



President's Message

Don't forget to help out Brian at the Fair this month. He still has several 'gate duty' positions to be filled. The more people who volunteer to help the less work it is for everyone.

I would like to thank Wayne for the great job he is doing on the Field Trips. If you have not gone out on one you have missed some good trips.

Do not forget the General Meeting will be on Thursday, Sept 15th at 2 p.m.

Frank



Field Trips

On August 17th Joe Bost led a field trip to Massacre Peak area along the Old Butterfield Trail. Eight people made the trek to look for banded sandstone. We had a great time, and collected some nice specimen. Thanks Joe!

Upcoming Field Trips:

Saturday, September 17th Jim Fouch will lead a trip to Big Diggings. We will look for red and black agate, jasper, chalcedony, common opal, and the famous Big Diggings agates. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse and leave at promptly 9:00. Four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended but not necessary.

Saturday, October 1st. Art Gutierrez will lead a trip to an area North of Bayard. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse and leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. Passenger cars will be fine for this field trip.

Saturday, October 15th will be a joint field trip with The Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society of Silver City. We will go to the Round Mountain Rockhound Area. 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.

Then we will meet the Rolling Stones Club at 9:30 a.m. Passenger cars will be fine for this field trip. We will be out well into the afternoon so bring a lunch.



A Sampling of the petroglyphs seen on the Massacre Peak trip.

On any of our field trips if you have an extra seat available for carpooling, please let the leader know before leaving the Clubhouse. Also, on all field trips a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, food, and plenty of water are strongly recommended. If you wish to stay past noon, bring a lunch.

Wayne

State Fair

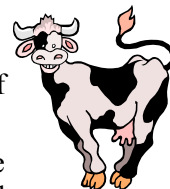
September 22-25th is the date this year of the SWNM State Fair in Deming.

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 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.

Judy Crawford & Susan Schiffner will be coordinating our display and helpers, with Jerry Abbey handling the set up of our display cases on Monday Sept 22nd. Please contact either of them to offer your much needed help.



Once again the Club will be manning the entrance gates throughout the fair, and lots of volunteers are needed for this as well. Remember... this saves the club a lot of money for our rental of the fairgrounds for the Rockhound Roundup.



Shop Notes

We are gearing up for updating wheels and saw blades in the shop. Ongoing maintenance on lapidary equipment. We may try to open shop on Wednesday afternoons in October. Anything new will be posted on the shop door and printed in the Chips.

The shop will be closed during the Fair 9/21-9/25.

Maurice

Roundup Meeting

Saturday

October 22nd 10 a.m.



Please plan to attend. This is our first planning meeting for the 2012 Roundup.

DGMS, Inc. – General Meeting – August 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Frank Barber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were: Madeline and Bob Harris, and Jim Frederick. They subsequently joined the club and we welcome them.

Secretary's report: Judy reported that there are 9 cases available for our club booth at the SWNM fair Sept. 21-25. Six cases have been spoken for; two cases are for items to be judged, so there is one case left for anyone who wants to place their rock/jewelry items or any other related items for judging. It is fun and you get to meet lots of people and kids who enjoy looking at all our items, so please contact Judy or Susan if you are interested in entering items.

Motion was made by Marilyn Page to accept the minutes as printed in the Chips, seconded by Barbara Hamilton. Judy neglected to show the membership the great aprons Barbara Hamilton made for our Roundup show to possibly be used by our coffee and donuts volunteers. They are really outstanding. Thank you Barbara!

Treasurer's report: Susan gave her report of the finances and it will be posted on the bulletin board. Frank asked for a motion to approve the report, Josephine Wooden made the motion, Jim Hoag seconded.

Committee reports:

Bulletin: Carolyn advises that she needs all items in to her by Sept. 7 to be printed in the September Chips.

Claims: Jim Hoag stated we are waiting for paperwork approval from BLM, and we will then know how to file in September.

Membership: Elena reports a member renewed recently.

Sunshine: Barbara reports no cards were sent last past month.

Librarian: Frank stated that Sandy was not able to be present, but anyone wishing to check out any item, please sign your name in the book, with date and title. You may check it out for one month.

Shop: Maurice reports the Highland Park saw still needs a little work, but the parts for the Loritone are in and it should be up and working next week.

Roundup: Maurice reports things are slow right now, but he is making progress.

Field trips: Wayne reported that the field trip on Aug. 17 was great, they found lots of banded sandstone, and had a good time. **REMINDER:** The Silver City rockhound group – The Rolling Stones, is having their Gem & Mineral Show over Labor Day weekend – Sept. 3-5. Be sure to get up there to check it out. There will be 3 trips in Sept and Oct. The first is Sat. Sept. 17 which Jim Foutch will lead out to our Big Diggins claim and other claims nearby

for agate. Meet at the clubhouse at 8:30 a.m., leave by 9:00 a.m. Sat. Oct. 1, Art Gutierrez will lead a trip to north of Bayard for Serpentine. No high clearance vehicle is required. Meet at club at 8:00 a.m. leave by 8:30 a.m. Sat. Oct. 15, the Silver City Rolling Stones will have a joint club outing to Round Mountain. Meet in Lordsburg and go from there. More details later. November, Paul Browning will lead a trip to near Radium Springs and December to Baker mine.

Jerry advised that sign-up sheets for working different shifts at the fair are on the front table. Also, we need volunteers to sit at our DGMS booth in building 1, so please let Jerry or Brian Beringer know if you can work a shift.

President's message: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

We need a nominating committee for officers for 2012. The president has chosen Jim Hoag, the membership needs to choose one. Marilyn Page volunteered for the membership. The Board chose Ron Ehrlich. Marilyn will be the chairperson and they will give us a progress report in September.

A Mr. Russ Schumacher is interested in starting a chapter of the GPAA here. If anyone is interested, let Frank know.

Break.

Door prize of a DGMS insulated coffee mug was won by Don Bennett.

Name tag prize of a bolo tie was won by Susan Schiffner.

The 50/50 was won by Jim Frederick of \$15.00. Way to go Jim!

REMINDER: The next general meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 15th instead of Sept. 22 since the fair is going on. Be sure to mark your calendars.

No further business for the good of the club.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ron Ehrlich, seconded by Jerry Abbey. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Crawford, Secretary

I want to thank all the guys who came out on August 20th to set up the partitions for the state fair:

Ron Ehrlich, Art Gutierrez, Russell Scoggin, Dave Shepard, Maurice Crawford and Frank Barber.

When you see them around the club house, add your thanks too! They helped save the club \$400 towards rent for the Rockhound Roundup. Jerry

Happy September Birthdays to:

John Canissario, Reginold Clark, Arthur Cox, Dave Crumley, Marco Franco, Barbara Galloway, Kaye Green, Ric Morgan-O'Connor, Bill Haworth, Georgia Hoggatt, Richard Jones, Maggie Karam, Keith Karstetter, Doris Miller, Bill Wellons, and Josephine Wooden



Happy Anniversaries to

Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, Arthur & Faye Cox, Terry & Donna Dellinger, Robert & Barbara Hanson, Ben & Barb Staff, Greg & Joyce Weisbrod, John & Kittie Goss, Terry & Susan Huck, Wayne & Julie Treers, and John & Sandy Della-Ratta.



Rockhound State Park Happenings September, 2011

By Rocky Rockhound

Summer is slowly going away, and Fall is arriving. The temperature is dropping (a few degrees anyway) and the days are getting shorter. It is all good.

We are having a few events this month at the park. The Friends of Rockhound, the New Mexico State Bank, and the Deming Lions Club will be hosting the Mariachi Corazon del Desierto and folklorico dancers on September 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the park. It is a free concert. Bring your lawn chairs and listen to the music. The rain date is Sept. 19th from 1-3.

The Friends of Rockhound will be holding a fall plant sale on Saturday, Sept. 24th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. You can purchase plants that are specifically grown for this area. There are some Master Gardeners that are also Friends who can help you get the best type of plants for your landscape.

The Friends of Rockhound monthly program will be held at the park on Sept. 28th. The speaker will be Sonny Hale sharing his adventures across New Mexico filming petroglyphs and pictographs.

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

Welcome to New Members

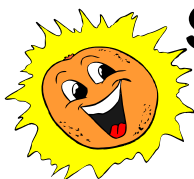
*Frankie Price—Deming, NM
Madelyn Harris—Las Cruces, NM
James Frederick—Las Cruces, NM
Freddilee Howell—Needville, TX*

Refreshments

for September's meeting will be provided by
Grace Bent and Sheila Hoag



*We love the goodies. . . .
Our tummies thank you!*



Sunshine Greetings

*Well wishes were sent to Abe Goepel,
Robert Schiffner, Ken Newman,
and Monica Anderson*

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

Our Blessings and prayers go with Emily and Roy Smith, as they leave Deming and travel back to the arms of their loved ones, and to the state of their family roots, Missouri. We thank them for all their years of dedication and hard work for the betterment of our club.

They will surely be missed. God's speed and protection be with you upon your journey. Bud Daily and DGMS friends

The First Senior Moment on Record



And that's what happened to the dinosaurs...

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting – September 7, 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: Sheila Hoag, Maurice Crawford, Joe Bost, Carolyn Abbey, Brian Beringer, Frank Barber, Judy Crawford. Non-board members present: Jerry Abbey, Ernie Bent, Elena Bost, Wayne Treers.

Secretary's report: Judy reminds that on Wednesday, September 21, starting at 9:00 a.m., bring your items to set up in your display case at the fair in Building 1. We would appreciate your getting your items in before noon. **Important:** Make sure your rock items are labeled with name of rock and where from (if known). Also, label your items for the cases for judging. The judging will be on Thursday, 9/22. If you can spend some time sitting at the booth to assist visitors, please call Brian or Judy. Thanks to those who have signed up already. We really appreciate it.

Discussion was had on where we might hold our December Appreciation dinner for all those who have assisted the Club with Roundup, the Fair and Club activities this past year. Suggestion was made to hold it at Palma's Italian restaurant again. Further decision tabled.

Treasurer: Not present.

Committees:

Not present: Claims, Sunshine, library.

Membership: We have membership badges for sale now.

Bulletin: Carolyn advised all items to be in by tonight, 9/7 for upcoming Chips.

Roundup: Maurice advised the first Roundup meeting will be Sat. Oct. 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the club. Be sure and attend.

Webmistress: Sheila advised that the August Chips will be posted again on the website.

Field Trips: Wayne advised that we had a nice turnout at the outing on Aug. 17 when Joe took a group to the Old Butterfield trail/Massacre Peak area. Next outing for Sept. 17 will be led by Jim Foutch to Big Diggins area. Meet at 8:30 a.m., leave by 9:00n a.m. Sat. Oct. 1, Art Gutierrez will lead a trip to Bayard area for serpentine. Meet at club at 8:00, leave by 8:30 a.m. passenger cars okay. Sat. Oct. 15, joint trip with the Silver City Rolling Stones rock club to Round Mountain west of Lordsburg. Meet at club at 7:45 a.m., leave by 8:00 a.m. and we will meet up with them at junction of highways 90 and 70 and proceed from there. We will be going for fire agate and chalcedony. Passenger cars okay.

Discussion about field trips for Roundup. It was suggested Baker Ranch, Flourite mines area, Big Diggins, and Rockhound State Park. Ranger, Robert Apodaca met with us for discussion. We feel a one day (Saturday only) field trip geared to families with children would be good. A ranger would guide on trails felt suitable and with knowledge of the geology and rocks. We will have our leaders also. It was suggested that perhaps the field trip fees and entrance fees would

be waived for that trip only to encourage children's participation. Discussion of other areas of concern were made, but felt this would be a good addition to our field trip agenda.

Shop: Maurice advised the Highland Park saw is running really good and making good, clean cuts. One more saw (Lortone) to refurbish, one Lortone to be put back together and it will be running good. Two saws need cleaning. Ongoing maintenance on wheels in shop.

President's report:

Old Business:

Jerry showed the ongoing project of new display cabinets in the shop. He advised that due to the cost of materials, he will need a little more money to finish the project. Locking hasps are on their way.

Jerry received a call from a Mr. Allen Jacobs who visited here in the past and is coming soon to Deming. He would like to go on a field trip and if anyone would be interested in taking him out, please call Jerry at 543-8916.

Brian has the sign-up sheets for the fair and our DGMS booth. We still need more shifts filled, so if you can help, please call Brian at (575) 546-0653.

New Business: Discussion about the VHS wirewrapping tapes offered to the club for sale. With being VHS tapes and the cost associated with trying to copy them to DVD's (if possible), it was decided to not purchase them at this time. Frank made motion to decline the offer, seconded by Joe Bost, approved.

REMINDER: Our next general meeting will be held Thursday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. instead of Sept. 22 as the fair will be going on.

Motion to adjourn made by Jerry, seconded by Brian. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Crawford, Secretary

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SHOP STUFF

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The source of these tips and hints are club bulletins and other sources. Be careful when trying out any new idea. They have not all been tried by this editor.*

Vinegar, Not Just for Salads

One way to remove carbonates such as calcite from quartz and amethyst is to cover the specimen with fresh vinegar and allow to stand overnight. Repeat if necessary. Wash and then place crystals in washing type ammonia for 8-12 hours. Remove, rinse thoroughly, wipe and air dry.

When using chrome oxide for polishing Jade mix it with a solution of 1/2 water and 1/2 vinegar.

For the gloss finish on tiger-eye, polish once, dry the stone, then put a drop of vinegar on it. Let it stand for a few minutes, then give it a second polish.

If you have sore hands from hard rock mining, soak your hands in warm vinegar water and the swelling and soreness will disappear.

Dark household vinegar will dissolve epoxy glue by soaking overnight.

BEWARE: Carbonate minerals, such as dolomite or calcite are attacked by acids, leaving only a pile of mud where your stone was. Malachite is copper carbonate and is therefore subject to a corrosive effect, caused by even weak acid. If unsure, test with a less valuable piece before using any acid, even vinegar, on a stone.
Source: Gems of the Rogue—August 2011

Storing Wire Blades

A good place to keep saw blades for silver smithing is in a used, transparent "Bic" ballpoint pen.

Remove the used pen filler by grasping the metal tip with pliers. The empty pen will hold a package of 12 saw blades which can be kept clean by replacing the plastic cap. A label marker will help identify which size blade is stored. Small drill bits can also be stored this way.
Source: Gulfport Gems—May 2011

Pesky Mosquitoes

A good way of getting rid of mosquitoes is Listerine, the original medicinal type. The Dollar Store type works too.

While at a deck party, the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with the Listerine and the little demons disappeared. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby.

During the summer, don't leave home without it.

Source: the internet

How To Make Your Own Stalactites & Stalagmites

Large box of Epsom Salts 2 glass jars
Piece of cord small colored plate or ashtray

Dissolve Epsom salts in a pint or more of hot water. When cool, pour solution into glass jars, fill them almost to the top. Place jars 4 inches apart and place one end of the cord in each jar, letting the cord sag slightly in the middle. Place the plate between the jars, under sagging string.

The cord will begin to drip at the lowest point. In a few days you will see a build-up of one or more stalactites. As the solution continues to drip stalagmites will begin to build-up on the plate. This experiment almost duplicates the process going on in live caves.
Source: The Glacial Drifter—May 2011

Editors Note: Would someone please try this and let me know how it does. Thank You!



Change your address or email?

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Send the changes to DGMS Membership,
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to: the DGMS@gmail.com



Mount Rushmore is carved out of pure granite. Granite is a very hard igneous rock. Igneous rocks are formed when super-hot liquid rock cools and hardens. Granite is famous for its salt-and-pepper appearance, but it can also have a light pink color. If you look very closely, you'll notice that granite contains many tiny reflective minerals – these are usually quartz and feldspar. The granite in Mount Rushmore is particularly strong – it erodes only one inch every 10,000 years. When they started carving Mount Rushmore in 1927, they had to use dynamite because the granite was so hard! You can learn more about the history of Mount Rushmore at the National Park Services at, www.nps.gov.

Source: Golden Spike News – Aug. 2008

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2:00 p.m.

4th Thursday of each month

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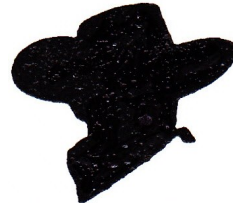
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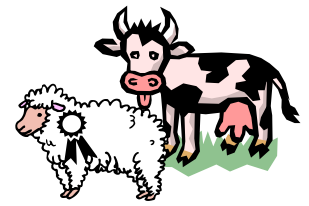


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SWNM State Fair Coming . . . **September 22nd – 25th**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 15th General Meeting 2 p.m.
 Saturday, September 17th Field Trip to Big Diggins 8:30 a.m.
 September 21st – 25th SWNM Fair –Members to help with gates & DGMS booth

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1st Field Trip for Serpentine 8 a.m.
 Wednesday, October 5th Board Meeting 2 p.m.
 Saturday, October 15th Field Trip w/Rolling Stones meet at 7:45 a.m.
Saturday, October 22nd Roundup Meeting 10 a.m.
 Thursday, October 27th General Meeting 2 p.m.

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