



## President's Message

Happy Fall Everyone,

I see a lot of caravans heading from the East, to the milder climate of New Mexico and Arizona. It's perfect weather for rockhounding and watching the beautiful sunsets of the West.

I look forward to seeing all our members. Hopefully everyone will become involved in the upcoming November Craft Show, while also preparing for Roundup in March.

It's been a long hiatus and I am excited to get back to grinding, polishing, and field trips. Keep safe and happy trails. See you in the shop.

*Zandy*



**Our next Roundup meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Please plan to attend.**

## Upcoming Field Trip

On Oct. 23rd we will go to Mule Creek and collect Apache Tears. We will meet at the club house at 8 a.m. and leave at 8:30 a.m. Weather permitting. Judy Murphy (575-544-7453)



## Fall Shop Hours

The shop will still be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. til noon



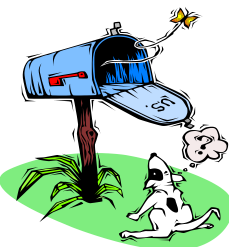
## Multi-Holiday Craft & Gift Show

Hosted by Deming Gem & Mineral Society

**November 13 & 14, 2021**

**Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**



**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



**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**



# Summer's Over... Back to Rockin'



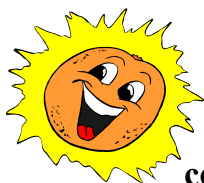
**Happy October Birthdays**

Carolyn Abbey, Tom Bonewitz,  
James Brown, Larry Ceranski,  
Daryl Johnson, Tyler Kuhn,  
and Becky Walkden,



**October Anniversaries**

Richard & Cindy Humphries,  
Clyde & Annalee Long, and  
Grant Stockdale &  
Shirley Barter



**Sunshine Greetings**

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

**A penny saved is a Government oversight**

**Coming in March**  **Third Annual Metal Detecting Competition**

*Sponsored by  
The Deming Gem And Mineral Society*

**The competition is open to all and will be held on Sunday morning at the annual Deming Rockhound Roundup.**

**Prizes include gold coins, meteorites, ancient coins and More!**

**EVENT DATE & TIME**  
**MARCH 13, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$20 per detector**  
Enter by Email, Or at  
the show before the event  
**Bring your own Detector and wear proper clothes and shoes to walk in rough terrain.**

**Contact Bill Gallagher**  
email: [luxefaire@gmail.com](mailto:luxefaire@gmail.com)

*All funds go to  
The Deming Gem & Mineral Society  
for club activities*



FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN

**September 23, 2021  
DGMS General Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 14 members in attendance. We now have 13 life members and 14 new members for a total of 124 members for the year 2021.

Claims: Sherry said we are all paid up.

Membership: Welcome new members, Trey Sherril, Pamm Reynolds, and Marcia Sutter.

Shop: There will be a sawyer working each of the three days per week that the shop is open .

Craft Fair: Marilyn P and Judy M have been out putting up Flyers and working on Jewelry for the spinning wheel. The Chamber will be helping us during the Craft Fair. The dealer applications must be received by the first week of November.

By-Laws: The committee submitted a final draft to be sent to club members for any changes, suggestions, etc. A motion was made by Nancy G and seconded by Judy M. to accept the draft and send to members. It will be sent with a cover letter within a few days of this meeting for reading and comments. Any changes or comments from recipients need to be back to the club by October 21st. It will then go to the committee to make any necessary changes, and then to the General membership for a vote.

Roundup: Marilyn has sent out several flyers. Hotels are already asking for information. Pamm Reynolds is going to make a Video of the Roundup as a promotional. If you have any pictures of past Roundups she could use, please email them to her at: [nmpamm@gmail.com](mailto:nmpamm@gmail.com).

The next Roundup meeting will be October 16th at 10 a.m. After the Roundup meeting. After the meeting, we will spend some time making items for the spinning wheel.

Tables: It was discussed that Sam's Club has commercial grade 8' white plastic tables for sale. These would be to replace the heavy brown wooden 8 ft tables we are currently using. A motion was made by Kay G and seconded by Tom B that Sherry will check it out and place an order.

Once we receive the new tables, the brown tables will be for sale at \$20 each. If you would like to purchase one, contact one of the Board members.

Silent Auction: Sherry W. put some nice pieces of rock material to bid on at today's meeting. We did very well.

Field Trips: Judy Murphy (575-544-7453) will be leading the next trip on October 23, 2021 to MULE CREEK, for Apache tears. The trip takes about 2 hours. You will find lots of material of different sizes. I could use input on new locations to have Field trips to this fall, winter. If you are willing to lead a trip that will be great, Thank You.

Motion made by Nancy G and seconded by Kay G. to adjourn.  
Meeting Adjourned at 3.30.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

*Editor's Note: I felt this would be of importance to all RV owners.*

## SAFETY

By George Finley

We should all take a few minutes and think about our events concerning rockhounding. Is there something we are doing that is not done in a safe way? Let's talk about campers (RVs). A friend and his wife camped at a local fairgrounds. The weather was cool so they lit the furnace. Unknown to them, the poor protection on the outside vents on motorhomes and campers had let wasps build a large nest inside the vent. When someone checked on them, he had died and she was almost gone.

My brother bought a used motorhome 5 years newer than mine. I walked around the outside of it and told him I saw something I did not like. He took the cover off his vent and found a small wasp nest inside his vent. I had also found a very small wasp nest and two mud daubers nests inside my vent. We now have 1/8 inch screen wire over all of our vents. So, please, if you have a camper or motorhome, take a few minutes and check out your vents and be safe. Investing in some 1/8 inch screen may be the best and safest thing you can do for a longer lifetime.

Remember, be safe, think safe. There is a rock or fossil out there just waiting for you to find.

*Source: Beehive Buzzer*

**DON'T FORGET TO READ OVER THE BY-LAWS WE SENT YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES OR COMENTS WE NEED YOUR RESPONSE BEFORE OCTOBER 21st**

## The First Senior Moment on Record



And that's what happened to the dino-

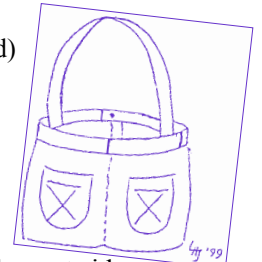
## Ya know what???

### Christmas is coming up fast!

### Make a nifty gift for your favorite rockhound, using old jeans

Every rockhound can use a rock bag, and this one is as washable as your jeans. You will need:

- ◆ old jeans (boys sizes 12-18 are good)
- ◆ scissors
- ◆ thread to match the jeans
- ◆ zigzag sewing machine
- ◆ black pencil
- ◆ straightedge (ruler)



Place the jeans on a flat surface with the seat side up, so you can see the back pockets, making sure the waist is together at front and back. Use the straightedge ruler and pencil to mark a line across each leg about 3 inches below the back pockets. Carefully cut off each leg by following your line. From the legs cut 2 strips, each about 5 inches wide and 24 inches long. The strips will make the strap.

Turn the seat part of the jeans wrong side out and stitch across each of the legs with a 1-inch seam. Stitch again about 1/4 inch from the first seam with a zigzag stitch, and then trim away the excess seam allowance. Turn the jeans right side-out.

Now seam the 2 long strips together along the 5 inch side with right sides together. Fold in half lengthwise, right sides together, and stitch again, making a casing. Turn the casing right side out. Press the casing flat.

Find the left belt loop on the jeans. Place one end of the strap inside the waistband, just behind the loop. Stitch through the strap at the top of the waistband and at the bottom of the waistband. Place the other end of the strap inside the waistband, just in front of the right belt loop. Stitch through the strap & waistband at the top and bottom of the waistband.

Be sure to zip up the zipper and button or snap the waistband, and this rock bag is ready for rocks

To make this an extra special gift, tuck a state map in one of the back pockets and a small notebook and pen in the other. Add a compass, whistle & small specimen bags to the front pockets, and toss in a section of newspaper and a small spray bottle, too.

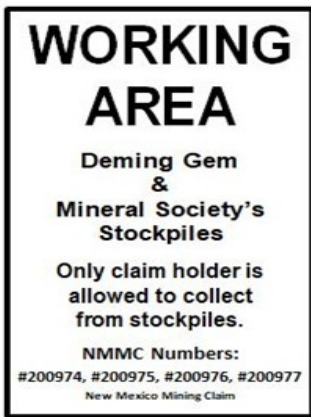
Feeling really generous? Take your friend and his new rock bag to your favorite spot to hunt. *Source: Quarry Quips*

**Happy Halloween**



### Big Diggins' Claim Information

The BLM has supplied DGMS with some new signs for the Claims. There are two styles of signs for "no driving off road" for the area. The other is a sign which informs all that the stockpiles are only to be collected on by DGMS members. Members are allowed to bring guests to the claim. Guests should be informed that is only \$15 per person a year for a membership. Remember that DGMS Claim finds are not for commercial use, the finds are to be used for hobby use. Please be respectful and do not hoard, so all members can enjoy the hunt.



### Round Mountain Field Trip

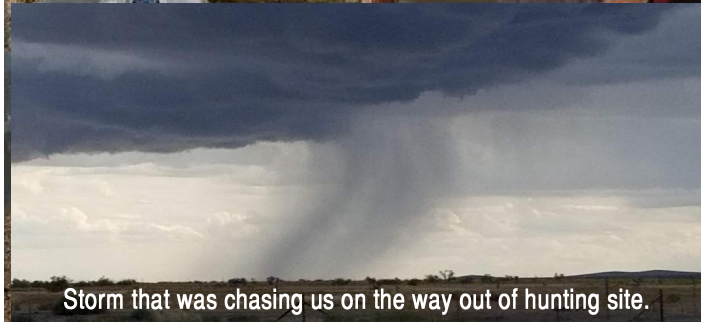
The field trip to Round Mountain led by Jim Paddock & Judy Murphy, on September 23, 2021, was a great success in spite of the weather.

Those who went on the field trip to Round Mountain were: Jim & Judy Frederick, Bea Gorse, Jim Brown, Kathy Townsend, Jim Paddock, and Judy Murphy.

We had several storms come thru with spitting rain. There were 7 people and 1 pup on the trip. There was plenty of material to be found in the pink area at the fork in the road.



Kathy T., Jim P., Judy M. and Jim F.



Storm that was chasing us on the way out of hunting site.

### October 7, 2021 DGMS Board Meetings

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 pm by Marilyn Page, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending were Marilyn P, Tom B, Kay G, Judy M, Sherry W, and Donna G.

MASKS: The State has mandated masks for indoors. We will be using them in the shop and at meetings until otherwise notified.

Shop: Sherry informed the Board that mineral oil is needed for the saws. It was agreed that she could order 6, 5 gal buckets of oil @ \$100.00. All policies and procedures are being updated by Sherry and then will be voted on.

Treasurer: The money accounting will be up to date in November. Donna George has returned as treasure after a sabbatical.

The Club is looking for an assistant to help with the Tumblers. It would only be a few hours per week.

Claims: Sherry is working on the BLM assessment paperwork that is due in October. The fee to be paid is \$65..

Craft Fair: Marilyn & Judy have distributed and mailed the flyers out. All applications have been mailed to proposed vendors.

By-Laws: The Bylaws draft, was sent out for comments. It is due back by Oct 21st. The committee will make any necessary changes before it goes to the General membership for a vote.

Classes: We need Volunteers to help teach classes this year, beading, loom beading, wire wrapping, silver smithing, or other possible crafts. Please contact one of the board members.

Field Trips: Our first Fall field trip will be October 23rd to Mule Creek for Apache Tears. Meet at the club house at 8am and we will leave at 8:30 am, weather permitting. I could use input on new locations to have trips to this fall and winter. If you are willing to lead a trip or give me information, that would be great also. Please contact me, Judy Murphy at 575-544-7453

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

Tom B. made a motion to adjourn, and Donna G seconded it Meeting adjourned at 2:48.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Murphy, Secretary

### The following are rocks you may find in Luna County.

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|----------|-------------|------------|
| Agate    | Carnelian   | Peridot    |
| Onyx     | Serpentine  | Fluorite   |
| Obsidian | Chalcedony  | Travertine |
|          | Chrysocolla |            |



L to R: Kathy, Jim, Jim and Bea



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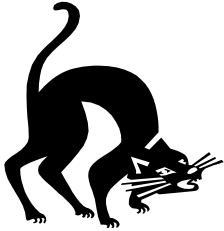
DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR

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.*



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**ROUNDUP MEETING**  
**Saturday, October 16th**  
**10:00 a.m.**

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

**NEXT GENERAL**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**October 28th—2 p.m.**

**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



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**57th Annual**  
**ROCKHOUND**  
**ROUNDUP**

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*Halloween is just around the corner*



*It's Trick or Treat Time*



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**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	

**NOVEMBER**

Thursday, November 4th .....	Board Meeting .....	2 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. Nov. 13 & 14th .....	CRAFT FAIR .....	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday, November 18th .....	General Meeting .....	2 p.m.
Thursday, November 25th .....	THANKSGIVING	