The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS



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Miz Prez 's message

A big welcome back to all the snowbirds now arriving! November is a wonderful month in Deming. The air is crisp but not too cold to enjoy the outdoors. Rockhounding is a prime sport right now.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the Shop and at our meetings. We have some great plans coming up. . . Our Holiday Dinner (on December 6th) is always a fun time, and I for one enjoy tasting the variety of wonderful food everyone brings We have some great cooks in our club!

See you all at our next meeting. **Shirley**

Holiday Potluck Dinner

Sat., Dec. 6th - 2 p.m.

Deming Gem & Mineral Clubhouse 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.

Turkey, Dressing & Gravy, Ham, Rolls & Butter, Coffee & Tea Will be furnished by the Club

Please Bring a dish to share
Please bring your own table service

Please sign up at Club House or call Shirley (575-546-1315) or Barb (724-712-6353) so we are sure to have enough meat.

We would appreciate it if when you come to dinner you bring some canned food or dry goods to donate to those less fortunate.



DGMS CURRENT SHOP HOURS Monday & Friday - 9 a.m. – Noon Wednesday – Noon - 3 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.-Noon Starts Nov. 22

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

Rockhound State Park Happenings November, 2014

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

Cooler days and even cooler nights mark the coming of the winter months ahead. An abundance of wind still lingered, and unusually late rains kept the foliage confused with beautifully blooming plants eagerly soaking up the moisture, and bringing the desert alive with color right up to the end of October.

The new shelters and renovated sites are almost completed, and the campground is starting to fill up on a regular basis. The recently remodeled dump station has also been completed and a plethora of compliments are coming in from both new and returning visitors to the park. The visitor center was decorated and prepared for children of all ages with goodies towards the end of the month and it was enjoyed immensely. Now it is time to reflect on the past year and enjoy some peace before the hustle and bustle begins as the year draws to an end. This is the month of thanksgiving for all the gifts and blessings received throughout the year. Family get-togethers and scrumptious meals of all sorts abound, and it seems hard to believe that the time is moving so quickly and the year is almost completed.

After the fantastic presentation about rocks in September by Lori Coleman, and the wondrous photographs of Ron Wolfe in October, our meetings and presenters are completed for the year. Now it is time to look forward to the fabulous "Holiday Lights" in December as the year's final grand spectacle. Even though there will not be a Friends of Rockhound meeting this month, they will be filling the bags with candles and sand for the luminarias on December 10th at 10:00 A.M. here at the park in case anyone would like to help. The "Holiday Lights" will be on Saturday, December 13th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM at the park.

The Visitor Center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, but the park will be open.

ROUNDUF

Thursday, November 13th - At 2p.m.

Club Meeting Program

The program presented by Allen Shaw, on Meteorites was interesting and very informative. Thank you Allen for sharing with us,.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting – October 23, 2014

Shirley Krasinski, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The members then took their seats.

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: New members and guests were identified. Katrina Cornell (Trina) stood up and announced she and her husband have purchased the Red Roof Rock Shop. She said there will be a 5% discount to DGMS members. They are planning on having classes in a few months which will be \$25 per hour, with again a discount for DGMS members. Obviously she declined receiving a rock as a welcome gift.

Tammy White is a new member and lives in Deming. She came up front and choose a rock from the box as a welcome gift.

MINUTES: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written, by George Laudermilk and seconded by Kay Green.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The secretary had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Louise Treanor gave the Treasurer's Report. Linda Edwards moved that the report be accepted as read. Marilyn Page seconded the motion and the treasurer's report was accepted into the records.

FIELD TRIPS: Barbara and Ben took 12 people to Sauarita, AZ on October 22nd. Another trip is planned for October 29th, leaving from the club house at 8:30.

MEMBERSHIP: Monica noted that Don Bennett signed up as did Tami Berg.

SUNSHINE: The Sunshine Committee Chair was not present but it was noted that a sympathy card was sent to Fred Bishop for the loss of his daughter.

BULLETIN: Carolyn Abbey gave the Bulletin Report. She reminded us that she would only be serving as Editor thru December, since she has held this position for seven years. She went over what is involved in doing the newsletter.

SHOP: Cindy Jordan gave a report on the status of the shop. She was asked if she knew when Joe Morone will be returning and she indicated that she has heard that he is on his way.

ROUNDUP: Marilyn reported that the first Roundup meeting was held on October 18th and 12 people attended. The next meeting will be held on the second Thursday, November 13th at 2 p.m.

MARILYN PAGE: The President noted that because of all the work Marilyn has done in the past and continues to do that she be granted Life Membership. This was approved by a show of hands.

DUES: Ballots were circulated among the members for each to vote yes or no on the new dues structure of \$15 for an individual, \$25 for couple, and \$2 per child. This was approved by the members.

ROUNDUP REQUEST: Shirley noted that the club needs volunteers to sew bags for the grab bag stand at Roundup. Linda volunteered.

DOOR PRIZES: Linda Edwards won the drawing and chose a stone. Joe Bost was the name tag winner and Marilyn Page won the 50/50.

BREAK: Shirley announced that the meeting will be on hold for members to enjoy the refreshments. She also noted that people are needed to sign up to provide refreshments for the next meeting.

SPEAKER: Shirley asked that all members take their seats so Allen Shaw could present his talk on meteorites. He had a variety of "space rocks" on the table for the members to examine as well as handed a few around for the members to note the extreme heaviness of these stones. His talk was very informative and much appreciated by all in attendance.

NEXT MEETING: Because of Thanksgiving, our next meeting will be November 20th.

ADJOURNED: seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Edwards, Secretary.

A smile for the day -

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, But on Fridays, I fish."



Change your address or email? Please let us know!

Send the changes to DGMS Membership, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031 <u>OR</u>

TO theDGMS@gmail.com

Our Club internet address: WWW.thedgms.com



Happy November Birthdays

James Acton, Joyce Acton, Sandy Barber, Allen Elder, Shirley Franklin, Bea Gorse,



Carol Green, Joan Hemke, Gail Hennig, Frank Pulliam, Mary Ann Pulliam, Keith Reynolds, Ellen Rippel, Elaine Smith, Barb Staff, Doris Sutton, Billy Weathers,

SUMSHIME GREEIMGS

A card of sympathy was sent to

Fred Bishop for the loss of his daughter.

Get well cards were sent to Irene Coyer, Judy Frederick and Sandy Barber. A thinking of you card was sent to Jim Foutch.

If you know someone who could use some sunshine, please call Barbara 544-8643

Refreshments

for November's Meeting Will be provided by Elena Bost, Marilyn Page, and Nancy Thomas



We love the goodies. . . .

Our tummies thank you!

Editor's Note: December is coming...

December will be the last issue done by me 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

WANTED TO BUY: 4WD vehicle, condition doesn't matter as long as it runs good. We need something to go rocking in besides our VW Jetta. We are looking for something as cheap as possible. So if you have something like this, or know of somebody who has one, please let us know. Thanks, Linda Edwards 804-695-4884

November Anniversaries

James & Joyce Acton, Alice Baumann & Bill Kopp, Arlene & Fred Beem, Brian & Mary Beringer, Anay & Ivonne Eby, Daryl & Donna Johnson, John & Krystyna Robbins, Henri &

Emily VanDenBox, and James & Diane Chatterton

Welcome New Members



Bea Gorse - N. Arlington, NJ
Bryan & Kim Herman - Escondido, CA
Tami Berg - Deming, NM
Bob Querin - Deming, NM
Tammy White - Deming, NM
Al & Joan Hemke - Cincinnati, OH

The State Fair. . .

Another Fair has come and gone. A Big Thank You to those of you who gave generously of your time to help fulfill our obligation to the Fair Board.

Just a reminder, Jerry is off the Fair Board at the end of the year and someone from our Club will have to coordinate with the Fair Board to insure our continuing work for rent status with them.





Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting – November 5, 2014

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

Members present: Shirley Krasinski, Barbara Staff, Louise Treanor, Carolyn Abbey, Marilyn Page, George Laudermilk, Linda Edwards, Art Krasinski, Monika Anderson, and Joe Morone.

Guests present were: Joan Hemke and JC Hemke.

Art mentioned we really need to find somebody for the position of Vice President.

Linda brought up several items regarding the fact that our General meetings are lackluster and maybe we could liven them up which might increase member attendance. She also discussed the idea of having a club-specific shirt or two not related to the roundup. She also showed drawings by Cindy Jordan and Fran Chavez. These artistic renderings were passed around for all present to see. No decision was made. Carolyn Abbey will get the ball rolling for the Roundup t-shirts.

Monika wanted clarification on the new membership fee structure. It was determined that the Family dues cover a couple or a

couple with children. There is no limit on the number of children that can be included as long as each child is 10-years or older.

Shirley discussed the need to recognize those members who worked at the SW New Mexico Fair. She proposed a buffet for all involved. She had checked on three different venues and it was decided that The Grand would be the best locale for the event. She will make the arrangements and notify all fair volunteers regarding the date and time.

Monika stated that she will be cooking all the meat for the upcoming holiday dinner which will be held on December 6 at 2 p.m. At the next Membership meeting we will get a head count for the dinner.

Carolyn made mention that we don't have anyone to take over the bulletin. She will resign as the Chairman of the Chips as of December 31.

Marilyn noted that the next Roundup Meeting is Thursday November 13th at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Edwards, Secretary, 2014.

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.

Using Minerals to Remove Silver Tarnish

Silver tarnishes and a dark coating of silver sulfide forms on the surface of the silver. It is dark gray to black. Here is a recipe for removing silver tarnish. Though this works well on silver items in your house, we suggest that you do not remove tarnish from natural silver specimens. Though it may make them look bright and shiny, they will tarnish again. it will also reduce the value of the specimen.

What you will need:

A glass bowl large enough to hold your tarnished silver item.

A tarnished silver item (spoon, fork, jewelry, old silver coin, etc.)

Enough hot water to cover your tarnished silver item in the glass bowl.

A piece of aluminum foil.

1/4 cup borax

2 tablespoons salt

What you will do:

Heat the water on the stove. You don't need to heat the water to boiling, but we have learned that warmer water works better than cooler water.

Place the piece of aluminum foil in the bowl. Make sure the shiny side of the aluminum foil is up.

Pour in the warmed water so that it is deep enough to cover your tarnished silver item.

Stir in the 1/4 cup borax. Stir in the 2 tablespoons of salt.

Place your tarnished silver item in the bowl so that it sits completely on the aluminum foil.

Watch as the tarnish leaves the silver item. The item should become brighter and brighter (cleaner) as the tarnish comes off. You might be able to see that the shiny aluminum foil now has tarnish on it!

Carefully remove the item from the water. Remember that the water was hot at first.



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THE OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

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

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

BOARD MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.

NEXT ROUNDUP MEETING

Thursday, November 13th - 2 p.m.

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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 5th	Board Meeting	2 p.m.
Thursday, November 13th	Roundup Meeting	2 p.m.
Thursday, November 20th	General Meeting	6 p.m.
Thursday, November 27th	Thanksgiving Day	
DECEMBER		
	Board Meeting	2 p.m.
Wednesday, December 3rd	Board Meeting Holiday Dinner	•

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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Looking Forward to Turkey Day

