The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS

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Miz Prez 's message

Howdy ya all. The shop is running very nicel and we have a few new members using it.

I want to thank all the leaders and the sawyers who donate their time in helping and teaching.

We had a pretty fair turnout for the general meeting and hope that all our Northern Friends made it home safely. Some were met with 6 to 10 inches of snow, Sorry. We hope others will step forward and perhaps show us some new places to look for different rocks and gems.

Remember if you go on private land then you must have permission. Also if the gate is open then leave it open if closed then close it. Please be careful when collecting as the snakes are out and mating and also the scorpions are out. I know because I was bit on the backside and that was no picnic. Eating off the mantel becomes a drag.

Take care and have a good summer. Good luck hunting. Remember if you are in the North then please bring back some samples to show us. Thanks.

Your Prez Marilyn



Upcoming Field Trip

Saturday May 18th,we are going on a field trip about 8 miles on Rt 26 and will be looking for Blue Agate and Carnelian. We will be leaving the Club house parking lot at 8:30.

Please bring plenty of water and a hat to wear. Also you may want to bring yourself a snack in case you get a little hungry.

I will be going away July, Aug, and Sept, So I have no field trips planned for those months. If anyone has a favorite spot and you would like to go out, maybe you can fill in for those months and take some people who would like to go out with you.

Frank

Classes:

There will not be any scheduled classes for the summer, however, new sign-up sheets will be on the class table for people to sign up for the fall. If anyone is interested in a possible summer class, have them call Judy Crawford: (575) 546-0056 for further info.

DGMS, Inc. – Board Meeting May 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marilyn.

Members Present: Art and Shirley Krasinski, Ernie Bent, Maurice and Judy Crawford, Marilyn Page, and Jerry Abbey.

Guests: There were no guests present.

REPORTS:

Secretary: Nothing to report

Treasurer: All is up-to-date. Full report is posted on Bulletin Board at clubhouse.

President: Marilyn Thanks all who help with little things that come up around the club. It makes her job much easier.

Field Trips: On May 18th, we are going on a field trip about 8 miles on Rt. 26 and will be looking for Blue Agate and Carnelian. We will be leaving the Club house parking lot at 8:30.

Shop: All is going well. Some minor repairs have been made. Some are scheduled.

Old Business: Shirley reports two \$1000 scholarships have been awarded. The recipients are Ciclaly Sandoval and Miriana Burke. The awards will be presented on May 20th at the High School. Shirley brought up the need to update the club's requirement sheet which is given to the school each year. A committee was formed (read conscripted) to work on this and report back in the fall. Committee members are Shirley Krasinski, Brian Beringer, Pat Smail, and Jerry Abbey.

New business: Maury suggested we consider changing the day/ times of our club meetings to the evenings so folks who work or go to school can attend and participate. He suggested 6 p.m. as a possibility. He will mention his thoughts at the May general meeting and the membership will vote on this change in the fall. Subject tabled until then.

Marilyn suggested that shop volunteers have a free day to work on their personal projects. Much discussion and ideas as to how this would work was held. The subject will be discussed at the May general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3PM

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Abbey, Secretary

Shop Schedule

Monday, Friday & Saturday 9 a.m.- noon Wednesday, Noon until 3p.m. CLOSED Tuesday and Thursday This will continue for a few more weeks

Note: The Club house and shop will be closed for the month of July, due to summer vacations. There will be no Board meeting, General meeting, or Chips Bulletin published during that month, however, on July 4th we will have our ice cream social before the fireworks.

DGMS, Inc. - General Meeting - April 25, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President, Marilyn Page, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no new guests or members present.

There were 2 corrections to the minutes of April 3. It was titled "general meeting" when it was a Board meeting. The other minor correction was anniversaries of Cary and <u>Barb Voss</u>. (Sorry about that Bob!!! CA) Motion to accept the minutes with the two corrections was made by Maurice Crawford, seconded by Jim Foutch, approved.

Treasurer's report: Marilyn advised the books are good, and we received a \$6,000 from the City as reimbursement for advertising for Roundup.

Secretary's report: Judy Crawford, sitting in for Jerry Abbey, read several cards from members.

Committee reports:

Field Trips: Frank Barber advised that 4 people went on the field trip 4-20-13 for banded sandstone, but it was well received by one who was a new member. (See page 1 for information on the upcoming trip)

Claims: Maurice advised that he would be meeting with Paul Browning and BLM the first week of May to go over everything.

Shop: Maurice advised that lights were left on and the closet unlocked between Monday and Wednesday last week. Be sure to close up properly. Ongoing maintenance on various equipment. At present, shop days and hours will stay the same. If Wed. afternoon people want to stay an extra hour until 4:00 p.m., the cost will be an additional \$1.

Bulletin: Carolyn advises that anything to go into the Chips get to her by May 1st or before.

Membership: Elena advised we have a new member. She asked that when anyone takes an application or renewal, please put in the amount you collect so she knows how many people it is for. Also, put your name at bottom so if she has questions, she knows whom to contact.

Sunshine: Not present

Librarian: Sandy advised that a book on Fairburn Agates was donated by Jan Ruonavara. Thank you Jan!

Break

President's report: Old Business

Marilyn presented Dave Shepherd with a card and cash as a thank you for all the hard work he has done with our tumbling. Dave will be leaving soon. Thanks so much Dave!

Carlos Chavez thanked the club for the opportunity to learn to be a sawyer.

Marilyn reminds that no one is allowed in the saw room, unless a trainee for safety reasons. The bottom door will be kept shut.

Dividers to the meeting room – material has been purchased and will have 3 moveable sections to help keep in the heat/cool and not have to use the whole room.

New Business:

It was suggested and approved that the motels and RV parks will get a Chips newsletter mailed to them each month as good information for our club, lapidary and classes.

The potluck we recently had for the departing snowbirds, will be held at the March general meeting next year so more persons can be included.

Marilyn advised that John and Wendy Dreese donated 2 director's chairs; they will be auctioned off this fall.

Dave Shepherd advised that ongoing photo classes are held; one at La Quinta – watch for ad in newspaper; and also at the Senior Center every week on Tues. mornings. Check them out.

Frank and Sandy Barber volunteered to be our Historians. *Thank you so much!*

50/50 drawing was won by Carlos Chavez.

Doorprize of a rock specimen was won by Frank Barber.

Nametag prize of a bolo was won by Sandy Barber.

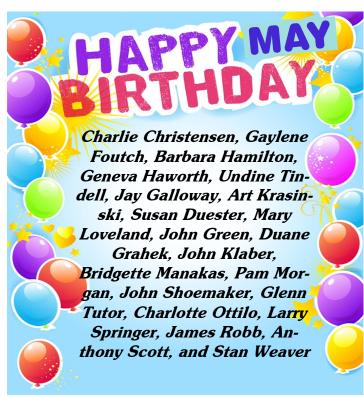
Silent Auction will end 5 minutes after the end of the meeting.

No further business for the good of the club. Motion to adjourn was made by Art Krasinski, seconded by Jim Foutch. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Judy Crawford for

Jerry Abbey, Secretary



Sunshine Greetings

Get well cards were sent to Lora Underwood and Jerry Abbey. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Candace Puima and Marilyn Corcoran.



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



Good things come in wine glasses!

I finally found advice that I like!!!

To my friends who enjoy a glass of wine... And those who don't and are always seen with a bottle of water in their hand.

As Ben Franklin said:

In wine there is wisdom.

In beer there is freedom.

In water there is bacteria.

In a number of carefully controlled trials, Scientists have demonstrated

that if we drink 1 litre of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 (one) kilo of Escherichia coli. (E. Coli) - bacteria found in feces.

In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop per year.

However, we do NOT run that risk when drinking wine because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and/or fermenting.

Remember:

Water = Poop, Wine = Health.



Therefore, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid, than to drink water and be full of poop.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service!

Author Unknown

Refreshments

for May's meeting will be provided

By Fran Chavez, Cindy Jordan

and Marilyn Page



Thank you so much ...

We love the goodies!

Welcome Club Nembers

James Acton—Columbus, OH
Ken & Kathy Breeden—Dayton, TX
John Dreese—Sious Falls, SD
Mary Galbraith—Deming, NM
Anita Hoezee—Deming, NM

Editor's Note: This is the month we officially pay tribute to those men to whom we owe our freedom. I thought the following information would be of interest to all, as I am sure many of you do not know the full story of the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

On March 4, 1921, Congress approved a resolution providing for the burial of an unidentified American soldier, following the custom adopted by other allied countries after World War I. The site was to be the plaza of Arling-



ton National Cemetery's Memorial Amphitheater, which had been dedicated the previous year.

On Memorial Day, 1921, an unknown was exhumed from each of four cemeteries in France. The remains were placed in identical caskets and assembled at Chalon sur Marne.

On October 24, Army Sergeant Edward F. Younger, wounded in combat and highly decorated for valor, selected the unknown soldier for World War 1 by placing a spray of white roses on one of the caskets. Those remaining were interred in the Meuse Argonne Cemetery, France. The Unknown Soldier then returned home to the U.S. to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda until Armistice Day. On November 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies at the Amphitheater.

The monument which rests on top of the Unknown grave is a sarcophagus simple but impressive in its dimensions. Its austere, flat-faced form is relieved at the corners and along the sides by neo-classic pilasters, or columns, set unto the surface.

Sculpted into the panel which faces Washington are the three figures of Valor, Victory, and Peace. On the plaza face the words "Here Rests in Honored Glory An American Soldier Known But To God".

On August 3, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill to select and pay tribute to the Unknown Soldiers of World War II and Korea on Memorial Day 1958. The World War II Unknown was selected from 19 remains exhumed from military cemeteries in Hawaii, Europe, and the Philippines.

Two Unknowns from World War II, one from the European Theatre and one from the Pacific Theatre, were placed in identical caskets and taken aboard the U.S.S. Canberra, a guided missile cruiser resting off the Virginia capes. Hospital Man First Class William R. Charette, then the Navy's only active duty Medal of Honor recipient, selected the Unknown Soldier of World War II. The remaining casket received a burial at sea.

Four unknown Americans who had lost their lives in Korea were disinterred from the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Master sergeant Ned Lyle, U.S. Army made the final selection. Both the caskets arrived in Washington on May 28, 1958 where they lay in the Capital Rotunda until May 30.

That morning they were carried on caissons to Arlington National Cemetery. President Eisenhower awarded each the Medal of Honor and the Unknowns were interred in the Plaza beside their comrade of World War 1.

Twenty six years later, on Memorial Day, May 28, 1984, after a

search made difficult because of advances in technologies used to identify the remains of unknown soldiers, President Ronald Reagan presided over the interment ceremony for the Vietnam Unknown service member. Like his predecessors, he was laid to rest in the plaza of the Tomb during a ceremony that received national coverage.

The Sentinels of the Tomb



Originally a civilian watchman was responsible for the security of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then, March 24, 1926, a military guard from the Washington Provisional Brigade (forerunner of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington) was established during the day-light hours. In 1948 the 3d U.S. Infantry "The Old Guard" assumed the post following the units reactivation in the nation's capital.

Members of the 3d Infantry's Honor Guard continue to serve in this distinguished duty today.

A soldier seeking the honor of serving as a sentinel at the Tomb must possess exemplary qualities, to include American citizenship, a spotless record, and impeccable military bearing.

While on duty the sentinel crosses a 63-foot rubber surfaced walkway in exactly 21 steps. He then faces the Tomb for 21 seconds, turns again, and pauses an additional 21 seconds before retracing his steps. The 21 is symbolic of the highest salute accorded to dignitaries in military and state ceremonies.

As a gesture against intrusion on their post, the sentinel always bears his weapon away from the Tomb.

Only under exceptional circumstances may the guard speak or alter his silent, measured tour of duty. He will issue a warning if anyone attempts to enter the restricted area around the Tomb, but first will halt and bring his rifle to port arms.

The Guard wears the Army Dress Blue Uniform, reminiscent of the color and style worn by soldiers during the late 1800's. Tomb Guards are privileged to wear the Tomb Identification Badge on the right breast pocket. The design is an inverted open laurel wreath surrounding a representation of the front elevation of the Tomb. The words "Honor Guard" are engraved at the base

of the badge. A guard leaving after at least nine months of service is entitled to wear the badge as a permanent part of the uniform.





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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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ROUNDUP MEETINGS
As Needed

BOARD MEETINGS 2:00 p.m. 1st Wednesday each month MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 2:00 p.m. 4th Thursday of each month

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.

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