

Miz Prez 's message

Welcome Back to all the Snow Birds. . . we are happy to see you again.

I have returned myself from the East coast and am looking forward to the next few months. Be aware that if your President can leave for several months, you can become more active and still travel as you want to. We need more members to step up, as of now the club is run by a very few, and we are getting older.

Our Holiday diner will be on December 6th at 1:00 p.m. and I hope to see you there. The club will be supplying the turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and gravy. Members can bring a side dish or dessert, your own table settings and drinks (coffee and hot & cold water will be provided) If you can help out with the dinner, please let me know.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meetings, in the shop and at the Holiday dinner. We have a lot to share so be sure and come.

Shirley

Club Meeting Program

Allen Shaw, one of our newer members, is a meteorite and Tektite collector. At our October 23rd meeting, he will be giving an educational talk and demonstration on meteorites. *You won't want to miss it.*

**DGMS
CURRENT
SHOP
HOURS**

**Wednesday – Noon - 3 p.m.
Monday & Friday - 9 a.m. – Noon**

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

**ROUNDUP
MEETING**

Saturday, October 18th - At 10 a.m.

**Our Club internet address:
WWW.thedgms.com**

The State Fair. . .

It's here

**October 8-12th 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 and promote our hobby of rock hounding..

Once again the Club will be manning the entrance gates throughout the fair, we still need lots of volunteers, especially in bldg. 1 (all shifts), Rodeo gate (all shifts) and the 5 p.m. til closing shifts at the main gate.

Remember. . . this saves the club a lot of money for our rental of the fairgrounds for the Rockhound Roundup. Please call Marilyn (575-544-9019) thru Monday, and after Monday call Barb Staff (724-712-6353) if you can take a shift on a gate or at our booth, or both.

Rockhound State Park Happenings October, 2014

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

Cooler weather is here, the rains have all but stopped, and it is time to enjoy Fall in the desert.

The Music in the Park programs were well attended and the finale with Mariachi Diamantes was fabulous. The Native Plant Sale also went well. Now we eagerly await the annual Holiday Lights in December.

Visitors from all over the world are coming daily to enjoy the desert in all its beauty even in the winter months. Cooler temperatures make hiking and rock hunting a pleasure, and the views are still enough to take your breath away!

Friends of Rock Hound will have their monthly meeting on Oct. 29th at 10:00 A.M. behind the Visitor Center. The guest speaker will be photographer Ron Wolfe. 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.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting September 25, 2014

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

New members were identified, as were guests and all were asked to come up front and choose a rock from the box as a welcome gift.

Louise Treanor gave the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by George Laudermilk that the report be accepted as read. Marilyn Page seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted into the records.

Monika Anderson is the new Membership Chairman. She announced that we have several new members. Carolyn Abbey moved that her report be accepted and this motion was seconded by Jerry Abbey and so the Membership report was accepted.

The Sunshine Committee Chair was not present but it was noted that a card was sent to Frank Pulliam who is currently in the hospital.

Carolyn gave the Bulletin Report. She noted that the newsletter is now up and running since the summer months are over. She remarked that she would only be serving as Editor thru December, since she has held this position for seven years. She reminded people to send her any news items for publication. She also noted that if a member has something to sell, they can have an ad in the Bulletin at no charge.

Marilyn Page noted that the first Roundup committee meeting will be held on October 18th at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be provided. She asked that anybody at all who is interested in participating in the Roundup should attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shirley explained the proposed change in membership dues.

There will be a Family membership that will only cost \$25.00, Single membership would be \$15.00. As in the past, a Child membership fee would remain at \$2.00. Concerning children, only those who are 10 years old are allowed to work in the shop and must be accompanied by a parent.

Shirley spoke about a holiday dinner to be held on December 6th at 1:00 p.m. The club would supply turkey and ham and members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

Linda Edwards mentioned she would like to see DGMS have a club t-shirt instead of just the Roundup t-shirts that we have now.

Because we did not have a quorum present, all items discussed are being tabled and will be voted on at the October meeting.

Marilyn Page and Jerry Abbey both discussed the need for help for the upcoming State Fair being held October 8th through the 12th. On Saturday September 27th, all able-bodied members are asked to come at 8:00 to help put up the partitions at the Fairgrounds for the fair. It was also noted that we are in need of members to sign up to work the entrances collecting admission fees for the fair. A question was raised by a member concerning if we know what the fair schedule of events is planned. Carolyn Abbey said she has a schedule and will print it out.

Shirley announced that we would take a break in the meeting to enjoy the sweet treats that were provided.

Following the snack time, Shirley noted that people need to sign up for next month's meeting refreshments.

The drawings were held and members happily received their winnings.

Shirley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn moved that the meeting be adjourned and this motion was seconded by Barbara. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Edwards, Secretary.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting – October 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. By Shirley Krasinski, President.

Members present: Shirley Krasinski, Barbara Staff, Louise Treanor, Carolyn Abby, Marilyn Page, Linda Edwards, Art Krasinski, and George Laudermilk. Guest present was Ben Staff.

Discussion was had regarding the Holiday Dinner. The dinner will be held on December 6 at 1:00 p.m. It was decided that the club will provide turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, and coffee. It was noted by Marilyn that Peppers will give a 50% discount for this purchase.

Marilyn Page said that the fair is fast approaching and there are still a lot of time slots that we have not had anybody to sign up for working the gates.

It was noted that the Red Roof rock shop has been sold. Marilyn will try to get in touch with the new owner and see if she is interested in participating in the fair and/or Roundup.

Ben Staff, presented two items for board discussion. The first

was having the club purchase a tumbler with two 6 pound barrels and two 12 pound barrels from Black Hat for \$200.00. He also stated the need for a little structure to be built over the outdoor faucet. He will build this and keep the costs to a minimum. George Laudermilk moved that these two requests be approved. Barbara Staff seconded the motion and these two items were approved.

Discussion was had regarding increasing club dues. Linda Edwards moved that the dues would be \$15.00 for an individual, \$25.00 for a couple, and \$2.00 per child. Louise Treanor seconded the motion and then approved by the board to be taken for a vote to the general meeting.

Barbara Staff discussed the club's tax status for both the state and federal agencies. It was noted that our organization has a 501-C7 social club status.

We are still looking forward to our speaker, Allen Shaw, at the October general meeting.

Carolyn moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Art Krasinski and the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Edwards, Secretary, 2014.



Happy October Birthdays

Carolyn Abbey, Nancy Bailey, Arlene Beem, Paul Browning, Carlos Chavez, Jeff DeMas, Johnny French, Tim Eddes, Marilyn Gentry, Nancy Hassell, Daryl Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Lyle Megli, Julie Mendez, Debra Rorick, and Dan Williams,



October Anniversaries

Stuart & Linda Fenton, Bill & Geneva Haworth, Wayne & Annalee Long, Daniel & Jackie Mayer, Diana & John Measday, Lyle & Bobbi Megli, and J.L. & Undine Tindell,

Welcome New Members

Richard Lagace - Las Cruces, NM
Tom Couch - Box Elder, SD
Denise Holmes - Deming, NM

Editor's Note: I felt this would be of importance to all RV owners.

SAFETY

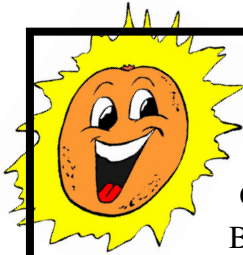
By George Finley

We should all take a few minutes and think about our events concerning rockhounding. Is there something we are doing that is not done in a safe way? Let's talk about campers (RVs). A friend and his wife camped at a local fairgrounds. The weather was cool so they lit the furnace. Unknown to them, the poor protection on the outside vents on motorhomes and campers had let wasps build a large nest inside the vent. When someone checked on them, he had died and she was almost gone.

My brother bought a used motorhome 5 years newer than mine. I walked around the outside of it and told him I saw something I did not like. He took the cover off his vent and found a small wasp nest inside his vent. I had also found a very small wasp nest and two mud daubers nests inside my vent. We now have 1/8 inch screen wire over all of our vents. So, please, if you have a camper or motorhome, take a few minutes and check out your vents and be safe. Investing in some 1/8 inch screen may be the best and safest thing you can do for a longer lifetime.

Remember, be safe, think safe. There is a rock or fossil out there just waiting for you to find.

Source: Beehive Buzzer, August 2005



SUNSHINE GREETINGS

Get well greetings were sent to Brian Beringer and Frank Pulliam. Cards of sympathy were sent to Monika Anderson for the loss of her husband Rod, and to Jim Foutch for the loss of his wife.

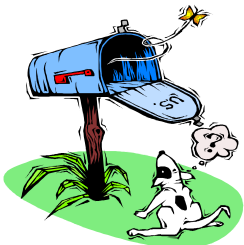
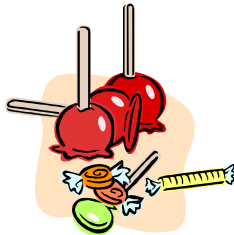
If you know someone who could use some sunshine, please call Barbara 544-8643

Refreshments

for October's Meeting
Will be provided by
Nancy Thomas and Linda Edwards

We love the goodies. . . .

Our tummies thank you!



Change your address or email?

Please let us know!

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

TO theDGMS@gmail.com

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



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.*

Use Bondo (same stuff they fill dents in cars with) when the rock is not slabbed flat and you want to attach the uneven end to a piece of 2x4 block.

When tumbling rocks, you can add desert sand to the first grit in the tumbler. Place plain white rice in with the stones for the last polishing. This will do a wonderful job and the rice will keep the stones from chipping

Switcheroo: Need another idea for your extra slabs? Why not try your hand at making some nice agate or marble switch plates to replace those plastic ones you have now?

Source of all the above: Rocky Tales – September 2005

To clean and shine most drusy specimens, use Easy Off oven cleaner (fume free is OK). Spray the specimen and then leave it overnight in a closed container or bag before rinsing. This even works on iron stained quartz crystals.

Need two cabs of exactly the same size? Glue two slabs together with paper between them. Cut to size. Separate by soaking in water.

One of the most useful and versatile tools on your workbench should be the orangewood stick. This tool is sold for the purpose of working on cuticles and is available in all cosmetic departments. It is soft enough to not mar gold or silver, yet is hard enough to use as a pushing tool in setting prongs. It will not scratch gems yet reaches into impossible places.

Source of the above tips: Rocky Tales – 10/05

Soapstone (or steatite)

The Chinese have treasured soapstone for centuries and used it to carve their delicate figurines. The Eskimos use it to make lamps and cooking pots. In ancient Babylon it was used to make signet rings and other items of jewelry. In North America, the early pioneers used it to make laundry tubs; but this is not why it is called soapstone. The mineral gets its name because the waxy polished surface looks and feels like soap.

Soapstone is classified as a metamorphic rock. The original mineral was probably lava, rich in magnesium and silicates fused in the “furnace” of some ancient volcano. The characteristic and usually chief mineral is talc, but which also contains varying parts of chlorite, mica, tremolite, quartz, magnetite, and iron compounds. It is gray to green in color and is notable for its high degree of resistance to acids and heat. It is so soft that it can be easily cut with a knife or other sharp tool, making it a popular material for sculpting. The chief deposits of commercial importance are in the United States, Norway, and Canada. It is now used in the manufacture of laboratory table tops, kitchen sinks, laundry tubs, furnace linings, and electrical apparatus.

Source: The Agate Explorer 1/2006

FIELD TRIP ETHICS

1. You are part of a group and must do what is best for the group.
2. Sign the attendance sheet, it provides needed information in case of emergency.
3. If you arrive early, do not go out on your own, unless you clear it with the leader.
4. Don't expect to go to the collecting area until the appointed day.
5. Let your field trip leader know early if you need a ride to the collecting area.
6. If you need fuel or other supplies, inform the leader before leaving.
7. When caravanning, always be courteous when using your CB.
8. Respect the leaders knowledge of the area when they limit the caravan to certain types of vehicles.
9. When caravanning, always maintain adequate space between vehicles to accommodate passing vehicles.
10. Jeopardize no one by taking chances, such as climbing steep hills, going into mines, etc.
11. Stay with the group, do not go off on your own.
12. Let the leader know if you want to leave the group or camp.
13. Keep your pets and children under control. Clean up all pet doo doo.
14. Don't ever move another persons gear or material so you can dig, unless invited to share the diggings. Tools left in a digging mark another persons claim, even overnight.
15. Do not expect to share more material than you helped to dig.
16. Don't expect another to carry your rocks. If they offer, consider their load of material first.
17. Have a good time and enjoy your hobby.

Source: Gems of the Rogue – June 2006

What is the Simplest Gem & What is the most complex?

The Diamond is the simplest gem – the chemical composition being all of carbon and crystallized isometrically. Tourmaline is the most complex. It is said that tourmaline's chemistry is more like a doctor's prescription than the makings of a respectable material.

Source: The Glacial Drifter – November 2005

You're A Rockhound If . . .

- You've spent more than ten dollars for a book about rocks.
- You have mineralogical database software on your computer (or words like “bornite” and “batholith” in Spellchecker).
- You send your family on ahead into McDonalds so you can check the gravel in the flowerbeds.

Source: Rockhound Ramblings – December 2006

SWNMSF Schedule of Events 2014

Wednesday October 8th

1 to 6 pm - Entries for Art, Baking, Canning, Crafts, Photography, 4-H, and youth Home Ec in Building 1
5 pm - Carnival Opens
5 pm - Poultry Judging
6 pm - Pig Show

Thursday October 9th

8 to 10 am - Flower Show Entries Accepted Judging in Building 1
8 am - Lamb Show
10 am - Goat Show
1 pm - Building 1 open to the public
1 pm - Steer Show
2 pm - Rabbit Show
5 pm - Carnival Opens
6 pm - Queen Contest and Cake Auction Building 2
6 pm – 9 pm Carnival Presale Armbands

Friday October 10th

10 am - Parade Downtown Deming
10 am - Carnival Opens
11:30 am - DHS Cielo Dancers Building 2
12 to 4 pm – Agtoberfest
12 to 5 pm Vintage Iron Tractor Show
12 to 3 pm Carnival Presale Armbands
2 pm - DHS Choir Building 2
2 pm - Round Robin Showmanship Contest Livestock Barn
6 pm - Desert Trio Performers
7 pm - Ranch Broncs and Bulls Arena
8 pm - Dance Building 2 by High Tech Sounds

Saturday October 11th

10 am - Carnival Opens
9 am - Team Roping Arena
10 am - 2 pm - Smokin' Oldies Car Show
10 am – 5 pm Vintage Iron Tractor Show
12 pm – 3 pm Carnival Presale Armbands
5 pm - Buyers Dinner Building 2
6 pm - Desert Trio
7 pm - Livestock Awards and Sale Livestock Barn
7 pm - Ranch Broncs and Bulls Arena
8 pm - Dance Building 2 by High Tech Sounds

Sunday October 12th

12 pm - Carnival Opens
12 – 3 pm Carnival Presale Armbands
1 pm - Best of the West Bull Riding by Owen Washburn
3 to 5 pm - Entries and Premium Checks picked up at Office Building 1

LIVESTOCK - SWNMSF Schedule 2014

Wednesday October 8th

Livestock must be in place by 10 am

Livestock Exhibitors meeting noon by show ring

Entries for Art, Baking, Canning, Crafts, Gem and Minerals, Photography, 4-H, and youth Home Ec

1 to 6 pm in Building 1

5 pm Carnival Opens

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6 pm Pig Show

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2 pm Rabbit Show

3 pm Deadline for Sale Animal Pulls

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10 am Parade Downtown Deming

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Following Parade Hand out sale sheets

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10 am – 5 pm Vintage Iron Tractor Show

Noon Deadline for livestock disposition

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2 pm Set Up for Buyers Dinner Building 2

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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

Saturday, October 18th - 10 a.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.



SWNM State Fair - October 9-12th

Need ALL Club Members participation



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

Wednesday—Sunday Oct. 8 —. 12th.....	SWNM Fair (club to work the gates).....	Various times
Saturday, October 18th	Roundup Meeting.....	10 a.m.
Thursday, October 23rd	General Meeting	6 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 5th.....	Board Meeting.....	2 p.m
Thursday, November 20th.....	General Meeting	6 p.m.
Thursday, November 27th	Thanksgiving Day	

All meetings are held at the Clubhouse (4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.) unless otherwise noted.
Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.



*Halloween's a comin. . .
Watch for Trick or Treaters*



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