



## Miz Prez sez . . .

*2012 already!! Wow, that doesn't seem possible, does it?*

This year will be our 47th Annual Rockhound Roundup and plans are well under way. The next Roundup meeting is Jan. 14th at 10am. Stop by and see where you can lend a hand.

I look forward to being President this year. I'm sure it will be a learning experience. If you have any suggestions or questions, you can email me or give me a call.

Happy New Year,

*Sheila Hoag*



## Upcoming Field Trips

On Saturday, January 21, 2012 Daryl Johnson will lead us to the **Victorio Mountains** (south of Gage, NM) to look for agates, chalcedony, azurite, malachite, and other copper ore specimens.

The Victorio Mountains saw much mining activity at the turn of the 20th century as miners looked for gold, silver, copper, tin, and lead. There are plenty of tailings to poke through, and possibly we might visit an old ghost town close by (Chance City). Meet outside the Club's parking lot at 8:30 a.m., and we will leave sharply at 9:00 a.m. A hat, sunscreen, and plenty of water of recommended. Be prepared for winter weather. Bring a lunch if you want to stay past noon.

Because this field trip was cancelled in December, we will try to go to the **Baker Egg Mine**, Saturday, January 28th to look for agates and geodes again. Our friends from the Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society (Silver City) will be joining us. We will meet outside the Club's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and leave at 8:30 a.m. A hat, sunscreen, and plenty of water are recommended. Be prepared for winter weather. Bring a lunch if you want to stay past noon.

*Wayne*

## DUES ARE DUE



a little reminder. . .

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general meeting.

## Upcoming Roundup Meetings

10:00 a.m. on January 14th,  
February 11th  
and February 25th

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

Thanks,  
*Maurice & Judy*



## Shop Notes

I want to thank everyone who worked in the shop this past year to help make it a successful year.

We have a great crew of volunteers and I hope they will all help the new shop manager this coming year.

*Maurice*

## Classes for the New Year

Saturday, January 21st: 9—12 we will be doing Arrow Bracelets. Material list and sign up sheets are in the club house.

On Tuesday, February 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th 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.

On Saturday, February 18th there will be a pine needle basket class. Uncertain right now if all materials will be provided or not, and if there will be a nominal fee involved.

*Judy*

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

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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 MEETING

10:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 14th

*Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.*

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## ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

March 8 - 11, 2012



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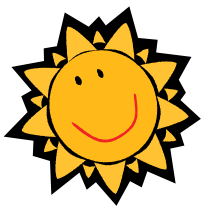


## January Birthdays:

*Diana Measday, Joe Morris, Kathy Nason, John Read, Richard Renfro, Roger Schaap, and Steve Turner*

## Happy Anniversaries to

*Monika & Rod Anderson, Jay & Barbara Galloway, Charles & Sandra Jago, Susan & Robert Schiffner, Chuck & Karen Smith, and Bill & Doris Sutton*



## Sunshine Greetings

*A card of get well wishes was sent to Will Grieve & Carole Seebruch  
A sympathy card was sent to Roy Smith for the death of his wife Emily.*

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

## Welcome to New club Members

- Pat & Gerry Hellmich**—Manitoba, Canada
- Pamela Morgan**—Deming, NM
- Verna smith**—Warden, WA
- Armando & Janet Zahn**—Deming, NM
- Gerald & Shirley Webb**—Bell, FL
- Charlie Collins**—Deming, NM
- Roger & Lynn Schaap**—Traverse City, MI
- Dan Broder** - Livingston, TX

## Refreshments

**January refreshments will be provided by**

*Judy Crawford, Betty Merrill, and Marilyn Page*

*Our tummies Thank You*



*Each year I believe it is good to revisit the Rockhounds Code of Ethics. New information for the new Rockhounds and a good review for the well seasoned ones.*

## Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use. I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

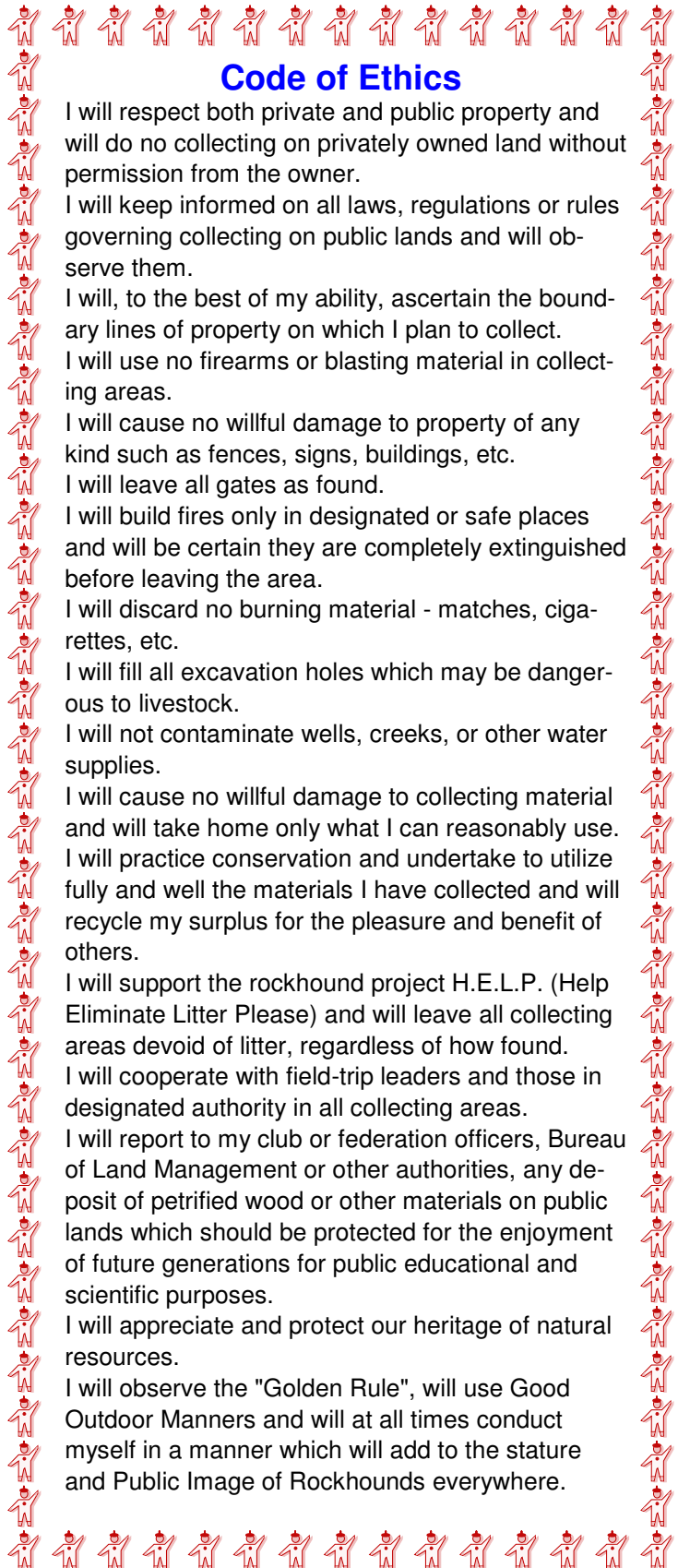
I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.





## Deming Gem & Mineral Society — Board Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2012

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

Board members present: Susan Schiffner, Sheila Hoag, Carolyn Abbey, Maurice Crawford, Marilyn Page, Joe Bost for Ron Ehrlich, Judy Crawford, *acting secretary*. Non-board members present: Ernie & Grace Bent, Joe Morone, Betty Merrill, Paul & Russ Schumacher, and Russell Scoggin.

Secretary's report: Judy reported that the volunteers for the secretary position, have now declined to serve, so she will continue as acting secretary until someone is found. You don't have to be here all year, we can find someone to fill in if you have to be gone, so please consider serving.

Treasurer's report: Susan explained the need for our "cushion" to cover expenses for Roundup and in the event Roundup is closed down. In that event, the club would have the necessary funds to operate for approximately two more years, then would have to close. It was suggested that since the club pays out so much money for the Christmas appreciation dinner, that we go back to having our annual Christmas potluck at the club.

Committee reports:

Historian, field trips, claims, Sunshine were not present.

Membership: Elena reminds that our dues are now past due, so please get your dues paid as soon as possible.

Bulletin: Carolyn apologized for the Chips being online late. The Jan. Chips will be out next week. Anything to go in please get to her by this weekend.

Shop: Joe reports attendance was down a little during the holidays. We are low on oil, so the 30" has been shut down to use that oil. Will order oil soon. One grinder is being rebuilt with a new shaft. Will need a new rubber mat also.

Roundup: Maurice advises the next Roundup meeting is Sat. Jan 14, at 10:00 am. Please come to get signed up in the areas you wish to volunteer. All committee heads should attend also. We need people to start saving newspapers and plastic grocery bags for the geode cutting area. Bring to the shop for storage.

President's report:

Old Business:

The geode polisher which is for sale received one bid for \$450.00. Motion by Susan to accept the bid, seconded by Maurice, approved.

The issue of whether we can use the club for meetings by the GPAA was discussed. After discussion, Maurice made motion to allow the first meeting on Jan. 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. whereupon several of our members who will attend will broach the subject of participants joining the Gem & Mineral Club.

The issue of getting a rebuilt copier was discussed. Suggested Jerry get quotes on a reconditioned unit. Cheaper than any other way.

New Business:

Betty Merrill thanked everyone in the club who work all year and are not gone part of the time.

Susan suggests that Jim Foutch be made an Educational director. He does so many field trips with the kids, and makes jewelry for kids everywhere. Susan made motion that the club pay for his gasoline when he takes out field trips, and purchase the little bails he uses for his jewelry, seconded by Maurice, approved. We ask that he create a book with the pictures of his outings..

Officers to be sworn in at general meeting (ones that have not been sworn in already), and the President will present her list of choices for committee heads at the general meeting, which will have to be approved by the general membership. Nominations will also be accepted at that meeting.

Member, Lyle Megli, advised that he has some cut gemstones he wishes to donate to the club. Also, he made a very generous donation to the club in appreciation for the help he has received going on field trips. Thank you very much Lyle.

We need people to sign up ahead for providing refreshments. January's refreshments will be provided by Betty Merrill, Marilyn Page, Judy Crawford.

Susan discussed setting up a budget for the general club expenses. We need to cut corners to keep the membership dues at a reasonable cost. Suggestions for saving the club money:

Using rags instead of paper towels

Charge for coffee – 25 cents per cup, or \$1.00 for the day.

Using ceramic coffee cups. Members can put their names on their cups and stay at the club for their use. In essence the club has been paying for those who drink coffee when not everyone drinks coffee.

It was pointed out that the club is spending more on grit to polish rocks, than is brought in by selling grab bags. Discussion was held on ways we can cut down on the cost, maybe by raising the cost of the grab bags to 50 cents. This will be discussed further after more input. Motion was made by Susan, seconded by Judy to put Ron Ehrlich in charge of the tumbled rocks.

Motion to adjourn made by Maurice, seconded by Marilyn. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, acting Secretary (Again)

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## Rockhound State Park Happenings January, 2012

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

Another exciting year ahead for all of us here at the park. The Rangers shoveled snow from around the buildings, and then we got some beautiful weather. Sunshine and warmth – that's what I like about living here.

Visitation has increased with the nicer weather. The snow and rain revealed many before unseen rocks for people to admire and take home. Of course, most folks just like to walk the trails and look at the beautiful Florida Mountains.

The Friends of Rockhound will have their monthly meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 a.m. There will be a mystery speaker, so you will not want to miss out on this one.

Rockhound State Park is open all year. The Visitor Center Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m, closing from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch. Our telephone number is (575)546-6182 for information about the park.

### 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



### Your 2012 Club Officers

President: Sheila Hoag, Vice President: Marilyn Page, Secretary: Judy Crawford (temporary), Treasurer: Susan Schiffner, Bulletin Editor: Carolyn Abbey, Roundup: Maurice Crawford, 1 Year Director: Ron Ehrlich

# A Happy New Year!

## Shop stuff

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

### Drop of Water Test

#### Topaz Quartz and Topaz

are not easy to separate by eye, and are sometimes impossible when the quartz is a true topaz color. There is a big difference in price between the two and anyone describing quartz as topaz, however innocently, may well be in trouble. Topaz is quite a different mineral, which is harder than quartz. Because of this, a drop of water will not



spread on topaz, but will spread on quartz. Clean the stone as effectively as possible with a cloth or handkerchief to remove all trace of grease. It must be dry before the test. Then place a spot of clean water on it with a thin glass or metal rod. On stones with a hardness of less than 7 on the Mohs scale, the water is dispersed. On harder stones it will remain a globule. The harder the stone the more rounded will be the globule.

Source: Old Pueblo Lapidary Club—Jan .2012

### Candle Your Montana Agates

just as you would eggs. Punch a small hole in the bottom of a two pound coffee can. Turn it upside down and place a light inside. It is surprising how the light coming through the hole will show the dendrites. Saves cutting time.

Source: Stolen Gems 12/2011

### Cutting a Bolt

Whenever you have to cut a threaded bolt shorter, it's always difficult to get the nut to thread back onto it.

And the smaller the bolt, the more difficult this is. The problem is easily solved by screwing a nut onto the bolt before cutting it.

So here's how to do it. Screw a nut onto the bolt, grip the bolt by the piece to be sawed off, saw the bolt to the desired length, taper the end with sandpaper or file, and unscrew the nut from the bolt.

Unscrewing the nut over the freshly cut end of the bolt straightens out any damage to the threads. Gripping the bolt by the piece to be sawed off localizes any crushing damage to the piece you're throwing away.

Tips from Brad Smith from the Gulfport Gems -12/2011

## DGMS, Inc. – General Meeting – December 22, 2011

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

Guests and new members: John Franklin, Maria Costa, John Della Ratta. Welcome to all!

Sheila asked for a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the chips. Motion made by Marilyn Page, seconded by Jim Foutch, approved.

Secretary's report: Judy expressed a big "Thank You" to Rich Little who donated 10-15 buckets of rock from his Little Diggins claim. It was mostly tumbling rock, but some for cutting. Joe also added that Rich has donated a lot of his rock to the club and is owed a debt of gratitude. Thank you to Keith & Zillah Karstetter, Susan Schiffner, Joe and Elena Bost for coming to help set up for the Christmas dinner. Thanks to Susan and Judy for the centerpieces which were won by drawing. Also, this is Judy's last meeting as secretary and thanked the club for their support and help in the last several years.

Treasurer's report: Susan read her report and it will be posted on the bulletin Susan also mentioned that 11 people that had confirmed for the Christmas dinner, did not show up and it cost the club the money for the meal.

Committee reports:

Sunshine, Claims, Bulletin, Historian, and Librarian not present.

Membership: Elena advised that dues are due; you can pay today. Shop: Joe advised that the shop will be closed from Dec. 24 and will reopen on Jan 2, at 9:00 a.m. Joe advised that rocks that were stockpiled were cleaned out for the silent auction. There were some problems with the oil pumps on the saws, but they are being worked on. We lost one sawyer, so anyone interested in becoming a sawyer, including ladies, can apply for training. We have had some really good donations this past year and we will continue to have good items for the silent auction and for Roundup silent auction. Joe thanked Maurice for a good year and Maurice thanked Joe for all his expert help.

Roundup – Maurice stated the next Roundup meeting is Sat. Jan 14 at 10:00 a.m. We would like all those who have volunteered for chairpersons to attend and we will have the shift sign up sheets available also. The t-shirts and caps are in and will be offered for pre-sale to members at the Jan. general meeting. The video and audio are being worked on and should be done shortly. Judy advised that we need items for the silent auction tables starting now, so get them to the club and/or call Judy. We will have the sheets for the items and bid sheets at the next meeting. Membership needs your old magazines, like lapidary, gold prospecting, jewelry making, Mining Journals, needlecraft, etc. Bring to the club so we can put aside for Roundup.

Historian: We need all your pictures from this past year in to her soon so she can finish this year's history book. She thanks all those who have given her pictures.

Library: Sheila said a book has been donated to the club on making knives by Pat Smail. Thank you very much Pat.

Webmistress: Sheila advised that the emailed Chips may be late due to her not being able to open the file sent to her by Carolyn. Will get out as soon as possible.

Field trips: Wayne advised that our December trip to Baker Ranch was postponed to January. We have one trip Sat. Jan 21 to the Victorio Mountains and even a ghost town. Meet at club at 8:30 am. and leave at 9:00 am. Sat. Jan 28, trip to Baker Ranch,

meet at club at 8:00 am, leave at 8:30 am. We still need a couple of volunteers for Roundup, to lead and tail gunners. If interested, contact Wayne.

President's report:

Old Business: Marilyn Page read the slate of officers for the upcoming year. Judy swore in the candidates: Sheila Hoag as Pres.; Marilyn Page as VP, Susan Schiffner as Treasurer; Ron Ehrlich as 1-Yr Director. The proposed offices of Secretary and 2-Yr. Director will be sworn in at the January Board Meeting.

New Business: Nancy Smail advised some information about two people who have had a booth at our Roundup for many years, Sherry Smith and Mary Frances Watkins. Mary Frances passed away this past year, and Sherry has many items for sale if anyone interested, rock related, and rock equipment. We will receive a list and post it so you can contact Sherry. She'd like to know what anyone would want before the end of Jan. so she can bring it.

Motion to approve list of people to serve on the Claims Committee as follows: President, Roundup Chair, Joe Morone, Rich Little, Ron Ehrlich to assist Jim Hoag, was made by Jim Foutch, seconded by Pat Smail. Approved.

Break


50/50 won by Ben Staff. Doorprize of walking stick won by Undine Tindell. Name tag prize of bola donated by Ron Ehrlich won by Wayne Treers. Special door prize of a rock specimen won by Jay Tindell.

Thank you to Dellanna and Marilyn for the refreshments today. They were outstanding!

No further business for the good of the club. Motion to adjourn made by Jim Foutch, seconded by Maurice. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Crawford and Goodbye

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## Getting Fit For the New Year:

### EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 50

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags.

Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm finally at this level!)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

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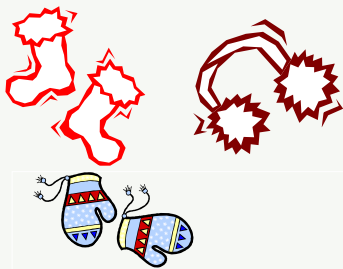
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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **JANUARY**

Saturday, January 14th .....	Roundup Meeting .....	10 a.m.
Saturday, January 21st .....	Field Trip to Victorio Mountains .....	8:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 26th .....	General Meeting .....	2 p.m.
Saturday, January 28th .....	Field trip to Baker Egg Mine .....	8 a.m.

### **FEBRUARY**

Wednesday, February 1st .....	Board Meeting .....	2 p.m.
Saturday, February 11th .....	Roundup Meeting .....	10 a.m.
Thursday, February 23rd .....	Board Meeting .....	2 p.m.
Saturday, February 25th .....	Roundup Meeting .....	10 a.m.

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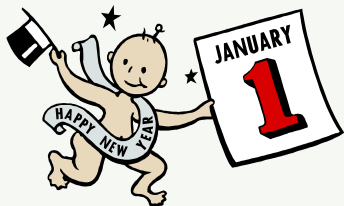
Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.

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# **HAPPY NEW YEAR**