



Miz Prez sez . . .

Cheers to a new and healthier year.

I want to thank everyone for their patience while we continue to work towards a safe and productive environment for all our members.

The shop will continue to follow guidelines that will insure that all members will have a year of fun, exploration and the opportunity to make new friendships.

I look forward to reuniting with our old and new members and although we may still have some obstacles to overcome, I am hoping this year will bring many new experiences and establish life long friendships in ways that we have not explored before.

Happy New Year rock hounds, let the fun begin.

Zandy

Unfortunately due to COVID 19 regulations, we have had to CANCEL our 2021 Rockhound Roundup. We are planning to have

Rockhound Roundup



UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

January 23, 2021 we will be going to the Gage area.

Meet at clubhouse at 8:00 a.m. and leave by 8:30 a.m.



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a little reminder. . .
**Mail your payment to
P.O. Box 1549,
Deming, NM 88031**

Or you can pay them at a meeting.

MANY PEOPLE USUALLY PAY THEIR CLUB DUES AT THE ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP. SINCE WE ARE NOT HAVING IT THIS YEAR, PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR PAYMENT, OR PAY AT THE JANUARY 28TH MEETING.

Each year I believe it is good to revisit the Rockhounds Code of Ethics. New information for the new Rockhounds and a good review for the well seasoned ones., so all of you please read them over.

Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission of the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.


I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.



Shop Schedule

Wed. Noon — 3:00 p.m.



January Birthdays:

Bill Agee, Ila Brown, Dave Donchess, Sharon Flemmons, Bill Gallagher, Kelly Husted, Marv Johnson, John Lara, John Read, Gabriel Martinez, Ted Phillips, Rod Rasmussen, James Rivett, Bob Rodrigues, Grant Stockdale, Patricia Bishop, Steve Turner, and Khyle Turner.



Sunshine Greetings

If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine greeting, please call Jackie Grisham at 575-936-4344.

Shop stuff

EDITOR'S NOTE: The source of these tips and hints are other club bulletins. Be careful when trying out any new idea. They have not all been tried by this editor.

Polish metal and stones with an electric shoe polisher! Remove the existing shoe polisher brushes, attach a spindle on each shaft end, and then install polishing buffs. Don't forget to obtain right and left hand thread spindles so that the buffs won't spin off. Most shoe polishers spin slowly, just right for polishing.

The ideal tumbling load is slightly less than 3/4 full. Use only enough water to fill the voids between the stones with no more than 1/8 of an inch over the top of the stones. Use only enough abrasive to cover the surface areas of the stones. This usually takes about one pound of #100 grit for each 8 lbs. of rock. This may even be further reduced as the #400 and #600 grit is used, as the finer particles possess more surface area and 3/4 lb. of grit with 8 lbs. of rock is usually sufficient.

If you put Vaseline around the rim of your tumbler before bolting on the lid, you will get a tighter seal and an easily removable lid. You can do the same on a tube of epoxy; the cap will not stick or cause trouble when you want to use the epoxy again. **Tip for tumblers:** If you are lacking tumbler pellets for your final polish, try using a package or two of rubber bands, available at most stores. They work well and can be reused.

Source: The four above tips were from St. Croix Rockhounds – Jan. 2007

Field Trip Finds

The following are pictures from the December 12th Field Trip to Red Cloud Mine, led by Al Fairweather.



JIM



JACKIE



MARCO



Murphy's Other Law

- Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- He who laughs last, thinks the slowest.
- No matter which line you get into, the other line moves faster.
- If you line up all the cars in the world, end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time on a hill, in the fog.
- If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
- The things that comes to he who waits will be the things left by those who got there first.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- The 50-50-90 rule. Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

Source: Gulfport Gems – Dec. 2006 [Original source unknown]

Deming Gem & Mineral Society Board Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Vice President, Nancy Guernsey standing in for President Darrow who was ill. Nancy then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marilyn motioned that notes from last meeting be accepted as published in the Chips newsletter, seconded, passed.

Donna said budget remaining relatively static, collection of some dues has taken place, and members are urged to mail their dues to DGMS, PO BOX 1459, DEMING, NM 88031. Donna also said there will be a meeting for budget oriented matters scheduled soon.

Carolyn to make further mention of the dues in the newsletter with our mailing address for members to mail in. It was considered to be more of a necessity because we usually collect a lot of dues at roundup, which of course is cancelled for this year.

The issue of the copiers was brought up and both copiers are DGMS copiers, but we now own the old one with just a maintenance contract, and the new copier is a color copier with a price per page that is very reasonable (7Cents).

Marilyn made a motion that access to the color copier be limited and this was generally agreed upon as a matter of office access. Passed.

Members are urged to use to classifieds in the newsletter to advertise what they have and what they need. The cost is \$5 for three bulletin issues.

Carolyn stated that most all of the inside vendors have been contacted about the 2021 cancellation, and that we plan on having a Roundup in 2022. Only three vendors were unable to attend in 2022. All of the rest will have their contracts rolled over for 2022, or new ones send to those as yet not paid for.

Art has been contacting the Outside vendors with mostly the same result.

Bill reported on the Shop. Clean up and maintenance to take precedence over saw use for awhile, though members can still get their rocks cut by leaving them plainly labeled on the carts by the scale at the back of the shop.

Sawing fees came up and more discussion is needed. It is

agreed the biggest saw should only be used for rocks that cannot be cut by any of the other saws.

Rock piles outside to be addressed, a lot will probably be used to improve north and west fence line, along with mud from the saws.

The Shop will be open now on Wednesdays only from noon til 3p.m.

Club will begin volunteer days for organizing and maintenance of the clubhouse, yard, and the shop. We will begin on Friday, January 15th, and each Friday till maintenance is done. Hours will be 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. Sherry will be coordinating this effort, so please contact her for more info at: 214-402-4771.

There will be a Field Trip to Gage area on Saturday, January 23rd. Meet at clubhouse a 8:00 and leave at 8:30 a.m.

We need a field trip coordinator, and more field tripping overall for all members interested.

Nancy brought up as goals: Ebay sales, continued organizing of the shop (Cases, storages etc), training in shop, wire wrapping and beading classes, photo contest, writing contests for kids, internet contests for members, faceting, cabbings, tumbling competitions and other related things, to help overcome the handicap imposed by the pandemic.

Sherry volunteered to make a list of to do things, Tom Rodrigues, and Sherry Wilson and Bill Gallagher to meet shortly about Ebay sales online.

Linux is to be installed on the back computer next week, and training in Linux operating systems will be available, see shop board for scheduling.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Gallagher, DGMS Secretary

**Remember . . . if you have
something to sell, you can advertise it in the
Rock Chips for \$5 for three months.**



*Your
2021 Club
Officers*

President: Zandra Darrow, Vice President: Nancy Guernsey, Secretary: Bill Gallagher, Treasurer: Donna George, Bulletin Editor: Carolyn Abbey, Roundup Chair: Marilyn Page, Interim Shop Foreman; Bill Gallagher, 1 Year Director: Marvin Clary, 2 Year Director: Cathy Burnett, 3 Year Director; Tom Bonewitz, and Assistant Rockhound Chair; Judy Murphy.

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DGMS General Meeting December 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by President Marilyn Page, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 21 members present, including one member, Larry Ceranski, who re-joined DGMS after being gone several years.

Marilyn read the list of proposed 2021 Officers, and a letter from Zanda Darrow accepting the nomination for President. As there were no more than one contender for an office, the proposed slate was confirmed by affirmation. The membership approved.

Our 2021 Officers are as follows: President - Zanda Darrow; Vice President - Nancy Guernsey; Secretary - Bill Gallagher; Treasurer - Donna Brown; Bulletin Editor - Carolyn Abbey; Roundup Chair - Marilyn Page; 3 Yr. Director - Tom Bonewitz; Shop interim - Bill Gallagher, and Asst. Roundup Chair - Judy Murphy.

Claims are OK. Jim Pollock will be working with Marvin on claims. Marvin will make backhoe arrangements for Roundup.

The Minutes were approved as published in the Chips Bulletin.

The Treasurer's report is up to date and will be posted on the bulletin board.

Donna announced that we now have a color printer in the office.

Jim reported that all is well in the Shop and that it will re-open on January 4, 2021. Masks or shields will be required, sanitizers are in the shop, and temperatures to be taken.

Marilyn announced that we would like someone to take over Sunshine. Jackie Grisham volunteered to do so. If you know someone who could use a greeting, call her at 575-936-4344. Thank you Jackie.

A registered letter has been sent to the NM Governor, regarding Roundup. The Fair Board will not let us have the show without a letter from the Governor's office.

Still looking for someone to take over as Historian, to keep our scrapbooks filled. If no one volunteers, we will have a group begin meeting once a month to organize them.

We also need someone to be our Membership Chair.

Discussion of the proposed purchase of the adjacent property was held. It was decided and voted on NOT to continue to try and purchase it.

Bill brought up the proposed idea of getting an EBay account. There was a discussion which ended in a Committee of Bill Gallagher, Sherry Wilson and Tom Bonewitz, who will give their recommendations at the January 6th Board Meeting.

There was a long discussion of pros and cons of trying to hold a Rockhound Roundup in 2021. Because of all the COVID restrictions, sadly, it was decided, and voted on, that we cancel the 2021 Show and hold one again in 2022. We will be notifying all those who would otherwise be involved as soon as possible.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

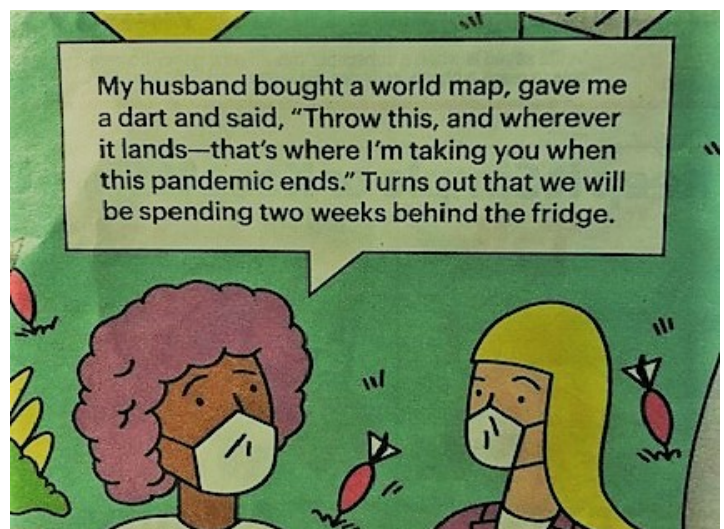
Respectfully submitted, by Bill Gallagher, Secretary

What do you do with all that scrap rock?... Make Pavers (Stepping stones)

A wooden frame can be screwed together for under \$10 using 1x4's. Lubricate the sides and bottom pan with waste oil to prevent sticking. I use a thin sheet of wall paneling to line the bottom. Lay steel fencing wire in the bottom of each one to make them sturdy and less likely to crack.

Mix Portland Cement, Sand and type S Lime making sure it's thick enough to support the stones. Smooth the surface and tap the stones, rail spikes, horse shoes etc. in to where they are at or just below the surface. Let sit for at least 12 hours before attempting to remove the mold, allow another 12 hours before setting them in the ground.

Source: Albert Fairweather,
DGMS Member



Source: 12/2020 AARP Bulletin



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**NEXT
ROUNDUP MEETING
____ CANCELLED ____**

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
2:00P.M.
January 28, 2021**

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

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Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

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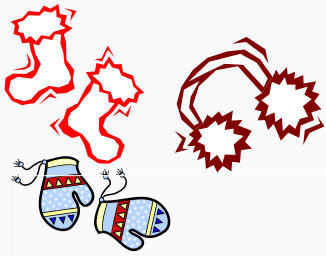
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Thursday, January 28th	General Meeting	2 p.m.
Saturday, January 23rd.....	Field Trip to Gage	8 a.m.

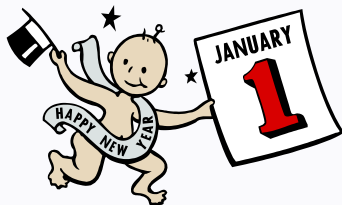
FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 3rd	Board Meeting	2 p.m.
Sunday, February 14th	Valentines Day	
Thursday, February 25th	General Meeting	2 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Clubhouse (4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.) unless otherwise noted.
Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR