



ROCK CHIPS

February 2019

We had a great January membership meeting. It was good to see so many members and winter visitors.

Everyone needs to be commended for their help keeping the work shop and club house clean. It show's visitors and members we take pride in our club.

In February we need to remind members to please attend the membership meeting and see old friends and meet new members.

We need volunteers to help with presentations on rock hounding and the science gem of mineral hunting at Deming grade and middle schools this winter!

We have so much expertise in the club this would be an asset to the young minds to become part of gem community. Hopefully these children will take this knowledge home and the family will visit the club and want to join as we need new members as all of us are not getting any younger.

Please Call Marilyn Page to help with the Rock Hound roundup as she can always use volunteers.

Marilyn and her team have done an EXCELLENT job getting ready for the 2019 roundup were going make this the biggest and best ever.!

The board want's to thank the editors of the CHIPS newsletter for bringing such a professional look to it.

We hope to see all of you at the at the February meeting as there will be more great things happening in February. And don't forget to bring cookies or a desert for after the meeting!

Thank you for all your support for the new 2019 board of directors and officers.

John Edwards, President

Board Meetings are first Wednesday of month 2 p.m.

General Meetings are forth Thursday of month 2 p.m.

Dates are subject to change.

New Logo DGMS

This is the new Identity image for DGMS. You will note the Florida's (Flour-ree-das) skyline, and the Mimbres pottery design from the Luna County area.

We are now having patches and lapel pins made. Look for them soon.



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.

ROCKHOUND MEETING

February 2nd, 10 a.m.

February 16th, 10 a.m.

Grab Bag Assembling

Feb. 21st 9 am

Need bags, Please bring in before the 21st of Feb.

Geode Sorting TBD

THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

FOUNDED - JANUARY 1965

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Meetings are held at the Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. building

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, January 24 2019, General Meeting Minutes, Called to order at 2:00 PM.

Treasurers report given by Pat Smail, a copy of "To date" spread sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. DGMS has five separate accounts, with the two active accounts being the Roundup banking, and regular checking account. The new computer and software cost \$941.00, and the new equipment for cutting hearts and crosses (Which is now operational!) amounted to \$659.37. The propane bill amounted to \$570.50.

President John Edwards reported that the new lease for our present location will be ready March 1st. The new lease will include the purchase of land adjacent to our present location from the FAA. All is being handled by the lawyer. All surveys pertinent to this land purchase (EPA and archeological) have been completed.

Marilyn reported on the Roundup: we have received 25 car wash tickets from Peppers, and 28 more Roundup flyers were delivered to interested parties. Jonathan Chavez will have a BBQ trailer at the Roundup this year. Payment was sent to NM Magazine for advertising of the Rockhound Roundup this year. Also the Library is running the DGMS/Roundup information on their sign.

Old Business: Our 501c3 has been approved though the letter has not been received yet. This status is retroactive to January 2018.

The four wheeler for the Roundup is still not working but Al Krause is working on it now.

Marvin Clary said he would clear out the bushes around DGMS sign.

Marilyn will need two copies of the minutes, and old officers names need to be taken off bank accounts and new officers added.

Sherry Wilson has made a new official DGMS postcard and had 100 made. A motion was made to buy 300 more postcards by Gail Koepp, and seconded by Carol Lymon, approved.

It has been noted that a certificate of deposit has been misplaced or lost, the search continues.

There is Sams Club card in the office for DGMS use.

Our website has been updated with the new club Logo.

Patches and pins are needed for the Roundup, the more we buy the cheaper our cost, and we sell for \$5.00 each. Approval was made to purchase 100 each.

Marilyn Page made a motion to buy 100 patches and 100 pins, and it was seconded by Daryl Johnson, all approved

Nancy Guernsey has the new computer up and running. She can show Quick Books to any interested person, and she noted the scanner needs to be programmed for the new computer.

Marvin Clary and Daryl Jonson will be visiting the clubs claim at Big Diggins prior to Roundup.

Club member John Robbins from El Paso will be doing a workshop to show Fort Bliss people how to run their lapidary shop and cut cabs.

Joe Marone will be gone for 3 weeks, all shop hours are covered so far. Pat Smail will be collecting donations to help Joe through this troubled time.

John Edwards will get in touch with various media about DGMS and the Roundup, he mentioned an ad in the Headlight to welcome people to meetings.

A call for volunteers went out to represent DGMS in local schools, Daryl Johnson volunteered and he also volunteered Mrs. Johnson.

A motion was made to close the meeting by Gail Koepp, seconded by Kathy Burnett.

Coming in March ---- The First Annual DGMS Metal Detecting Competition Sponsored by The Deming Gem And Mineral Society

The competition is open to all and will be held on Saturday morning at the annual Deming Rockhound Roundup.

Prizes include gold coins, meteorites, ancient coins and More!

EVENT DATE & TIME: MARCH 9, 2019

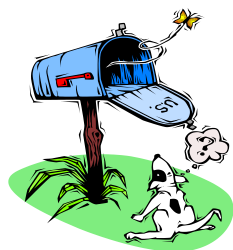
9:00 a.m. until 1p.m.

**Fee: \$20.00 per detector, all funds go to
The Deming Gem And Mineral Society
for club activities.**

**Contact Bill Gallagher b email:
luxefaire@gmail.com.com**

**ENTRIES CAN BE MADE BY EMAIL OR
AT THE SHOW BEFORE THE EVENT.**

FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN



**Change your address or
email? Please let us know!**

Send the changes to DGMS Membership,
P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031
Or email to theDGMS@gmail.com

REMINDER
Volunteers Needed
For Rockhound Roundup

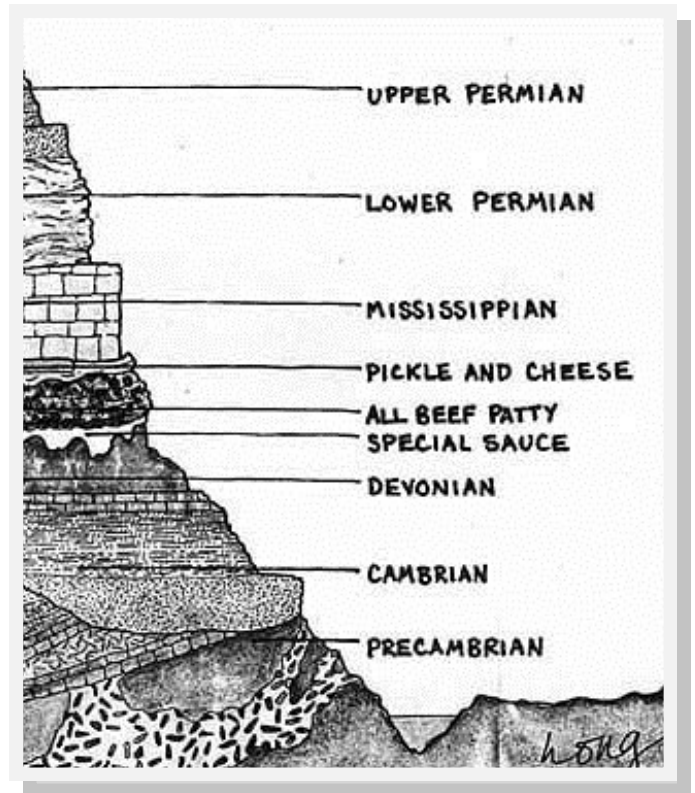
Azurite

Azurite is a copper carbonate hydroxide mineral. It is a chemical composition of $Cu_3(CO_3)_2(OH)_2$, best known for its characteristic deep blue to violet-blue color. Azurite is a secondary mineral that forms when carbon-dioxide-laden waters descend into the earth, reacting with subsurface copper ores. The carbonic acid in these waters dissolves some small amounts of copper from the ore. If conditions are right, the mineral azurite might form. When these conditions continue for a long time, an accumulation of azurite should develop.

Azurite is not a common mineral. It has been used by people in many parts of the world for thousands of years. Ancient people and still today it is used it as a pigment, as a gemstone, and as an ornamental stone. It occurs in fractures, and cavities of the subsurface rock. Well-formed monoclinic crystals are infrequently found. These can only occur if azurite precipitates unrestricted in a fracture or cavity and is not disrupted by later crystallization or rock movements.

New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah are states for finding azurite. More significant deposits have been found in France and Namibia. Also it has been found in Mexico, Chile, Australia, Russia, and Morocco.

Some of the areas in New Mexico for finding Azurite are around Rose Mine, Hanover Mine and Emma Mine in Grant County. It has also been reported in the Magdalena District of Socorro County from the Graphic Mines and the Juanito Mines. The mineral has also been found from the Lost Lake Claim of the Nacimiento Mine of Sandoval County of New Mexico.



Editor's Note

Please email me any images, articles or other items of interest. We are looking for new ideas to go in the newsletter. Article work best if when they are under 300 words

Thank you,
Sherry Wilson

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IN NEED OF
Field Trip Chairperson And
Fair Board Chairperson

Our Club internet address:
WWW.thedgmsclub.com

Image to the right:
3" Sphere made by
Marcus Jaramillo and is
from Big Digs.
Photo by Nancy Guernsey.

The image is what appears
on our new post card.



3" sphere from Big Digs Claim. Photo By Nancy Guernsey



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9:00 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**If you have item for the 50/50 hourly
Silent Auction at Roundup
See Joe for information**

Silver Smithing Class

Things you will need for the silver class.

- A stone to set
- 24 gauge sheet silver twice the length of the stone and at least 1-2" wider.
- Bezel wire at least 6"
- 8 gauge wire for embellishments-6"
- 18 or 20 gauge wire -12" for a ring shank if you want to make a ring.
- We will do a pendant for sure but if time permits I will show you how to make a simple so you can make a ring.

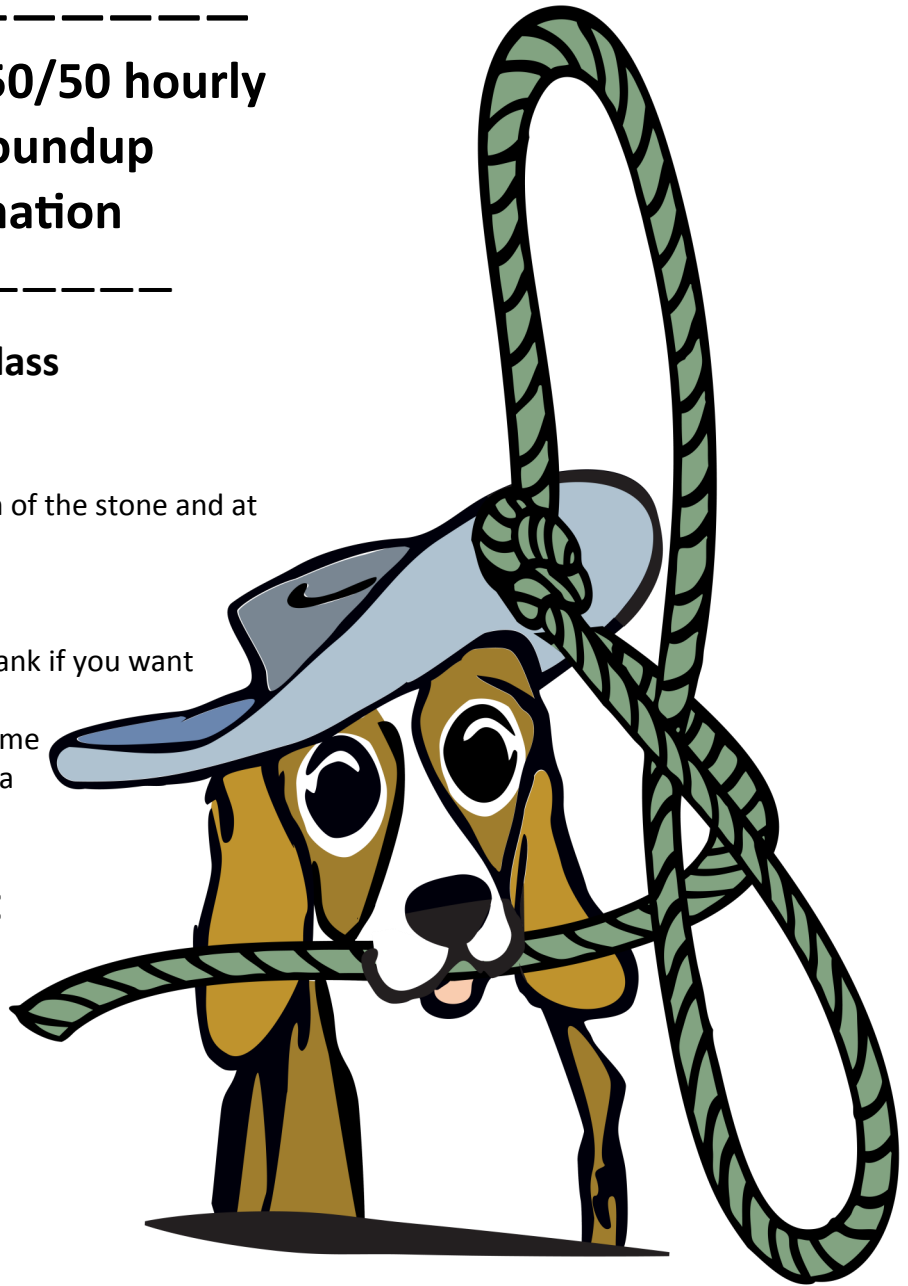
**Class Dates, Sign up is at
the DGMS Shop**

Jan. 22, 23, 24 - Full

Jan. 29, 30, 31

Feb. 4, 5, 6

Feb. 11, 12, 13



Come and see what we are up to!