

ROCK CHIPS



Miz Prez Sez

Don't forget your 2021 Dues are due in December.

Our condolences go out to the family of Gert & Geri Kretek as we are saddened by their loss. We are so happy to have been able to present them with their Life Membership, and they were very pleased and felt honored to receive it. They will be missed by all of us.

Workshops for Roundup are starting. Next meeting will be on November 19th at 1 p.m., before the General Meeting. We will need you as members to help, at the Show, even if for one hour at a time. I really need a co-chair also. This is our only way we can operate the Club to meet its expenses and keep our equipment up to date. Jim Paddock and Bill Gallagher have kept the saws repaired and running well. Our heartfelt thanks to you both.

We need items (old bottles, coins, etc) donated for the Metal Detecting Contest prizes at the Roundup. Ask Bill G what he could use.

See you all at our general Meeting on Nov. 19th.

Marilyn



I found this at Big Diggins last year and took its picture in front of a Himalayan lamp.

Shop Notes

The Shop is currently open the following hours:

Monday & Friday—9 a.m. til Noon
Wednesday—Noon til 3 p.m. and
again 6 p.m. til 9 p.m..



*If a cluttered desk is the sign of a cluttered mind,
what is the significance of a clean desk?*

Laurence J. Peter via: Quarry Quips – Feb. 2006)

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

November 21st, to Boston Hill (Silver City) for Amethyst, (1/2 mile walk up hill to a rocky area). Donna George, Leader

December 19th to the Floridas for Quartz Crystals. (decent roads) Marilyn Page, Leader

Meet at club at 8:00 a.m. & leave by 8:30 a.m.



a little reminder... in December

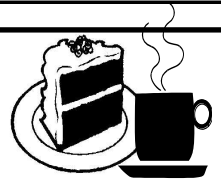
DUES WILL BE DUE

You can pay at a General Meeting
or Mail your payment to

DGMS at P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031.

Refreshments

For the November meeting
will be provided by:



Kaye Green, Donna George, and
Steve & Rose Fowers

*Thank you so much...
We love the goodies!*



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 us 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. A box is at the Membership table to put them in.

**DGMS will not be able to host a Holiday Dinner
this year due to the Covid 19 restrictions.**



Deming Gem & Mineral Society General Membership Meeting October 22, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Marilyn Page, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no new members present, and the minutes were approved as published in the bulletin.

Bill then read a letter of appreciation from Gert & Gerry Kretek for awarding them a Life Membership in the DGMS.

The Treasurer's report was given by Donna George.

We decided to go ahead with plans for the Rockhound Roundup, since it is four months down the road, it in spite of possibility that it may have to canceled.

Some vendors not returning, according to Carolyn, because of a slow show for them, and some could not renew last year due to no money. Some did not show due to the fear of Covid, and some still want their regular spots. Soooo. . . Onward! Kaye made a motion for Carolyn send contract. Discussion on advertisement money and advertisements for the Roundup. Seconded. Passed.

Bill G. gave shop report. Shop is in great shape, Tom Bonowitz learning shop and saw room. Marvin said today was the last day of tumbling, three 5 gallon buckets of tumbling done for Roundup.

Shop hours discussed for season and the hours will be Mon. and Fri. mornings, 9-noon; Wed. Noon—3 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m.

Some snowbirds on their way back.

Please note that DGMS will not post any politics or religion on Facebook or in shop.

Baker ranch Field Trip will be on Saturday Oct. 24th. Tom Bonowitz will lead the trip, leaving the clubhouse at 8:30 a.m.

Within the next few months Donna will need help with Library and mineral cabinets. Please let her know if you can help out.

Claims are good according to Marvin. Still 2 reports needed to be filed by December. Need state permit for 2021.

Holiday functions (Christmas party, Thanksgiving) will not take place due to Covid restrictions.

Time to be thinking about Officers for next year. Nominating committee Todd, Donna, and Kaye will be working to find people to run for various offices. If interested in an office, let one of them know.

We are soliciting donations for Children's Christmas stockings, see Marilyn Page for more info. There are 62 families in need on the list now.

Joe asked to have Jim Paddock appointed as shop director in his absence. It was approved.

We will be purchasing a new faucet for the shop.

Bulletin: Carolyn said "It's your bulletin, and always open for input from all members". Please submit your ideas, articles, etc. by the Board Meeting of the month you would like it in.

Also, if you have something to sell, you can post it in the bulletin for \$5.00 for three monthly issues. Not restricted to lapidary equipment.

Peppers receipts can be turned into the club for 1% refund from Peppers, and the money goes to DGMS. Bring in your receipts and they'll be turned in monthly.

We are still collecting plastic caps for Bell schools.

First Roundup meeting October 31st, second meeting November 19th at 1:00 p.m., just before the 2 p.m. General meeting.

Next board meeting November 3rd.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Gallagher, DGMS Secretary

A Rockhound Thanksgiving

Be thankful again for another year,
For the friends you hold so dear.
For the Rockhounds that taught you how
To do all the things that you do now.
Be thankful to God for the rocks he made.
Whether they be Agate, Diamond or Jade.
For a country where rocks can be found
To satisfy the search of each rockhound.
Thanksgiving is all this, and more
For we all have Blessings galore.

Source: Pineywoods Rooter, Jan. 2013



Within this last week we have lost two pillars of our community. Geraldine (Geri) Kretek passed away on Saturday, Oct. 25th, and twin sister, Gertrude (Gert) joined her on Sunday, Nov. 1st.

Losing both of these girls within a week tells you that they were hip to hip sisters. Where one went the other would follow.

They had just become Life Members of DGMS a few weeks ago.

Words cannot express how much they will be missed.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting November 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President, Marilyn Page, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no Secretary's report. The minutes from the last two meetings will be published in the Chips Bulletin.

No Treasurer's report.

Shop report: Wheels will be redressed once a month. Shop hours are currently Monday and Friday's 9 a.m. til noon; Wednesday from noon until 3 p.m., and again from 6 til 9 p.m. If we find someone to run the shop, it can be open on Saturdays. The number of persons working in the shop at one time will be per the New Mexico State guidelines (due to Covid).

There was a discussion as to minimum paying customers to hold shop open; amount to pay for shop use; leaders and sawyers being allowed free time for their work; shop rules being in writing; etc. It was determined that everyone will pay for shop time, \$1.00 per hour/3.00 per session. Voted on and passed. For safety (insurance) reasons, no one can work in the shop alone. There needs to be a second person in the building.

The General meeting in November and December will be on the third Thursday instead of the usual fourth Thursday.

Judy Murphy presented two Fossil Posters, she purchased, for the shop; they will go in front of the Fossils displays. Motion made to reimburse her for the poster cost. Passed.

It was discussed to use the Board meeting to cover more business, and have Committee Chairs reports given then, and abbreviate the business of the general meeting, thus allowing time for programs. The Treasurer's report will then be posted on the bulletin board.

The need to re-organize the bulletin board was discussed.

In the office, there is a binder with most field trip maps. Anyone wishing a copy may request one be made for them.

According to the NM Governor's Secretary we can go ahead and schedule our Rockhound Roundup, so we will go ahead with scheduling it and advertising.

November 19th at 1 p.m. (just before the General meeting) will be the next Roundup meeting.

We will have a demonstration of flint knapping by Grant and Shirley, from Albuquerque, at the November 19th General meeting.

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LED bulbs not ordered yet, Marvin still working on them, Bill still working on new tire tumbler for back of the shop.

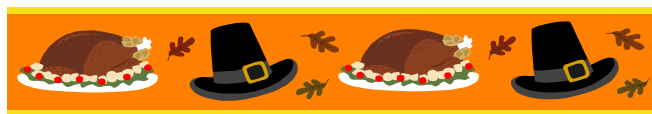
Bill G. is asking for donations of prizes, for the Rockhound Roundup Metal Detecting contest, of coins, mineral specimens, polished geodes, antique bottles, and antiques of most kinds.

Marilyn went to Geraldine (Geri) Kretek's well attended funeral on Thursday. Gertrude (Gert) passed on the Sunday following the funeral of her sister. Among other things, both were supporters of the Museum, and we will try to get something donated to the museum in their name. Marilyn will donate a large crystal slice to the Museum, in memory of them.

Our History books need to be updated. We need someone to volunteer to update them. (It's like scrapbooking).

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Gallagher, DGMS Secretary



Happy November Birthdays

Rose Fowers, Bea Gorse, Linda Howard, Kyle Josefy
Dorothy Keating, Darsha Lara, Ian Ortiz, Marsh
Pickering, Jim Paddock, Aubree Soliz, Barb & Roger
Wiebesick, Carol Wolfe, Donna George, Gail Hennig
and Paul Hazlett

November Anniversaries



*Brian & Mary Beringer
Don & Doris Miller, Hank &
Mary Willems, and Daryl & Donna
Johnson,*

**Everyone has a photographic memory.
Some just don't have film.**

Source: Golden Spike News – Aug. 2004

Henry's Helpful Hints

By Henry Wilson

1. Don't try to cut and polish cabs while watching TV.
2. Always walk uphill while collecting large specimens.
3. Tin oxide will not work as well in your coffee as Cremora.
4. Most good gemstones can be dug up only during a rain or snow storm.
5. All worthwhile gemstones are a good 500 miles away at the end of a dirt road at about 8,000 feet elevation.
6. If you can't identify a mineral, call it jasper. No one else will know either.
7. Don't spill Dop wax on your wife's kitchen stove.
8. Don't store tumbled stones in the candy dish.
9. There are approximately 135 ways to polish jade, most of which won't work.

Source: Strata Gem – October 2006

FIELD TRIP to Baker Ranch

The trip on Saturday, October 24th was led by Tom Bonewitz and Judy Murphy. There were 25 people who went.

The road has been fixed and ditches filled, so everyone was able to get into the area with no problems.

Several folks found whole geodes with nice agate. Some nice pieces were found for cabbing.

At the second location, large pieces of green/multicolored jasper were found. Also found were some different colors of Common Opal.

A happy day was had by all.

Submitted by Judy Murphy with pictures by Judy, Nancy Gurnsey and others.



Jim, Marilyn, Bea & Kathy



FIELD TRIP SAFETY RULES

1. Never go on a Field Trip alone. Have someone along who can help, or summon help, if necessary. Take lots of water, coats, sunscreen, trash bags, sanitary items, hand tools for digging, etc. Layer clothing, wear bright colors, wear a hat.
2. If you bring children, have them within seeing and talking distance. A child not only could get lost, but could encounter a snake, scorpion, etc. or have an accident of some sort.
3. Do not collect directly above or underneath people where there might be danger of falling rock.
4. Park so that all the cars can get out. Do not block the road way.
5. If you are going to leave the Field Trip early, notify the person in charge.
6. Break any cigarette before discarding, and then crush it on the bare ground.
7. Do not throw rocks, and do not allow children to do so.
8. Avoid old mine tunnels or shafts. NEVER go into an old mine. Just ask yourself, "Is that rock or mineral I might find inside, worth the chance taken, if I'm not around to enjoy it."
9. Respect property rights and signs. Obtain permission to enter property if owned by private persons or company owned.
 - a) Inquire if there are vicious animals in the fields.
 - b) Never walk on newly planted or cultivated fields without special permission.
 - c) Be extremely cautious in hunting near abandoned buildings. You may stumble into a deep well not properly covered.
 - d) Refill any holes you dig, so people or animals might not fall in.
10. Respect another's diggings. If a person has left for lunch or for any other reason with the intention of returning, and has left a pick, coat, or definite marker, find another place.
11. Leave any place in good condition. Don't leave papers, cans, etc. lying around to mar the beauty of the place, and to tell others you have been there. Pick up trash you see that others may have left.
12. BLM Rule: If a gate is open leave it, if it is closed, close it.
13. Never eat wild berries unless you are absolutely sure they are safe.
14. Be able to recognize poison ivy, poison oak, etc. Should there be any doubt, DON'T TOUCH.
15. Always be alert for snakes, scorpions, etc. Be very cautious where you put your feet and hands and always check out a bush or rock with a walking stick before walking by, stepping over, or reaching under.



Common sense is the least common of all the senses.

THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

P.O. BOX 1459, DEMING, N.M. 88031

FOUNDED - JANUARY 1965

DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR

Membership Dues: \$15 per person or \$25 per family

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NEXT ROUNDUP MEETING
1 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 19th

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
2:00 p.m.
Thursday November 19th

BOARD MEETINGS
2:00 p.m.
1st Wednesday each month

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 at membership meetings.

**The ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP
IS THE OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY**

Held every year on the second weekend (Thursday through Sunday) in March at the SW New Mexico State Fairgrounds in Deming.



"ROCK CHIPS" is the official bulletin of the Society

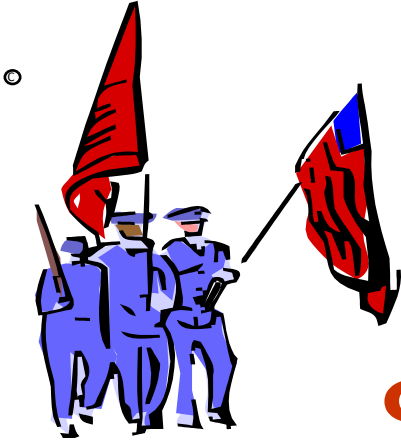
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THE DEMING GEM and MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. *an incorporated, non-profit organization shall be dedicated to the knowledge, advancement and enjoyment of the earth sciences and associated subjects. The Society's primary purpose is the dissemination and 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.*

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Gem & Mineral
Society

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Give Thanks...



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOVEBER

- Thursday, November 4th Board Meeting 2 p.m.
- Thursday, November 19th Roundup Meeting *before General meeting* 1 p.m.
- Thursday, November 19th General Meeting 2 p.m.
- Saturday, November 21st Field Trip to Boston Hill, Amethyst 8 a.m.
- Thursday, November 26th **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

DECEMBER

- Wednesday, December 2nd Board Meeting 2 p.m.
- Thursday, December 17th General Meeting 2 p.m.
- Saturday, December 19th Field Trip for Quartz Crystals (Floridas) 8 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day