

ROCK CHIPS



Miz Prez 's message

The Prez is on vacation.

Marilyn

Shop Schedule

Monday, Friday & Saturday 9 a.m.- noon
Wednesday, Noon until 3p.m.
CLOSED Tuesday and Thursday

Field Trips

Nothing scheduled for July

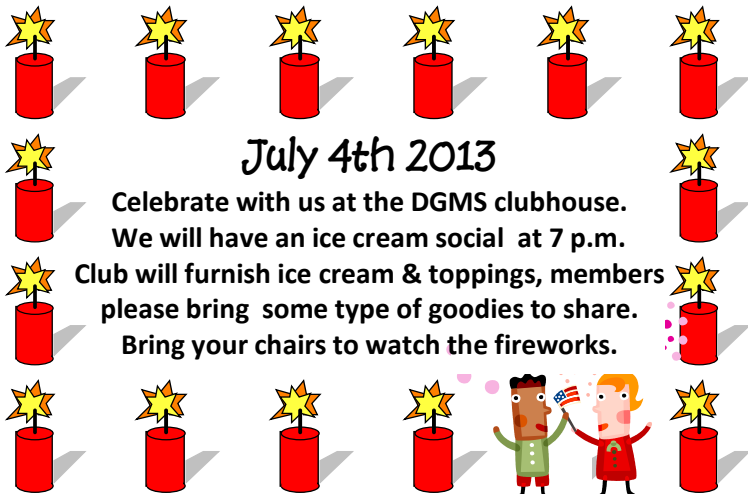
Frank



Notes


The Club house and shop will be closed for the month of July, due to shop maintenance and summer vacations. We will still be open in the evening on July 4th.

There will be no Board meeting, General meeting, or Chips Bulletin published during that month.



July 4th 2013

Celebrate with us at the DGMS clubhouse.
We will have an ice cream social at 7 p.m.
Club will furnish ice cream & toppings, members please bring some type of goodies to share.
Bring your chairs to watch the fireworks.



ROUNDUP

Lyle had to resign as assistant Roundup chair fo 2014, so please step forward and help out by taking his place.

CLASSES:

New sign-up sheets and materials lists are now in the clubhouse so sign up for anything you are interested in. We will be adding new classes as we can.

Rockhound State Park Happenings June & July 2013

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

Oh for a little rain. We have put out many large bowls and tubs of water for the animals and birds in the Native Garden and campground. Many gather to drink: birds, rabbits, skunks, Rock Squirrels, and now Mule Deer. Six Mule Deer are coming into the campground most early mornings to eat from the Desert Willow trees, and get a much needed drink of water.

The state has mandated fire restrictions at Rock Hound and Spring Canyon State Parks. This means no fires. You may use a propane grill in a camping site that has water. No fires or propane grills are allowed at Spring Canyon because there is no water there at all. Bring your cooked food if you want to picnic.

We are getting a new restroom building in the campground. The old one is just worn out and has been inadequate for quite some time. They will begin to tear down and build the new one around the middle of June. It will be bigger and better.

Music in the Park will be held at the campground group shelter on Saturday, June 15th from 6-8 P.M. Folk music will be sung by the **Cottonwood Duo**. The group is new to the Deming area so come and welcome them. Bring a comfortable lawn chair and enjoy. July 20th program will feature the **Desert Trio** with bluegrass, mountain and country music. These events are free and open to the public.

The **Friends of Rockhound** will hold their monthly meeting on June 26th at 10:15 A.M. The speaker will be Rink Somerday from the Asombro Institute. The topic is "Talons of the Desert." No program for July. It is members' picnic time.

Rockhound State Park is open all year. Spring Canyon is open Wednesday through Saturday. Please call (575)546-6182 for information about the parks.



Shirley Krasinski presented two \$1,000 scholarships to two young ladies. Ciclaly Sandoval will be attending Western New Mexico, studying criminal justice, and Mariana Burke will be attending NMSU studying criminal justice. Both are exemplary students and we wish them both well.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting – May 23, 2013

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was then led by our President Marilyn Page. Members/guests present: Pamm (Our new Web site person) and Keith Reynolds.

REPORTS:

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Marilyn gave report for vacationing Georgia. Complete details posted on clubhouse bulletin board.

President: Marilyn reports an unfounded rumor making the rounds that much of the rock donated by Stirrup Ranch rock shop was being taken from the club. She checked storage and found nothing missing. Her message....DON'T SPREAD RUMORS!!!

Joe and Elena Bost were victims of a red light runner, in Albuquerque, recently who T-boned their vehicle. Both were injured; Joe with neck injury and Elena in a cast from the neck down. They are home but still laid up. Elena requests someone take over Membership while she is down and possibly permanently.

Claims: The plan is to seed and do other required work (by the BLM) around June 15th. Contact the Crawfords' if you can help.

Shop: On Wednesdays, Shop hours are noon to three p.m. Cost is \$3. If you would like to stay an extra hour you pay an extra dollar.

OLD BUSINESS: Shirley reports the room dividers are complete and ready for use.

NEW BUSINESS: Maury suggests a change in days/time of club meetings to allow folks who work and kids in school to attend and participate in the club activities more often. Marilyn suggested the possibility of having a pot luck prior to the meeting. See details in May Chips, Board meeting minutes. The club might try this for a month or two and see how it works out before making a permanent change. Watch the Chips for when this change will take place.

Jim Foutch suggested we have a Pebble Pups club. More on this at future meeting

All the above changes may require a By-Law change.

Our Club insurance rate went up 300%. Marilyn checked into the reason and found the company applied rates from Sunshine Volunteer Fire Dept. They also did not take into

account that we have a metal building. Our building is within the city limits, 4 minutes from the city fire dept. Marilyn contacted the fire chief who called the insurance company and verified the mistakes. The insurance company chose not to correct their mistake. (They are based out of state and did not have anyone inspect the building before issuing the policy and do not plan to have this done. A motion was made and approved to pay the minimum premium (policy expires on May 25th) and instructed Marilyn to find another Company ASAP.

Due to vacations, etc., A motion was passed to have Judy Crawford act as Treasurer and pay all normal bills during the month of June and, if necessary through July.

Shop workers will be given one day free to work in shop for their extra efforts.

BREAK: 2:45 Lots of very tasty goodies. Thanks to those who brought them. The Secretary loved them.

RECONVENED: 3:00

Marilyn reported the coolers are up and running. Thanks to Art Gutierrez and Ernie Bent.

Judy asked all to donate small rocks for egg cartons for teachers at the Roundup.

Dave Shepard is leaving us for greener pastures. His hard work with the tumblers was applauded and he will be missed.

Lyle Megley has resigned as co-chair of 2014 Roundup. A volunteer to replace him is needed. Please help out if you can.

Marilyn reported that the lights and water have mysteriously been left on when no one is supposed to be in the building or working in the shop. Please do not use the shop except during normal operating hours.

REMINDER: The club and the shop will be closed during the month of July. However, the 4th of July fireworks and ice cream social will be held as usual.

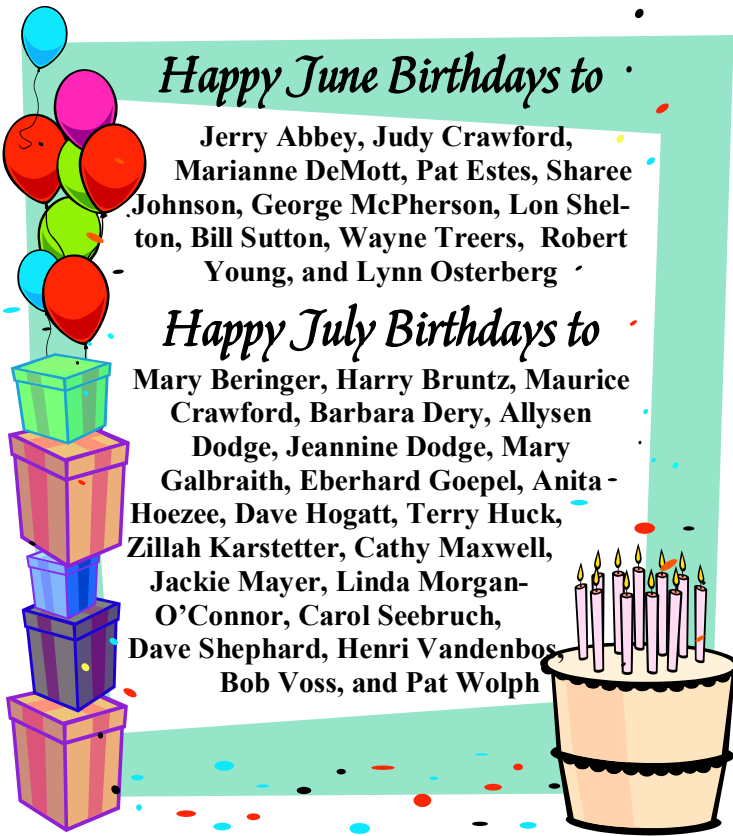
DRAWINGS: The name tag drawing was won by Shirley Krasinski. The attendance drawing won by Wayne Treers and Nancy Johnson, and the 50/50 was won by Art Krasinski.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Abbey, Secretary

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. – Board Meeting June 5, 2013

NO BOARD MEETING WAS HELD AS THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE ATTENDING TO MAKE A QUORUM. Such are the summer months.



Happy June Birthdays to

Jerry Abbey, Judy Crawford, Marianne DeMott, Pat Estes, Sharee Johnson, George McPherson, Lon Shelton, Bill Sutton, Wayne Treers, Robert Young, and Lynn Osterberg

Happy July Birthdays to

Mary Beringer, Harry Bruntz, Maurice Crawford, Barbara Dery, Allysen Dodge, Jeannine Dodge, Mary Galbraith, Eberhard Goepel, Anita-Hoezee, Dave Hogatt, Terry Huck, Zillah Karstetter, Cathy Maxwell, Jackie Mayer, Linda Morgan-O'Connor, Carol Seebuch, Dave Shephard, Henri Vandenberg, Bob Voss, and Pat Wolph

UNITED STATES ROCK CLUB LIST

For those of you who like to and have the time to travel here is a website that you might want to look into.

<http://www.rockhounds.com/rockshop/clublist.shtml>

Mineralogical, Lapidary and Fossil oriented clubs and associations are the most valuable resources created and enjoyed by the rockhound community.

WWW sites for kids:

<http://www.gatorgirlrocks.com/>

<http://www.kidsgeo.com/geology-games/rocks-game.php>

<http://www.bestcrystals.com/kids.html>

<http://www.rocksforkids.com/>

<http://www.homeschooling.gomilpitas.com/explore/rocks.htm>

<http://rockhoundtips.com/>

<http://www.pbandjadventures.com/Things/Rockhounding/Rockhounding.htm>

<http://richardsontribe.net/JourneyToTheCenterOfTheEarth>

edtech.kennesaw.edu/web/rocks.html

This Planet really rocks website <http://library.thinkquest.org/J002289/>

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The Adventures of Mineral Man & Rock-hound <http://Library.thinkquest.org/5234>

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There are many more out there, just type "kids rock-hounding sites" into a search engine like Google, etc.

Source: Rockhound Gazette—April 2013



Sunshine Greetings

A get well card was sent to Maureen Scepka and to Joe & Elena Bost.

Correction: In reference to the May Sunshine report, a sympathy card was sent to Candace Puima for the loss of her father.

I will be on vacation until the first week of August. After that you can call Barbara at 544-8643.



Happy Anniversaries

June:

Art & Karen Amati, Frank & Sandy Barber, Clinton & Rosemary Evetts, Marilyn & Wayne Gentry, Radon & Mary Loveland, Chet & Paulette Schilling and Kay & Shane Victor

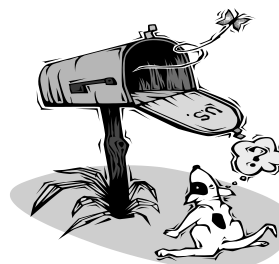
July:

Don Bennett & Maggie Karam, Maurice & Judy Crawford, John & Nancy Ewert, Frank & Mary Ann Pulliam, and Lon & Willy Shelton

Refreshments

for June's meeting will be provided by club members

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



Change your address?

Please let us know!

Send the changes to DGMS Membership, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031

WHAT IS DEODORANT STONE?

Made of potassium alum sulfate and other mineral salts which are crystallized over a period of months. Called a natural body deodorant the Deodorant Stone actually inhibits bacterial growth on your body. This bacterial growth is what causes body odor. The fragrance-free mineral salts works only on the surface of the skin, and do not clog pores. It does not alter the body's ability to eliminate toxins.

To use as a deodorant, wet the stone and rub to underarms, much like you would a roll-on. Each stone will last many months. After use, rinse the stone in clean water and let dry.

Seen at Great South Gems and Minerals <http://www.greatsouth.net>

FAKES and FRAUDS

Unfortunately, there is a growing amount of deception and outright fraud these days at gem and mineral shows and in some of the online venues that sell these items. Often "genuine turquoise beads" turnout to be dyed magnesite, and I have been told that the majority of colored stones being sold typically have had some "enhancement" done to them. If you are interested in what kind of fakes and frauds have been uncovered, there is a well-done page at <http://www.the-vug.com/vug/vugfakes.htm>. More Bench Tips by Brad Smith can be found at [facebook.com/BenchTip](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTip) or [groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/](https://www.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/)

HINTS FOR SURFACE COLLECTING

- When searching for translucent material, like agate, walk towards the sun; you will see the sun shine through the stone.
- When looking for reflective material like crystals, have the sun behind you and the material will shine or sparkle in the sun.
- If you walk sideways to the sun, look side to side for both translucent and reflective material.
- If you find something good or unusual, stop and mark the spot, look up the slope and down the slope to find the source of the material. Some collectors like to pile rocks every time they find something unusual, that way they can see the fall-line of the material.

First Aid Trip Tip

Never count on Band-Aids that get cooked in a car. I keep maybe 5-10 in a sandwich bag and I'm quick to replace them, especially before going rockhounding or on a long trip. Use cloth bandages (no adhesive) and gauze. I also keep a couple rolls of adhesive tape (cloth type) in the First aid kit. They last much longer than band aids when cooked in a car's heat. I figure they are good for a couple of seasons including summer. They may get sticky, but they'll still work.

Oh yeah, covering your fingertips with adhesive tape can help protect them from broken rock shards like quartz flakes.

via Southern Washington Mineralogical Society website 2012

EVER WONDER...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Ten Commandments of Using Acid

1. Never add acid to water.
2. Always keep a container of water nearby for neutralizing solutions in case of a spill.
3. Never use acid with bleach.
4. Always use acids in well ventilated areas.
5. Always use inferior specimens for experimentation.
6. Always treat a spill as if it is the worst acid you are using.
7. Always use protective clothing and use proper equipment.
8. Always neutralize acid solutions before disposing of them.
9. Always use and store acids carefully, well labeled and out of reach of children.
10. Always practice common sense.

From Del Air Bulletin date unknown via Morola 1/01 via Southern Washington Mineralogical Society website 2012

KNOW YOUR ROCKS

Leaverite: Also known as Dropite, Junkite, and Crudite. This type of rock should be discarded immediately. It constitutes 90% of most rocks. This includes Sourgrape Agate and Mutilated Quartz.

Sack Rock: This is material that is stuffed into a sack but falls from the top as the bearer struggles back to the car. If taken home, it will be tossed into a corner and forgotten.

Wonder Rock: You always wonder why you brought it home and where you found it.

Braggin' Rock: Also called Pocket or Eating Rock. This material is licked, rubbed, spit upon, and fondled until it assumes a near polish and is frequently passed around for admiration.

@#%& Rock: A large, heavy, possibly angular rock that falls on your foot as soon as you have removed your hiking boots.

Source: Golden Spike News—April 2013

New Test For Mineral Hardness!!!!

You're out in the mountains, near Tarry-All Creek. You see a sparkly clear crystal in the water and pull it out. How do you tell if it topaz and not quartz? Without using a quartz crystal to test the hardness?

Dry it off, wipe it clean with a cloth to remove all grease, and then drop a drop of water (that's right good H₂O!) on it from an eyedropper or soda straw.

Watch the water bubble. On stones 7 or less in hardness, the water drop will disperse! On harder stones it will form a globule. The harder the stone, the bigger the globule!

The principle is called "cohesion." The water drop "pulls" together on a hard surface. The greater the difference between the surface tension of the water and the stones, the bigger the water globule.

Tried & tested by the T&C Editor and by folks from Gem Cutters News, 3/2011 and Breccia, 6/2011, From The Mountain Gem 8/2011

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

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: \$12.00 per person for Adult Members

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

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Social Chairperson
Refreshments	All Club members	
Reporters	All Club Members	
Custodian.....	All Club Members	
Webmistress	Gaylene Foutch	546-5716

ROUNDUP MEETINGS

As Needed

BOARD MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.

1st Wednesday each month

CLOSED this July

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.

4th Thursday of each month

CLOSED this July

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

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

Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

THE OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

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

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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ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

March 6 – 9, 2014



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.*

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

JUNE

Friday, June 14th. Flag Day

Thursday, June 27th General Meeting 2 p.m.

JULY

Thursday, July 4th Fireworks & Ice Cream Social at DGMS

The Club will be on vacation thru the month of July

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 7th Board Meeting 2 p.m.

Thursday, August 22nd 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.



Deming Gem & Mineral Society

Carolyn Abbey, Editor

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