

The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS

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President's Message

Summer is finally here and after along year of being on quarantine, we can finally enjoy family, outings and celebrations.

The next celebration being the Fourth of July. We will be having an Ice Cream Social that day at the clubhouse, beginning at 7 p.m. Unless the city has to cancel the fireworks due to the drought, we will be enjoying them as well.

It's been too hot, for those of you that don't know. Hopefully this is as hot as it will get this year, and the monsoons hurry up and start. Meanwhile. . . a great summer vacations to all.

Zandy

P.S. I've been thinking about how many different facets our club has. Some of us think of the shop as the main part, other believe it's Roundup, some only the field trips, general meetings, etc. etc. etc. Simply put we are one club and just as any precious stone in the raw, it's not till all our facets work together that we become a true GEM club.

Summer Shop Hours

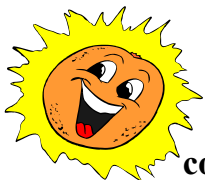
The shop will now be open
Wednesday 9 a.m - noon,
and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.



How to become a Rockhound

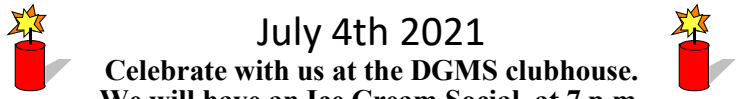
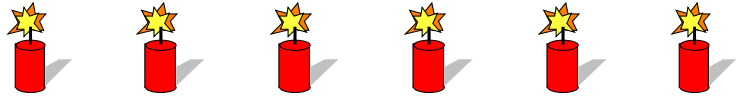
*First, buy a bag of marbles.
Then, when you find a rock,
leave a marble.*

*When you've lost all your
marbles, you're a rockhound*



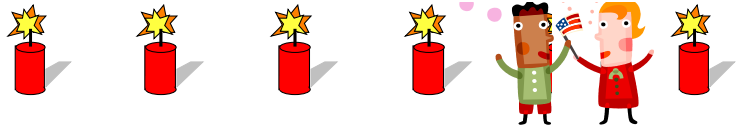
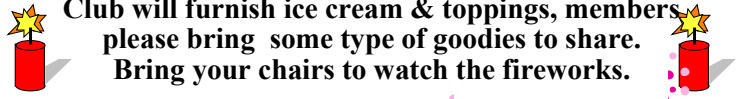
Sunshine Greetings

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

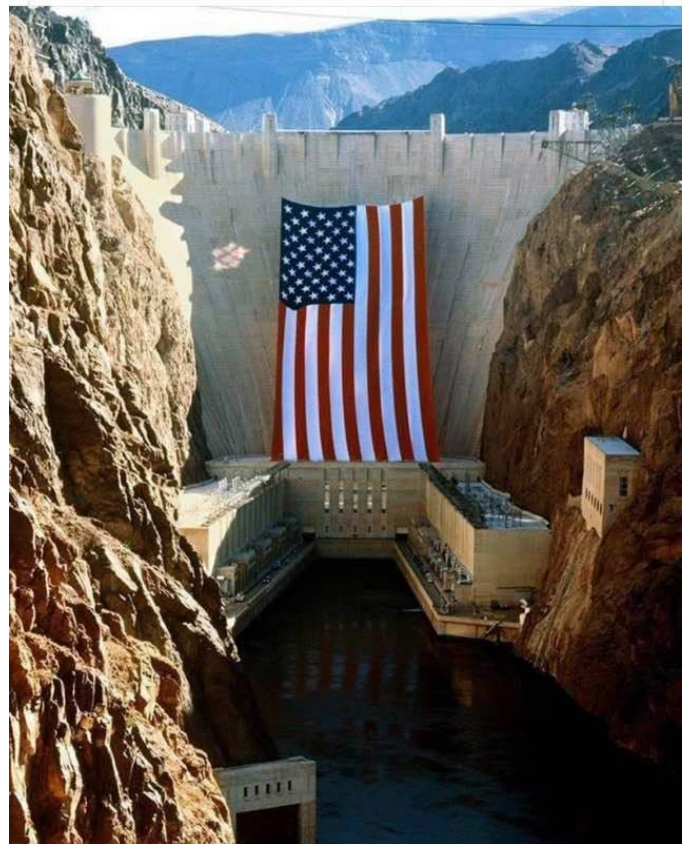


July 4th 2021

Celebrate with us at the DGMS clubhouse. We will have an Ice Cream Social at 7 p.m. Club will furnish ice cream & toppings, members please bring some type of goodies to share. Bring your chairs to watch the fireworks.



The largest United States Flag ever made displayed proudly at Hoover Dam. Each star is over 17 feet high. It takes a crew of 15 to unfurl it. God Bless America!





Happy June Birthdays to:

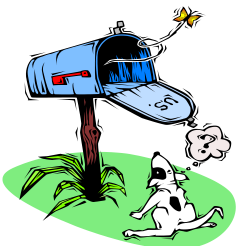
Jerry Abbey, Judy Crawford, Nancy Guernsey, Randall Kokkinen, Diane Krause, Derrall Moore, Sherry Wilson, and Barb Voss

and Happy July Birthdays

Shirley Barter, Mary Berringer, Kristi Brookshire, Steve Fowers, Quinn Hayden, Laura Phillips, Mary Willems, Toby Hayden, Carol Seebruch, Cary Voss, and Skylar Kuhn.

and Happy August Birthdays to:

Robin Beals, Rod Flemmons, Ellen Robin, Peter Hilgefurd, Tom Rodrigues, Annalee Long, Brian Berringer, Art Gutierrez, and Joe Morone



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

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Zandy D, Carolyn & Jerry A., Marilyn P, John & Kay G, and Judy M.

We had a visitor, Ralph Scartozzi. Welcome and hope you enjoy the club and members.

Secretary: Judy Murphy will be acting Secretary until Bill returns or until Dec. when there is a new list of officers.

Claims: Sheri will be putting up signs from BLM on the claim. She will be sending in required paperwork by the 30th of July.

Membership: Welcome New members, Trey Sherrill and Marcia Sutter.

Sunshine: No one at this time. Please call Ellen Robins at 323-309-5212 or Marilyn and let her know if a card needs to be sent out to a member/family.

Shop: Sheri informed the group that the new grinder bearing is going bad and will need to be replaced. A Sawyer will be contacted to see if they will come in this summer.

They will work on the cutting material back log. Shop hours will be WED 9-5 & 5-8 for the summer. Unless they are on vacation and we do not have a fill in person.

Roundup: Marilyn and Carolyn will start on the flyers in July. Hotels are already asking for the information. The meetings will begin on the Saturday, Sept. 4th at 10 am.

Craft Fair: Marilyn, Judy will start on the flyers in July. Ad's will have to be in by September. It will be the second weekend in November. Start Planning now to set up or help.

Duck Races: The Show was cancelled so we will not participate this year.

Fair: The Fair Board is asking for help during the fair. There will be more information coming as we get closer to fall.

By-Laws: Marilyn, Sheri, Nancy, Donna, Kaye are working on a rewrite and a DRAFT will come to the board for fine tuning before going to the General membership for a vote.

4th July: There will be an Ice Cream Social, with the gates being open at 7 pm. Come, bring yourself, your chairs and enjoy the Fireworks. (The Fireworks show will depend on the City not having to cancel them.)

Field Trips: Judy Murphy/575-544-7453, I could use input on new locations to have trips to this fall, winter. If you are willing to lead a trip that will be great, Thank You.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45

Minutes by Judy Murphy

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members attending were: Carolyn A, Marilyn P, Nancy G, Donna G, Kathy T. Also present were Kay G. and Judy M.

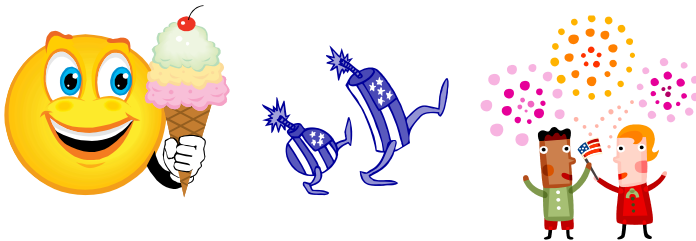
Finances: Donna said the report will be posted on the board next to the office.

Bulletin: There will be a June/July/August issue together. There will be no July or August Board meetings due to so many board members away on vacation.

4th July: There will be an Ice Cream Social, with the gates being open at 7 pm. Come, bring yourself, your chairs and enjoy the Fireworks. The Fire Works display will depend on the City providing them again.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45

Minutes by Judy Murphy



A Volunteer

- It's not for money, it's not for fame
- It's not for any personal gain.
- It's not for love of fellowman,
- It's just to give a helping hand.
- it's just to give a bit of self,
- That's something you can't buy
with wealth.
- It's not for medals won with pride,
- It's for that feeling deep inside.
- It's that reward down in your heart,
- It's that feeling you have been a part
- Of helping others far and near
- That makes you be a VOLUNTEER!



Desert Safety Tips

by Bob Fitzpatrick, CFMS Field Trip Chair

Travel in the desert can be an adventure. It can also be a disaster if a breakdown or a sudden change in the weather catches you unprepared. Be aware of the hazards of desert travel, in both winter and summer. Harsh weather conditions can turn a desert outing into a tragedy. Acquire knowledge of desert survival skills. Travel in pairs for safety.

Plan your trip carefully. Tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Stick with your itinerary and let them know when you return. Do not travel in the desert backcountry without taking along appropriate maps... It is easy to become disoriented in the desert where many landmarks and rock formations look similar.

Dress property. In summer, layered clothing slows dehydration and minimizes exposure. Good hiking shoes, loose fitting natural clothing, a wide brimmed-hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are a must. Desert temperatures can reach over 90 degrees F and drop below 50 degrees F in one day. Summer temperatures can reach 125 degrees F in some locations. In winter, temperatures can often drop below freezing. Bring extra warm clothing.

Carry plenty of water. There are no dependable sources of water within the desert. A gallon of water per person per day is the absolute minimum that should be carried. When planning a hike, remember that water weighs approximately eight pounds per gallon. When the water is half gone, it is time to turn back. Don't forget extra water for your vehicle. Do not ration your water. It will only do you good if you drink it.

Date with a Doctor



Kevin walked into the doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Kevin said "shingles". She wrote down his name, address, and insurance information and told him to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later the medical assistant called him in and asked what he had. He said "shingles". She wrote down his height, weight and medical history and told him to wait in the exam room.

Thirty minutes later the nurse come in and asked what he had. Kevin said "shingles". The nurse takes his blood pressure, blood test, EKG and told him to undress and wait for the Doctor.

An hour goes by and the Doctor comes in and asked Kevin what he has and he says "shingles". The doctor asked, "Where?"

Kevin says, "Outside in the truck. Where do you want me to unload em?"

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.*

STABILIZING STONES

Stabilization is a way of treating a soft or fractured stone so it can be worked.

Cut your stone to the finished dimensions before using stabilizing solution. It will penetrate the stone better.

Method 1: Soak the stone in Sodium silicate (better known as Waterglass, available at some pharmacies.) Mix waterglass 50/50 with water and place in a glass jar or bowl. Soak your stones about 7-10 days depending on size. Remove the stones from the solution and let dry for a week. Now it's ready to work.

Method 2: Take a baking pan, put in a layer of sand, set stones on the sand, cover with another layer of sand and bake for 1 hour. (this article didn't list the oven temperature)

Method 3: This one is a favorite for filling cracks in opals. Opticon. This is an epoxy. Heat is used to help the resin penetrate, and the hardener is not applied until the soak is finished. Just follow the results on the can and you should get the results you want. *Source: Gems of the Rogue - May 2014*

A coat of shellac on a dop stick can prevent the wood from absorbing water which can cause wood to swell and eventually cracking the dop wax, thus loosening the stone.

Safety Tip

When working a stone on a wheel, the stone can get hot and give you a thermal burn. Now, if the skin is not broken, cool quickly with cold water or apply a cold pack to relieve pain. Do not disturb or open blisters. Place a pad over the burn and bandage loosely. Next call or see emergency medical services. This tip is good for home and on the job. Remember play and work safely.

MAKE YOUR OWN CARVING ROCK

Want to try your hand at carving? Make your own "rock"! It's easy even for the kids, and what's more, it will look exactly like you'd collected it, it will be almost white and have a granite-like texture.

INGREDIENTS: 1 part water, 1 part plaster of Paris, and 12 parts vermiculite (found at a building supply store). Mix in a plastic bucket. **CAUTION: DON'T** pour any of the mixture down the sink. Pour mixture into a clean milk carton and let set for four to five days. To harden quicker, reverse the process by using more plaster of Paris. Clean bucket with paper towels.

Carving can be done with simple kitchen tools. Use your imagination and have fun! After drying for about a week, your sculpture can be painted or left in its natural state.



Source: The Glacial Drifter 4/2014

Baking Soda In The Field

Here are some reasons you will be glad you took a box of natural soda along on your field trip.

1. Insect bites, minor burns, poison oak - add water to make a paste and apply to affected area.
2. Sunburn, wind burn and prickly heat - add 1/4 cup to a basin of water and bathe or sponge on.
3. Acid indigestion - add 1/4 teaspoon to a glass of water and drink slowly.
4. Tired feet - add three tablespoons to a basin of water and soak.
5. Tooth cleanser and breath freshener - Use as much as needed on moist toothbrush.
6. Hand and fingernail cleaner - Rub dry on moistened hands to remove pine pitch, odors or grease.
7. Fire extinguisher - for grease fire, throw a box full at the base of the fire.
8. Freshening camp coolers and thermos jugs add 2 teaspoons and partly fill with water, shake and rinse.
9. Deodorant - sprinkle some inside your boots or hiking shoes.
10. Safe, natural cleaner for camp dishes and pans - add 3 tablespoons to a pan of warm water and soak.
11. Cleaning a dirty, bug splattered windshield, chrome and camper frames: rub damp sponge sprinkled with baking soda.
12. Freshening RV water tanks - flush with a solution of 1/4 cup of soda and 1 gallon of water. Rinse with clear water.

Source: Clackamette Gem, May/June 2012

A Good Rule of Thumb is that if the rock will scratch with a knife blade, then it will take a nice polish. Look for interesting rocks with pretty colors or unique patterns. For an extra gleam, try adding a tablespoon of sugar to the final polish stage.

Source: Stolen Gems, 10/2012

Never Sleep in a freshly dry-cleaned sleeping bag. The carbon tetrachloride used in the cleaning process can put you to sleep permanently. After cleaning, air it well before using.

Source: Santa Ana Rock & Mineral, 10/2012

EVER WONDER...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed? Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'? Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?



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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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2022

**1st ROUNDUP MEETING
Saturday, September 4th**

BOARD MEETINGS

**1st Thursday of month
2:00p.m.**

NEXT

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 23rd**

**The 2022
ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP
OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY
WILL BE HELD MARCH 10th THRU 13th
(Thursday through Sunday) at the SWNM State Fairgrounds
in Deming, New Mexico**



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**57th Annual
ROCKHOUND
ROUNDUP**

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



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE

Monday, June 14thFlag Day
Sunday, June 20th.....Fathers Day

JULY

Sunday, July 4th Ice Cream Social + fireworks, Gate opens 7 p.m.

AUGUST

NO MEETINGS

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

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

