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The 57th Rockhound Roundup is now in the clubs history books, it was one of the best yet.

Now we can start planning for next year! We can work hard to increase membership, find new field trip places, learn new rocking skills and improve on our old ones.

It's been fun being your President again and I hope you'll give your new President all the assistance you can.

Jerry

A note from our 2022 Roundup Chair

Hi everybody,

I was flabbergasted at the group that showed up to work setting up the Show on Monday. We were all done with the major work by noon time and the little things were all done by 4 p.m.

I want to thank the 30 people that worked on the set-up, especially the members that joined our club less than 6 weeks earlier, and those who weren't even Club members. What a crew to work with. We had a beautiful show and great weather, most of the time.

We just had our special, after Show, Club field trip, to Big Diggins, and many of our workers came and enjoyed the dig. A lot of nice stones were found.

Just a reminder that the Club Shop re-opens at 9 a.m. on Monday, the 21st .

On Saturday, April 9th, at 1 p.m. at the The First Christian Church in Deming, there will be a special service for the passing of former Club member Randy McCown. He had donated several items to the club in the past and had been a dealer at the Roundup many years. (The Church is located behind the First NM Bank)

We wish Nancy Smail a safe journey home and hopefully we'll see you again one day soon. Our hearts go out to you with the loss of your husband Pat. We will all miss him and you.

Marilyn Page, 2022 Roundup Chair

DGMS General Meeting - February 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report: Minutes were accepted as published. Marilyn Page made a motion for hJudy Murphy and she to get paid \$50 each for gas used putting out flyers and getting donations for the Roundup. It was seconded and passed.

Membership: We now have 89 current members of which 4 new were attending.

Treasurer Report: The report was read and accepted. There is to be an Audit of our accounts and Kaye Green needs a few-people to volunteer to help. Please call her at 575-545-3906.

(Minutes continued)

Shop: Al Krause said the shop is doing good. Shop will be closed February 28th thru March 2st allowing equipment to be serviced. Geodes were worked on and priced on February 26th.

Claims: The Chairman, Tom Bonewitz, is working to get our claim ready for the Roundup Dig. He is to go out and survey the Claim on March 1st.

Roundup: The raffle tickets are now for sale, Contact **Louise Trainer** at 575-546-0755. February 26th was a workday and lots of Grab Bags were made. Call Marilyn Page 575-544-9019 to volunteer for the show.

Marilyn made a motion to use \$100 to buy donations for the hourly drawing due to lack of enough donated this year. Seconded by Kathy Townsend and passed.

Marilyn Page will be contacting the schools to see if the children will be able to come to the Roundup.

The Roundup Field Trips need **Trip leaders** and **Tail Gunners** for each trip each day. Please contact **Marilyn Page** to volunteer. **Art Krasinski** 575-494-5971 needs help to line the field for the outside vendors before the show. **Daryl Johnson** 612-710-7196 will need help from 3 people to put up the sound system before the show. Marilyn will go to the City and see if the big banner can be put across Gold St. again this year.

We will need people to volunteer throughout the day to help with the different positions during the show. Most places are only a couple hour shifts each.

Set Up day for the Show will be March 7th, 8 a.m. meet at the shop, this is the day we put everything together inside and out. The Display cases will be put out again for the show, we have several openings and would anyone who would like to fill a case please call Marilyn 575-544-9019.

A reminder that each member that wants to go to the "Big Diggins" trip after the show will need to work a minimum of 6 hours at the show to be eligible to go. Be sure to sign in your time on the work sheet to be eligible.

Nomination committee: The Positions to be voted on for April's Board, beginning May 2022 for the year, will be Pres. Kaye Green; Vice Pres. Diane Krause; Secretary, Judy Murphy; Treasurer, Maria Costa; Bulletin, Carolyn Abbey; Roundup Chair, Marilyn Page; Claims, Tom Bonewitz; Shop, Al Krause, Directors: 1yr Pat Smail, 2 yr. Jim Paddock; and 3 yr Kathy Townsend.

Refreshments: Please Sign up or bring something for the break at the General meeting in March.

Field Trips: April's Field trip will be on April 2nd at 8 am at the club house for a trip to Fiero for Serpentine. Location suggestions or as a Trip Leader would be greatly appreciated. Call Judy Murphy 575-544-7453.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m. Minutes submitted by Judy Murphy

**Every morning is the dawn
of a new error**



Happy March Birthdays

Seteney Anzor, Bud Daily, Lorinda Fairweather,
Leeann Legace, Linda Moore, Richard Olson, Lloyd
Page, Mary Price, Kaylene Ridgway, Owen
Ridgway, Elaine Schmidt, and Robert Sherwood

Sunshine Greetings

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



Happy March Anniversaries to

Ted and Laura Phillips



New Sign For Your front Door

DUE TO THE PRICE INCREASE
ON AMMUNITION...
DO NOT EXPECT A
WARNING SHOT !
Thank you for your understanding

Did You Know?

Toothpaste — Can be used for a multitude of things besides brushing your teeth.

Carry a small tube during a backpacking trip as an all purpose soap. After all, it is designed to be a cleaner, a polisher and a mild abrasive.

If you are an RV'er toothpaste makes an excellent and surprising cleaner and polish for stainless steel folding stove tops, stainless steel bathroom and kitchen sinks, chrome plated appliances, to remove the gooeey bottom from plastic sun-tea jars, to clean tea and coffee stains from plastic dishes and plastic glass-ware.

A little foamy toothpaste on tiny mirrors in a camper help to keep them from steaming up.

Just a little dab is all that's needed, a little buffing and everything is sparkling.

Source: The Glacial Drifter

Shop Hours

The Shop will re-open Monday,
March 21st.
Monday, Wednesday & Fri-
days 9 a.m. til noon.



FIELD TRIP

Meet on April 2nd at 8 a.m. at the
club house for a trip to Fiero. We will
be hunting for Serpentine.



Soapstone (or steatite)

The Chinese have treasured soapstone for centuries and used it to carve their delicate figurines. The Eskimos use it to make lamps and cooking pots. In ancient Babylon it was used to make signet rings and other items of jewelry. In North America, the early pioneers used it to make laundry tubs; but this is not why it is called soapstone. The mineral gets its name because the waxy polished surface looks and feels like soap.

Soapstone is classified as a metamorphic rock. The original mineral was probably lava, rich in magnesium and silicates fused in the "furnace" of some ancient volcano. The characteristic and usually chief mineral is talc, but which also contains varying parts of chlorite, mica, tremolite, quartz, magnetite, and iron compounds. It is gray to green in color and is notable for its high degree of resistance to acids and heat. It is so soft that it can be easily cut with a knife or other sharp tool, making it a popular material for sculpting. The chief deposits of commercial importance are in the United States, Norway, and Canada. It is now used in the manufacture of laboratory table tops, kitchen sinks, laundry tubs, furnace linings, and electrical apparatus.

Source: The Agate Explorer

One of the most useful and versatile tools on your workbench should be the orangewood stick. This tool is sold for the purpose of working on cuticles and is available in all cosmetic departments. It is soft enough to not mar gold or silver, yet is hard enough to use as a pushing tool in setting prongs. It will not scratch gems yet reaches into impossible places.

Source: Rocky Tales

DUES ARE PAST DUE

This will be your last "Chips" bulletin if you have not paid your dues by April 10th.

Mail them to DGMS, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031
Or bring to the April 24th, 6 pm, General Meeting



THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

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

President.....	Jerry Abbey	575-543-8915	Roundup Chair ('22)...	Marilyn Page	575-544-9019
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ROUNDUP MEETINGS

As Needed

BOARD MEETINGS

1:00 p.m.

1st Wednesday each month

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.

March 24, 2022

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THE OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

Held every year on the second weekend in March
(Thursday through Sunday) at the SW New Mexico
State Fairgrounds in Deming.

“ROCK CHIPS” is the official bulletin of the Society

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58th Annual

**ROCKHOUND
ROUNDUP**

March 9—12, 2023

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.

This is your LAST ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN
If we do not receive your dues by April 10th – Renew Now!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH

Saturday, March 19th Special Big Diggins trip for Roundup workers
Thursday, March 24th General meeting 2p.m

APRIL

Wednesday April 6th..... Board meeting 1 p.m.
Sunday April 17th EASTER
Thursday, April 28th General Meeting 2 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Clubhouse (4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.) unless otherwise noted.
Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.

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