# The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.



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#### MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2014



# Miz Prez 's message

Spring is here along with more than its share of wind.

A few of you fellow members have been working very hard to improve our club and they deserve a lot of thanks. However, this is **your** club, and if

you want it to continue, more people need to step up and help. Most of the empty chairs are not difficult or very time consuming. In addition, we will be losing a few volunteers due to health concerns. I will have a listing of needed help along with a description of what each job entails. Please sign up to pitch in and keep this club running. **Many hands make light work!** 

On a lighter side we now have a new Treasurer, Louise Treanor, who was sworn in at the Board meeting. A big thanks to her!

Don't forget to come to the July 4th Ice Cream Social at 7 pm and to enjoy watching the fireworks. If you have not watched the fireworks from our clubhouse parking lot, you've missing a great show. We have a front row seat, which is the best in town.

We will be having a covered dish BBQ (hot dogs and hamburgers supplied by the club), on Saturday, September 20th at 2 p.m. Mark your calendars. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share, along with your place settings and drink.

We have eliminated the \$1.00 fee for classes, and look forward to seeing you there in the Fall when classes begin again.

Also, in the Fall, we will be scheduling a club work day to spruce up the club house and grounds, .

Have a good Summer, Shirley

SUMMERWednesday – Noon - 3 p.m.HOURSMonday & Friday - 9 a.m. – Noon

Hours are subject to change, Call the club house to check before you come.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

There is no trip scheduled for May, and as I will be on vacation until October, if someone would like to set up some trips this summer, that would be great.

### Frank

# **Editor's Note**

This will be your last bulletin until September. As the club will not have meetings in June, July or August, there will basically be no minutes to report.

December will **still** be the last issue I will do of the 'Chips'. Think about it.... If you can use a computer, then give it a try... I will be more than willing to help someone get started, and share all the info I have collected for articles, etc.

Let me or Shirley know if you are interested. Carolyn

# Rockhound State Park Happenings – May, 2014

#### Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

The breeze is blowing, the wind is howling, so it must be springtime in New Mexico. We will long for the breezes about June when it is HOT.

The Desert Alive and Friends of Rock Hound Native Plant Sale were well attended last month.

Music in the Park will be held on the following Saturdays at the group shelter in the campground from 6-8 pm: Saturday, May 17, Cowboy Mike Moutoux will perform with poetry and cowboy music. June 21st will feature the Border Bones, Trombone Quartet. July 19th is Pans of Enchantment - a Steel Drum group. August 16th brings us Randy Granger. Finally, on Sept. 20th we will host the Mariachi and Ballet Folkloric at the Visitor Center. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy all of these presentations. They are all free and open to the public.

The monthly meetings of the Friends of Rock Hound will be held on the following Wednesdays at the Visitor Center, starting at 10:00 AM: May 28th, Historian Joyce Reynolds, June 25th, Rink Somerday, August 27th, Karen Wright with Bees, and September 24th Lori Coleman, the Rock Lady. Everyone is invited to attend.

Keep this date in mind: The Fall Plant and Tree Sale will be on Sept. 27th at the Visitor Center.

Rock Hound State Park is open all year. The Visitor Center is open from 10:00 to noon and from 1:00 until 2:00 daily. Our telephone number is (575) 546-6182.



### Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting April 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Krasinski at 6:00 p.m. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance which was then followed by a moment of silence for Marianne DeMott, a longtime, Life member, who recently passed away.

New members were introduced including Angus Campbell and Nancy Thomas, both of Deming.

It was announced that Irene Coyer has accepted the position of Public Relations.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the Chips Bulletin.

Field Trips: On hold until the Fall, unless someone would like to lead one or some this Summer.

Claims: We are working on getting seed and mulch.

Membership: Still needs someone to head this committee.

Sunshine: Cards were sent for members with illnesses and for those who passed.

Bulletin: Help will be needed with the Bulletin.

Shop: Hours: May and June – Monday and Wednesdays 9—12. Fridays 9 - 12.

Cindy Jordan will be in charge of the Shop while Joe is gone.

Librarian: We still need a Librarian.

Custodian: We need somebody to take up these responsibilities.

Shirley mentioned we will need to have a work day to "spiff" up the place.

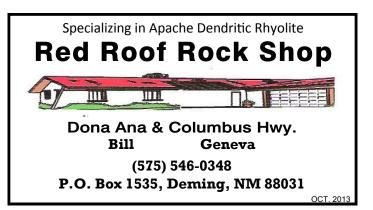
There will be no General Meetings in June, July, or August.

It was noted that the club usually has a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Ice Cream Social when members get together to eat ice cream and enjoy the

# September 20th at 2 p.m.

there will be a BBQ at the clubhouse. Club supplies the hot dogs and hamburgers. Members bring a dish to share and their place settings and drink.





fireworks. It was decided that the club will do this again this year.

Treasurer Report: Given and approved.

Marilyn announced that her son, Eddie, had passed away the previous evening. She thanked the members who were so kind to him during the Roundup. A service will be held for him on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Lukes. A moment of silence was had for him.

Angus Campbell announced that he is a Chaplain and has offered his services.

Joe reminded us of the need for donations for the abused girls group in Juarez (approximately 10 teenaged girls). There is a box where donations can be placed. Toiletries including shampoo, soap, and other items are needed. Also there is a need for used acrylic paint and brushes. You can see Joe for more details.

It was noted that Ken Newman sold the club cutting oil at a very good price. Also, the family of Ellis Jackley donated some oil, as well.

The meeting took a break to enjoy refreshments.

The meeting resumed with the announcement that Don Treanor passed away, in Las Cruces, after he was hit by a car. A moment of silence was held for him also.

Door prizes were drawn.

It was announced that the Silent Auction had five minutes left until it closed.

A motion to adjourn was submitted and seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Edwards, Secretary 2014



If you are not already saving your Peppers cash register receipts for another non-profit organization, please **SAVE THEM FOR OUR CLUB.** 

Peppers will pay our club 1% of the total receipts turned in. This is a Community Project that they sponsor for non-profit organizations and another easy fund raiser for our Club.

There is a box at the clubhouse to put your receipts in, and our Treasurer will turn them in to Peppers.

#### **ROCK CHIPS**



### May

Barbara Hamilton, Geneva Haworth, Undine Tindell, Jay Galloway, Art Krasinski, Bridgette Manakas, Frank Beall, James Llovd, Pam Morgan, Lori Colon, Allen Wagner, Richard Wagner, Richard Aderhold, Joanne Bryan, Cheryl Christensen, Anay Eby, Mary Reynolds, and Rudy Rosenquist

### June

Jerry Abbey, Rodger Bartley, Judy Crawford, Ed Edwards. Patricia Estes. Melanie Hollenshead. and Bill Sutton

# July

Mary Beringer, Harry Bruntz, Maurice Crawford, Eberhard Goepel, Laura Lloyd, Sarah Lochney, Jackie Mayer, Edwin Rice, Carol Seebruch, Dave Shephard, Nancy Thomas, Bob Voss, Henri Van den Bos, and Pat Wolf

### August

Nathan Ammons, Elaine Angstman, Brian Beringer, Fran Chavez, Jim Contreras, Carol Duncan, Cliff Cooper, John Edwards, Rod Flemmons, Sam Homsi, Annalee Long, Joe Morone, Dan Mayer, Marjory Regel, Rae Sprong, and J.L. Tindell

# Refreshments



for May's Meeting Will be provided by Marilyn Page & Shirley Krasinski We love the goodies. . . . Our tummies thank you!



### NO General meetings JUNE JULY, & AUGUST



John & Cleo Edwards, and Ray & Dawn Thomas, and **Rod & Sharon Flemmons** 

# June

Frank & Gentry, Rebecca & Ron Hasenbeck, Radon & Mary LoveSandy Barber, Frank & Sarah Beall, Jeff & Lupe DeMas, Ed & Linda Edwards, Marilyn & Wayne Gentry, and Larry & Sandi Randa

**July** Maurice & Judy Crawford, Sam & Rana Homsi, Al & Diane Krauswe, Mike & Linda Pliska, Frank & Mary Ann Pulliam, and Rudy & Bonnie Rosenquist

# August

Bob & Jean Clements, Gail & Ken Hennig, Melanie & Charles Holenshead, Vince & Adrienne Novick, James & Cherie Robb, Maureen & Tony Scepka, and Bill & Jane Wellons

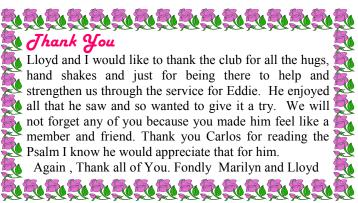
# Welcome New Members

Jami Sera - Deming, NM Nancy Thomas - Deming, NM Angus Campbell - Deming, NM Joseph Romanski - Westminster, CO

### WINNER OF DGMS MEMBERSHIP was

Jami Sera, 360 Lewis Lane, Deming, NM For guessing the number of tumbled rocks in the jar at the 2014 Rockhound Roundup

**One of our newer members**, Allen Shaw, is a meteorite and Tektite collector. Any one interested in these can call Allen at 575-936-7890. He has offered to give and educational talk and demonstration on meteorites at one of our meetings this fall.



# Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting – May 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Krasinski at 2:00 p.m. who then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Shirley Krasinski, Linda Edwards, Marilyn Page, Joe Morone, Barbara Staff, Art Krasinski, and Louise Treanor. Member Ernie Bent was also present for the meeting.

Louise Treanor was sworn in as Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the bank accounts and paying the bills for DGMS.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as published in the Rock Chips bulletin.

Discussions were had on the following topics:

The Board voted to eliminate the \$1 per class fee that has been charged this past year.

We will plan on having a work day in the Fall to spiff up the place.

Marilyn and Shirley both noted that they have been unable to get in touch with the Geology teacher at Deming High School. Due to the fact that we did not receive any eligible candidates for the Scholarship, we will donate \$1,000 in equipment to the Geology Class. Once we find out what they need, we will purchase the equipment and get it to the school. Attempts will continue to be made to contact the teacher and also we will reach out to the Principal for assistance.

# A Volunteer

It's not for money, it's not for fame

It's not for any personal gain.

It's not for love of fellowman,

It's just to give a helping hand.

it's just to give a bit of self,

That's something you can't buy with wealth.

It's not for medals won with pride,

It's for that feeling deep inside.

It's that reward down in your heart,

It's that feeling you have been a part

Of helping others far and near

That makes you be a VOLUNTEER!

Source: Gems of the Rogue - Jan. 2014

Shirley noted that we now have written permission from the city to cut the weeds outside our fence (which are on their property).

Discussion was had and a vote ensued approving an increase in the yearly dues to \$15 per person or \$25 per couple or family. This will be presented to the members at the next general meeting, so members be thinking about this, and give your opinions. This increase would go into effect January 1, 2015.

Frank Barber is scheduling no field trips for the summer as he will be on vacation until October. If members wish to organize field trips prior to Oct., they are welcome to do so.

It was voted to pay \$50 to McGruff for his one day appearance at Roundup.

The Board approved giving Marilyn Page a lifetime membership to DGMS in recognition of her continued service to the group.

It was confirmed that we will have an Ice Cream Social on July  $4^{th}$  at 7 p.m. and then enjoy watching the fireworks. The club will provide the ice cream.

The shop report by Joe noted that everything is ok. He did mention that we need updated shop rules; this is a work in progress.

We need a Big Diggins Claim Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Edwards, Secretary 2014

# Date with a Doctor

Kevin walked into the doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Kevin said "shingles". She wrote down his name, address, and insurance information and told him to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later the medical assistant called him in and asked what he had. He said "shingles". She wrote down his height, weight and medical history and told him to wait in the exam room.



Thirty minutes later the nurse come in and asked what he had. Kevin said "shingles". The nurse takes his blood pressure, blood test, EKG and told him to undress and wait for the Doctor.

An hour goes by and the Doctor comes in and asked Kevin what he has and he says "shingles". The doctor asked, "Where ?"

Kevin says, "Outside in the truck. Where do you want me to unload em?" Source: Gems of the Rogue - 5/2014

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### Diamonds of New York State

They really aren't diamonds, but they glisten and sparkle and people prospect for them. The Herkimer Diamond is actually a double terminated hexagonal quartz crystal with 18 facets

discovered in Herkimer County, New York. The source of the crystals is the Little Falls dolostone, a Cambrian formation of dolomite and calcite that dates to about 495 million years ago. The rock crops out in various places in the Mohawk Valley in Herkimer and Montgomery counties. As the Cambrian rock was slowly buried the temperature rose and over centuries the quartz slowly formed clear and beautiful crystals in cavities known as vugs. Larger cavities are called pockets.

The Herkimer Diamonds can be completely clear or cloudy with impurities. Sometimes black or brown specks are seen in the crystal. These came from the original fossil organic material that was the foundation for the formation of the stones.



Hunting for Herkimer Diamonds is availa-

ble at Ace of Diamonds Mine and the Herkimer Diamond Mine. No prospecting is allowed on state owned land at any time or on privately owned land without permission and or a fee. The mines are located close to the village of Middleville and the season normally runs from April 1 — November 1. There are campgrounds at both mines and information is available on their websites about fees.

Ace of Diamonds mine information can be found at http: www.herkimerdiamonds.com/.

The Herkimer Diamond Mine information can be found atwww.herkimerdiamond.com. Note there is only a slight difference in the web addresses.

Mining Herkimer Diamonds is no easy task Power equipment is not permitted at the mines so miners must come prepared with steel wedges, and a variety of hammers and sledge hammers. Miners break a lot of rock in hopes of finding a pocket of Diamonds. If you are not up to the heavy rock pounding required to open a site in the dolostone, you can search the tailings for loose crystals. Many have been found that way.

Source: News and Views-4/2014

### Another tip by Brad Smith IDENTIFYING UNMARKED SOLDERS

There are plenty of ways to mark your sheet or wire solders, but suppose you forgot to mark them and have a couple that you can't identify. The answer is to compare the melting temperature of the unknowns with that of a known solder.

What I do is take a thick scrap of copper or nickel and arrange several solders on it. Ideally, I would have a sample of easy, medium and hard known solders surrounding the unknown solder. Then I heat the plate from the bottom and watch the order in which the solders melt.

# **Baking Soda In The Field**

Here are some reasons you will be glad you took a box of natural soda along on your field trip.

- 1. Insect bites, minor burns, poison oak add water to make a paste and apply to affected area.
- 2. Sunburn, wind burn and prickly heat -add I/4 cup to a basin of water and bathe or sponge on.
- 3. Acid indigestion add 1/4 teaspoon to a glass of water and drink slowly.
- 4. Tired feet add three tablespoons to a basin of water and soak.
- 5. Tooth cleanser and breath freshener Use as much as needed on moist toothbrush.
- 6. Hand and fingernail cleaner Rub dry on moistened hands to remove pine pitch, odors or grease.
- 7. Fire extinguisher for grease fire, throw a box full at the base of the fire.
- 8. Freshening camp coolers and thermos jugs add 2 teaspoons and partly fill with water, shake and rinse.
- 9. Deodorant sprinkle some inside your boots or hiking shoes.
- 10. Safe, natural cleaner for camp dishes and pans add 3 tablespoons to a pan of warm water and soak.
- 11.Cleaning a dirty, bug spattered windshield, chrome and camper frames: rub damp sponge sprinkled with baking soda.
- 12. Freshening RV water tanks flush with a solution of 1/4 cup of soda and 1 gallon of water. Rinse with clear water.

Source: Clackamette Gem, May/June 2012

A Good Rule of Thumb is that if the rock will scratch with a knife blade, then it will take a nice polish. Look for interesting rocks with pretty colors or unique patterns. For an extra gleam, try adding a tablespoon of sugar to the final polish stage. Source: Stolen Gems, 10/2012

*Never Sleep* in a freshly dry-cleaned sleeping bag. The carbon tetrachloride used in the cleaning process can put you to sleep permanently. After cleaning, air it well before using.

Source: Santa Ana Rock & Mineral, 10/2012

### **INEXPENSIVE ELECTRIC WAX PEN**

You can make your own wax pen from a small soldering iron plugged into a light dimmer switch for heat control. Both components are easily found at Radio Shack a big hardware store or at Harbor Freight. Set the dimmer control just hot enough to melt the wax without producing any smoke.

For an example of the dimmer and soldering iron, see www.harborfreight.com items # 43060 and # 47887 Look for a soldering iron of around 25-30 watts. File the tip to the shape you prefer or even better get a soldering iron with replaceable tips. Then you can make several tip shapes for different tasks.

### 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.* 

### **STABILIZING STONES**

Stabilization is a way of treating a soft or fractured stone so it can be worked.

Cut your stone to the finished dimensions before using stabilizing solution. It will penetrate the stone better.

Method 1: Soak the stone in Sodium silicate (better known as Waterglass). Mix waterglass 50/50 with water and place in aglass jar or bowl. soak your stones about 7-10 days depending on size. Remove the stones from the solution and let dry for a week. Now it ready to work.

Method2: Take a baking pan, put in a layer of sand, set stones on the sand, cover with another layer of sand and bake for 1 hour. (this article didn't list the oven temperature)

Method 3: This one is a favorite for filling cracks in opals. Opticon. This is an epoxy. Heat is used to help the resin penetrate, and the hardener is not applied until the soak is finished. Just follow the results on the can and you should get the results vou want. Source: Gems of the Rogue - May 2014

A coat of shellac on a dop stick can prevent the wood from absorbing water which can cause wood to swell and eventually cracking the dop wax, thus loosening the stone.

### Safety Tip

When working a stone on a wheel, the stone can get hot and give you a thermal burn. Now, if the skin is not broken, cool quickly with cold water or apply a cold pack to relieve pain. Do not disturb or open blisters. Place a pad over the burn and bandage loosely. Next call or see emergency medical services. This tip is good for home and on the job. Remember play and work safely.

### NAKE YOUR OWN CARVING ROCK

Want to try your hand at carving? Make your own "rock"! It's easy even for the kids, and what's more, it will look exactly like you'd collected it, it will be almost white and have a granite-like texture.

INGREDIENTS: 1 part water, 1 part plaster of Paris, and 12 parts vermiculite (found at a building supply store). Mix in a plastic bucket. CAUTION: DON'T pour any of the mixture down the sink. Pour mixture into a clean milk carton and let set for four to five days. To harden quicker, reverse the process by

using more plaster of Paris. Clean bucket with paper towels.

Carving can be done with simple kitchen tools. Use your imagination and have fun! After drving for about a week, your

sculpture can be painted or left in its natural state. Source: The Glacial Drifter 4/2014 Wrap 20" of 16-gauge, dead soft, sterling silver wire around a dowel or tube that is 1/4" or less in diameter.

Keep a tail in your non-wrapping hand so that you have something to hang onto. Wrap away from your body and keep the coils as close to each other as possible. When you reach the end of the wire, reverse the direction of the



dowel and wrap the tail onto the dowel. Remove the coil from the dowel.

With your chain nose pliers, gently pull the coil apart so it will be easier for you to make your cuts. Blunt-cut the end of the coil

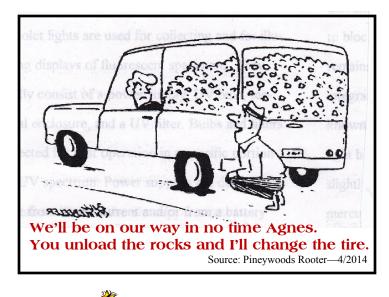
with your flush wire cutters (flat side of the cutters will be toward your body).

Reverse your pliers so that the beveled side of your cutters now faces your body. This will result in both ends of your jump ring having blunt cuts. Snip the second coil right above the end of the first coil. You have now made one jump ring. To continue, repeat the same process. Blunt-cut the end, reverse your pliers and snip off your jump ring.



#### Opening and closing jump rings.

Grip one end of the jump ring with your chain nose pliers and the other with your flat nose pliers. You can also use 2 pairs of bent nose pliers. Toggle the two ends back and forth 3-4 times to work-harden the metal. When you want to open and close jump rings, use this same motion.





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The Society presents the Annual Gem & Mineral exhibition at the SWNM Fair toward the end of September or first part of October It is an official society function.

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

6:00 p.m. - 4th Thursday of each month No Meetings in June, July or August 2014

**BOARD MEETINGS** 1st Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.

### ROUNDUP MEETINGS AS NEEDED

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

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.



### MAY

Thursday, May 22nd	General Meeting	6 p.m.
Monday, May 26th	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED	

# JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST – No General meetings scheduled

# Friday, July 4th — Ice Cream Social and Fireworks at the Club House — 7 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 3rd	Board Meeting	2 p.m.
Thursday, September 25th	General Meeting	6 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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The Long **NOT** Summer....



It's Coming!!!