ROCK CHIPS

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### **WELCOME TO 2019**

Happy New Year to All! Hope 2019 will be another terrific one for all of us, with great finds in the field and a perfect polish on all our cabs.

Our club is great and growing because of the hard work of all of our members and your willingness to take on the tasks that need to be done.

#### The 2019 club officers are as follows:

President	John Edwards
1st Vice President	Donna George
Secretary	Bill Gallagher
Treasurer	Pat Smail
Bulletin Editor	Sherry Wilson
Board 2 Years	Todd Baumgart
Board 1 Year	Carolyn Abbey
Roundup Chair	Marilyn Page
Roundup Co-Chair	Bill Gallagher
Claims Chair	Marvin Clary
Field Trip Leader	TBD
Fair Board Rep	TBD
Hop Foreman	Joe Morone
Past President	Zandra Darrow

Board Meetings are first Wednesday of month 2 p.m. General Meetings are third Thursday of month 2 p.m. Dates are subject to change.

IN NEED OF
Field Trip Chairperson And
Fair Board Chairperson

## New Logo for Rockhound Roundup

This handsome hound dog is the new face of the Rockhound Ronundup.

There are a few images on the last page of this newsletter. It has information on how to obtain this happy face for use in publications and other graphics.



Question: Should we name our dog?

A new logo is being created for DGMS and will be unveiled in the February issue of the *Rock Chips*.

# ROCKHOUND MEETING January 5th 2019 at 10a.m.

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

### THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

P.O. BOX 1459, DEMING, N.M. 88031 FOUNDED - JANUARY 1965

**DUES ARE DUE ON DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR** 

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

# Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting Minutes December 20th, 2018 1400 L

Meeting opened with a motion made by Marilyn Page to accept last meetings minutes. Seconded.

Bill Gallagher volunteered as Club Secretary. Mr. Johnson moved to accept the full roll of members for the board. Seconded.

#### **New Business:**

Marvin Clary: Claim for Big Diggins renewed. Claim lapsed due to clerical error. From this point on the club only pays yearly assessment fees. Need to stake the claim in six places.

Donna George said new computer is needed. Donna and Nancy and Sherry will research a new system.

Joe Morone (SP?) made motion to replace office computer seconded by Bill Gallagher. Carried unanimously.

Sherry Wilson did new dog logo and is creating a new club logo. It was noted that there were over two dozen comments on Sherry's latest Rock Chips newsletter, all positive.

Gail made a motion to have Sherry do new logo to be presented at next meeting. Seconded by Daryl Johnson and carried unanimously.

Marilyn gave a report on roundup. Is attempting to see if the outside work can be done the weekend prior to.

Joe Marone noted that the 4 wheeler has been fixed and the cost was a years membership to the member who did the fixing.

Joe Marone also noted we are low on tumbled stone for roundup and some of the tumblers need repair, which is not helping matters.

John Edwards stated there has been no word from the FAA concerning sale of the property to the club, also no word on 501(c)3.

It was noted by Bill Gallagher that the free ad in Lost Treasure Magazine concerning our competition metal detector hunt has probably ended because there has been inside word that the magazine has stopped publishing, gone out of business. Other advertising possibilities include local flyers at RV parks and laundries, GPAA clubs, and metal detector clubs in the Deming Las Cruces El Paso zone. This will be worked on.

Pat Smail gave treasurers report, last month the club spent more than it brought in for the month.

In September we can pre-buy propane from Griffin.

There was much discussion on a new PO box, after the announcement was made that our box had lapsed due to clerical error, but had been renewed. The main issue was changing from a large to a small box to save a fair amount of money, even though that will change the clubs address. The issue is still up in the air.

Joe Marone made a motion to accept Treasurers report. Seconded.

Joe Morone gave a shop report. One of our visiting members, Carolfrom SK will be giving Silversmith and copper lessons, possibly by the end of January; to be announced in newsletter. Everyone in the class will need their own supplies.

The shop needs a Foredom Flex Shaft hand grinder and stand, so members can cut hearts and crosses without ruining the edges of the shops round diamond wheels. Users will need their own bits, though it is being discussed whether the club can order bits and sell them to members on an as needed basis.

Bill Gallagher made a motion to purchase the Foredom flex shaft unit and bits to get started, seconded by Steve.

Joe will be scheduling an outside cleanup day around the shop sometime prior to roundup.

It was noted that the 50-50 auctions have been quite successful in years past, and now is the time to gather your stuff together so that you can make some cash by selling some of your agate related unwanted items during roundup, along with helping the club.

Marilyn reported a deficit in the accounts fund which needs to stay over \$1000.00 or be subject to a 10.00 monthly fee.

Dues are Due. Please pay promptly. New membership cards are available when dues are paid.

Joe stated the shop needs saw oil, 2 saws are down because of no oil.

Last field trip to Lake Viw, Hillsboro and Environs was enjoyed by all.

Need: Field trip board and coordinator, and a Fair Board Chairman.

Meeting ended approximately 1530 L.

Minutes By Bill Gallagher, DGMS Secretary



## 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 the DGMS@gmail.com

### REMINDER

# Membership Fee is Due

## **Field Trip in December**

First stop was the Lake Valley, a silver-mining town in Sierra County, New Mexico. The 'heyday' of the town was



from 1881 to 1893. The last resident departed in 1994. The present day ghost town is completely deserted. We took a walk with a bit of-





shopping in Hillsboro and enjoyed a home style cooked lunch at the Hillsboro General Store. Great food with very friendly staff and many locals.

# 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 10:00 a.m. UNTIL NOON.

Fee: \$20.00 per detector, all funds go to
The Deming Gem And Mineral Society
for club activities.
Contact Bill Gallagher b email:
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ENTRIES CAN BE MADE BY EMAIL OR AT THE SHOW BEFORE THE EVENT.

### **Red Beryl is Stone of the Month**

Red beryl was formerly known as bixbite. It also has been marketed as red emerald or scarlet emerald, and both names are now prohibited to be used under Federal Trade Commission Regulations. The old synonym "bixbite" is denounced from the The World Jewelry Confederation (CIBJO), because of the risk of confusion with the mineral bixbyite. Both were named after the mineralogist Maynard Bixby. It now is known as a red variety of beryl. It was first described in 1904 at the Maynard's Claim, Thomas Range, Juab County, Utah.

Red beryl is very rare and has been reported only from a handful of locations: Wah Wah Mountains, Beaver County, Utah; Paramount Canyon, Round Mountain, Sierra and Grant County, New Mexico The greatest concentration of the gem grade red beryl is from the Ruby-Violet Claim in the Wah Wah Mountains of mid-western Utah.

Red beryl has been confused with pezzottaite, a caesium analog of beryl that is found in Madagascar and Afghanistan. The cut gems of the two varieties can be distinguished from their difference in refractive index, and rough crystals can be easily distinguished by differing crystal systems, pezzottaite trigonal, red beryl hexagonal. Synthetic red beryl is also produced but natural red beryl is usually highly included.

While gem beryls are ordinarily found in pegmatites and certain metamorphic stones, red beryl occurs in topaz bearing rhyolites. It's formed by crystallizing under low pressure and high temperature from a pneumatolytic phase along fractures or within near-surface miarolitic cavities of the rhyolite.



### **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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#### **BRING US YOUR TALENTS**

Help our club grow and continue to be able to offer the services and facilities that we all enjoy. How can you help? Teach a class, volunteer to lead and field trip, come to the meetings and share in guiding the future of the DGMS. Sign up to help with the Roundup. Consider helping with keeping the clubhouse in good condition. Your knowledge, skills and labor greatly needed and appreciated.

Please join in at General Member Meetings, held at 2:00 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of every month at our Clubhouse. 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 attend a Board Meeting held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

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

### The New Face for Rockhound Roundup

Please contact Sherry Wilson, **compassrose180@gmail.com** to obtain the files you may need.

Please do not cut and paste from other places. Lets keep him looking good.

Formats in png, jpg, pdf and Vector



File names:
Hat on the right is
"RR DOG Hat t Right"
Or with hat to the left
"RR DOG Hat t Left"









File names: "RR Full LogoSMALL", is 11", "RR Full LogoMedium" is 22" "RR Full LogoLarge" is 44",