

The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS

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President's Message

Happy Fall everyone,

I'm so excited that we will finally be able to get back on schedule with minimum mandates.

The cooler days will entice the start of weekend field trips and our love of collecting again with old and new friends.

It's been a long wait, but it will be so nice to have the shop buzzing with the sounds of trimming, polishing and the ooohs and aaahs of freshly completed specimens to keep or sell at the November craft show.

See everyone soon, safe travels to all.

Zandy

A Thought to Ponder

Think of yourself as a gem in the tumbler. With a little grit and determination, even the friction between you and others can result in both of you developing a beautiful countenance.

Source: Golden Spike News

Fall Shop Hours

The shop will now be open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9 a.m. til noon each day.



Here's your chance to help

DGMS is participating in the following Community Projects during 2021 and 2022:

We are collecting **Aluminum cans** for donation to under privileged children in Deming. Every 45 cans they receive gets them a coupon for use at Starmax Entertainment center in Deming.

Cancelled stamps that we receive will be distributed by the Eastern Star to aid in dialysis and cancer patient treatments.

We are **collecting books** to be donated to New Mexico Veterans Hospitals.

So. . . Please bring your aluminum cans, cancelled stamps and books to the clubhouse.



Our first Roundup meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Please plan to attend. Following, we will make some prizes for the Spinning Wheel

COLLECTING ROCKS

*I think that there shall never be
An ignoramus just like me,
Who roams the hills throughout the day
To pick up rocks that do not pay;
For there's one thing I've been told
I take the rocks and leave the gold.*

*O'er deserts wild or mountains blue
I search for rocks of varied hue.
A hundred pounds or more I pack
With blistered feet and aching back,
And after this is said and done
I cannot name a single one.*

*I pick up rocks where e'er I go,
The reason why I do not know,
For rocks are found by fools like me
Where God intended them to be.*



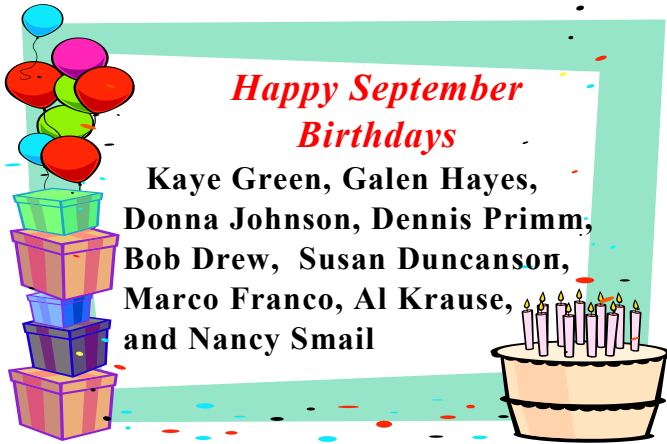
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Upcoming Field Trip

Our first Fall Field Trip on Saturday, Sept. 25th will be to Round Mountain to hunt for Chalcedony. It will be lead by Judy Murphy (575-544-7453)

We will meet at the club house at 8 am and we will leave at 8:30 am. Weather permitting.





Happy September Birthdays

Kaye Green, Galen Hayes,
Donna Johnson, Dennis Primm,
Bob Drew, Susan Duncanson,
Marco Franco, Al Krause,
and Nancy Smail



September Anniversaries

Jerry & Carolyn Abbey,
Paul & Heather Hazlett,
Joe & Olga DeHoyos,
and Tom & Bea Gorse

Did you ever notice:

When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs....'

September 2, 2021 DGMS Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members attending were Zandy D, Carolyn A., Marilyn P, Tom B, Kay G, Judy M, Sherry W, and Nancy G.

MASK MANDATE: The State has now mandated masks for indoors. We will be using them for the shop and the meetings until otherwise notified.

Shop: Sherry informed the group that the polisher motor is going bad and will need to be replaced.

The new Shop hours for the Fall will be 9 a.m. til noon each day it is open. It will be open on Mondays by Marilyn P, Wednesdays by Tom B, and Fridays by Sherry W.

We have stopped keeping track of volunteer hours as of August 31, 2021. We are working on a policy as to how they can be used up and a length of time to use them.

The Club is looking for an Assistant to help with setting up and running the Tumblers. If interested, please let Sherry know.

We are still accepting nominations for the position of Treasurer. If interested or know someone who would be, contact Zandy or the nominating committee.

Claims: Sherry W. is working on the BLM paperwork that is due in October.

Roundup: The first meeting will begin on Saturday, Sept. 18th at 10 a.m. Following the meeting, we'll have a work session to make bracelets and other items for the Spinning Wheel. The second meeting will be October 9th at 10 a.m.

Craft Fair: Marilyn & Judy have started mailing and putting

RECIPE FOR A GOOD ROCK CLUB

Assemble a group of Rockhounds in assorted sizes and personalities.

MEASURE ACCURATELY:

1 cup friendly words

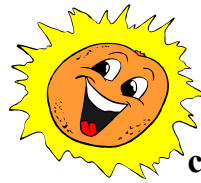
1 cup courtesy

1 cup understanding

1 cup patience

- SIFT CAREFULLY to remove all malice and ego.
- ADD a dash of wit and humor, a heart full of cooperation and praise, where needed.
- MIX WELL until blended into a smooth running organization.
- SPRINKLE with Good Times and Fun. Garnish with New Members. Serve with Warm Greetings. Plenty for all.

Source: *Gems of the Rogue*—March 2012



Sunshine Greetings

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

flyers out around town. Several applications have been mailed to Vendors.

By-Laws committee: Marilyn, Nancy, Kaye, & Carolyn. They are preparing a draft to be sent to all club members for their input.

Classes: We would like to hold classes this year and need volunteers to help teach them. Would like to have classes in beading, loom beading, wire wrapping, silver smithing, or other possible crafts. Please contact one of the Board members or Zandy our President.

Field Trips: Judy Murphy (575-544-7453) will be leading our first Fall field trip on September 25th. We will go to Round Mountain for Chalcedony. Meet at the club house at 8 am and we will leave at 8:30 am. Weather permitting.

Judy could use input on new locations to have trips to this fall and winter. If you are willing to lead a trip or give some ideas, that would be great also. Please contact her.

General Information: The Bell Elementary School received the 8000 pounds of bottle caps that DGMS/Eastern Star collected and they got their second school yard Bench made and it's on the way to the school. Marilyn said they thanked us for so many pounds donated. The project is now complete.

There is a new Magazine/Book exchange by the door, in the white book case, get one leave one.

Sherry made a motion to adjourn, and Tom seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

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.

Vinegar, Not Just for Salads

One way to remove carbonates such as calcite from quartz and amethyst is to cover the specimen with fresh vinegar and allow to stand overnight. Repeat if necessary. Wash and then place crystals in washing type ammonia for 8-12 hours. Remove, rinse thoroughly, wipe and air dry.

When using chrome oxide for polishing Jade mix it with a solution of 1/2 water and 1/2 vinegar.

For the gloss finish on tiger-eye, polish once, dry the stone, then put a drop of vinegar on it. Let it stand for a few minutes, then give it a second polish.

If you have sore hands from hard rock mining, soak your hands in warm vinegar water and the swelling and soreness will disappear.

Dark household vinegar will dissolve epoxy glue by soaking overnight.

BEWARE: Carbonate minerals, such as dolomite or calcite are attacked by acids, leaving only a pile of mud where your stone was. Malachite is copper carbonate and is therefore subject to a corrosive effect, caused by even weak acid. If unsure, test with a less valuable piece before using any acid, even vinegar, on a stone.

Source: *Gems of the Rogue*—

Rockus Collectralus: A Case Study

By Chris Lee (17) *Georgia Mineral Society*

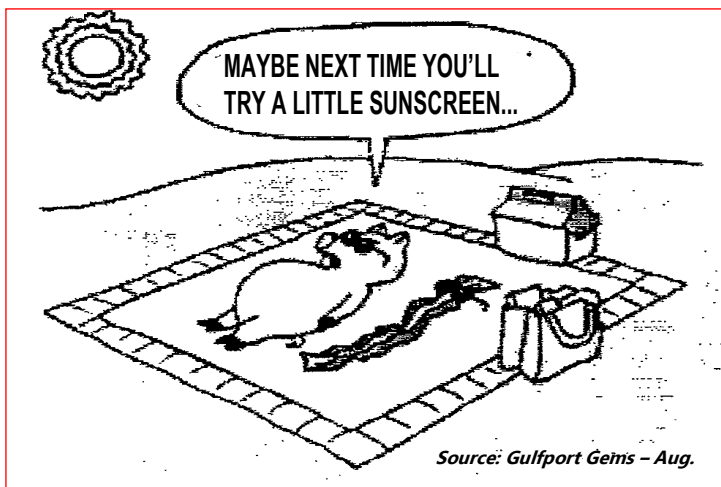
It is a horrible thing to be addicted to rocks. In the middle of the night you wake up, contemplating more purchases to make. The shelves in your house are overloaded, sagging under all the weight - 30% of the earth's crust sitting on them. You don't even bother showering any more, as the fine dust left on your hands from carrying rocks has built up to un-manageable levels. All but your best friends have abandoned you; they do not want to be seen in public with someone so dirty.

This is a glimpse into the life of a person affected by Rockus Collectralus, a horrible disease that causes compulsive rock collection. Sufferers of this disease can be easily identified by their bulging pockets, their vest covered in dust, and their beat-up hat. Many sufferers also can be seen at any place that rocks, minerals, or fossils are sold. They can be differentiated from other patrons by lack of the phrase: "How much?"

Unfortunately, there is no way to treat Rockus Collectralus. However, there are ways of making it more livable. One way is to provide frequent exposure to others with this disease; this will help the sufferer to maintain their sanity. Another way is to provide frequent opportunities and finances to purchase as many rocks as needed. This keeps everyone happy, except your accountant and spouse. Finally, the most important way to treat Rockus Collectralus is to have more social contact than just your rock dealer, and not to spend all day organizing, tagging, gazing.

If all of the above steps are followed, sufferers of Rockus Collectralus can have some of their lives back and be on their way to recovery.

Source: *Quarry Quips*



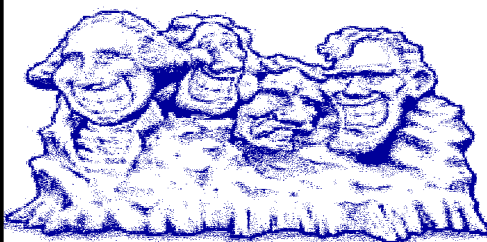
Hints For Surface Collecting

When searching for translucent material, like agate, walk towards the sun, you will see the sun shine through the stone.

When looking for reflective material like crystals, have the sun behind you and the material will shine or sparkle in the sun. If you walk sideways to the sun, look side to side for both translucent and reflective material.

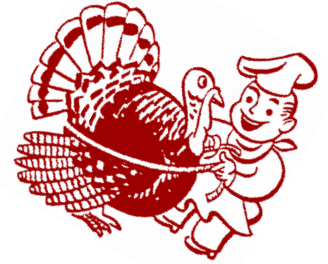
If you find something good or unusual, stop and mark the spot, look up the slope and down the slope to find the source of the material. I like to pile rocks every time I find something unusual, that way I can see the fall-line of the material.

Source: *Quarry Quips*



Mount Rushmore is carved out of pure granite. Granite is a very hard igneous rock. Igneous rocks are formed when super-hot liquid rock cools and hardens. Granite is famous for its salt-and-pepper appearance, but it can also have a light pink color. If you look very closely, you'll notice that granite contains many tiny reflective minerals - these are usually quartz and feldspar. The granite in Mount Rushmore is particularly strong - it erodes only one inch every 10,000 years. When they started carving Mount Rushmore in 1927, they had to use dynamite because the granite was so hard! You can learn more about the history of Mount Rushmore at the National Park Services at, www.nps.gov.

Source: *Deming Chips 2008*



Multi-Holiday Craft & Gift Show

Hosted by Deming Gem & Mineral Society

November 13 & 14, 2021

Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Southwestern New Mexico State Fairgrounds

4300 Raymond Reed Blvd in Deming, NM

Only certified documented service pets are allowed on the grounds

For Vendor information call:

Marilyn 575-544-9019 or Judy 575-544-7453





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

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

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**1st MEETING for the
2022 ROUNDUP will be held
Sat., Sept. 18, 2021—10 a.m.**

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

**NEXT GENERAL
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 Southwestern New Mexico
State Fairgrounds in Deming, New Mexico**

“ROCK CHIPS” is the official bulletin of the Society

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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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The heat of  *is still here!!!*
SUMMER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 2nd	Board Meeting	2 p.m.
Monday, September 6th	LABOR DAY	
Saturday, September 18th	Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.
Thursday, September 23 rd	General Meeting	2 p.m.

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 7th	Board Meeting	2 p.m.
Saturday, October 16th	Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.
Thursday, October 28th	General Meeting	2 p.m.
Tuesday, October 31st	HALLOWEEN	



School's Open... Drive With Care!

