



## President's Message

After Saturday's field trip, I followed the road that we were on to the very end. I was surprised to see so much trash.

I recalled reading an article in *Soldier of Fortune* magazine about BLM and USFS wanting to close down access to National Forest Lands because of all the trash that is left there from campers, shooters, and other groups that use the National Forest and desert.

I am not saying the Rockhounds are to blame, but please if you see any trash, please pick it up and dispose of it in it's proper place. It will help a lot if each of you picked up a little of the trash each time when you go out.

Thank you, *Frank*

## Upcoming Field Trips

**Saturday, October 15th** will be a joint Field Trip with Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society of Silver City to Round Mountain Rockhound Area in Greenlee County, AZ and Hidalgo County, NM.



The trip will be lead by Wayne Treers and Ansel Walters from the RSGMS; we will be looking for chalcedony and fire agate.

We will meet at the Clubhouse at 7:45 a.m. and leave promptly at 8:00 a.m. We will meet the Rolling Stones Club at 9:30 a.m. north of Lordsburg at the junction of State Hwy. 90 and US Hwy 70, and proceed on Hwy. 70 NW about 15 miles. Passenger cars will be fine for this field trip. If you have an extra seat available for carpooling, let Wayne know before leaving the Clubhouse. A hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, food, and plenty of water are strongly recommended. Bring a lunch if you want to stay after noon.

### November 12th Trip

Paul Browning will lead us to the Radium Springs area to look for travertine onyx, calcite crystals, and agates. Meet at the club at 7:30 a.m. and leave at 7:45 a.m. to meet Paul at the Blue Moon Café in Radium Springs. Come to the October 27th meeting for more information.

### December 3rd Trip

Paul Browning and Wayne Treers will lead us to the Baker Egg Mine to look for the Geode Kid's famous agates and geodes. Look forward to seeing you on these trips.

(Last Field Trip info on page 5)

*Wayne*



## "MEET and GREET" to be held

for the Silver City Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Club on **Saturday, October 22, 2011** at noon (after our Roundup meeting). This is a "thank you" to their club for donating to DGMS a large 36" "mud" saw for cutting large boulders. This will also give us an opportunity to meet their members and have them tour our facility to see what we have to offer. We will have lunch and refreshments, so please come to the Roundup meeting and plan to stay awhile to make them welcome. Members please bring cookies or other desserts; it would be appreciated. Ice cream and sandwiches and chips will be provided.



## State Fair & DGMS Booth

The booth set up and tear down went smooth on the Monday's before and after the Fair.

Many of you manned the gates and our booth in Bldg. 1, and all agree that we could use more help during State Fair week. For some folks the hours were a bit long, but if you ask around, I think you'll find that all who were there had fun and would do it again.

Thanks to all of you who worked the Fair.

*Jerry*

## Big Thank You

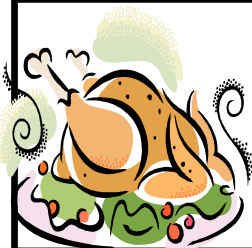
to all those who spent time at the DGMS booth at the fair, and all those who put items into our display cases. The exhibits were great and congratulations to Jim Hoag for winning Best of Show for his historical display of filing a mining claim. Josephine Wooden and Ron Ehrlich also won ribbons for their display cases. The items put in for judging were great and many ribbons were won.



A special thank you to Nancy Johnson and Deb Rorick who helped take in the items and then tear down on Sunday, and of course, Ron Ehrlich who does above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you to Susan Schiffner, who helped get the display cases ready for the exhibits.

We just keep getting better every year. Thank you all!

*Judy*



## Thanksgiving pot luck on Thursday, November 17th

Following a short general meeting at 2 p.m.

Turkey, Dressing & Gravy, Ham, Rolls & Butter, Coffee & Tea will be provided by the Club

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

Sign up sheet at Oct. meeting. Call Judy Crawford for more info 575-546-0056

## DGMS, Inc. – Board Meeting – October 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President, Frank Barber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Brian Beringer, Carolyn Abbey, Sheila Hoag, Frank Barber, Susan Schiffner, Ron Ehrlich, Judy Crawford, Maurice Crawford. Non-board members present: Jerry Abbey, Josephine Wooden, Wayne Treers, and Jim Hoag.

Secretary's report: Judy advised that we were given a 36" "mud saw" from the Silver City Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Club. As a "thank you" we would like to have a **"MEET AND GREET" on October 22, 2011 about noon, after our 10:00 a.m. Roundup Meeting.** Judy made motion that we provide a luncheon of sub sandwiches, desserts and ice cream and invite the Silver City club to come visit our club and lapidary shop and get to know one another better. Brian seconded, approved. Any members wishing to bring some desserts, please do so and come meet their members. Judy thanked all those who helped at our booth at the fair. Setting up: Brian, Maurice, Jerry, Ernie, Susan, Nancy Johnson, Deb Rorick, Josephine Wooden, Ron Ehrlich. Manning the booth: Arlene Beem, Josephine, Jim Foutch, Ron, Jim Hoag, Marilyn & Lloyd Page, Barbara Hamilton, Jay & Undine Tindell. Display cases: Ron, Jim & Sheila Hoag, Josephine, Ernie Bent, Nancy and Deb. Jim Hoag received a Best of Show for his display case. Ron Ehrlich received a first and third, Josephine a second. We had some outstanding displays and items for judging. I appreciated all the help and enthusiasm. Ron and Josephine deserve a special thanks for all the time they put in at the booth. Thank you all!

Treasurer's report: Susan gave her report. The shop has reached their spending limit for now.

### Committee Reports:

Not present: Sunshine, librarian, membership, historian.

Bulletin: Carolyn advised that any items you want to go into the Chips, get to her right away.

Webmistress: Sheila advised that at our next general meeting, we will have a representative from Gold Prospector's Association of America (GPAA) to speak to the club about their desire to start a chapter here in Deming.

Roundup: Maurice advised that the first meeting will be Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m. Please come and find out where we can use some help.

Field trips: Wayne advised that on the trip to Big Diggins on Sept. 17, there was some mud that caused a few problems with getting stuck. But everyone helped each other out, so no problems. There was some good specimens found after that rain. On Oct. 1, we had a good field trip north of Bayard for serpentine. Some excellent specimens were found.

The next field trip is Oct. 15 with the Silver City club going to Round Mountain for chalcedony. Meet at the club at 7:45 a.m. and leave at 8:00 a.m. to meet up in Lordsburg. November trip will be to Radium Springs area on Sat. Nov. 12. Meet at the club at 7:30 a.m., leave at 7:45 a.m. We will meet up with Paul Browning at the Blue Moon Café north of Radium Springs. Dec. 3 will be to Baker Mine. Meet at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

Wayne advised that the Geode Kid has a new CD out – special

price to our club members - \$30.00.

Shop: Maurice advised that starting Wed. Oct 12, the lapidary shop will be open from 9-12 a.m. Terry Leiter will be the shop leader, and Keith Karstetter will be the sawyer. The new dates and times will be posted on the shop doors. Reminder: new safety classes will be required starting Oct. 10, so be sure to get your refresher class in and get your new safety card.

Claims: Jim Hoag presented documents that the State of New Mexico and the Federal Government are now requiring to be filed if we want to keep our Big Diggins claim. They are most prohibitive in cost and discussion was held. Brian made motion to table the discussion to have time to review the documents further, Jim seconded, approved. There will be a special board meeting on Oct. 20 at 2:00 p.m. to make a final decision.

### President's report:

#### Old business:

- 1) The Fair: There was a critique of our fair participation of manning the gates this year. There were several matters that were felt needed more attention, and Jerry will be bringing this up at the next fair board meeting. He will have more information for us at the next meeting. Josephine brought up some suggestions and we asked her to present them in writing at the next board meeting.

#### New Business:

- 1) Our annual Thanksgiving potluck was discussed and the date of Thursday, November 17, 2011 was agreed to. We will have a brief general meeting on that date at 2:00 p.m. with the potluck following. This is for our members and their families.
- 2) The Christmas appreciation dinner was discussed, and we are exploring different options for this year. More information will be forthcoming.

No further business for the good of the club. Ron made motion to adjourn, seconded by Sheila. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

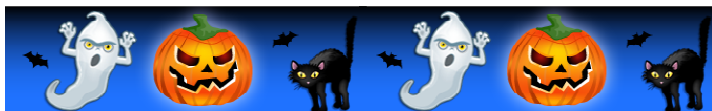
Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, Secretary

### *What Was The First Synthetic Gemstone?*

In 1902, Auguste Victor Louis Verneuil (1856-1913) synthesized the first man-made gemstone - A RUBY. Verneuil perfected a "flamefusion" method of producing crystals of ruby and other corundum's within a short time period.

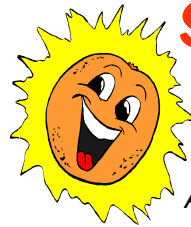
So, if your birthstone is ruby and you have inherited an old stone. Check it out! I found out that my grandfather's large ruby family ring, which has been passed down



## Happy October Birthdays to:



*Carolyn Abbey, Nancy Bailey, Arlene Beem, Paul Browning, Larry Ceranski, Mary Davis, Dennis Garrett, Daryl Johnson, Nancy Johnson, James Kasal, Charlene LeMaster, Lyle Megli, Roy McMinn, John Powell, Frankie Price, Debra Rorick, Karen Spring, Debra Sumner, Karen Wagner, Laura Watkins, and Fred Westermeyer*



## Sunshine Greetings

*Cards of get well wishes were sent to Florence Lovell, Elena Bost, Greg Weisbrod, and Maureen Scepka. A card of sympathy was sent to the Jim Foutch family for the loss of his sister.*

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

## Happy Anniversaries to

*Tim & Lee Harris, Bill & Geneva Haworth, Cindy & Richard Humphries, Janet & Joe, Klina-Losack, Lyle & Bobbi Megli, Al & Flo Lovell, and J & Undine Tindell*



## Shop Notes

We are lining up more sawyers and shop leaders so the shop can be open more days starting in October. When that is finalized, the new days and hours will be posted on the shop door and in the *Chips*.



One Lortone saw is down for repairs to the vise, all others are up and running well. If you are interested in becoming a shop leader or a sawyer, please contact me. Reminder: everyone using the shop will be required to take a safety refresher class before using the equipment. A new safety card will be issued which you should carry with you while in the shop.

*Maurice*

## Refreshments

for September's meeting will be provided by

**Mary Soule'**

*We love the goodies. . . .*

*Our tummies thank you!*



## Shop Schedule

	<i>Shop Leader</i>	<i>Saw Leader</i>
Monday 9 a.m.—noon	Dave Shepherd	Russ Scoggin
Monday 5—8 p.m.	Jim Foutch	Jim Foutch
Tuesday	CLOSED	
Wed. 9 a.m.—noon	Terry Leiter	Keith Karstetter
Thursday	CLOSED	
Friday 9 a.m.—noon	Art Krasinski	Ernie Bent
Saturday 9 a.m.—noon	Jim Foutch	Art Guterrez Paul Browning Terry Leiter



welcome to

**Charlene LeMaster—Deming, NM**

**Charles Jago—Peoria, AZ**

**Lyle Megli—Deming, NM**

**Our newest club Members**

**This is a Top Secret Classified Memo for members only.**

STATEMENT: I want to thank those that participated in the Secret Operation this last Sat.

Code Name: "What The Heck Are We Looking For?"

On Saturday Oct. 1st at 8:30 a.m. "Rock Team 6" left their base of operations for an undisclosed location in Bayard, NM. Their orders were to capture "Serpentine".

Upon arriving in the area "Serpentine" was immediately spotted and captured and returned to base. Another job well done by members of "Rock Team 6". No injuries were reported. All "Serpentine" will be processed.

Thank you, Ron X (team member)



## Christmas Gourd Ornament Class

**November 26th 9 a.m. til noon**

No fee. All materials will be provided.

If you are interested, please sign up so we will know how many to prepare for.

There are also sign up sheets for several other classes on the table in club house.



## DGMS, Inc. – General Meeting – September 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Frank Barber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest and now a new member, joining today: Lyle Megli from Nebraska. Welcome!

**Secretary's report:** Judy said those having display cases, at the DGMS booth at the fair, can bring their items to set up at 10:00 a.m. We would like to get all the cases filled by noon. If you can't make it by then, please call Judy. We have the hours filled to sit at the booth. All the display items need to be labeled. Judy has labels today you can pick up, and will have them on Wed at set up. Items need to be picked up on Sun, from 1-3:00 p.m.

Advised that Elena Bost is in Mimbres Memorial Hospital, room 38 and would appreciate visits. Judy read a note from long-time member, Carol Seebruch. A letter was received from Flo Lovell, who has had a heart attack after surgery. Judy will post it on the bulletin board.

**Treasurer's report:** Susan had the quarterly report from the accountant and gave her monthly report. It will be posted on the bulletin board.

Motion to accept the reports of Secretary and Treasurer was made by Jim Foutch, seconded by Terry Dellinger. Approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Bulletin:** The September Chips is out.

**Claims, Webmistress, and Membership** Were not present.

**Sunshine:** Barbara advised she sent out get well cards to Greg Weisbrod, Elena Bost, and Florence Lovell. The Lovell's new address is on the bulletin board also if you want to send a card.

**Library:** Sandi advised she is open for business, please check out all the materials we have to offer.

**Field Trips:** Wayne reminded us the field trip this Sat., Sept. 17 will be going to Big Diggins with Jim Foutch. Meet at the club at 8:30 a.m., leave at 9:00 a.m. 4-wheel drive is recommended. Second field trip on Sat. Oct. 1, will go to Bayard for Serpentine and other minerals with Art Guttierrez. Meet at club at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. Passenger cars okay. Third trip is Sat. Oct. 15 which is a joint trip with the Silver City Rolling Stones club. We will be going to Round Mountain NW of Lordsburg. Meet at our club at 7:45 a.m., leave at 8:00 a.m. We will meet up with Silver City members at the junction of highways 70 & 90 and caravan from there for fire agate, chalcedony, and other stones. Passenger cars okay.

Wayne advised that Robert Apodaca from Rockhound State Park, came to our last Board meeting and discussion was held about having a one-day field trip to the state park with a focus for families with children. The fee will be waived for that trip. We want to encourage families and children to get involved with rockhounding. Thank you Robert!

**Roundup:** Maurice announced the first Roundup meeting is Sat. Oct. 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the club. Mark your calendars and come see what's new this year. After the meeting, we will be hosting a **Meet and Greet for the Silver City Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral club** as a thank you for their donation to our club of a 36" mud saw. Please plan on staying after the meeting to show the Silver City club around our facilities and to make them welcome.

Jerry advised that this Monday is setup for our display cabinets at the Fair. Wed is set up displays, and gate manning starts that evening. Brian thanked those who have signed up, but we still

need some shifts filled.

**Shop:** Maurice advised that new saw blades for the trim saws are in and will be in place soon. One Lortone saw has been put back together, with the right parts this time, and is working wonderfully. The other Lortone is down until further funds are available to fix it right also. Maurice thanked Duane Wegley for fixing the leak under the sink in the shop. Thanks to Ron Ehrlich for replacing a belt on a combination unit.

### **President's report:**

**New Business:** A big "thank you" to Zillah Karstetter for taking on the Historian job. We appreciate your volunteering your time.

### **Old Business:**

The nominating committee will be making a report at our next general meeting on candidates for 2012 board positions.

**Break:** Silent auction will end at end of meeting.

Doorprize of a Morenci Mine piece of Chrysacolla was won by Joan Hemke.

Name tag prize of a walking stick was won by Wayne Treers.

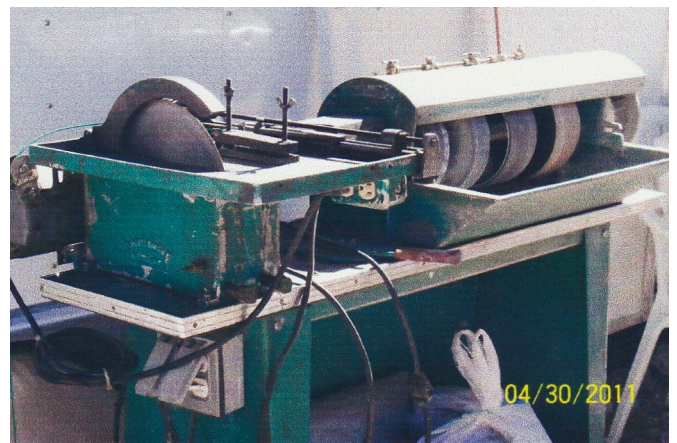
50/50 was won by Barbara Hamilton.

Frank thanked a new member, Jim Frederick for donating two bags of old coins, some silver, and wheat pennies. They will go into our silent auction at the Roundup. Be sure to check them out! Thank you Jim.

Motion to adjourn made by Ken Newman, seconded by Josephine Wooden. Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Crawford, Secretary

**For Sale:** Covington Engineering Model 446DDP combination unit with 10" trim saw with self-power feed and stand. Unit has 2 silicon carbide grinding wheels (100 & 220 grit third wheel is a vise lock drum with a 600 grit tape. Also have a 400 grit tape and extra 600 grit tape for this wheel. The next wheel I have added is an expanding wheel with a 1200 grit tape. (This wheel did not come with the original unit). Next is a muslin buffing wheel and finally an 8" aluminum plate to mount a leather polishing pad. For more info see the Covington Catalog or call Maurice Crawford at (575)546-0056. Price \$1250.



## Rockhound State Park Happenings October, 2011

*By Rocky Rockhound*

It is fall yet still feels like summer with these warm temperatures. The park has been busy with grounds maintenance in preparation for our winter visitors.

The Friends of Rockhound had a sold out native plant sale this past month. This is a first as I can remember. The Friends will host another native plant sale in April, mark this on your calendar. They do have pre-orders in March so check the Friends of Rockhound website as time gets closer or contact the park.

The Mariachi Corazon del Desierto and folklorico dancers performed this past month which brought close to 200 people that enjoyed the entertainment. This annual program could not be done without the sponsorship of "First New Mexico Bank", "Deming Lions Clubs" and "Friends of Rockhound", a big THANK YOU!!!

The month of October brings two interesting programs. Oct. 26 at 10:15am, Interpretive program Paul Juergens, a biologist with The Peregrine Fund. He will talk about the restoration going on to save the Aplomado Falcon. Oct. 29 7:25pm to 8:55pm "Stars in Parks" program hosted by National Public Observatory presented by Sally Allen, come see the Andromeda Galaxy and the planet Jupiter.

The Visitor Center is open from 10AM until 4PM, with the lunch hour from 12 noon until 1PM. Our telephone number is 575-546-6182 for any and all questions about the park and events.

## Fossilimericks

*by Matt Westbrook, Maryland Geological Society  
From: The Rostrum, 3/07  
(1st Place, 2008 AFMS Adult Poetry)*

"It's a beauty!" you say as your hand  
Reaches down toward a shape in the sand.  
But your ecstasy's brief:  
It's another black leaf.  
How it fooled you, you can't understand.  
When Carcharodon searched the pre-Bay,  
They consumed all they saw as their prey.  
Now the search for their teeth,  
As they rise from beneath,  
Can consume every spare waking day.  
From long Latinate names my mind begs  
For relief. When done combing dregs  
Of the cliffwash for sport,  
I keep my terms short.  
See these Hemis and Chubbies and Megs?  
At the Cottages, Calvert, or Bayfront,  
When waves break the clay until blunt,  
They release to the beach  
Things that lived before speech.  
So enough of this talking - let's hunt!

*Source: Strata Gem—Oct. 2011*

### Our Last Field Trips



*Specimens of the day*

**On Saturday, September 17th** Jim Fouch led a field trip to the Big Diggins/Little Diggins area. Seven club members made the trek to look for the famous agates.

We had a great time slogging through the mud, and collected some nice specimens of

black, red, and clear crystal agates, as well as red, yellow, and black jasper. Thanks Jim for the fun and enjoyable day!



*Group of happy rockhounds*

*Jim Fouch*

**On Saturday, October 1st** Art Gutierrez led a field trip to Hanover Creek at Fierro, NM, near Bayard, to look for serpentine. 10 folks made the trip, and we had fun searching in Hanover Creek for Serpentine. We found some beautiful specimens. Thanks Art for the great time!



*Fine specimens of Serpentine*



*Hanover Creek Group*





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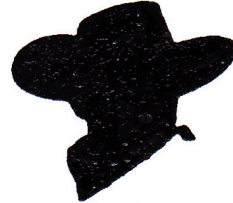
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Membership Dues: \$10.00 per person for Adult Members  
Junior Memberships: \$2.00 per person (up to 18 years of age)

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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

### NEXT ROUNDUP MEETING

10:00 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22

*Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.*

### OFFICERS

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## ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

March 8 - 12, 2012



## ...OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

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

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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*It's Trick or Treat Time*



## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **OCTOBER**

Saturday, October 15th .....	Trip w/Rolling Stones .....	7:45 a.m.
Saturday, October 22nd .....	Roundup Meeting .....	10 a.m.
Thursday, October 27th .....	General Meeting .....	2 p.m.

### **NOVEMBER**

Wednesday, November 2nd .....	Board Meeting .....	2 p.m.
Saturday, November 12th .....	Trip to Radium Springs .....	7:30 a.m.
Thursday, November 17th .....	Short Club Meeting followed by Turkey Dinner ...	2 p.m.
Saturday, November 19th .....	Roundup Meeting .....	10 a.m.
Thursday, November 24th .....	Thanksgiving Day	

**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**

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