



ROCK CHIPS

APRIL 2019

Roundup has come and gone.
Thank you to all
who volunteered their time!

What a wonder group of hard working volunteers. They, as always pulled together and made the 54th show happen with smiling faces. Vendors made profits and show-goers went away happy.

As we continue the rest of this year, I hope you will be conscious of the needs we have for the future of this club. The most important thing is to build our membership with active people, people who are willing to keep this club moving forward.

AN EMAIL FROM ONE OF THE HAPPY GUESTS

" Hello to our friends at the Deming Rock and Mineral Club. We have been living in and out of Deming since 1987. Recently now retired and can spend some fun time looking area our area. What a great thought of throwing in the metal detecting at this years show. I had a great time and my brother came from Showlow, AZ for the hunt. We both won some great prizes! Bill Gallagher was in charge of the hunt and the prizes. He did an awesome job! Please tell the club great job and a special thanks to Bill! Would love to see metal detecting at every show! I met two other detector guys who also came from Montana like myself.

*Thank again for a great time,
Richard and Charlie Richmond. "*

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.

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.

The Friends of Rock Hound will be hosting the annual *Desert Alive and Native Plant Sale* on Saturday, April 13th, from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon at the Visitor Center.

PLANT SALE
Native & Desert-adapted Plants

Saturday, April 13, 2019
9 to Noon

Rockhound State Park Visitor Center

Most plants: \$10 & \$20



Friends of Rockhound State Park

Come take a walk, visit and buy a plant. Support the Friends of Rockhound. They do great things for our park.

THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

FOUNDED - JANUARY 1965

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

Minutes of General Club Meeting March 28 2019

Marilyn Page opened the meeting at 1400L with the announcement that President John Edwards had resigned from his position effective immediately. No explanation was given. A letter of thanks has been mailed to John for his past work on behalf of DGMS.

Marilyn stated that two votes would now need to be taken concerning an interim President, and a new Fair board representative. DGMS lawyer needs information on the interim president to continue work on our 501c3 status.

Marilyn said there is a rock club in Missouri who wants to trade, Daryl Johnson offered to haul the rock this summer when he goes there. There was no Secretaries report, minutes from last meeting accepted as printed in Chips newsletter.

Pat Small gave a treasurers report, saying all looked good, though income was down somewhat from the shop due to its closure during roundup. There was no transfer of funds between accounts during March. All pertinent information's will be posted on club bulletin boards. The old certificate of deposit is now closed and the new one issued. The well drilling people who Marvin Clary got to help us during the roundup at Big Diggins haven't submitted a bill yet, Marvin said it is OK for us to just issue them a check. New Mexico bank contacted us about the second key to our safe deposit box. They are going to schedule a visit by a Las Cruces locksmith to take care of several problems at once, and ours is in the queue. We will be notified when the time arrives for that. Pat then turned the report over to Kathy Burnett (SP?) who did all the logging of funds during the roundup. Pat said her report is perfect. Kathy then elaborated somewhat and was thanked by the group at large. Joe Marone moved to accept the treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Daryl Johnson.

Nancy Guernsey volunteered to be on the board of directors if it doesn't conflict with other duties she performs.

Marilyn announced that the two nominees/volunteers for Fair Board Representative (New Member Tom Rodrigues) and interim club president (Long term member Jerry Abbey) would now be voted on and both volunteers were carried unanimously.

Joe Marone gave a shop report: Jess from Black Hat Trading is due 18.00 for a test of saw lubricant which did not work, but was at our expense. Joe also took the old barrel of oil that does work and found a source and purchased 50 gallons. He also needs to meet with summer shop people before the next board meeting. Joe also said there has been some good experimentation with the new freedom tool, and he encourages its use, especially to cut hearts and crosses. The injured saws are being repaired as time permits, and all is well. Joe said he will be leaving April 15th and expects to be back sometime in September. He said to see Marvin Clary about tumbling classes so the tumblers can be kept running this summer. Swamp coolers are being worked on, and a shop supervisor is needed for summer.

Jerry Abbey gave a Presidents report saying he was looking forward to steady improvement of our facilities over the summer.

Marilyn gave a roundup report stating that there were lots of happy customers this year in spite of the weather and our list of vendors is nearly full already for next year. The kids could not make it from schools locally due to high wind warnings. There were two reports of theft made to the police this year, one from a new vendor, and another from Smoky the vendor from Tucson who organizes and runs the Maranna show during Tucson. One theft was a bucket of material, and Smoky reported a loss of cash left on the front seat of his unlocked vehicle.

Marilyn said we need a volunteer to handle the announcement and get well cards sent to members.

Barb Hamilton wants to sell all her equipment to the club.

New members introduced, Judy Murphy and Tom Rodrigues.

It was noted there was no list of people who attended the after roundup club dig for helpers.

Marvin gave a report on our Big Diggins claim, we do not have to reseed yet, because we just completed our 5th year there and it only needs reseeding at end of claim.

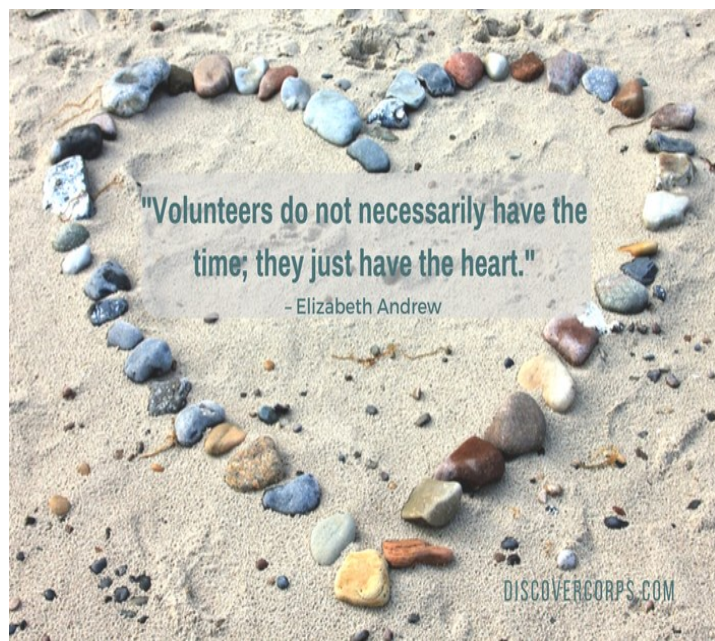
Jerry then took total of snowbirds leaving area soon and it was a vast majority. He also noted we need a refreshment chairman for meetings. June July and August general meetings are canceled because of summer.

Judy Murphy made an announcement of equipment for sale.

We need volunteers and to organize shop cleanup and general maintenance during summer time. Jerry stated it would be a steady progression. Jerry also stated he might be absent for one meeting and Donna could preside.

Meeting ended 1520.

Bill Gallagher, DGMS Secretary



**Please bring a treats or appetizers to a General Meeting.
See you there!**

Thank you Donna George, for heading up the organizing, consolidating and logging all the books of the DGMS Library.

This was quite a long process and without her efforts these gems would still be hiding in the back Storage room.

Come in the shop and see what we have in our collection. You will be glad you explored the uncovered treasures.

If you have any gem or mineral books to donate please bring to shop and they can be added to our collection.

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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WWW.thedgmsclub.com**

PHOTOS WANTED

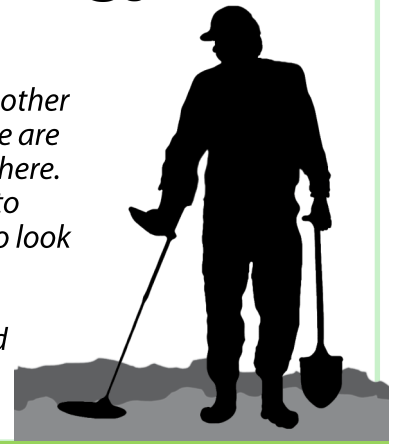
Please send photos you have from the Rockhound Roundup

Wanting to make a special Rock Chips with Photos from the 2018 Roundup.

**Please send your favorite photos to:
compassrose180@gmail.com**

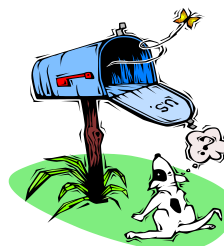
Nancy, Bill, John, and other members, I know there are some great ones out there. Don't make me have to Get the detector out to look for them. LOL.

*Please But Rockhound
In subject line.*



Fair Board Chairperson

Thank you Tom Rodrigues



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

FUN and Helpful Page

No-Mar Pliers

Pliers can often leave nicks and scratches on your work. If this is giving you a problem, first take a close look at the plier jaws. New tools can be a little rough. I typically relieve any sharp edges, sand away any tool marks and give working areas a quick polish.

If that doesn't solve the problem, you probably need to cover the jaws. Plastic electrical tape provides a quick fix but can leave messy adhesive on the jaws. Dips don't seem to last very long. A quick and easy way I've found is to slip a length of 1/8 dia vinyl tubing over each jaw. It's quick and leaves no sticky residue. Only problem is that it increases the size of the plier jaws a

HOMEMADE AIR FRESHENERS - Mary Beringer

This project takes a total of five minutes to make, is highly economical, and each jar should last you about a month. This would also make great gifts!

To make these little beauties, you first need heat-proof jars, food coloring colors of your choice, and essential oil. You can find inexpensive essential oils of various scents at craft stores and some grocery stores. I chose a raspberry scented oil... it smells delightful.

Into each jar, drop a few drops (I repeat...a few...it doesn't take more than 2 or 3) of food coloring. Then, put in about 30 drops of essential oil, give or take. The more essential oil you put in, the stronger the smell.

Now for the fun part. Gather up 4 envelopes of unflavored gelatin, a tablespoon of salt, and 2 cups of cold water. Why salt? Salt (or vodka) apparently will help keep the gel from molding. Interesting fact, isn't it!?

Get one cup of water boiling on the stove. When it begins to boil, whisk in the gelatin, stirring until it's all dissolved. Then, pour in the other cup of cold water and the salt, stirring until the salt is dissolved.

Quickly pour the hot gelatin mixture in each of your jars, and then use a disposable stick or spoon to stir it into the oil and food coloring.

Let these gel overnight, and then voila! Air freshener!

Toothpaste-Not just for Teeth

Toothpaste — Can be used for a multitude of things besides brushing your teeth.

Carry a small tube during a backpacking trip as an all purpose soap. After all, it is designed to be a cleaner, a polisher and a mild abrasive.

If you are an RV'er toothpaste makes an excellent and surprising cleaner and polish for stainless steel folding stove tops, stainless steel bathroom and kitchen sinks, chrome plated appliances, to remove the gooey bottom from plastic sun-tea jars, to clean tea and coffee stains from plastic dishes and plastic glassware.

A little foamy toothpaste on tiny mirrors in a camper help to keep them from steaming up.

"ODE TO THE ROCK HOUND,"

I think that there shall never be, an Ignoramus just
like me.

Who roams the hills throughout the day, to pick up
rocks that do not pay.

For this one thing I've been told, I take the rocks and
leave the gold.

O'er deserts wild or mountains blue, I search for
rocks of varied hue.

A hundred pounds or more I pack, with blistered feet
and aching back.

And after this is said and done, I cannot name a
single one.

I pick up rocks where e're I go, the reason why I do
not know.

Rocks are found by fools like me, where God
intended them to be.

Source: H&B Macy via Shirley Krasinski



**Come and see
what we are up to!**