



## Miz Prez 's message

Hi Ya All,

Our deepest thanks to 2 wonderful men that came Sat. to help move the large panels for the fair. They are Dustin Gunter and Chad Davis. The panels weight between 150-200 pounds and they moved all 18 for us. THANK YOU BOTH.

Fair time and we are reminding you all that help is needed on the gates and the DGMS booth. Even an hour or two will help us.

When Roundup approaches we hope some of the snow birds might be willing to help as sawyers especially for the show. Women can learn too.

Lora Underwood sent a card telling everybody she really misses N.M. and especially the Club members. Also she wants me to thank those that sent cards as they were greatly appreciated. By the way, My MISTAKE! she is 94 not 95.

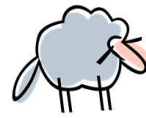
Elaine Smith has moved to Texas and she will be greatly missed also. Marianne DeMott is also moving and has donated a alot of her rock collection to the club. We will be putting these in cases after the fair.

Several craft projects are on the agenda and the pine needle basket class has been filled, so a new sheet has been put out for those that would like to learn another time. This will probably begin in Nov. or Dec. when ever Judy has the time.

Also we will have a sign up sheet on the table for any interest in loom beading. I will be teaching this class.

A member has stepped forward to accept the job as Roundup Chair and Carolyn will be listing the name else where in the bulletin.

Hope to see you at the FAIR. Your Prez *Marilyn*



## The State Fair, It's here



October 9-13th is the date this year of the SWNM State Fair in Deming.

Just what does this mean to our Club? We participate in the Fair with displays and even competition as one of our Club's "Good Will" functions. We still need lots of club participation. . . To set up and/or tear down, be at the display to keep an eye on things and visit with people.

Once again the Club will be manning the entrance gates throughout the fair, we still need lots of volunteers, especially the 5 p.m. til closing shifts.

Remember... this saves the club a lot of money for our rental of the fairgrounds for the Rockhound Roundup. Please call Georgia (309-678-7342) if you can take a shift on a gate or at our booth, or both.

## Rockhound State Park Happenings October 2013

By *Rocky Rockhound*

Now is the time for cooler weather, pretty leaves, and fewer snakes, and annoying insects. Let's hope they go somewhere else pretty soon.

We do not have any programs scheduled until the Holiday Lights in December. The Music in the Park programs were well attended, culminating with the Mariachi band, always a favorite of mine. The plant sales are over until April.

Winter visitors are arriving daily. It's amazing how many people choose to stay here during the winter. I guess if you are from one of the northern states, or Canada, this is almost tropical!

Friends of Rock Hound will have their monthly meeting on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 A.M. behind the Visitor Center. As always, there will be an interesting speaker. Visitors are always welcome.

Rock Hound State Park is open year around. The Visitor Center is open from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. We close for lunch from 12 noon to 1:00 P.M. Our telephone number is 575-546-6182.

## UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

Joe Bost is planning to lead a field trip, on October 19th, to an area near Big Diggins. Meet at club at 8:00 a.m. and leave by 8:30 a.m.



## October Shop Schedule

Monday and Saturday 9 a.m.- noon

Wednesday Noon until 3 p.m.

Friday Noon until 3 p.m.

**CLOSED FAIR WEEK**

**Monday Oct. 7 - Sunday Oct. 13th**

## Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting – September 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Marilyn Page who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests present who then joined the Club were Ed & Dawn Bell from Silver City, and guests Allan & Annette Bridges.

The minutes were approved as published in the Chips Bulletin.

### Committee reports:

**Claims:** We are ready to go for the 2014 Roundup.

**Membership:** Two new members (The Bells)

**Sunshine:** No cards sent.

**Pres.:** Marilyn told us that her 94 year young Mom is doing much better health wise.

**Chips:** No report - all is well.

**Shop:** Doing fine. Highland Park saw still down. Beginning October, Shop will be open on Friday from noon to 3 p.m. in addition to the current days it is open.

**SWNM Fair:** Need help setting up the show boards this Saturday in Bldg. #1. The coffee and donuts will be at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

**We still need a lot more sign ups to help work the gates and shifts to be in our Club display booth. New members can do this well, you don't need to know all about the Club. Please call Georgia (309-678-7342) if you can help out.**

### Old Business:

There was a discussion on the possibility of changing the Club's meeting hours. The suggestion is to have the meetings at 6 p.m. so members who work during the day will be able to participate.

### New Business:

Marilyn Page has volunteered to be our 2014 Rockhound Roundup Chairperson. A HUGE thank you to her.

The Deming Chamber of Commerce has said they would like to be in partnership with DGMS for the Rockhound Roundup. There was lots of discussion. They will be invited to the October Board meeting to give information on what they would propose.

The RockNGem magazine is offering our Club \$6.00 for any new subscription and renewals we submit to them.

Break for refreshments 2:34 - 3 p.m.

There will be a Pine Needle basket making class at the clubhouse on Saturday, October 26th from 9 a.m. until noon.

The door prizes were won by Deborah Rorick (a mineral specimen); Elena Bost (a walking stick), and Nancy Johnson (a mineral specimen).

The 50/50 drawing was won by Dave Hoggatt.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Jerry Abbey, Secretary

## Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting – October 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Marilyn Page, President. Then she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were: George Laudermilk, Art & Shirley Krasinski, Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, Marilyn Page, and Georgia Hoggatt. Club members present were Ernie & Gracie Bent, Mary Galbraith, and Maurice & Judy Crawford. A guest, Laurie Coleman, was also present.

Treasurer's report: Regarding the club's taxes, it was decided that the Treasurer would reconcile the bank statements which would mean we only need the services of a CPA to do our taxes. Shirley and Marilyn will search out a new one.

Secretary: No report. A card was read from Laura Underwood.

President: It was voted that we make a donation to Dustin Gunter and Chad Davis for helping our Club set up the Fair dividers in Bldg. #1.

We would like as many people as can volunteer to help set up our Fair display booth on Monday Oct. 7th at 9 a.m.

Old Business: Deming Chamber Director, Mary Galbraith, and Laurie Coleman, Director Elect for 2014, spoke to us on the possibility of the Chamber becoming partners with our Club for the Rockhound Roundup.

We took a break from 3:15 p.m. til 3:25 p.m.

Discussion on the holiday season meeting dates resulted in the November general meeting being held at 6 p.m. on the 21st, and the December meeting to be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday the 19th. The October 24th general meeting will still be at 2 p.m.

The first Roundup meeting will be held on Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the clubhouse.

In addition to our 2014 Roundup Chair, Marilyn Page, we now have Carlos and Fran Chavez as the Assistant Roundup Chairs. Thanks to all of you.

New Business: Shirley made suggestions for criteria changes in future Scholarships.

Shirley said she would like to see an open craft day once a month on days no classes are scheduled. The first one will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9th (9-noon). Come and work on your own project, **OR** HELP SHIRLEY make easy bracelets for the Spinning Wheel at Roundup. Supplies provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jerry Abbey, Secretary

**I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman "where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.**



**Happy October Birthdays to**

Carolyn Abbey, Arlene Beem, Nancy Bailey, Ken Breeden, Paul Browning, Cipriano Chavez, Fred Hurd, Johnny French, Marilyn Gentry, Nancy Hassell, Daryl Johnson, Rosa Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Juanita Long, Clayton Myers, Debra Rorick, Karen Spring, Kathy Townsend, Laura Watkins, and Fred Westermeyer

**Happy October Anniversaries**

Wayne & Marilyn Gentry, Bill & Geneva Haworth, Anita & Dick Hoezee, Jack & Cathy Maxwell, Daniel & Jackie Mayer, John & Diana Measday, and J & Undine Tindell

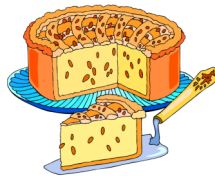


**New Members**

Ed & Dawn Bell - Silver City, NM  
 Juan Olea - Las Cruces, NM  
 Kaycie Clark = Deming, NM

**Refreshments**

for October will be provided by Elena Bost and Marilyn Page



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

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**ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP**

Marilyn Page has volunteered to head the Rockhound Roundup for 2014, and she will be needing lots of support from club members.

Carlos and Fran Chavez have also volunteered to be the Assistant Chairs.

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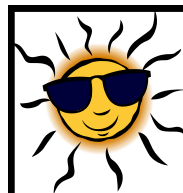
**CLASSES:**

There is a pine needle basket class on Saturday, November 26th. 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.

**There's Nothing Wrong With Us**

Did you ever stop and think  
 And perhaps analyze  
 How ridiculous our hobby looks  
 Through other peoples' eyes?  
 A group of grown-up people  
 In a field on hands and knees,  
 With noses nearly to the ground  
 Raised rumps is all one sees.  
 Or this same group of people  
 Lugging sacks filled up with rocks.  
 It's no wonder that the uniformed  
 Think we have "Rock-Pox".  
 And when they see us fairly drool  
 Over someone elses find,  
 Is it any wonder that they think  
 That we have lost our mind?  
 It is hard for them to comprehend  
 The joy we all derive  
 From fellowship, and the great outdoors,  
 And to just be alive!  
 The unknowing ones may scoff and jeer,  
 They just don't understand  
 That each of us is rich, indeed,  
 With prizes from our land.  
 So if they think we're slightly daft,  
 Or perhaps one rock short,  
 They are the losers, because we know,  
 Our hobby is a great sport.

*Source: Deming Rock chips—April 1987*



**Sunshine Greetings**

*If you know someone who needs a little Sunshine call Barbara at 544-8643.*

## 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.

Also note that the hints in this issue are copied from 1980's vintage Deming rock Chips. Methods may have changed since then.

## PELLON

Pellon, a man made fabric used as stiffener in suits and dresses, makes a fine polishing buff. It polishes quickly, doesn't heat, does not orange peel and is extremely economical for polishing.

Once it is charged with your favorite polishing agent, you can almost throw away the old polish jar and just add water. Since Pellon is a thin material, it must be used on a stiff backing such as 1/8" gasket or rubber or cork. Put waterproof cement on both Pellon and disc. Let dry slightly and stick together. Be careful to avoid wrinkles and bubbles. Pellon is available by the yard at fabric stores. **Source: Deming Rock Chips— August 1987**

## How to Petrify Your Own Wood

A Harvard University group has developed a way to petrify plant tissue in the lab. They use ethyl silicate and silicic acid which produces a petrification very similar to what is opalized wood. The reported technique can petrify wood in a matter of days.

**Source: Deming Rock Chips— October 1985**

## HINTS

Catsup spread on your copper specimens, left to dry a few minutes and then rinsed off, will brighten them.

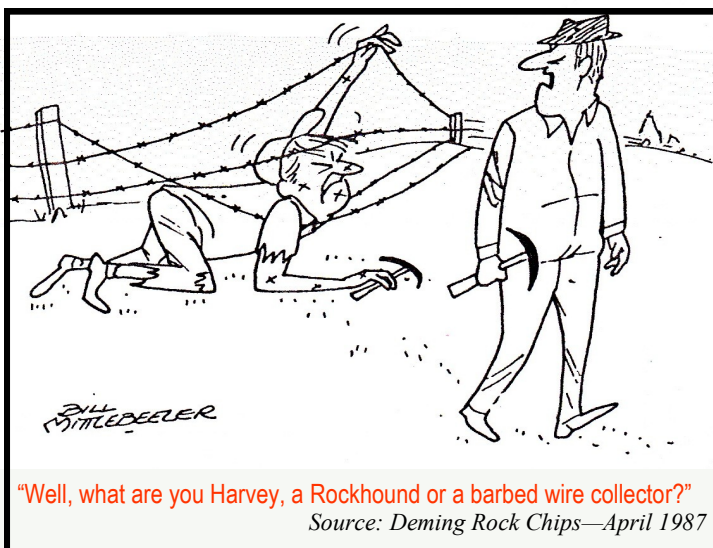
Mix a little graphite with chrome oxide to polish jade on a muslin buff.

Sagenite should be worked with the inclusion lines, not across them.

**Source: Deming Rock Chips— Sept. 1985**

## FOR SALE

20" Reciproplap (flat lap polisher). Excellent condition. For more information call Maurice at 575-546-0056



"Well, what are you Harvey, a Rockhound or a barbed wire collector?"

**Source: Deming Rock Chips—April 1987**

## SALT

written by Al Lovell

Known mineralogically as Halite, a compound of sodium chloride. NaCl widely distributed in nature, both in the solid form as rock salt and in solution in sea water. Salt is seldom found pure, but occurs with gypsum, anhydrite, or carnallite or is associated with shale and sandstone.

There are three great sources of salt, the sea, the mine, and the well. Evaporation of water from the oceans or salt seas and lakes is by solar process. Great quantities of water are pumped into large ponds, where it is allowed to evaporate until it becomes thick with salt. The water is then run or pumped into other ponds where all impurities are removed and salt crystals are allowed to form. The finished produce is of high quality.

Rock salt is mined in many countries, but the richest salt field in the U.S. and probably the greatest in the world, is in Kansas where deposits from 200-400 ft. thick underlies an area of at least 7,000 sq. miles. Most salt mines are operated in much the same manner as coal mines. Shafts are sunk and galleries are run off into salt deposits. Compressed air drills and electric crushing and shoveling machines are employed to break loose and load the lumps of salt. The salt is then crushed and screened to various sized crystals.

Salt produced by the well system is common to the U.S. A hole is drilled down into the rock-salt deposit, much like an oil well but with a double casing or pipe, one inside the other. Pure water is pumped down the outer casing to the salt vein. This forms a brine, which, being heavier than water, sinks to the bottom of the cavity, and is forced up the inner casing by the pressure of the fresh water coming down. One great advantage of the well system is that all insoluble impurities such as rock or shale remains in the earth.

The brine from a salt well contains about 2-2/3 lbs to the gallon. Sea water contains about 1/4 lb per gallon, while the water in the Great Salt Lake, Utah, contains 1-1/3 - 2 lbs to the gallon. Water in the Dead Sea contains 2 - 2-1/2 lbs per gallon.

In the process of evaporation the size of the crystal is controlled by the temperature of the brine. Low temperatures produce coarse crystals, high temperature produces fine ones.

Besides its use as an essential food, salt has many other important uses. Refrigeration in ice plants, refrigerator cars, cold storage, preserving meats, pickling, curing and medicine. In the chemical industries salt is used in preparation of chlorine and bleaches, soda ash dyes, and other organic compounds, soap and many other chemicals. Reference: Encyclopedias

**Source: Deming Rock Chips - October 1984**

## FOOLER

Which weighs more... a pound of gold or a pound of feathers?

There is two weight systems used in the U.S. The troy system with 12 ounces to the pound, traditionally used for precious metal and the avoirdupois system with 16 ounces to the pound is used in general commerce.

Obviously a pound of feathers at 16 ounces to the pound will weigh more than a pound of gold at 12 ounces to the pound.

**Source: Deming Rock Chips: October 1985**

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P.O. BOX 1459, DEMING, N.M. 88031

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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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Sunshine.....	Barbara Hamilton.....	544-8643
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Social Chairperson .		
Refreshments .....	All Club members	
Reporters.....	All Club Members	
Custodian .....	All Club Members	
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#### NEXT

**ROUNDUP MEETING**  
Saturday, November 9th  
10:00 a.m.

#### BOARD MEETINGS

**2:00 p.m.**  
**1st Wednesday each month**  
**CLOSED this July**

#### 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.

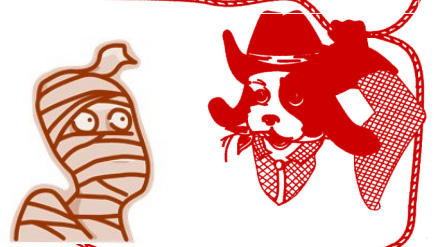
It is an official society function.

**“ROCK CHIPS” is the official bulletin of the Society**

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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

## OCTOBER

*Wednesday, October 9~13th ..... SWNM State Fair.... We work the gates*  
*Thursday, October 10~13th ..... DGMS Booth at the SWNM State Fair*  
*Saturday, October 19th ..... Field Trip ..... 8 a.m.*  
*Thursday, October 24th ..... General Meeting ..... 2 p.m.*  
*Thursday, October 31st ..... HALLOWEEN*

## NOVEMBER

*Wednesday, November 6th, ..... Board Meeting ..... 2 p.m.*  
*Saturday, November 9th ..... Roundup Meeting ..... 10 a.m.*  
*Thursday, November 21st ..... General Meeting ..... 6 p.m.*  
*Saturday, November 26th ..... Pine Needle Basket Class ..... 9 a.m.*  
*Thursday, November 28th ..... Thanksgiving*

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Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.



*SWNM State Fair - October 10-13th*  
*Need ALL Club Members participation*



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*Halloween is just around the corner*

