



The Prez says....

It's too hot, for those of you that don't know. Hopefully this is as hot as it will get this year, and the monsoons hurry up and start.

August is up next and time to be thinking about the SWNM State Fair. We need volunteers at gates and our booth, plus entries in the classes we sponsor (and all the other ones too!).

That's about it for me. *Sheila*

Roundup Reminder, we still need 2 persons to assist at Roundup this coming year. We need you by October 1, so please step up.

Thanks, Maurice

Summer Shop:

We're working on cleaning out and repairing some equipment; everything else running fine.

The shop is still open Monday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon.



Upcoming Field Trips

On Saturday, July 14th Ben & Barb Staff will lead the club to the Cedar Mountains area where we will look for the famous Baker Ranch "raisins" – the agate/chalcedony left over from a geode. We will also look for pink chalcedony. We will meet in front of the Clubhouse parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and depart at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended, but not necessary. A hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, plenty of water, and food are recommended.

In August, Wayne Treers will lead the club to the Massacre Peak area south of Cookes Peak to look for banded sandstone (picture rock). Four-wheel drive vehicles are strongly recommended. A hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, plenty of water, and food are also recommended. **Date and time to be determined later.**

Our monsoon season has arrived (just like clockwork), and showers and thunderstorms are occurring daily in the area. All field trips are subject to the weather and could be cancelled due to heavy rainfall runoff in the specific rockhound area scheduled for a field trip.

Field Trips Continued on page 3

Wayne

SWNM State Fair and the Club

Our Club has a long history of working with the Southwestern New Mexico State Fair Board.

For several years during the 1970's and 80's, and into the 1990's, Club members helped maintain the Fairgrounds, picking up trash, mowing lawns, and doing repairs. In exchange for this labor, the Roundup did not pay rent for Fairground use during the Roundup. The Club also was allowed to build a storage building on the Fairgrounds property and given a 99 year lease on its use. The Club was also awarded a Life membership in the Fair Association.

Through the mid 2000's, a Club member was designated as liaison to the Fair Board, attended Fair Board meetings, and reported to the Club. At some point the Club discontinued maintenance activities and began paying rent for the Roundup, and shortly after, stopped having a representative attend Fair Board meetings. Our rent for the Roundup week was \$1500 plus \$100 for utilities.

In 2008, the Fair Board raised our rent to \$2500 plus \$250 for utilities. As this would hurt the Club's ability to pay the bills and keep the members dues reasonable, and with the Boards knowledge, I attended a Fair Board meeting, pled our case, and succeeded in getting the rent reduced to \$2000 with no charge for utilities. In exchange, the Club agreed to set up booth partitions used during the Fair in building #1 and to take them down after the Fair.

In 2010, I attended a Fair Board meeting to confirm dates and rent agreement for the Roundup. When it was over, I was a duly elected member of the Fair Board.

In August of 2010, the organization that collected entry fees at the gates during the Fair ceased to do so. The Fair Board offered to trade rent & utilities **free** if the Club would man the gates. I presented this proposal to the August General meeting where a vote was taken and passed with no dissent.

Now, it sounds like I am blowing my own horn. That is not my intent. I just don't know how else I can provide background for the reason I am writing this message which is to appeal to each of you to step up to the plate and volunteer to help where needed to fulfill our obligation to the Fair Board.

The position that needs to be filled ASAP, is that of Committee chair. This entails soliciting club members to sign up to work the four entry gates during the Fair (Sept 25—30), to assign gate positions and work schedules, to adjust schedules and gate assignments as needed. Please call Jerry at 575-543-8915 if you can take on this position. For those of you who can fill a shift on one of the Fair gates, a sign up sheet is on the table at the Clubhouse or call me at the above number.

Thanks in advance, Jerry Abbey

P.S. Food For Thought

The Fair Board is currently charging **\$1500** (including utilities) **per day, per building, for anyone** renting at the fairgrounds. Do the math!

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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

2013

Roundup Meetings

As Needed

Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

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ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

March 7 - 10, 2013



The **ROCK CHIPS**

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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

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

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.*

DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. GENERAL MEETING JUNE 28, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Vice President, Marilyn Page, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were about 30 persons present.

Guests and new members: Mike and Sherry Gaines. Welcome!

The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the Chips for June. Maurice Crawford so moved, seconded by Ron Ehrlich, approved.

There was no secretary's report as Pam is away.

Treasurer's report: Susan gave her report, and the yearly report from our accountant will be posted on the bulletin board.

Committee reports:

Field trips: Barb & Ben Staff spoke for Wayne Treers and reported that there were 3 cars on the trip to Brazil Road. The next field trip will be July 14 to look for Baker raisins, and then on for pink chalcedony. Meet at the club at 7:30 a.m. and leave by 8:00 a.m. Bring lots of water, no 4x4 needed if the rains don't tear up the roads. Wayne's daughter was in the hospital, and we send our prayers to the family.

Sunshine, library, membership not present.

We do need a Historian to keep up the club's activities book for this year. Please volunteer.

Shop: Maurice reported one Lortone saw down, and will be fixed soon. Everything else running fine.

Roundup: Maurice reminded that we need an assistant for the coming year by Oct. 1.

Claims: Maurice explained about our club claims. There was a need to file 2 placer claims on our lode claims to protect our interests against adverse parties. This was done, but we need to file with BLM and the State. In order to do that, we need checks signed immediately. Motion was made by Gayleen Lauder milk to approve the checks, seconded by John Ewert, approved. Rich Little spoke about his claim adjacent to ours. He wants the members to understand that if people go onto his claim during Roundup, we are not to advise them to leave. That is illegal to do so.

Old Business: Monika reminded of our Fourth of July ice cream social on the 4th about 7:30 -8:00 p.m. Ice cream will be provided by the club, bring other goodies to share. Bring your chairs to watch the fireworks outside after our refreshments.

New Business: REMINDER: our next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 4th at the club, before our ice cream social.

Marilyn suggested that the Bylaws be printed in the Chips once a year. Jerry advised that all new member packets have a copy, but if anyone wishes one now, let him know and he will provide.

Break. Reminder that the silent auction will close 10 minutes after the meeting adjourns.

50/50 won by Maurice Crawford.

Door prize of a bola donated by Ken Newman was won by Abe Goepel.

Name tag prize of a mineral specimen was won by Susan Schiffner.

Jerry Abbey had some items to discuss as follows:

- 1) The Chips will be run on the 5th or 6th.
- 2) He will have a sign up sheet for manning the gates during Fair in the clubhouse soon.
- 3) He will need help the end of August, first part of September to move partitions into place for the fair. Tomorrow, some people need to help dismantle some of the partitions that won't be used again.
- 4) Jerry will need a runner for the gates at Fair as he will be tied up in the office.
- 5) Our club has a booth and 9 display cases. We will be having 3 judging cases this year, and that leaves 6 available for those who wish to have a case to display their items. A sign-up sheet is on the front table. At present, we have 2 cases left to fill. If you wish a case, call Marilyn. We will also have sign-up sheets for manning our booth hours. We will have more information available at the next meeting.

Thanks to Monika and Barb Staff for the goodies today. We need another person to sign up for July.


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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, acting secretary for Pam Morgan

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July Birthdays

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Sunshine Greetings



No cards were sent this month

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

Refreshments



July refreshments will be provided by
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Our tummies

Thank You

Field Trips *Continued from page 1*

On Saturday, June 9th, Frank Barber led the club into the north side of the Tres Hermanas Mountains, south of Brazil Road where we found nice specimens of calcite, pink onyx, olivine, and serpentine. The area has many old mines, pits, and prospects where old miners were looking for iron, manganese, tin, gold and silver. Thanks to Frank for a great rockhounding trip!

If you need more information, please contact our field trip coordinator, Wayne Treers, at 575-528-8696.

July Anniversaries

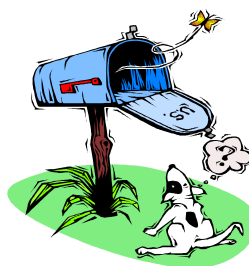


**Don Bennett & Maggie Karam,
Maurice & Judy Crawford, John & Nancy Ewert, Connie & Charles Martin, and Frank & Mary Ann Pullium**

SOLAR POWER

A friend brought her outside solar lights inside at night when her electricity was off during a thunderstorm. She stuck them in a jars and bottles and said they gave off plenty of 'free light'. She put one in each room and would put them back outside in the daytime and bring them in at night as long as the power was off. They are safe to use and cheaper than batteries.

Bring in a solar light one night and test it. Perfect for any power outages, hurricanes, etc.



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**DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
Board Minutes July 4, 2012**

There was not a quorum present, therefore no meeting was held.

The Ice Cream social had 42 people there to enjoy the goodies and the fireworks. Great fireworks and so was the weather.

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.*

Common Myths About Diamonds

by Fred Cuellar, author of the best-selling book "How to Buy a Diamond"

1. A Diamond is Forever - A diamond will only be forever if you take care of it. If you don't a diamond can chip, fracture, or break. Even a diamond should come with a care instruction tag.

2. Diamonds are very rare - Nope! There is more of a man-made shortage than a natural shortage. The distribution of the number of diamonds put on the market each year is highly regulated. There are really enough diamonds to give each man, woman and child in the United States a whole cupful.

3. A Fancy Shaped Diamond is More Difficult to Cut than a Round Diamond - All diamonds, to a certain degree, are difficult to cut, and some very large diamonds take more time and effort to cut than smaller diamonds do. But one diamond is not harder to cut than another just because of the shape.

4. Diamonds are a Good Investment - Webster's dictionary defines investment as "an outlay of money for income or profit." Since most people purchase diamonds to be worn and not to be resold, diamonds are not a good investment. Only through proper education and training could diamonds become a good investment. For the average Joe, I would recommend buying a diamond for the enjoyment and prestige it brings and don't be too concerned about making a buck.

5. A Diamond is the Most Expensive Gemstone - The truth is there are quite a few more expensive gemstones on the market. For example, a top quality ruby can be worth over thirty thousand dollars a carat.

6. A Jeweler will Tend to Mount His Best Diamonds in Ready to go Settings - On the contrary, a jeweler will always pre-mount his worst diamonds in settings. That way he can hide any chips under prongs and make it impossible for you to get an exact color and weight measurement. Always remember a jeweler's best diamonds are in his safe and the only way to see them is to ask for them to be brought out.

Source: Leaverite News - April 2012

Gemstone Dyeing

Mix a box of Rit dye with a couple of ounces of wood alcohol. Let your stones, polished or tumbled, soak in this solution in a small jar until the desired shade has been reached. This could take 30 minutes or overnight. If too much dye is absorbed, soak in clear wood alcohol. Slicing after being dyed can result in some fantastic results.

Source: Pineywoods Rooter—Feb. 2012

Do You Wear a Baseball-type Cap with the ventilated mesh crown? Next time buy an insulated model such as farmers wear. This cap has a foam lining that insulates against heat loss in winter and against heat penetration during the summer—but that's not its greatest advantage. By dipping the cap in water, and saturating the foam sponge lining with water, you create a simple air conditioner. Wring it out slightly before you put it on. As the water evaporates it has a refreshing cooling effect.

Source: Leaverite News - 3/12 from Bill Ferris in Sports Afield.

Black petrified wood, when polished has no resemblance to wood at all. It looks like a plain black polished stone. You can highlight some of the beautiful grain structure by bleaching it.

Soak the cut and sanded pieces in household bleach for 2 to 4 weeks, replenishing the solutions when needed. When the desired grain contrast has been obtained, remove the pieces, and polish. Some extremely interesting pieces can be obtained by this method.

Source: Gems of the Rogue—May 2012

Dangerous To Cut? by Vincent King

Introducing any foreign body into the lungs COULD be hazardous. Do not simply try to identify one set of stones as dangerous. Creating an inordinate amount of dust during the cutting process is always a bad idea. The Copper Gems, all inclusive, have their inherent dangers, heavy metal dangers, if you will. Use an adequate amount of water to assist in reducing dust. If you can taste it, you are breathing it. In addition, take into consideration, that Tigers Eye, Bulls Eye, and Hawks Eye are all of the Asbestos family. If you are serious about protecting your lungs through the use of a mask, don't waste your time and money on the single layer paper coffee filter type. They are good for keeping gnats out of the teeth, but that is about it. Look for some of the multi-layered masks designed to keep out fine particulate. These will be much thicker, have the padded nose piece to contour to the nose, and two elastic straps one that fits behind the base of the skull, the other over the back of the head. Getting the Darth Vader looking respirators will not only guarantee that you'll be particulate free, uncomfortable while gemmin', a whole bunch poorer. The only other benefit would be to scare the heck out of anyone that comes to visit while you are cutting. Cutting safely is as easy as using just a touch more water to control the dust.

Cannot say it enough, if you can taste it, you are breathing it! Happy cutting is NOT hazardous to your health!

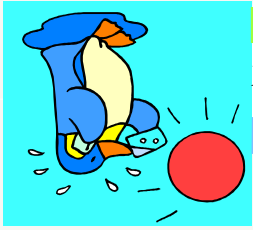
Source: Pineywoods Rooter—April 2012

When cutting jade, the more milky the water is the better grade of jade. If the water isn't milky, then you don't have true jade—you have something else.

Save the inner plastic ring from scotch tape rolls. They make great stands for spheres.

When working with a soft stone such as Onyx or Marble, soak it in water a couple of days before cutting. This will keep oil from soaking in to discolor the stone and will result in a higher polish.

Source: Gems of the Rogue—May 2012



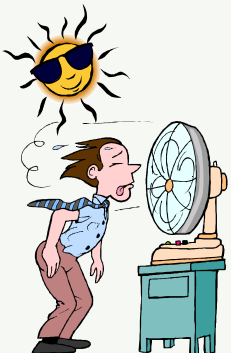
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JULY
 Thursday, July 26 th..... 2 p.m. General Meeting

AUGUST
 Wednesday, August 1st 2 p.m. Board Meeting
 Thursday, July 23rd 2 p.m. General Meeting

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Keeping Cool this Summer ?

