

# The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. ROCK CHIPS



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#### Miz Prez Sez

This has been another long year with Covid regulations. We took the time earlier in the year and through the summer to repair and clean the shop, and reorganize, plus a full inventory of DGMS.

We painted some areas and added an extensive rock museum. We are also in the process of setting up a silversmithing area and down the road a Junior crafting area. Renovation, restorations and repairs were done in the shop.

To the volunteers that worked on these projects, I would like to thank them all for the hundreds of hours that they put into DGMS. Some of those who spent numerous hours volunteering: John & Kaye Green, Donna George, Sherry Wilson, Tom Bonewitz, Thomas Rodrigues, Daryl & Donna Johnson, Kathy Townsend, Judy Murphy, Marilyn Page along with myself. The sawyers that need to be recognized are Russel Scoggin and Al Krause, thank you for getting the saw room back up and running. THANK YOU!

The DGMS is ready to move forward, clean, organized, and all machines are up and running. This takes time and energy to keep it this way. This is a working club, volunteering is part of a working club. Please step up and do your part.

The General meetings for the holidays months are November 18th and December 16th, we look forward to seeing you at these meetings. At the November general meeting we will be voting on a nominating committee for the March annual meeting.

I would like to thank the Bylaws and Constitution Committee with Kaye Green being the committee chair. During the October 28th 2021 general meeting, the Bylaws and Constitution amendments passed. Elections now are held at the general meeting in March with the officers taking their office on May 1st of that year. Those officers that were elected in 2021 should hold office until May of 2022.

During the meeting in October, new officers were nominated and voted in, to replace Board members that couldn't hold their office till May of 2022.

The Past President position was removed in the Bylaws as a Board Member; the Claim's Chairperson is now an elected position. Your Board changes are: President; Nancy Guernsey, Vice President; Thomas Rodrigues; Shop Chairperson; Al Kruase, and Claims Chairperson; Sherry Wilson.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the near future, and safe travels to all.

Happy Thanksgiving! Wishing a peaceful, blessed holiday to you and your families.

Nancy Guernsey



### **Field Trip to Mule Creek**

Kathy Townsend, Jim Brown, Jim Paddock, Judy Murphy, and John LaBuwi enjoyed the hunt for Apache Tears.



The area was beautiful and the Apache Tears were abundant.



## **Upcoming Field Trip for Honey Onyx**

Saturday, Nov. 20th we're heading for the mines in Columbus. Marilyn Page and Jim Brown will be leading the trip. You will need a 4x4 for this trip. If anyone needs a ride, please contact Marilyn, Jim or Judy.

Meet at the club house at 8a.m. and we will leave at 8:30.a.m. Weather permitting.



## Shop Hours

The Shop hours are now: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. til Noon



PLEASE REMEMBER
THAT THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED
ON ALL HOLIDAYS.

## Happy November Birthdays



Rose Fowers, Donna George, Bea Gorse, Jennifer Hayden, Gail Hennig, Cindy Humphries, Paul Hazlett, Jim Paddock, Barb & Roger Wiebesick, and Carol Wolfe.

# Sunshine Greetings

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

## **November Anniversaries**



Brian & Mary Beringer, Don & Doris Miller, Hank & Mary Willems, and Daryl & Donna Johnson

## The Legend of the Five Kernels

It was very cold for the Pilgrims that first winter. Food was in short supply. Some days, they had only five kernels of corn. When spring came, the Pilgrims planted the remaining corn. The sun and rain helped the seeds to grow and much food was harvested in the fall. Every Thanksgiving thereafter, the Pilgrims placed five kernels of corn beside each plate to remind them of their blessings:

The first kernel reminded them of the autumn beauty.

The second reminded them of their love for each other.

The third reminded them of their family's love. The fourth reminded them of their friends... especially their Indian brothers.

The fifth kernel reminded them of their freedom.

Source: Quarry Quips, author unknown

#### Happy Thanksgiving



#### Deming Gem & Mineral Society General Membership Meeting October 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Vice President Nancy Guernsey as President Zandy was out of state. Nancy then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 25 members present including two from Canada by Zoom. Welcome to our new members present Nick & Linda Lamberti.

Minutes printed in bulletin were approved by Marilyn and seconded by Daryl Johnson.

No Treasurer's report

Shop: Oil has been ordered by Sherry and will be delivered to shop. All maintenance has been done. All is working on one machine changing out bearings.

Policies & Procedures for shop are being revised and will be voted on by club for approval as spoon as they are finished.

Claims has all the forms on line now so all work will be done on line. Sherry said all the bills for claim have been paid and everything up to date. She has set up a folder which will be done year to year so that all expenses and projects needing repair will be listed.

Carolyn said that the bulletin is going fine. If anyone has anything to submit, please get it to her by the next Board meeting.

Al and Laurie, who sponsor an Out Reach Program, had a group come in to the shop for a tour.

Our next Field trip will be to Three Sisters for onyx on Nov. 20th. Meet at club house 8 a.m. and leave at 8:30 a.m.

We need a publicist to get the word out to the radio, and news papers on our activities.

There was a discussion of the revised ByLaws. They were then voted on and passed as revised.

Those voted in to take positions until May were: Nancy Guernsey — President, Tom Rodrigues –Vice President, Al Krause – Shop Chair, Sherry Wilson — Claims, and Art Guiterrez — Property Manager.

Art Gutierrez as Property Manager will take care of the coolers and all the weeds. Also he will help with any fixtures in the club. Mid December we will be changing out the lights so help will be needed.

Rockhound Roundup: First Roundup meeting is October 31st, next meeting will be on Sat., November 27th at 10:00 a.m. Our December meeting will be on Thurs. Dec. 16th at 1 p.m., before the General meeting which is at 2 p.m.

Louise Treanor will take care of the raffle tickets for Roundup.

Donna Johnson will need another person to help with the Field Trip sign up trailer at Roundup. If you can do this, or for more info on the job, talk to Donna or Marilyn.

Next board meeting will be on November 4th. Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marilyn Page for Judy Murphy, Secretary

#### Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting — November 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending were: Tom R, Marilyn P, Tom B, Judy M, Sherry W, Nancy G. Kathy T, Donna G., Al Krause, Carolyn A., Kathy (Canada)

**Shop:** Sherry informed the board members that mineral oil is needed for the saws. It was received this week and is stored in the shed

There is a small Trim saws (good condition) for sale for \$200.

There will be a policy meeting for the Sawyers on Friday to finish up the rules for this year.

There is a case of items for sale (Buy Now) and also during the General meeting there will be a silent auction case.

**Treasurer:** Donna gave the Treasurer's report.

**Claims:** Sherry is working on the BLM paperwork for 2023 and it will be paid next year.

**Roundup:** Next meeting will be on Sat., November 27th at 10:00 a.m. Our December meeting will be on Thurs. Dec. 16th at 1 p.m., before the General meeting.

**Craft Fair:** We received many applications. We are Looking forward to a good show. Friday morning, at 9 a.m., we will clean up, mark booths and set up tables. Vendor Set up will be 1-7 pm on Friday. We need lots of Club members to help out.

**By-Laws:** The By-laws have been voted on and approved. Nancy Guernsey and Judy Murphy will go to have them notarized and filed at the court house next week.

**Building:** Al Guiterrez is now property manager. He says the lights will be worked on after the 1st of December. He is looking for volunteers to help. The more we have the quicker the job will be done.

**Refreshments:** Sign up to bring something For the Nov 18th General meeting and the December 16th meeting.

**Field Trips:** Next field trip will be Sat. November 20th. We will be going for Honey Onyx. Marilyn Page & Jim Brown will lead us to the mines in Columbus. You will need a 4x4 for this trip. If anyone needs a ride, please see Marilyn, Judy or Jim. Meet at the club house at 8a.m. and we will leave at 8:30.a.m. 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, on some places to go, that would be great also. Please contact Judy Murphy at 575-544-7453,

Tom R made a motion to adjourn, and Sherry W seconded it.

Meeting was adjourned at 3: 06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Murphy, Secretary

It has been suggested that we share some of our Club Member's recipes. Here's one you might like to try.

#### **CAST-IRON FRENCH BREAD**

#### **Ingredients:**

2 T yeast 6 cups flour
2 T sugar 1 tsp butter
2-1/2 cups warm water 2 T olive oil coarse sea salt or
1 T salt garlic salt (optional)

#### **Preparation Instructions:**

- 1. In a large bowl, dissolve yeast and sugar in warm water; wait 15 minutes to let yeast bloom. Add oil salt, and half of the flour. Mix well.
- 2. Add remaining flour, mixing well. Knead for 3 minutes; let dough rest 10 minutes.

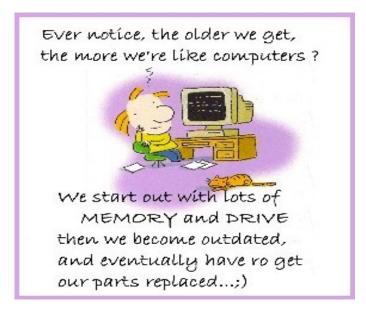
#### Repeat kneading and resting cycle 4 more times.

3. Rub butter all over a 12-14" cast-iron skillet. Divide dough into 4 equal pieces.

Form into 4 loaves and place each loaf into the skillet. Cover with a clean dishtowel and let rise until double (about 1-1/2 hours).

- 4. Slash tops of loaves with a knife, brush with beaten egg, and sprinkle lightly with sea or garlic salt.
- 5. Bake at 350F for 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Makes 8 servings.

Submitted by Marilyn Page.





Our next Roundup meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27th. at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend.

#### **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.

#### Is "Permanently Bonded" Really Forever?

Recently I purchased a beautiful Brazilian agate which was glued to a bola slide. When I asked the dealer how I could remove the agate, so I could display it rather than wear it, he replied that he glued it with epoxy, and it was on to stay. Later I happened to ask another dealer if he knew of a way I could remove the agate from the tie slide.

He said they do it all the time. Just put it in the freezer over night. The next morning use a knife with a thin blade and gently push or pry the blade under the edge of the fastener. The tie slide will just pop off. I followed his instructions, and sure enough, it popped right off. I cleaned off the remaining glue with nail polish remover, which was the dealers second suggestion if the freezer method didn't work. Written by Rita O'Neal

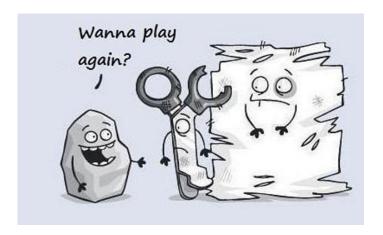
**Re-polish Cabs?** Did you know that you could repolish cabs that have become dull from wear without removing them from their mountings? Cut 1/4 inch diameter soft leather discs and put three of them on a Dremel or screw type mandrel. Use this tool with Linde A or diamond paste and you can work carefully close to the bezel and around prongs.

**Clean tires** rubbed with tire dressing on your 4x4 will slide by rocks easier and save side wall wear.

**To remove clay** and ferrous oxide from the surface of petrified wood, use MR. CLEAN. Do not use oxalic acid as it darkens the specimen.

**Dop pots - dop wax:** Don't leave your dop pot on continuously because the shellac in the dop wax will dissipate and your stones will fly off the dop stick. Turn it off when not in use.

Source of all the above tips: Leaverite News



# Shopping For That Unique Gift??? Make a Set of Coasters

Get out that box of slabs you plan to use some day, and blow off the dust. Pick out six that you can trim to 4 inch squares. Then, round the corners and bevel the edges so that the squares will have smooth edges.

Polish the best side — either on your equipment or by spraying with a waterproof acrylic. Back the other side with self-sticking felt. The thickness of the squares does not have to match perfectly.

Finished? You now have a set of six unique coasters in a variety of colors and patterns. Of course, if you have a huge supply of slabs and want a matched set of coasters... go for it.

Makes a great Christmas gift.

Source: Edited from the Strata Gem

#### CZ or Diamond? How can you tell?

- 1. Cubic Zirconia does not have the edges of a diamond.
- 2. A line drawn on a sheet of paper is visible through CZ but not through a diamond.
- A CA will be transparent if placed in water; a diamond remains visible.
- 4. If not sure, take it to a jeweler. Source: Leaverite News

#### Somethings You Should Know

There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple and silver.

You'll never have enough time, money, or memory.

The trouble with experience as a teacher is that the test comes first and the lesson after.

The likelihood of a hard disk crash is in direct proportion to the value of the material that hasn't been backed up.

There are only two kinds of computer users. Those whose hard disk has crashed and those whose hard disk hasn't crashed – yet.

An expert is a person who avoids the small errors while sweeping on to the grand fallacy.

Source: Gravel Gazette

# A Little Bit of Humor A Chain Letter



If you are unhappy with your editor, just copy this letter and send it to six (6) other clubs.

Then, bundle up your editor and send him/her to the club that heads the list and add our own club's name and address to the bottom of it.

Within ONE MONTH you will receive 16,436 Editors! One of them ought to be a dandy!

**WARNING** – Do Not Break The Chain. One club did and got their old editor back.

Source: Strata Gem - author unknown



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P.O. BOX 1459, DEMING, N.M. 88031 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**

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Next MEETING for the 2022 ROUNDUP will be Sat., Nov. 27, 2021, 10 a.m.

BOARD MEETINGS 1st Thursday of month 2:00p.m. NEXT GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thurs. Nov. 18th, 2 p.m.

# The 2022 ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD MARCH 10th THRU 13th

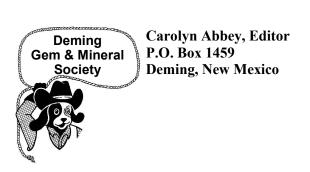
(Thursday through Sunday) at the Southwestern New Mexico State Fairgrounds in Deming, New Mexico

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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 have chosen gems and the aforementioned studies as a major interest in their lives.





# Honor those who serve our country





## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **NOVEMBER**

Thursday, November 4th	Board Meeting			
Friday, November 12th	Set up for Craft Fair			
Sat & Sun. Nov. 13 th & 14th	CRAFT FAIR 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.			
Thursday, November 27th	Roundup Meeting			
Thursday, November 18th	General Meeting			
Saturday, November 20th	Field Trip for Honey Onyx			
Thursday, November 25th	THANKSGIVING			
DECEMBER				
Wednesday, December 2nd	Board Meeting			
Thursday, December 16th	Roundup Meeting			
Thursday, December 16th	General Meeting			
Saturday, December 25th	CHRISTMAS			
Friday, December 31st	New Years Eve			