



President's Message

Hello fellow Rockhounds,

March madness is upon us and my dedicated crew is hard at work fixing and repair the shop for a glorious opening. We still have a ways to go, but once done I'm sure everyone will be pleased.

We could still use some help, so if your free on Fridays anytime between nine and three please join us. Sherry makes a fantastic lunch.

States are beginning to open up so stay safe in your travels and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Zandy

How To Access The DGMS General Meetings Via ZOOM

1. Open Google Chrome
2. Type zoom.com into the web browser
3. Press Join
4. Enter the Meeting I.D and the Password

Meeting I.D: 769 6757 8958 (This will be the same for all General meetings)

Password: DGMS

Access The DGMS Board Meetings Via ZOOM

Procedure is the same as for the General Meetings, but Password I.D. # is 704552

*General Meetings will occur the 4th Thursday of every month at 2 pm. unless stated before hand in the Chips.

Temporarily the Board meetings will be the 1st Thursday of the month at 2 pm.

Shop Happenings

A lot of work is happening at the shop these days. We are making headway on all areas of our club.

We are putting in a craft room which will house silver-smithing. We have taken all the silversmithing items from the lapidary area and put them in the crafting room. There is, also, now a designated place for organizing the Rockhound Roundup.

The rock tumbling area, in the lapidary area, is getting a overhaul so it will be a lot easier for the person in charge of tumbling to handle these rocks. All shop files are getting organized. All the grinders and buffers and polishers will be in the best working condition they can be. The shop is closed at this time for use. It will reopen as soon as the equipment is up and running.

When you walk in the front door you will notice the area is almost finished and becoming a showcase of samples of what the Earth has to hold for us. This area will be a comfortable meeting place for activities.

There are about 15 members working on this project. If you would like to join in, please contact us so we can give you more details. There are many other areas that are being worked on. It is refreshing to see such dedicated members working to make DGMS a place to come together in the interest of Rockhounding.

Sherry Wilson

The Legend of Leaverite

Leaverite is the most common of all stones. Some are older than others and many moons old. It generally can not be used for much because of its ugly nature. These stones are said to be so ugly that only mother earth could love them, they are truly the loneliest stones in the world.

As legend would have it, one day long ago, a little boy and his Granpa were digging for gold. Each time the little boy chipped out a stone, he would show it to his Grandpa and ask "is this gold?" His Grandpa would reply, 'Na' that's just an ugly stone. Leave 'er right there," Later that day when the little boy showed his Grandpa the stones he had found he asked "Is this gold or is this one of them leaverite-theres?" From that point on the little boy and his Grandpa called the lonely stones "leaverites" for short.

Over the years the Leaverites became so lonely that they grew eyes. Now they are looking for someone to take them home.

Source: The Gulfport Gems- 2/2008



**There are no Club Field Trips
scheduled right now.**

**As soon as there is we will
notify you.**

Happy March Birthdays to:



Pierre Cantou, Bud Daily, Vonda Echols, Lorinda Fairweather, Melissa Hill, Cadence Martin, Leeann Legace, Chip Landry, Paula Landry, Sandy Loucks, Imelda Martinez, Linda Moore, Lloyd Page, Joe Pi-uma, Marilyn Smith, and Allen Wagner

Happy March Anniversary to

Ted & Laura Phillips



Thank You!!!

Lloyd and I would like to thank all of you for the many cards that we received for our anniversary and birthdays. We were overjoyed and surprised by the amount received.

Words are hard to find to say except THANK YOU TO ALL Love ya all, Marilyn & Lloyd

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them, 'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.' They got up, unplugged the Computer, and threw out my wine.



If you are not already saving your Peppers cash register receipts for a 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 located at the Membership table for the receipts.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2021

In attendance: Zandra Darrow, Nancy Guernsey, Marilyn Page, Kaye Green, Donna George, Judy Murphy, Carolyn Abbey, Kathy Townsend and Sherry Wilson. Joe Morone on Zoom.

Called to order at 2:10 pm.

All areas of shop are progressing forward. Still wanting help to organize, repair and maintenance in all areas.

Shop: Shop is looking at reworking some plumbing. Maximum of \$250 was approved to rebuild the platform grinding area and new tumbling area.

A new outdoor sign was discussed and Tom Rodrigues and Carolyn Abbey are going to present layouts

Temporarily we will move the Board meeting day. It will be on the 1st Thursday of the month at 2 pm and the General Meeting will still be the 4th Thursday of the month at 2 pm.

A rock collection owned by Martie is for sale. The club is looking into purchasing it for the show cases and to resell for profit.

Donna mentioned purchasing a scale to weigh rock (\$50). Also mentioned purchasing a camera, speaker and microphone for zoom meetings (\$50).

To date, 81 members paid for 2021 and we have 14 life memberships.

It's been reported that Bakers Ranch Claim is NOT open for surface picking. It is BLM land, Judy Murphy is looking into this. She will report back on what she finds out through BLM Agency.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm

Minutes taken by Nancy Guernsey

I, Kathy Townsend, was at Baker Ranch on Saturday, Feb. 27th and Lori Coleman from Stirrup Rock Shop was there. She told me she has the mineral rights for a square mile from just inside the second gate up to the Baker Mine. The area is no longer available for rock hunting. Baker Mine is also posted as No Trespassing.

Note: Just found out from the State that Baker Ranch is a State Trust Land / no collecting.

The Club is continuing volunteer days for organizing and maintenance of the clubhouse, yard, and the shop. We will be meeting on each Friday till maintenance is done. Hours will be 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. Please come and help out. Remember. . . Many hands make light work.

Sherry will be coordinating this effort, so please contact her for more info at: 214-402-4771.



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Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2021

Meeting call to order by Zandy Darrow at 2pm who then led the Pledge allegiance to the flag.

Roll call present: Zandy Darrow, Nancy Guernsey, Donna George, Tom Bonewitz, Kathy Townsend,

On Zoom: Kathy Burnett, Carolyn Abbey and Joe Morone

NM Covid -19 State Regulation changed in February, Luna County has reach stage yellow. Recreational clubs can only meet indoors for reason to maintain the records and building, all other activities must be at 33% the people outside only. Due to the regulation shop is closed. To maintain the property we are still working on Fridays 9 am to 3 pm for repairs, cleaning and organizing, all help is greatly appreciated. Hours worked count toward dollars in shop and silent auctions.

Took a vote on Steve Sundstrom to Head Sawyer and Sherry Wilson to Shop Manager. Kaye Green made motion, Judy Murphy second and all in acceptance.

New lock and codes on all gates and doors. Keys are now being signed out to Board members and shop only.

Donna George presented financials, posted on The DGMS board in clubhouse. The vendors that needed refunds have been made.

Cell phone for the club; reason for not to miss call and emails. People would take turns being responsible for. This was tabled till more information accumulated.

Marvin Clary Claim: April 17th reclamation on claim, April 24th for only those that worked on the 17th for new dip. Marvin will be training people to help with claim. Tumbling rocks need to train new and retrain people. TUMBLED ROCK is not for sale at this time.

By-Laws are being looked at for any changes needed. Carolyn Abbey, Kaye Green and Nancy Guernsey will be working on this committee. Talked about policies, shop training and hours of operation. Tabled till all is cleaned and organized.

Membership Kaye reported numbers renewed and reminder after March 31, 2021, names will be removed from roster.

New business: Tom Rodrigues is the Fair Board representative for DGMS. He is also the Duck Races vendor organizer and is looking into a space at the races for a membership table for DGMS.

Donna George has spoken with Deming Chamber of Commerce. They will come out and video tape the clubhouse/shop after the cleaning and new sets. We are also looking into a grand reopening to the public with the hope of increasing the membership. We are welcoming any new ideas to bring membership up please email thedgms@gmail.com.

Motion made to end meeting by Nancy Guernsey, second by Kaye Green and all accepted. Meeting ended at 3:05pm

Minutes taken by Nancy Guernsey

The Legend of the Sand Dollar

The Holy shell, otherwise known as the Sand Dollar, is one of nature's most unusual specimens of marine life. The markings on the shell symbolize the birth and crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

An outline of the Easter Lily is a five pointed star that represents the Star of Bethlehem. The narrow elliptical openings are reminiscent of the five wounds made in the body of Christ during the crucifixion.

On the underside of the shell is an easily recognized outline of the Christmas Poinsettia. When the shell is broken open, cells are found, each holding five objects that look like birds in flight. These represent the Dove of Peace. Another interpretation of these bird-like objects connects them to the angels who sang to the shepherds on the first Christmas morning.

Source: Yellowstone Deposit - Dec 2009

A little girl ran to her grandfather,

jumped into his arms and gave him a big hug. Then she ran her fingers in his balding hair and down the side of his wrinkled rough cheeks.

"Did God make you, Grandad?" she asked. "Yes honey, He made me." She felt her own cheeks then asked. "Did God make me too?" she asked. "Yes honey, He made you too." "Well," she shrugged "Don't you think He is doing a better job now than he used to?"



While this is not "listed" as a Safety article, perhaps it should be.

Who AM I?

I am more deadly than bullets.

I have destroyed more homes than the atomic bomb.

I steal, in the U.S., billions of dollars each year.

I spare no one, for I find many victims everywhere.

I find them among the rich and poor, the young and old, the strong and the weak, the educated and the ignorant. I have cast my shadow over every field of human endeavor. Pedestrians and auto drivers, housewives, laborers and executives are numbered among my victims.

Each year, because of me, there are thousands of additional orphans, widows, and widowers. Each year, because of me, thousands of wage earners are killed. I lurk on every street corner, on every highway, in every home, factory and on every farm.

I do most of my work silently. Many of you are warned against me, but fail to heed the warning. I bring sickness, poverty, broken bodies and death, yet people do not shun me.

I kill, I destroy, and I maim you. I am your constant and your worst enemy.

I AM CARELESSNESS! (author unknown)

Source: Harrison County G & M soc. 11/09

SHOP STUFF

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

How to measure an ounce of grit without an ounce scale.

Tumbling instructions tell you how much grit or polish to use per pound of rock or per tumbler barrel, and this is almost always given in ounces. This is fine, but most people do not have an ounce scale around the house, so measuring out one or more ounces presents a small problem. The following is an easy way to arrive at ounces and is based on standard measuring spoons. Start out with a rounded teaspoonful and level it off with the blade of a straight kitchen knife.

Course Grit: 1 ounce = 4 level teaspoons

Medium Grit: 1 ounce = 4 level teaspoons

Fine Grit: 1 ounce = 4 level teaspoons

Polish powder: 1 ounce: 8 level teaspoons

Source: The Glacial Drifter – 4/2010

Obsidian Tells Time

Time (in age) can be measured with obsidian. It is emerging as a promising tool for dating and tracing prehistoric culture. What makes it useful for dating is that it continuously absorbs moisture from the air.

The moisture penetrates the stone at a constant rate and leaves a telltale mark on the obsidian, which is visible under a microscope. By examining the watermarks, the age of a piece of obsidian can be calculated with extreme accuracy. This is valuable because the measurements can be extended half a million years into the past, well beyond the 40,000 year limit of carbon dating.

A most important use of obsidian is in dating glacial periods in the United States. Stones that were carried along by advancing ice have confirmed that a major ice age began 180,000 years ago, and their final (most recent) retreat came around 12,000 years ago.

Source: The Glacial Drifter – 4/2010

Ten Commandments of Using Acid

1. Never add acid to water.
2. Always keep a container of water nearby for neutralizing solutions in case of a spill.
3. Never use acid with bleach.
4. Always use acids in a well-ventilated area.
5. Always use inferior specimens for experimentation.
6. Always treat a spill as if it is the worst acid you are using.
7. Always wear protective clothing and use proper equipment.
8. Always neutralize acid solutions before disposing of them.
9. Always use and store acids carefully (well labeled and out of reach of children).
10. Always practice common sense.



Source: Rockhound Rambling - May 2009

ROCKINITIONS

Author Unknown

Tumbler- One who falls down a rock pile.

Rock Chisel- One who chisels someone else's pickings.

Quartz - Two pints of rocks.

Zinc - Where you wash your tired feet after a long hunt.

Apatite – What you get on a long hunt.

Source: Rock Rustler's News – 2/2011

You're A Rockhound If . . .

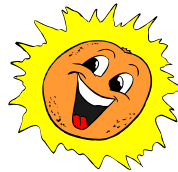


*You've spent more than ten dollars for a book about rocks.

*You have mineralogical database software on your computer (or words like "bornite" and "batholith" in Spellchecker).

*You send your family on ahead into McDonalds so you can check the gravel in the flowerbeds.

Source: Rockhound Ramblings – December 2006



Sunshine Greetings

If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine greeting, please call Ellen Robin at 323-309-5212.



New Sign For Your front Door

DUE TO THE PRICE INCREASE
ON AMMUNITION...
DO NOT EXPECT A
WARNING SHOT!
Thank you for your understanding



THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

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DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR

Membership Dues: \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 per family



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**NEXT
ROUNDUP MEETING
CANCELLED**

**BOARD MEETINGS
Temporarily—2:00 p.m.
1st Thursday each month**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
2:00P.M. via ZOOM
March 25, 2021**

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4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming, NM -- Clubhouse phone: (575) 546-2554

Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

THE OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

Has been cancelled due to Covid.

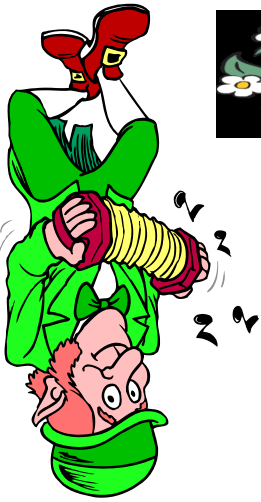
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH

Wednesday, March 17th **ST PATRICKS DAY**
 Thursday, March 25th General Meeting 2 p.m.

APRIL

Thursday, April 1st Board Meeting (also on ZOOM) 2 p.m.
 Sunday, April 4th **EASTER SUNDAY**
 Saturday, April 17th Reclamation (re-seeding, etc) at Big Diggins
 Thursday, March 22nd General Meeting (also on ZOOM) 2 p.m.
 Saturday, April 24th Field Trip to Big Diggins Only for those who help on the 17th



This is your **LAST ISSUE OF THE 'CHIPS'**
 if your dues are not postmarked by March 31st

