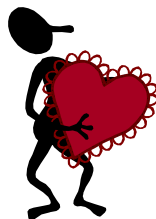


ROCK CHIPS



Prez sez . . .

It was great to see all the new members at the January Club meeting.

Now it's February and almost Roundup time. We will need help from all of you; from lots of muscle to move booth tables, line the outside dealer spaces, to helping prepare the dealer packets, set

up the spinning wheel, geode cutting area, and lunch, visiting & resting area for the public, etc. etc. etc.

All of the above is scheduled for Monday, March 7th. (There'll be coffee and donuts for us) On Tuesday, we will be completing the above and insuring everything is working properly. On Wednesday, the dealers arrive and set up.

The Show starts on Thursday at 9 a.m. and ends on Sunday at 5p.m. During this time help is always needed for something.

On Friday evening from 7 p.m. til its over we'll hold a Silent Auction (about 400 items). We'll need help at about 6 p.m. filling the tables with the items to be auctioned. OH. . . we'll also have pizza for those who are helping set this up.

On Saturday evening our Live action will begin about 7p.m. This is when all the items you've been viewing, in the glass cases by the stage, will be auctioned. We'll need several people to help with this also.

As you might guess, this Show takes ALOT of people to pull it off. And, your help is definitely appreciated.

OH! YEAH! ENJOY THE SHOW AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN WITH ALL THE ABOVE!!!!

See you there, *Jerry*

Shop Hours

The current hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 til Noon. Shop closes Friday, March 4th through Roundup and re-opens Monday, March 21st.



Our last Roundup meeting will be held on February 26th 10 a.m. Please plan to attend.

ROUNDUP COMMITTEES

Show Chairman – Marilyn Page 575-544-9019
Co-Chairman – Judy Murphy 575-544-7453

Please call any of these people if you have questions or if you would like to help out in their area.

- Inside Dealers – Carolyn Abbey..... 575-543-8916
- Outside Dealers – Art Krasinski 575-494-5971
- Coffee & Donuts #2 – Marilyn 575-544-9019
- Display Cases – Marilyn 575-544-9019
- Information Booth – Kaye Green575-545-3906
- Signs around town – Frank Barber.....
- Field Trips – John Robbins 915-309-1891
- Field Trip Trailer—Donna Johnson..... 612-710-7196
- Spinning Wheel – Laura Koppang 214-364-8867
- Geode Cutting – Al Krause..... 719-371-4168
- Raffle Tickets –Louise Treanor 575-546-0755
- Silent Auction MC Jerry Abbey
- Live Auction MC Carolyn Abbey
- Auctioneer - Sam Matney (Circle M Auctions).....
- Night Security Bldg. #1 Wed.-Thurs. NEED SOMEONE
Fri.-Sat. NEED SOMEONE
- Night Security Bldg. #2 NEED SOMEONE
- Advertising – Carolyn Abbey575-543-8916
- Janitorial/Maintenance - NEED SOMEONE

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them, 'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

They got up, unplugged the Computer, and threw out my wine.

Man to his wife: *The bad news is that we owe \$100,000 in college loans for the kids, a month's salary in back taxes, and our retirement fund is tanking.*

Wife: *What's the good news?*

Husband: *Our identity has been stolen.*





Happy February Birthdays

Judy Clary, Joe DeHoyos, Dick Klopshinske, Stephen McGavran, Craig Salmon, Lyla Kuhn, Marilyn Page, Larry Randa, and Lona Warburton

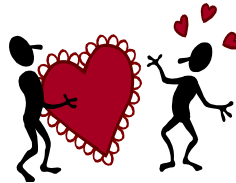
Sunshine Greetings

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



Happy February Anniversaries to

Lloyd & Marilyn Page and
James Ramsey & Denis Desaindes



Food For Thought:

A dietitian was once addressing a large audience in Chicago. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Soft drinks erode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. Vegetables can be coated with pesticides, and no one really knows the long-term consequences of the germs found in drinking water." "But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

A 75 year old man in the front row stood up and said "Wedding Cake?"

Source: *Gems of the Rogue*

FIELD TRIPS

No Field Trips scheduled until after Roundup.



DGMS General Meeting - January 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members attending was 24 including 8 new members.

Minutes were accepted as printed in the bulletin.

A motion was made to return the Board meetings to the first Wednesday of the month. Passed

Claims Chairman Tom Bonewitz is working to get the claim ready for Big Diggins. Our Claim costs \$3000 a year. A vote was passed to charge Non members \$10 to go to the Claim.

It was also voted to pay monthly trip leaders \$10 (toward gas) for leading trips, instead of by the mile.

Treasurer read her report and an audit will be done by 3 members. No one on the board will be on the audit committee, except the treasurer.

Shop: Al Krause said shop doing good and he is looking into oil for the saws. He needs a monitor for Wednesday's shop time 9-12. His new assistant is Dan Brookshirre. Call Al if you would like to help in the Shop.

Roundup: Louise Treanor has the raffle tickets for sale for the big drawing on Sunday the 13th. They are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00 We need help for ticket sales at Pepper's on Feb. 11&12, 18&19. Prefer 2 hr shifts if possible. Call Marilyn if you can help, 575-544-9019.

Feb 26th at 10 am will be a work day also to finalize things and fill grab bags, etc.

The field trips for the show need leaders and tail gunners for Hatch and Fluorite Ridge, if you can to help, please call John Robbins 915-309-1891.

Daryl Johnson will be doing the sound system and will need

help climbing ladders. Call: 612-710-7196.

Art Krasinski needs help doing the layout lines for the outside vendors. 575-494-5971.

Frank Barber will need 3 men for about 1-1/2 hr. to help put out our big show signs. Call Marilyn if you can help.

Don't forget to sign up for the spinning wheel, two people for 2 hr. shifts.

Display Cases will be out for those wishing to show their work.

A table will be available for those that would like to sell their items. A 5 items limit allowed at a time per person.

Monday March 7th is when we head to the fairgrounds to begin set up, and many hands make light work. Carolyn will have brochures to fold and packets to fill in Bldg 2 (kitchen area). Work begins at 9 for her and 8 for the equipment etc. to be moved.

A REMINDER: Any member wishing to go on the special field trip on the Saturday following Roundup, must have worked at least 6 hours during the Roundup. Sign up on the daily sheets in building two on stage.

Nomination committee will be getting names for Officers for 2022-23. All positions will be listed.

The 50/50 raffle is starting up again and tickets are sold only at general meeting. We are also having a drawing for those wearing name badges and attendance. Be sure to sign in at each meeting.

We need members to sign up for refreshments' so that we get to sample others fine work.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by, Judy Murphy, Secretary

DGMS Board Meeting - February 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members attending were: 10

Treasurer: Maria has updated the books and paid the bills.

Nominating Committee: We need volunteers to help the committee to make up a list of officers in Feb/March for the voting of the new year of Officers.

Membership: Current paid members are now 102.

Meetings: A motion was made and passed to change the meeting time back to **2 pm** on Wednesdays for Board meetings

Shop: Al Krause said he was repairing a saw with a bad motor. Also researching where he can get oil for the saws.

Claims: Tom is preparing to have a trench dug for the March 7th members trip to Big Diggins. BLM will be there also. He will also contact the county for grading of the road.

Roundup: is on schedule.

Silver Smithing area: The acetylene tanks need to be checked and refilled. Looking for a company to get them filled..

Library: Cindi Phelan will have the Library cabinets open during the next General meeting.

Refreshments: Please **Sign up** to bring something for the General meeting in February.

Field Trip: None this month

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy Secretary

What are Petoskey stones?



To paleontologists, this coral truly does not become a "Petoskey Stone" until someone slices and polishes it (and charges people lots of money for it). Then it becomes a Petoskey Stone. In its rough natural form, it is really a piece of Hexagonaria coral.

Beautiful Petoskey Stones

Walking along the northern Lower shorelines of Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, it is easy to see this fossil's natural attraction on people. Looking into the water, one can sometimes see this coral, rounded by relentless waves, worn smooth showing its beautiful internal structure. It is easy to see that rockhounds, jewelry makers and almost everyone would be taken by this attractive fossil.

Once removed from the water, however, it quickly dries and loses its bright polished shine. To achieve that permanent shine, it is necessary to polish the rock by grinding and sanding it and finishing it with a polishing compound to bring out the beautiful luster of the stone.

What Corals Make Petoskey Stones?

Petoskey stones are fossilized corals. There are at least nine species of Hexagonaria, but the only true Petoskey Stone is the *H. percarinata*. These corals are marine organisms that are made up of many, sometimes thousands of hard calcium carbonate exoskeletons called corallites. Each corallite contains a polyp – an individual multi-cellular animal. *Source: RockNGem Magazine*

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

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



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Amethyst crystals

are popular in jewelry as February's birthstone and metaphysically to bring calm and reduce anxiety. The term amethyst comes from the Greek word "a-methystos," which loosely translated means "not drunk."

Amethyst is popular with almost everyone. It's found in jewelry and art. It's also found as a specimen in collections of beginners and the most experienced.

Amethyst is also used as a decorative piece in many homes and offices.

As February's birthstone, amethyst crystals bring something beautiful to help offset the shorter days, colder temperatures and lack of sunshine that happen during this cold, winter month.

Source: RockNGem Magazine

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Mail your payment to
P.O. Box 1549,
Deming, NM 88031

Or you can pay them at a meeting.



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Gem & Mineral Show

March 10-13, 2022 9 a.m - 5 p.m.

At the SOUTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIRGROUNDS

4300 Raymond Reed Blvd.—Deming, New Mexico

Public Invited Free Admission Free Parking

- Metal Detecting Contest • Jewelry & Rock Related Items • Buyers Market
- Lapidary Equipment • Displays and Demonstrations
- Guided Field Trips • Auctions • Coffee, Donuts, Breakfast & Lunch Vendors

FIELD TRIPS

Trips leave 8:00 a.m. from the Fairgrounds

Public Invited on field Trips to

our club's claim, Big Diggins, and others.

Materials found: Onyx, agate, geodes & other gem stones.

Bring suitable clothing & shoes, lunch, water, and tools.

DAILY DOOR PRIZES - 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

CASH RAFFLE DRAWING - Sunday at 3 p.m.

AUCTIONS

Friday Night - 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction

Rockhounds mark bids on auction forms. Items are donated by dealers and members. Available are cutting

materials, slabs, geodes, crystals, gem stones, etc.

Saturday Night - 7:00 p.m. Live Auction

Fine specimens, jewelry, etc. will be auctioned, which

Email: thedgms@gmail.com

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Marilyn Page—575-544-9019





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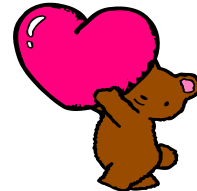
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Secretary	Judy Murphy	575-544-8522	2 Yr. Director	Pat Smail	575-546-1396
Treasurer	Maria Costa	603-738-1921	3 Yr. Director	Jim Paddock	575-494-8522
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			Shop	Al Krause	719-371-4168

**NEXT
ROUNDUP MEETING
FEBRUARY 26 th— 10:00 a.m.**

**BOARD MEETINGS
2:00 p.m.
1st Wed. each month**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
2:00 p.m.
February 24, 2022**

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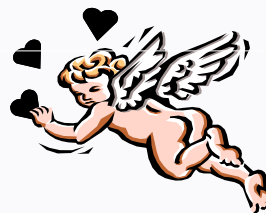
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 14th Valentines Day
Thursday, February 24th General Meeting 2 p.m.
Saturday, February 26th Filling Grab Bags at clubhouse 10 a.m.

MARCH

Wednesday, March 2nd Board meeting 2 p.m.
Monday, March 7th Set up Rockhound Roundup begin 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 9th, Roundup Dealers Arrive begin 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 10 – 13th Rockhound Roundup 9a.m. – 5p.m.
Tuesday, March 15th Tear down Rockhound Roundup
Saturday, March 19th Special Big Diggins trip for Roundup workers
Thursday, March 24th General meeting 2p.m.

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