

What's Happening?

We are already starting to plan next year's Craft Show. Wait. . . , this year's show just ended, and the club members can't wait to start planning the next one. I can feel the warmth of their enthusiasm.

Since we changed the venue this years to allow for more vendors and to keep the price down for the both rental we found we will need a lot more advertising to draw in more patrons. We will be adding a lot more advertising. Thanks, to all the organizers and very special thank you, to each and every vendor.

During the show we added a few new members to our club. They had to join because they want in on the fun, with the "rock'n kids". We sincerely welcome you to DGMS.

How Can Members Help?

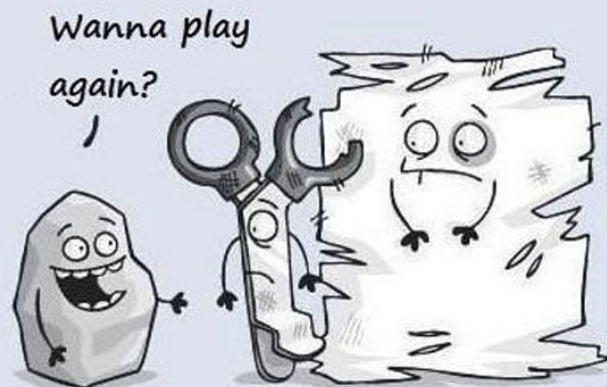
DGMS is a wonderful place for rock enthusiasts to meet. The sharing of information, lthe earning new skills, the use of the shop and field trips. Lets not forget and the Rockhound Round-up. This all happens because of each of us. Your time, your experience, your knowledge are what makes our club work.

Help our club grow and continue to be able to offer the services and facilities that we all enjoy. We need your help! How can you help? Teach a class. Come to the meetings and share in guiding the future of the DGMS. Sign up and show up to help with the Roundup. Consider helping with keeping the clubhouse in good condition. Your Knowledge, skills and labor greatly appreciated.

We hope you can make it out to some of our General Member Meetings which are held at 2:00 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of every month at our Clubhouse location next to the South Western New Mexico Fairgrounds at 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming, NM 88030. Members and Visitors welcome. You might just win a door prize, a 50/50 drawing or find a silent auction item you just can't live without. Or you are welcome to attend a Board Meeting held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

DGMS needs YOU!

Due to the Holidays the December general meeting will be on the 20th at 2:00p.m.



Saw Instruction Class
Tuesday November 30th
at 12:30 p.m. at the shop
Come and learn how to saw rocks.

Reminder
Holiday Party Pot Luck
is December 1st @ 2:00 p.m.

Our Club internet address:
WWW.thedgmsclub.com

Reminder— Elections Are in December.

2019 Prospective Officers that are running are:

President: John Edwards

Vice President: Donna George

Secretary: Kathy Sunstrom

Treasure: Pat Smail

Board 2 years: - Todd Baumgardt

Board 1 year: Carolyn Abbey 1 year

Bulletin Editor: Sherry Wilson

Shop Forman: Joe Morone

Roundup Chairperson: Marilyn Page

Roundup Vice Chairperson: Bill Gallagher

Club Shop Hours

Monday – 9 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday – Noon - 3 p.m.

Wednesday – 6 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday – 9 a.m. - Noon

Saturday— 9 a.m. - Noon

Hours are subject to change.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting Minutes November 26, 2018

Acting President John Edwards brought the November meeting to order.

Marilyn Page stated that last month minutes were emailed to members.

Old business: Marilyn Page - Craft show reported that was set up and the crafters can setup between 3pm and 7pm Friday November 17th. The Craft Sale is on Facebook . We are using both buildings 1 and 2 and have about 50 vendors attending.

Pat Smail - Gave Treasurer's report, Marilyn Page motioned to approve, Marvin Seconded, Treasurer's Report was Accepted

Jim Brown reported on The Fair Board. They took down the big panels, heat is suppose to be on. Call Ed Edwards, Jim Brown, or Marilyn Page if you have any questions.

Jim Brown reported that Fair Board is doing well. We will need to nominate a member from DGMS for the Fair Board for the 2019 year. John Edwards nominates Jim Brown, Jim respectfully declined.

New Business:

Marvin gave a report on nominations for committee

Kathy Sundstorm volunteers to be Secretary from now till April 2019. Kathy will be asking Todd Baumgardt if he is willing be on Board of Directors.

Announcement was made about the Holiday Dinner. It will be held at club house on December 1st at 2 pm. It is a Potluck. There will be a Turkey and a Ham.

The proposed land purchase is still in the works. Lease agreement disclaimer was presented by Marilyn Page, attorney is working on lease, Due 3/3/19. New lease will be for five years if land is purchased lease agreement will be null and void. Clause in lease that City will have to pay FMV for Rock Club building. Rock Club is attempting to buy land City is negotiating with FAA. Steve asked how much Rock Club Park paid on lease.

Joe is having a class Tuesday Nov. 30 th at 12:30 for those who want to saw. Al is a Sawyer and will fix 4 wheeler and club will be reimburse for expenses. Marilyn Page motioned to approve.

Griffins will supply propane for both tanks, Marilyn will get them a key for gate.

Joe Monroe gave report on shop:

1. Shop hours will stay the same.
2. Please bring in boxes for Rockhound Roundup.
3. Will do inventory but will order needed items also.

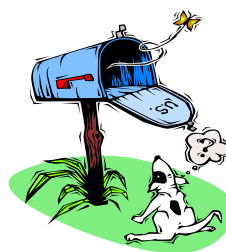
Motion was made to close meeting by Nancy Guernsey. Kathy Sundstrom seconded the motion.

About 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



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P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031
Or email to theDGMS@gmail.com

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*Thank you,
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