



## Miz Prez 's message

As Shirley is not back yet from her summer retreat, I was asked to write something for the September Chips.

I hope everyone has had a great summer. Hope you have lots of stories to tell at the next meeting. In Deming we have had a long hot summer.

The shop was not very busy. We did get a few new members this summer.

Now that fall is upon us it is time to gear up for the Fair. The dates for the SWNM State Fair are October 8-12. We are going to set up partitions for exhibits on Saturday, September 27th (meet at clubhouse at 8 a.m.) We will also need help manning gates and the DGMS booth during the fair. Right now there are signup sheets in the clubhouse for the gates. If you are going to be here during fair time please consider taking part. Even a couple of hours helps a lot. These projects help us at Roundup time so we do not have to pay rent for the fairgrounds.

Don't forget we are having a cookout on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The club will provide the hotdogs and hamburgers. Please bring a dish to share, along with your place settings and drink. Hope to see you there.

*Barb Staff, Vice President.*

## Club Meeting Program

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

## September 20th 2 p.m. at the clubhouse

there will be a BBQ at the clubhouse. Club will supply the hot dogs and hamburgers. Members bring a dish to share, place settings, and drink.



## Rockhound State Park Happenings September, 2014

*Submitted by Rocky Rockhound*

The barrel cactus are blooming along with other wild flowers in the park due to the recent rains we have had. It is a spectacular sight to behold.

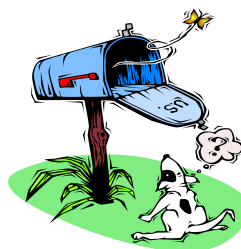
The restroom facility with showers is complete and the new shelters are well underway just in time for the fall and winter visitors.

**The Mariachi Festival** will be held on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 P.M. Mariachi bands and colorful ballet folkloric dancers will grace the stage and area in front of the Visitor Center. Bring your folding chairs, and enjoy the music. The rain date is Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-3 P.M.

**The Fall Plant Sale** will be held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 A.M. to noon. The sale will be behind the Visitor Center. The Friends of Rock Hound are sponsoring this event. Buy a native plant, and support the park.

Friends of Rock Hound will hold their monthly meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> and the scheduled guest speaker is Lori Coleman from the Spanish Stirrup Rock Shop. Her topic – what else but ROCKS! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Summer hours for the Visitor Center are 10 A.M. to noon, and 1 to 2 P.M. Our telephone number is 575-546-6182.



## 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](mailto:theDGMS@gmail.com)

**DGMS  
SHOP  
SUMMER  
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.**

## Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting May 22, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Krasinski at 6:12 p.m. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were only 18 members present, 2 people less than a quorum.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

No reports from committees. (Yep, it's almost summer)

President's report:

We will have a Club clean-up day in the Fall. Still have many positions for the club vacant. This causes the Club to suffer because too few, trying to cover, are unable to do all jobs. A list of open jobs is posted and all are requested to volunteer. If you can't stop by the club house, you can call Shirley at 575-544-1315.

Old Business: There was none brought up.

New Business: Jerry talked about the upcoming SWNM State Fair Board seat, working the gates in lieu of rent for the Roundup. He then answered questions. Marilyn Page volunteered to coordinate people to work the gates at Fair (October 8—12).

Shirley read a thank you card and note from the Pages for all the support and love during their son Eddie's fight with Cancer.

Break: 6:50 - 7:10 p.m.

Drawings: There were two door prizes which were won by Ben Staff and Louise Treanor. Badge drawing won by Deb Rorick, and the 50/50 was won by Greg Slaybaugh.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Have a great summer, and we'll see you in September.*

Respectfully submitted by

Jerry Abbey, for Linda Edwards, Secretary



If you are not already saving your Peppers cash register receipts for another non-profit organization, please **SAVE THEM FOR OUR CLUB.**

Peppers will pay our club 1% of the total receipts turned in. This is a Community Project that they sponsor for non-profit organizations and another easy fund raiser for our Club.

There is a box at the clubhouse to put your receipts in, and our Treasurer will turn them in to Peppers.

## Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting – September 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Vice President Barbara Staff, in the absence of President, Shirley Krasinski.

Present were Lousie Treanor, Marilyn Page, Barb Staff, Carolyn Abbey, Linda Edwards and Pro-Tem Maury Crawford.

A letter was read from the Barbers resigning from the positions of Field Trip and Historian.

The Treasurer's report was read and there was a discussion on placement of funds. The report will be posted on the bulletin board.

It was noted that Shirley will be back, from her vacation, for the September general meeting.

There are no field trips scheduled yet.

Claims: It was reported that all is taken care of; the seeding done, and papers filed.

Membership: Monika Anderson is taking over the position of Membership.

Sunshine: No report.

Shop: It was noted that we need a posting of shop rules. The shop is still observing summer hours. Wednesday – Noon - 3 p.m. and Monday & Friday - 9 a.m. – Noon.

Old Business: We were reminded of the upcoming Club BBQ on Saturday, September 20th at 2 p.m.

New business: It was announced that the Fair Board will have two new ticket booths made for the fair. Jerry needs someone to volunteer to help him in the office at Fair, running change for the gates, and covering for him when needed. We also need someone to line the cases in our booth, as well as people to sign up to be at the booth during fair. This is an important time for the Club. We need all the help we can get at Fair time. Remember, this saves us from paying rent.

Be sure to come to the September club meeting on the 25th, as we will be discussing a proposed raise in club dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Abbey, fill-in Secretary

**DGMS CLUB BBQ**  
**SATURDAY — 2 P.M.**  
**SEPTEMBER 20TH**





**Happy September Birthdays**

Stuart Fenton, Cliff Erdmann,  
 Diana Freshwater, Bill Haworth,  
 Barbara Galloway, Judy Haynes,  
 Larry Haynes, Stephanie Ward,  
 Richard Jones, Keith Karstetter,  
 Ray Thomas, Lora Underwood,  
 Judy Rice, Michael Stanley,  
 Al Krauswe, Bill Wellons,  
 and Joseph Romanski



**September Anniversaries**

Jerry & Carolyn Abbey,  
 Peter & Irene Coyer,  
 Michael & Marilyn Day,  
 Kim & Greg Slaybauh, and  
 Ben & Barb Staff

**Welcome New Members**

Sharon Miller - Deming, NM  
 Ethan oizumi - Deming, NM  
 Brad Kinne - T or C, NM  
 Larry & Judy Haynes - Timberon, NM  
 Sharon Lundin - Radium Springs, NM  
 Ursula Schreck - Livingston, TX  
 Jeannine Weiner - Silver City, NM

**SUNSHINE GREETINGS**

I was out of state for most of the summer, so there were no Sunshine cards sent out. If you know of someone who needs a little sunshine call Barbara 544-8643

**Thank You**

I would like to thank the Rock club for the use of the building for Rod's Memorial Service. Special thanks to Cindy and Barb for all the help.

Monika Anderson

**Refreshments**

for September's Meeting  
 Will be provided by  
 Monika Anderson & Barb Staff  
*We love the goodies. . . .*  
*Our tummies thank you!*



**Editor's Note**

December will still be the last issue I will do 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*



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**An optimist thinks this is the best possible world.  
 A pessimist fears this is true.**

## Bench Tips by Brad Smith

### Bench Shears

When cutting sheet metal, it's quicker and easier to use a set of shop shears as compared with using a hand saw. The cut is not as precise, but many times you don't need that. Shears will easily cut up to 24 gauge sheet, and some will cut 22 or even 20 gauge.

Current prices for shears run from \$13 - \$22 in jewelry catalogs, and the Joyce Chen scissors recommended on some jewelry blogs run more than \$20. But we found a cheaper alternative at the 99 Cent Store - some gardening utility scissors that were only \$1.07

I buy a half dozen of them at a time for use in my jewelry classes. They're great for cutting bezels, trimming around a bezel cup, and cutting a piece off a larger sheet.

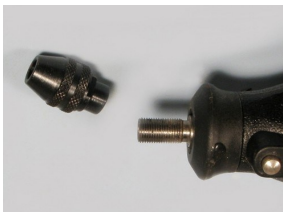


### ADJUSTABLE CHUCK FOR DREMELS

Many of us have a Dremel motor tool to use at home or when out to a class or workshop. The one thing that makes this tool much more productive is the addition of one inexpensive option, an adjustable chuck.

The basic motor tool as sold typically comes with a collet chuck. This means you have to use a wrench to change every tool bit, you have to switch collets to use different shaft sizes (3/32 or 1/8 inch bits), and you can't use ordinary drills at all - only the special ones that have a 3/32 shaft.

A simple and inexpensive (\$10) adjustable chuck solves all of this. It's available in most large local hardware stores or model making outlets. Tightening the chuck is done easily by hand to any size shaft. No key is required.



Source: *White Mountain Gem & Mineral*—2/2013

### RECIPE FOR A GOOD ROCK CLUB

**Assemble a group of Rockhounds in assorted sizes and personalities.**

#### MEASURE ACCURATELY:

- 1 cup friendly words
- 1 cup courtesy
- 1 cup understanding
- 1 cup patience

- SIFT CAREFULLY to remove all malice and ego.
- ADD a dash of wit and humor, a heart full of cooperation and praise, where needed.
- MIX WELL until blended into a smooth running organization.
- SPRINKLE with Good Times and Fun. Garnish with New Members. Serve with Warm Greetings. Plenty for all.

Source: *Gems of the Rogue*—March 2012

## Did You Know

That there are bird's nests of volcanic glass? At least three species of birds in Hawaii National Park are known to build their nests out of spun volcanic glass. Droplets of lava squirt into the air, then solidify into filaments known as "Pele's Hair". Thousands of the delicate fibers are used by the birds in building a single nest.

This was intriguing so I (Glacial Drifter editor) went out to Wikipedia the free encyclopedia to look it up. This is their description: Pele's hair /'peɪləz 'hɛə/ is a geological term for volcanic glass threads or fibers formed when small particles of molten material are thrown into the air and spun out by the wind into long hair-like strands.

The diameter of the strands is less than 0.5 millimetres (0.020 in), and they can be as long as 2 metres (6.6 ft).

Pele's hair is gold or golden-brown, and commonly found downwind from active vents.

Pele's hair is primarily a scientific term used by volcanologists. Pele's hair is named after Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of volcanoes.

Source: *Glacial Drifter* reprint March 1985

## Dendrites

Did you know that dendrites are perhaps the most common geologic oddity? They usually resemble a tiny fern frond or colony of algae. The term "dendritic" refers to branching figure resembling a fern, frond, branch or tree. They are usually formed in thin hard-bedded shale and limestone. Concentrations of the manganese mineral called pyrolusite (black manganese oxide) percolate into the cracks and fissures of shale and limestone, leaving behind a residue which forms the dendritic patterns.

Source *The Fossil Enquirer*, via *The Glacial Drifter* - 5/96,

## Ten golden rules to take care of amber

1. Never leave your amber under direct sunlight
2. Keep your jewelry away from too much hot or cold temperature
3. Always apply your perfume and hairspray before wearing the jewelry
4. Never wash dishes or do laundry with your jewelry on
5. Do not cook or clean your house with household cleansers while wearing amber
6. Store amber in a separate case to protect it from touching other materials
7. Clean your jewelry every time you wear it.
8. Ultrasonic or steam cleaner is not suitable for cleaning amber.
9. Always clean amber with a mild solution of soapy and slightly warm water and use a flannel cloth.
10. Polish and make it shiny with olive oil and a soft cloth.

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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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### 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.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 20th ..... BBQ at club house ..... 2 p.m.  
Thursday, September 25th ..... General Meeting ..... 6 p.m.  
Saturday, September 27th ..... Set Up Fair Boards (meet at clubhouse) ..... 8 a.m.

## OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 1st ..... Board Meeting ..... 2 p.m.  
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.

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

*The heat of*  **SUMMER** *is still here!!!*

*It's* **Back to School**

**Watch out for the kids**



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