



## President's Message

Hi !!

My name is Frank Barber, and I will be your new President for the year of 2011.

I have been a member of the club for 4 years, and am hoping to meet all of you at our monthly meetings.

With the Christmas and New year over, we now must concentrate on our upcoming March 2011 Show, the Rock-hound Roundup.

Terry, the Chairman of the Roundup, will need a lot of volunteers to help with the show in March. The more help we have, the less work for all of us.

Thank You, *Frank*

## CLASS SCHEDULE:

### January

Thurs. Jan 20 – Silversmithing 9-12 a.m. (2 people per teacher)

Sat. Jan 22 - beginning gourd class 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thurs. Jan 27 – silversmithing 9-12 a.m.

Sat. Jan 29 – continuing gourd class 9-12 a.m.

### February

Thurs. Feb. 3 – silversmithing 9-12 a.m.

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

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

Sat. Feb. 12 – follow up on beading around a cab

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

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

Sat. Feb. 16 – TBD

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**Next  
Roundup  
Meetings**

**Saturdays  
Jan. 8th & Feb. 12th  
At 10 a.m.**

**Roundup time  
is fast approaching  
And we need your help.**

We need people to work at coffee & donuts, in the information booth, the spinning wheel, to lead field trips, to cut geodes, help with the bucket brigade (pick up item(s) from dealers being donated for our live auction), help with display cases, and general set up on Monday, March 7th. **In other words we need you, all of you to help.**

Also, please save your little rocks to tumble for the spinning wheel and grab bags. Too, we need people to sign up to fill a table for the silent auction.

We will have a meeting on Sat., Jan. 8th at 10:00 a.m. of all the committee chairs, and anyone interested in helping out please plan to attend. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO WORK IN THE ABOVE JOBS.**

This is our only fundraiser. This show keeps our dues low, the clubhouse warm and the shop running. Again this show takes all club members participation! Plan on being at the meeting on Sat. Jan. 8th. **We need you!!!**

**Terry**



**PLEASE pick up your Roundup raffle tickets at the January 27th General Meeting to save us the expense and chore of mailing them**

## Your 2011 Club Officers

President: Frank Barber, Vice President: Sheila Hoag, Secretary: Judy Crawford, Treasurer: Susan Schiffner, Bulletin Editor: Carolyn Abbey, Roundup: Terry Dellinger, 1 Year Director: Joe Bost, and 2 Year Director: Ron Ehrlich.



**Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
*January 5, 2011*

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Frank Barber who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Brian Beringer then installed the elected officers.

Board members present were Frank Barber, Susan Schiffner, Judy Crawford, Carolyn Abbey, Joe Bost, Ron Ehrlich, Terry Dellinger, Brian Beringer and Sheila Hoag.

Club members present were Maurice Crawford, Ernie Bent, Carol Seebruch, Jerry Abbey, and Jim Hoag.

#### **Secretary's Report**

1) Deming High School Scholarship requirement sheet needs to be in by January 10th. After discussion Brian made a motion to approve one \$1,000 scholarship. Seconded by Susan and then approved.

2) Judy read a letter from Wayne Treers suggesting having classes about rock identification, rockhounding, lapidary and earth science.

Letter from Art Amati received and is willing to teach a mineral identification class.

3) Judy read a letter from Bill and Jane Wellons telling us of the death of their son Willie (Bill) who helped Ernie so much with the Roundup janitorial last year.

4) Judy brought up about having a tail gate rock/yard sale again this year in the club parking lot. Discussion of possible dates, and advise Chamber of Commerce of the date so they can put it in their newsletter, and also put in the paper.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Susan. Motion to accept by Brian, seconded by Terry and approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Carol reported that it has been real quiet, not many renewals coming in.

**Bulletin:** Ten pages this month. It has been emailed out and posted online with the exception of page two; this day's Board minutes. If you want to place something in the Chips, please get it to Carolyn by the date of each board meeting.

Suggest we sell some business card size ads, as we had done a few years ago, to run in the Chips bulletin. This will help defray some of the cost involved to produce it. The ads will sell for \$25 for one year. If you know someone who would like to run an ad, please contact Carolyn.

**Claims:** Jim reports BLM needs a copy of our insurance form in order to get our Roundup permit. Will get form from Susan.

**Roundup:** Terry reported that he has 73 coffee mugs on order. They are high quality. Tee shirts and hats will be ready next week. An auctioneer has been lined up for the Live auction.

Judy Crawford will be coordinating the item donations for the Silent Auction. Carolyn will make up some forms for the tables.

Sheila announced that according to the paper there will be road construction going on during the Roundup. We will need to arrange an alternate route to access the fairgrounds.

**Shop Report:** Jim advised that costs for equipment has really jumped up. Original budget of \$3,600 needs to be increased. Either 1) shop money coming in stays available for shop or 2) raise budget to be coincide with today's prices.

Motion made by Susan to set up P.O. system for shop, monies coming from shop will go into separate checking account requiring two signatures (Shop [Maurice] & Treasurer). Motion seconded by Carol; approved.

#### **Old business:**

Bring up to general meeting the suggestion to make Barbara Hamilton a Lifetime member for all that she has contributed to the club.

#### **New Business:**

### ***Reminder of Girl Scouts coming to club on January 15th.***

Terry has spoken to Boy Scouts regarding a lapidary day.

Susan will check with geologist, Robert Wardler and see if he will come and present a program at our February general meeting.

Roadrunner RV park is having a yard/outdoor sale on Friday & Saturday (7th & 8th) from 9-3. There will be some rockhounding equipment for sale.

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

Respectfully submitted by  
Judy Crawford, Secretary

~~We will be filling up grab bags for the Rockhound Roundup immediately following the general meeting on January 27th. Please take a few minutes and help with this task. We will appreciate your help.~~

Thank you, Shirley Krasinski

## Happy January Anniversaries to



Monika & Rod Anderson, Jay & Barbara Galloway, Ken & Elaine King, Marsh & Kat Kirby, Robert & Susan Schiffner, Dennis & Jean

## Happy January Birthdays to:

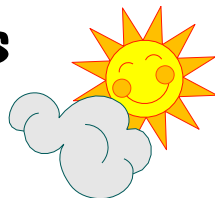
Lewis Berg, Debbie Gannon, Barbara Harrington, Harvey Jourdan, Fred Mahkuk, John Mason, Frank Meza, Joe Morris, Ellen Murphy, Richard Renfro, Charles Stanley, Otis Turner, Steve Turner, Dave Tyler, Willie Willis, and Kathy Wilson

## January Birthstone: Garnet

The garnet is dark red or reddish purple in color. After it is polished, the stone usually has a shiny star floating across the surface. Most stars have four points, but some have six points. Star garnets can be found only in Idaho and the faraway country of India.

## Sunshine Greetings

were sent to Martha Green and George Gollihar.



Cards of sympathy were mailed to Sheila Hoag (for the loss of her father), Hal Wheeler (for the loss of his wife Shirley), and Fred Beem (for the loss of his brother)

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

### DUES ARE DUE NOW

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

## Club Class Schedule

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### March

Sat. March 5 – Possible class TBD  
Roundup Set up and Show March 7-13  
Roundup tear down March 15  
Sat. March 26 – Class TBD



### April

Sat. April 1 – Arrow bracelet 9-12 a.m.  
Sat. April 9 – Advanced Gourd Carving Class  
*(sign up ahead & get list)*  
Sat. April 16 – TBD  
Sat. April 23 – Suncatchers  
Sat. April 30 – TBD

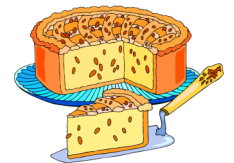
## Texting For Seniors

- ATD** At The Doctor's
- BTW** Bring The Wheelchair
- BYOT** Bring Your Own Teeth
- CBM** Covered By Medicare
- CUATSC** See You At The Senior Center
- FWB** Friend With Beta Blockers
- FWIW** Forgot Where I Was
- FYI** Found Your Insulin
- FYT** Found Your Teeth
- GGPBL** Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!
- GHA** Got Heartburn Again
- IMHO** Is My Hearing-Aid On?
- LMDO** Laughing My Dentures Out
- LOL** Living On Lipitor
- LWO** Lawrence Welk's On
- OMMR** On My Massage Recliner
- TTYL** Talk To You Louder
- WAIT** Who Am I Talking To?
- WTP** Where's The Prunes?
- WWNO** Walker Wheels Need Oil

*Source: The Rockhound Record – Dec. 2010*

## Refreshments

for January's meeting will be provided by:



Betty Merrell, Brian Berringer & Jim Hoag

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



**Deming Gem & Mineral Society**  
**General Membership Meeting – December 16, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President, Brian Beringer. Frank Barber led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were Monika Anderson's grandchildren, Felipe 8 and Sianya, 11, New members were: Linda Alverson, daughter of Sky Alverson, and Duane and Louise Wegley. Welcome!

**Secretary's report:** Judy advised that there is a sign up sheet for the Girl Scout Day, which will be held Sat. Jan. 15, 2011 from 9:00 – 3:00. Please sign up to help out. There is also a sign up sheet for the First Aid class. The first Gourd class will be held on Sat. Jan 22, 2011 from 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. Please sign up and get a materials list at the class table. There are several classes to sign up for if you are interested. Everyone should fill out a membership update form so we have correct addresses (USPS and email) and phone numbers. Judy advised the Christmas Appreciation dinner was a great success and Susan made centerpieces which were raffled off. Josephine Wooden made motion to approve the minutes as printed in the Chips and Jim Foutch seconded. Approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Susan gave the report for November and it will be posted on the bulletin board. The shop balanced.

**Committee reports:**

**Membership:** Dues are now due for the upcoming year.

**Sunshine:** Barbara advised she sent a get well card to Martha Green, and George Gollihar. She sent a sympathy card to Sheila Hoag and will be sending one to the wife of Hal Wheeler who recently passed away.

**Bulletin:** Sheila thanks Jerry & Carolyn Abbey for mailing out the Chips last week while she was gone. Brian thanked Sheila for her good job with the Chips.

**Roundup:** Not present. Brian advised that the sign-up sheets are on the front table, so be sure to get your name on the list.

**Shop:** Joe reported that the shop is running pretty good and we have new members coming in. We do have some repairs and maintenance to be done which is being undertaken. The 30" saw is down right now until repairs are completed. Joe advised that there will be a change for the upcoming Roundup for the geode cutters. The sign up sheet is in the shop. The sawyers will be required to have a 6-hour minimum training and educational class on the saws. Ron advised that he needs leaders for Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9:00 – 12:00 so the shop can be open during the day. The evening shop hours for Monday and Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. will remain. Ron asked that more experienced shop users be more proactive in helping new people if they see the new users not using equipment properly for safety reasons and for equipment preservation. Jim reminded that the shop will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years Day.

**Librarian:** Shirley advised that the library will be open during break and after the meeting. She advised that she needs someone to take over the library this next year. She will help whomever steps up. Please see Brian or Frank if you are interested. Shirley advised that for Roundup on the spinning wheel, she needs little bottles (like hotel shampoo bottles). At the end of the January

general meeting, she will need help filling the rock grab bags.

**Field trips:** Jim Foutch advised that he will be leading a field trip to Big Diggins, and Rich Little's claim and Jim's "special spot" on Saturday, Dec. 18. Meet at the club about 8:15 a.m. They will be going for nice agate.

**President's report:**

**Old Business:**

1) Josephine Wooden announced the slate of proposed officers for 2011 three times. Darrell Johnson made motion to accept the slate of officers as presented, seconded by Jim Foutch. Approved. Swearing in of officers will be done at the January general meeting. The slate of officers for 2011 are: President: Frank Barber; Vice President: Sheila Hoag; Secretary: Judy Crawford; Treasurer: Susan Schiffner, Two-year Director: Ron Ehrlich; Chips Bulletin Editor: Carolyn Abbey. Brian advised that at the break, there would be paper ballots to vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws.

**New Business:**

- 1) Thanks to Maurice and Jerry for doing the shelves for the speakers.
- 2) Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas Appreciation dinner.
- 3) Thanks to those who provided the refreshments today and all year long. There will be a new sign up sheet for the coming year.

**Break**

The ballot results were: Both proposed amendments did pass. On the first amendment the yeas were 44, neys were 3. On the second amendment, the yeas were 27, the neys were 20.

Two door prizes of bolas were donated by Ron Ehrlich and the first was won by Fred Bishop and the second by Mary Beringer (Brian's Christmas present, she said)

50/50 was won by Richard Gordon.

Two name tag prizes were available and the first was won by Chet Schilling and the second by Monika Anderson.

Brian thanked Monika for bringing the bean and split pea soup today. Brian advised this was his last meeting as President and he thanked everyone for all their support.

Joe advised the club needs good cutting rock for the Roundup for the shop to cut. He advised that Rich Little made a big donation to the club off of his claim. Thank you Rich! The club always needs small size rock for tumbling, so if out rockhounding, pick up small stuff also for the club.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Newman, seconded by Ron Ehrlich. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Crawford, acting 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.*

**SAFETY RULES:** *Thought it would be a good idea for the new year to review some safety*

- Jewelry making can be a most enjoyable hobby but there are certain hazards which must be avoided, and can be, by following a few simple rules.
- Work Safely. You can't get by on luck.
- Don't polish a wire or chain on a rotary tool without nailing the wire or chain to a board. This might wrap around the arbor and pull your hand with it.
- Don't set fire to your clothing with the torch. Fuzzy sweaters are dangerous.
- Don't drop the torch or fail to turn it off. An explosion might follow.
- Don't pour water into acid when making pickle; pour acid into water.
- Don't turn over the pickle pot or the boil pot. Keep handles to the rear.
- Don't put a large piece of very hot metal in pickle might splash.
- Don't pick up the charcoal block or hot metal until you are sure they are cool.
- Don't hold a piece being drilled with your hand; the drill might slip or break or the piece might spin when the drill breaks through. Use pliers.
- Don't put your fingers inside any item being polished, for example, a belt-buckle, a ring, a bracelet, etc.
- Hold the work being polished between finger-tips and thumb.
- Don't wear rubber gloves or fingerstalls when polishing; these might wrap around the arbor. Don't work without some protection for the eyes such as plastic goggles or a magnifying eye piece, particularly when using a rotating wire brush.
- Don't let your tie at hair get caught by the rotating arbor. This could be fatal.
- Don't get into contact with electricity or belts. Don't work on a wet or damp floor.
- Don't fail to report any apparent hazard immediately.
- We repeat: "Work safely. You can't get by on luck. Just fail to observe these rules and you will find your situation comparable to that of the fellow whose wife had the stone-cutter carve on his tombstone, "I told you to go to the doctor".

*Source: Gems of the Rogue - February 2008*

## JUMP RINGS

It's better to use a round jump ring on the end of a chain instead of an oval one. Oval rings will wear faster because tension on the chain concentrates wear on the smaller ends of the jump ring. Wear is distributed evenly on a round jump ring because it can rotate through the last link of the chain and the clasp. This gives the ring a longer useful life.

## ORGANIZING SMALL PARTS

With all the little components we use for our projects, it makes sense to have a good way to keep them organized and preventing them from getting lost. A great small container to use is available in numbers and for free at your local drugstore. Ask at the photo processing area for some of the 35mm plastic film cans. They have a tight fitting lid and are great for carrying beads, findings, jump rings, and silver scraps.

## STIFFENING EARRING POSTS

Soldering an earring post will always soften the wire a bit. Easiest way to harden it is to grip the end of the post with your flat-jaw pliers and twist it a couple half turns. This work-hardens the wire and at the same time tests your soldered joint.

## USE A SPRAY BOTTLE

Those little spray bottles you can find at the drug store are great for firescale preventors and debubbling solutions. A quick fire-scale preventor is liquid flux, and a homemade debubbling solution is a little Dawn liquid in rubbing alcohol.

## BROKEN DRILLS

Have you ever broken a drill bit off in a hole? Sometimes you can grab it with pliers, but other times the steel piece is below the surface in the hole. If this happens, you can usually dissolve the steel in a solution of alum. Alum is typically available from a food store or a drug store. Use about a teaspoon per cup of warm water. Submerge your piece so that the partially drilled hole is facing up so that bubbles can float free.

*Source of the 5 above Tips: Brad Smith - The Voice - 12/2010*

## HOT TIP ON THUNDEREGGS

Many lapidaries now heat nodule and thunder egg halves under a heat lamp for a few minutes, before polishing with tin oxide or cerium oxide on felt. The polish comes up almost instantly. Alternatives include putting specimens in a 200 degree oven until warm to the touch, or putting specimens in a kettle full of hot water until they are warm. Dry off excess water before polishing.

*Source: The Voice - 12/2010*

**DUES ARE DUE — DUES ARE DUE — DUES ARE DUE**

**Deming Gem & Mineral Society**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
*December 1, 2010*

The meeting was called to order by President, Brian Beringer, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Frank Barber, Judy & Maurice Crawford, Susan Schiffner, Sheila & Jim Hoag, Terry Dellinger, Joe Bost. Non-board members present: Ernie Bent, Carol Seebruch, Carolyn Abbey, Ron Ehrlich.

**Secretary's report:** Judy reports that all invitations went out for the Dec. 11 Appreciation dinner, although there were some delays which were unforeseen. She has tried to call everyone on the list to confirm and we have a good response. We are sorry those who are out of state cannot make it, but they will be recognized.

**Treasurer's report:** Susan give her report and it will be posted on the bulletin board. She asked if the club would be interested in putting the CD into something earning more interest. After discussion, she will gather information for further discussion at our next general meeting.

**Committee reports:**

**Membership:** Carol reminded that she needs more items for the information packets she does for new members. Brian advised it should be coming out this month from the Chamber of Commerce.

**Roundup:** Terry advised that he has ordered the T-shirts and hats and they should be here before Jan. 1. The next Roundup meeting is Dec. 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. He will not be able to attend, but Jerry Abbey will be leading it.

**Bulletin:** Sheila advised anything for upcoming Chips to be in to her by Dec. 3. The Chips will go out either Mon-

day or Tuesday.

**Shop:** Jim advised everything going well. The shop had a good month in income. He reminded that the shop will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years. He advised that there will be some changes to equipment and he requested that the shop allowance be made available to him to get all the equipment in top shape by the first of the year. Jim made motion to approve his budget, seconded by Susan, approved.

**President's report:**

**Old Business:**

1) Reminder of the Christmas appreciation dinner Sat. Dec. 11, 2010 at Palma's Italian restaurant.

2) Reminder that December 16, 2010 is the next General Meeting and the members will be voting by ballot for the upcoming slate of proposed officers.

**New Business:**

1) Brian advised that this is his last board meeting. Frank Barber will be taking over in January.

2) Terry brought up about the club having a first aid kit. We have one to use on field trips, which may or may not be adequate. We can order one through the Red Cross, which is much more extensive, but more expensive. Carol made motion to acquire another first aid kit to be kept in the clubhouse.

3) Terry suggested that another First Aid class be held so more people can attend. We will have a signup sheet on the island, so if you are interested, please sign up. When we get enough for a class, a date will be set near the end of February. Keep in mind it is a good idea to have our field trip leaders take the class.

4) Maurice made motion to have Jim Hoag be our claim supervisor, Susan seconded, approved. Susan made motion that Jim be reimbursed for his printer, which he has used extensively for the club business, seconded by Frank, approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Maurice, seconded by Sheila. Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, acting secretary

**ROUNDUP  
MEETINGS**

*Sat. Jan. 8th & Feb. 12  
at 10 a.m.*



# THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

P.O. BOX 1459, DEMING, N.M. 88031

FOUNDED - JANUARY 1965

## DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR

Membership Dues: \$10.00 per person for Adult Members

Junior Memberships: \$2.00 per person (up to 18 years of age)

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

4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming, NM -- Clubhouse phone: 575- 546-2554

### BOARD MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.

1st Wednesday each month

### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.

4th Thursday of each month

### NEXT ROUNDUP MEETINGS

January 8th & February 12th

10 a.m.

*Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.*

### OFFICERS

President .....	Frank Barber .....	546-0212
Vice President .....	Sheila Hoag .....	544-8841
Secretary .....	Judy Crawford .....	546-0056
Treasurer .....	Susan Schiffner .....	546-4591
Bulletin Editor .....	Carolyn Abbey .....	543-8916
Roundup Chair ('11) .....	Terry Dellinger .....	936-433-0108
Asst. Roundup Chair .....	Bud Daily .....	575-267-4399
Field Trips .....		
Historian .....		
1 Yr. Director .....	Joe Bost .....	546-9003
2 Yr. Director .....	Ron Ehrlich .....	544-0028
Past President .....	Brian Beringer .....	546-0653
Pro-Tem .....		

### CHAIRPERSONS

Claims .....		
Custodian .....	Members sign up for one month	
Librarian .....	Shirley Krasinski .....	544-1315
Membership .....	Carol Seebrush .....	575-694-0553
Parliamentarian .....		
Photographer .....	All Club Members	
Social Chairperson .....	Monika Anderson .....	544-4655
Refreshments .....	All Club members	
Reporters .....	All Club Members	
Shop .....	Jim Hoag .....	544-8841
Sunshine .....	Barbara Hamilton .....	544-8643
Webmistress .....	Sheila Hoag .....	544-8841

## ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

March 10-13, 2011



## . . . 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.

“ROCK CHIPS” is the official bulletin of the Society

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Pick up pdf flyer from lash drive to  
send to Hoag



### ***Patina Using A Hard-Boiled Egg***

I've demonstrated this popular non-toxic patina in my newsletter, workshops, and in my "Cool Tools and Hip Tips" column in *Lapidary Journal Jewelry Artist* magazine. All you need is a peeled warm hard-cooked egg, your piece, and a ziplock bag.

Put the warm egg and the piece in the bag, seal it tight, and let the bag sit on the countertop for a few hours. You'll get a gentle, subtle patina from the sulfur of the egg yolk. Throw the egg away once you've got a color you like. Again, seal your patina with Krylon or wax (Renaissance, Butchers, or floor wax all work well, and a tiny dab will protect a large pendant or brooch).

*Source: The Voice – 12/2010 (author unknown to me)*

### ***Super Fine Jewelry Cleaner***

Mix together 1/4 cup white vinegar, 1/4 cup household ammonia; 1/8 cup dish detergent (NOT DISHWASHER DETERGENT). Drop jewelry in. Rinse well and watch it shine. This is also good for copper bottom pans and silverware.

*Source: The Rockhound Record – 12/2010*

### ***Polishing Talc***

*by Richard Chappell, Jr., Houston Gem & Mineral Society*

The natives of Brazil have used the talc found there to make common utensils such as cooking appliances. Professional talc carvers from Anapolis-Goles, Brazil, showed me this quick method when they visited Houston, Texas, in a nation-wide tour.

1. CUT the talc into size desired with hand saw (even the pros didn't use any electric equipment except a lathe for hollowing out bowls and pots). Sometimes this step may be skipped if the piece is of the correct size.
2. CARVE the talc into approximate shape with a knife.
3. SAND with 220 or 400 grit sandpaper.
4. SMOOTH with quadruple zero (0000) steel wool, the finest available.
5. HEAT in strong sunlight or warm oven until slightly warm to the touch.
6. RUB with clear paste wax while the talc is still hot, and you have got yourself a finished carving.

Reasonably pure talc is required, but impurities give it a delightful marking or pattern. This method may be used for cabs, statues, or anything else. The finished product may surprise you, as you can't tell how it will turn out until the paste wax is on.

*Source: The Voice – 12/2010*

### ***Recipe for a Good Rock Club***

Assemble a group of Rockhounds in assorted sizes and personalities.

#### **MEASURE ACCURATELY:**

- 1 cup friendly words
- 1 cup courtesy
- 1 cup understanding
- 1 cup patience

- **SIFT CAREFULLY** to remove all malice and ego.
- **ADD** a dash of wit and humor, a heart full of cooperation and praise, where needed.
- **MIX WELL** until blended into a smooth running organization.
- **SPRINKLE** with Good Times and Fun. Garnish with new Members. Serve with Warm Greetings. Plenty for all.

*Source: The Rock Collector – 12/2010*

### ***PECOS "DIAMONDS"***

Pecos "diamonds" are double-terminated quartz crystals from along the Pecos River for around 100 mile stretch from Carlsbad to beyond Roswell. They range in size from around 1mm or less to around 3/4" diameter by possibly 2" length. They range in color from colorless to black, with most being flesh and tans. Included are some carnelian, sard, sardonyx, etc. They occur as singles, twins, and multiples, clusters (many of which are very attractive 'rosettes'), penetrates, etc. Pecos 'diamonds' weather out of gypsum

### **SUGILITE**

Sugilite is named after a Japanese geologist, Kenichi Sugi, who discovered the first tiny specimens in Japan in 1944. It is a rare ore, potassium sodium iron lithium silicate, ranging in color from pink to purple. The primary gem deposit was found in 1979 at the 3,200 ft. level in the Wessels Manganese Mine, 14 miles northwest of Hotazel, South Africa, in the Kalahari Desert.

Smaller deposits occur in Brazil and Canada. Sugilite usually occurs in pegmatites of alkaline magmas and crystallizes into opaque masses. It occasionally occurs as small crystals or inclusions within quartz, and very rarely, in a translucent gemmy form known as "gel". It is frequently found in combination with manganese [black streaks], Bustamite, a calcian variety of rhodonite [orange/brown areas], and sometimes with Richterite [blue].

*Source of the above articles: The Voice – 12/2010*

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

Saturday, January 8th..... Roundup Meeting ..... 10 a.m.  
Thursday, January 27th ..... General Meeting ..... 2 p.m.  
Saturday, January 22nd..... Gourd Crafting Class .....9 – noon  
\*\*\*\*\*See Schedule of Classes beginning on page 1\*\*\*\*\*

## FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 2nd ..... Board Meeting ..... 2 p.m.  
Saturday, February 12th..... Roundup Meeting ..... 10 a.m.  
Thursday, February 24th ..... General Meeting ..... 2 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Clubhouse (4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.) unless otherwise noted.  
Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.

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