder, SD
James & Diane Chatterton - Deming, NM
Ellen Rippel - Socorro, NM
Nathan Ammons - T or C, NM
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Rockhound State Park Happenings February 2014

By Rocky Rockhound

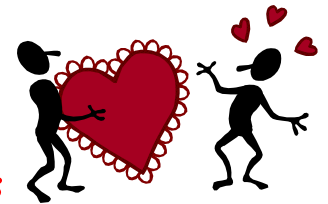
Our January is certainly better than the deep snowy, icy, freeze of the Midwest and Eastern states. I loved the warm weather and cool nights. I guess that is why we are all here instead of there.

The restroom is getting closer to being finished. It will be nice for the campers to have more showers, and facilities. The electric section of the campground is full every day in spite of the construction going on.

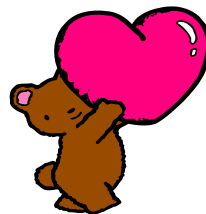
The Friends of Rockhound will celebrate their 10th year of operation this month. There will be no speaker for the monthly meeting. Instead, the group will review the past year and decide what projects they will work on this year. We appreciate the work, energy, and focus of the group making Rockhound better every year. The regular monthly meetings will resume on the last Wednesday in March. The speakers are always informative and entertaining, so come out and see what the Friends Group is all about.

Rock Hound State Park is open all year. The Visitor Center is open from 10-12 noon, and 1-4 P.M. Our telephone number is (575) 546-6182 for any questions you may have.

Happy February Anniversaries



*Roger & Janet Bartley,
Lloyd & Marilyn Page,
and Anthony & Kala Scott*



Refreshments

for February's meeting will be provided by Betty Merrill and Shirley Krasinski

We love the goodies. . . .

Our tummies thank you!

A BIG Thank you to these members who came out and moved the heavy partitions in Building 1 at the Fairgrounds. Those folks who did all the work are Cary voss, Maurice & Judy Crawford, Barb 7 Ben Staff, Art Krasinski, and James Chatterton.

Thank you again, Jerry

Deming Gem & Mineral Society Board of Directors Meeting – February 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Krasinski at 2:00 p.m.

Board members present were Shirley Krasinski, Barbara Staff, Carolyn Abbey, George Laudermilk, Linda Edwards, Marilyn Page, Joe Morone, and Art Krasinski.

Discussions were had on the following topics:

Marilyn gave a report on the electric situation at the fairgrounds. Several members will go over to the fairgrounds after the meeting to see the new set-up.

Joe discussed the situation of our saws and the expenses at Roundup. Several suggestions were given including raise prices on Big Diggings, increase fees for geode cutting, tumbled rocks prices are generally \$10 per pound and we sell them for \$1.50 per pound. The cost of grab bags was also discussed.

It was noted that the shop will be closed 3/1/2014 to 3/14/2014, due to Roundup.

Nursing home patients will be coming on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. to building 2 at the Roundup.

As of yet, we don't know when the school kids are coming.

Georgia Hoggatt and Maurice Crawford will both have their names removed from the bank accounts and Joe Morone's will be added.

Most all of the advertising we had last year for the Roundup will be done again this year.

It was noted that Daryl Johnson has assumed the duties of custodian for the club.

The March Board Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on February 26th, due to Roundup dates. The general meeting will be held at February 27th at 6:00 p.m. and there will not be a potluck.

The March general meeting will be held on March 27th at 6:00 p.m. and there **will be** a potluck dinner.

We will again have a back hoe dig a new hole for the Roundup club members who have worked the show. The field trip will be to Big Diggings on Saturday, March 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda, Edwards, Secretary 2014

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Under the Rock Pile By Vicki Hathaway

Do you know? What is **argentium sterling silver**?

Traditional sterling silver is 925 parts fine silver and 75 parts copper.

Argentium sterling silver is similar, except that some of the copper in the alloy has been replaced with germanium. Germanium prevents oxygen from penetrating the surface of the metal, which allows Argentium to resist both tarnish and fire scale, making it a joy to work with less fire scale means less pickling, less polishing, and less labor. However, there are a few key differences to remember:

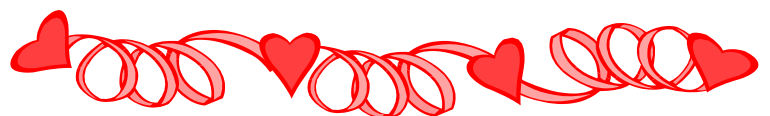
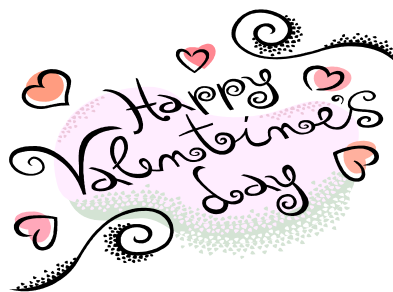
- Argentium sterling silver can be fused with less distortion than fine silver.
- Argentium sterling silver melts around 1410° Fahrenheit (760° Centigrade) lower than traditional or fine silver.
- Fine silver doesn't change color when heated, and traditional sterling turns dark grey with fire scale.

Argentium will stay white or get a light grey scale. This can be removed easily with an oxidizing flame, pickling, and/or a light sanding.

- Use separate solder boards, bricks, files, pickle, and polishing tools for Argentium sterling silver.

Shared tools can contaminate clean Argentium sterling silver with base metal, which can cause it to tarnish, develop fire scale during heating, or not polish as beautifully.

Source: Golden Spike News, 12/2013



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

The Society presents the Annual Gem & Mineral exhibition at the SWNM Fair toward the end of September or first part of October
It is an official society function.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

6:00 p.m. - 4th Thursday of each month

Due to Roundup

MARCH'S BOARD MEETING

2:00 p.m. - Wednesday, February 26th

LAST MEETING BEFORE ROUNDUP

Saturday, February 22nd - 10:00 a.m.

All meetings are held at the Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. building
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Clubhouse phone: (575) 546-2554
Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

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.

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FEBRUARY

Friday, February 14th	Valentines Day Valentines Day	
Saturday, February 22nd	Roundup Meeting (last one before show)	10 a.m.
Wednesday, February 26th	Board meeting for March - due to Roundup	2 p.m.
Thursday, February 27th	General meeting (no pot luck).....	6 p.m.

MARCH

Monday, March 3rd	Set up Roundup (Need lots of help).....	8 a.m.
Tuesday, March 4th	Finish Roundup Set up	8 a.m.
Wednesday, March 5th	Dealers Arrive to Set up	As early as 8 a.m.
Thursday-Sunday, March 6—9th	49th Annual Rockhound Roundup	9 –5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11th	Tear Down Show and take down signs.....	8 a.m.
	then Worker's lunch and Roundup Critique	
Saturday, March 15th	Big Diggins Roundup workers Field Trip)	8 a.m.
Thursday, March 27th	General Meeting (we will have a potluck)	6 p.m.

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