

# The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

# ROCK CHIPS

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## President's Message

Hello Rockhounds

I hope everyone is as excited as I am for the warmer weather and the anticipation of being outdoors, with Memorial Day right around the corner, please be aware of your surroundings, wild life is closer than you expect.

I also would like to inform our members, that we are in need of a secretary for our meetings, if you are interested, please let one of the board members know.

May you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday, see you soon, happy rock hounding.

Zandy

### How To Access 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.



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

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



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.

## Let's Talk Claims - Lesson 1, by Sherry Wilson

### Types of Claims for DGMS

A mining claim is a parcel of land for which the claimant has asserted a right of possession and the right to develop and extract a discovered, valuable, mineral deposit. There are three basic types of minerals on federally-administered lands: locatable, leasable, and salable. Locatable minerals include both metallic minerals (gold, silver, lead, etc.) and nonmetallic minerals (fluorspar, asbestos, mica, etc.). It is nearly impossible to list all locatable minerals.

### Types of Claims that DGMS holds with BLM

**Lode Claims** - Deposits subject to lode claims include classic veins or lodes having well-defined boundaries. They also include other rock in-place bearing valuable minerals and may be broad zones of mineralized rock. Examples include quartz or other veins bearing gold or other metallic minerals and large volume, but low-grade disseminated gold deposits. Descriptions are by metes and bounds surveys beginning at the discovery point on the claim and including a reference to natural objects or vpermanent monuments. Federal statute limits their size to a maximum of 1500 feet in length, and a maximum width of 600 feet (300 feet on either side of the vein).

**Placer Claims** - Placer claims are defined as deposits not located with a lode claim, should be appropriated by a placer location. Placer claims, where practicable, are located by legal subdivision. In the United States, a **placer claim** grants to the discoverer that are contained in loose material such as sand or gravel the right to mine on public **land**.

DGMS has two areas on BLM land. Both have a Lode Claim and a Placer Claim.

## Summer Shop Hours

The shop will now be open  
Wednesday 9 a.m - noon,  
and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**It will be closed on June 9th**

We continue to clean, fix and update all areas of the shop. We have started to make some progress on the outside. There are many projects being cleaned, fixed and improved.

Fridays are still our work day, 10am to about 3pm. **Our last Friday to meet will be May 21st.** Hours will be 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please come and help out.

Remember. . . Many hands make light work.

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





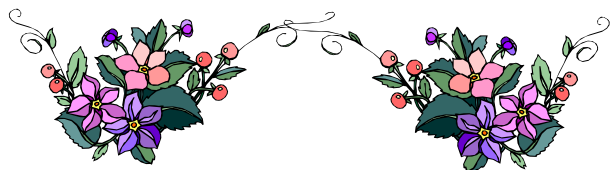
Maurice (Maury) Crawford passed away on April 10, 2021, in Kalispell, Montana, at the age of 83. He retired and moved to Deming, with his wife Judy, in 2004 to pursue their love of travel and rockhounding.

He joined The DGMS in 2005 and was a very active LIFE member until he moved to Montana.

Maurice was very involved in the Shop, mainly the saw room, and in the shop maintenance and refurbishing. He helped design and build the five display cases on the west wall in the clubhouse. Both he and Judy Chaired the Rockhound Roundup for two years, handled Claims, taught new members about rockhounding, and helped out wherever needed.

He will be well remembered.

If you would like to share your memories of Maury, you can visit the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home website (<https://www.buffalohillfh.com/>)

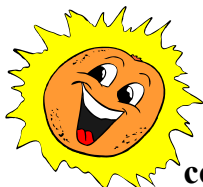


### Happy May Birthdays to:

Judith Barber, Tom Gorse, Barbara Hamilton, Geneva Haworth, Richard Humphries, Art Krasinski, & Tammy McCoy

### Happy May Anniversaries To

Rod & Sharon Flemmons, Kelly Husted & Eric Fontinelle, and Roger & Barb Wiebesick.



### Sunshine Greetings

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

### Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes - May 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 2:10pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Zandy D, Marilyn P, Nancy G, Donna G, Carolyn A, Judy M, and Sherry W.

**Covid-19 Report given by Nancy:** Luna County is in the Turquoise. Clubhouse is aloud 75% of capacity inside and 100% outside. If numbers increase this could change.

**Shop Report by Sherry:** Hours will continue through the summer on Wednesdays only 9am til noon and 5pm to 8pm, until September. Shop will be closed, tho, on Wednesday June 9th.

Shop paperwork and forms are being updated, along with training sheets.

**Roundup Report by Marilyn P:** Motion made by Nancy, seconded by Donna, to approve Judy as Assistant Roundup Chair. Motion carried.

Discussion of Security, travel being volunteer hours, and payment for services.

**Claims:** Sherry reported that she met with BLM at the claim and at their office. New signs have been posted at the claim and a few more will be added.

**Outreach committee:** the family outreach committee has added two new families to our membership. They will continue to search for young families to get involved with DGMS.

**Sunshine Report,** A few cards have been sent out.

**Membership:** Roster is updated and those that were not paid by April 30th, for 2021 have been dropped off roaster and mail list.

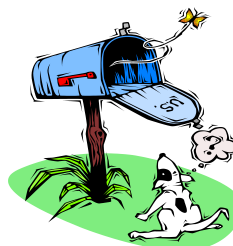
#### New Business:

July 4th party outside and fireworks pending the City putting the show on. The club gate will be open at 7:30 pm for members, their families and friends. We plan to have ice cream. More information in June.

Discussion on mileage or compensation for Instructors and Speakers to get to DGMS; also discussion to re-evaluate our Scholarship program.

DGMS is in need of someone to take meeting notes, i.e. a Secretary. Please contact a Board member if you are interested.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy, 2nd by Sherry . . . adjourned at 3:30 pm. Minutes by Nancy Guernsey



### Change your address, or phone or email address?

**Please let us know!**

Send the changes to DGMS Membership, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031

# April 17th Reclamation at Big Diggins.

## LOWER CLAIM



Seed was laid first  
then topped  
with mulch in rows.

April 24th - Reaping their rewards  
for working on the 17th



## General Meeting Minutes 4/22/2021

The meeting was called to order at 2pm by President Zandy Darrow, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Zandy D, Judy M, Bea G, Kathy T, Tom B, Sherry W, Al F, Lori A, Donna G and Nancy G.

**Covid report:** Luna County still in the Yellow

**Correction in minutes for February.** Stated that three people were being trained on claim but didn't name the people. Sherry Wilson, Tom Bonewitz and Al Fairweather are the claim committee. Judy M made motion to accept, and Donna G 2<sup>nd</sup> ...all in favor

**Friday work day** is going well and we are starting now at 10am working till 3pm. Full inventory is being taking on all items/assets of the DGMS. When completed a copy will be put into safety depots box. The last work day will be May 24th.

**Thank You!** From Zandy D to the 18 members that help with the reclamation of the claim. April 24<sup>th</sup> meet at clubhouse at 8:00 am to caravan to big diggings for those that worked on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Report** by Donna G: Posted on the DGMS board is a copy to review. Due to the major rise in Insurance, we'll be checking on other options.

**Shop Report** by Sherry W: The work on cleaning, fixing machines, and repairs throughout the shop are going well. Tom B has fixed pullies, trays and bearings. Summer Hours are now through August, Wednesdays 9am to 12pm and 5pm to 8pm. All

going well, shop will return to full hours in September.

**Field trip Report** by Judy M no planned trips at this time. We will be doing some prospecting for new areas and looking at road conations on others. Discussed reaching out to the other rock clubs.

**Claims Report** by Al F and Sherry W: Al F and Tom B are working the claim and Sherry W is BLM contact and doing paperwork. Getting more signs from BLM that state no off road.

**Website and Facebook** Accounts need more than one person on them and updated more often.

**Duck Races** DGMS will have a booth for membership, Dates are August 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. Committee Kaye G and Judy M. Meeting will be set at a later date.

**Membership reimbursement** of dues because of Covid-19, voted on. It was decided that there will be no dues refunded.

**Meetings** last meetings before summer is May 27<sup>th</sup>. General meeting do not occur during June, July and August.

**New Committee (Family Outreach)** for recruiting and education. Lori A volunteered to head this committee.

**We are in need of a Secretary**

Donna G motioned to end meeting, Sherry W 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor... meeting ended at 3:10pm

Minutes taken by Nancy Guernsey

**Monday, May 31st Memorial Day Observed**

## Giddings Core Drill For Soil Sampling

Lots of new parts and new hoses, 182 hours on motor, everything is here to drill, if cores are to be taken then core tubes need to be acquired, and it can also take diamond bits. As it is it has kelly bars and the other stuff pictured, two lock boxes, a nice home made trailer. It could be used to drill irrigation wells in high water areas with extensions on the kelly bars. Offered to DGMS members at a reduced price of \$3500.00. If interested, contact William Gallagher for more information at:



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FOUNDED - JANUARY 1965

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

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

**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.*

## OFFICERS

President.....	Zandra Darrow .....	546-2554	Roundup Chair ('22) ...	Marilyn Page .....	544-9019
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**BOARD MEETINGS**  
Temporarily—2:00 p.m.  
1st Thursday each month

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
4th Thursday - 2:00 p.m.  
Also via ZOOM

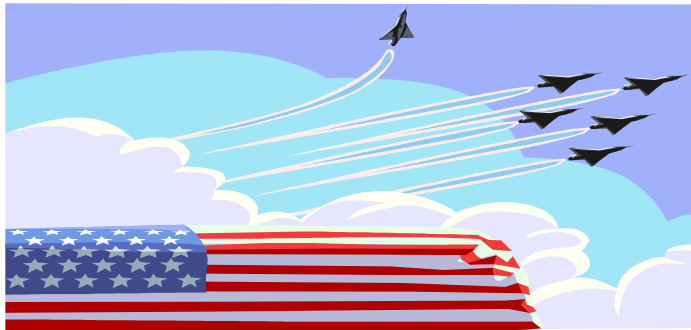
## THE OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

Was cancelled in March due to Covid.

“ROCK CHIPS” is the official bulletin of the Society

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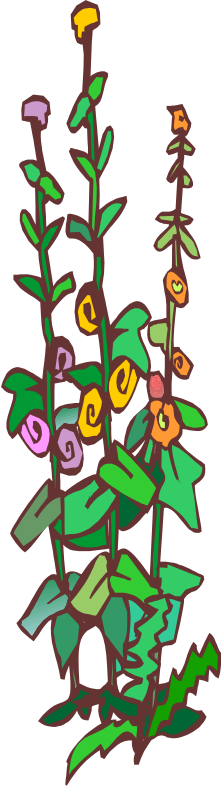
OFFICIAL WEB SITE [www.thedgmsclub.com](http://www.thedgmsclub.com)



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They make our Freedom possible!**

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## MAY

Thursday, May 26th ..... General Meeting (also on Zoom) ..... 2 p.m.  
Monday, May 31st ..... Memorial Day

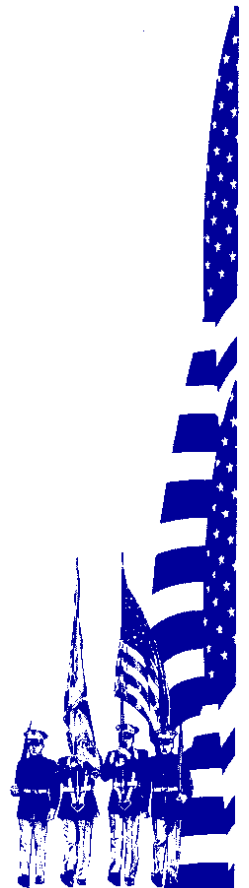
## JUNE

Thursday, June 8th ..... Board Meeting .....2 p.m.  
Monday, June 14th ..... Flag Day  
Sunday, June 20th ..... Fathers Day  
No General Meeting

**No General Club meetings during June, July, and August**

**Summer Shop hours: Wednesday 9 – noon, and 5 p.m. til 8 p.m.**

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***Observe Memorial Day on May 31st***