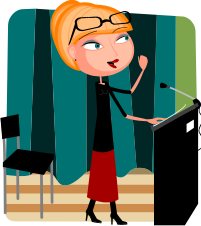


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President's Message

Hello Rockhounds

I would like to thank everyone for electing me your President. I am looking forward to a harmonious year and working together.

I would like to see more members working in the Shop and participating in meetings and activities of the Club.

If you have any suggestions for classes, programs, or field trips, please let me know. I would also like your opinion on maybe having the Shop open on the 4th Saturday from 9 until noon, then having the General meeting at 1:30 or 2 p.m. instead of the 4th Thursday afternoon, so the members who can't participate on week day afternoons, and also those who live out of town would be able to attend. Please think about it, and let me know your thoughts.

Kaye

Summer Shop Hours

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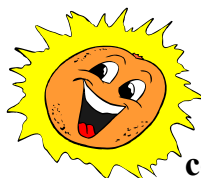


FOR SALE

The Club has several items for sale that we no longer need.

20 Tables: 30" x 96" (8') heavy duty brown wood grain, with metal frames, \$15 ea; One Charcoal BBQ Grill \$15; Two tall Director Chairs (canvas backs, wood frame) \$10 ea; 1 Metal Office Desk \$15.

If interested in any of these, call Marilyn at 575-544-9019.



Sunshine Greetings

If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine greeting, please call Marilyn at 575-544-9019.



UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

On Saturday, May 28th Marilyn & Judy will be leading a trip to Gage area.

Meet at the Clubhouse at 8:00 and leave at 8:30 a.m.

May 4, 2022, DGMS Board Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by newly elected President, Kaye Green, at 2:00 p.m. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending were: 10

The Minutes were approved as printed in the April Bulletin.

Secretary: Nothing to report. Her wrist is healing nicely.

Treasurer: Maria Costa has updated the books and paid bills owed. Kaye Green, Maria Costa, Judy Murphy went to the bank and updated Club accounts.

Membership: Present members are 210. 77 live in Deming,

Shop: Al Krause will be doing a schedule/rules for the shop for the summer. It will be posted (also listed in bulletin). John Robbins and Marilyn Page were voted to be the Shop Monitors for the summer. Anyone cutting on the 24/30" saw will need to pay the usual amount per cuts. No exceptions. A motion was made and passed for Marilyn to buy a wheelbarrow to use with the tumblers. If anyone is tumbling stones and have extras or don't want to use them, please donate to the club for the kids bags etc.

Bulletin: Carolyn will be listing extra items of the club's that will be for sale. Tables, chairs, metal desk, Grill, etc.

Claims: Tom Bonewitz is to go to big diggings to put a sign up saying that it is a private claim. And you must have permission to go there. If a member takes a friend, it will cost \$10 per person.

July 4th Celebration: A motion was made and passed to have a BBQ & potluck party at 6pm, after which we will watch the Fire Works. Please RSVP, as it gets a little closer, so we can have the right amount of meat available.

Duck Races: We will participate in the Duck Races this year, and have a space to put out information and sell items. The dates will be Aug 25 - 28th.

Refreshments: Please Sign up to bring something for the General meeting on June 23rd.

Field Trip: May 28th, to Gage, for Honey Onyx. Meet at the shop at 8 am and leave at 8:30.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed, and the meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary



July 4th BBQ & Pot Luck at 6 p.m. for family & friends. Watch Fireworks after.



Happy May Birthdays to:

Judith Barber, Donna Blake, Davw Finston, Duane Grahek, Kevin House, Barbara Hamilton, Tom Gorse, Mary Ridder,

Geneva Haworth, Richard Humphries, Meri Stanley, Linda Lamberti, Art Krasinski, Reilly Quinn, Julia Sherwood, Mike Smith, Kathie Snyder, Frank Watts, Tammy Taylor, and Tom Zollars



Happy May Anivesaries To

Paul & Donna Blake, Rod & Sharon Flemmons, Rick & Lorra Fuller, Roger & Barb Wiebesik, and Kelly Husted & Eric Fontinelle



Patrick Smail...

Pat as he was known to his DGMS friends, passed away on March 12, 2022 here in his adopted second home of Deming.

He and his wife Nancy made their permanent home in Galeton, PA.

Pat and Nancy joined DGMS in 1999 and over the years he was active in many areas including but not limited to, Treasurer, Director, and the Rockhound Roundup.

We will miss seeing him around the Club house.

Randy McCowan

Last December we lost a long time DGMS friend. For years he was an active member of the Club and for the last several years he has been a dealer at the Rockhound Roundup.

He was an accomplished Flint Knapper and you could see many of his wonderful knives and arrowheads at the show.

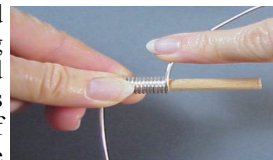
We will miss you Randy.



HOW TO MAKE JUMP RINGS

Wrap 20" of 16-gauge, dead soft, sterling silver wire around a dowel or tube that is 1/4" or less in diameter.

Keep a tail in your non-wrapping hand so that you have something to hang onto. Wrap away from your body and keep the coils as close to each other as possible. When you reach the end of the wire, reverse the direction of the dowel and wrap the tail onto the dowel. Remove the coil from the dowel.

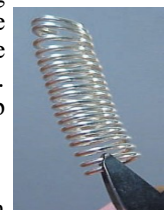


With your chain nose pliers, gently pull the coil apart so it will be easier for you to make your cuts. Blunt-cut the end of the coil with your flush wire cutters (flat side of the cutters will be toward your body).

Reverse your pliers so that the beveled side of your cutters now faces your body. This will



result in both ends of your jump ring having blunt cuts. Snip the second coil right above the end of the first coil. You have now made one jump ring. To continue, repeat the same process. Blunt-cut the end, reverse your pliers and snip off your jump ring.



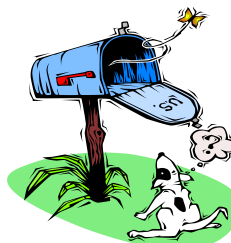
Opening and closing jump rings.

Grip one end of the jump ring with your chain nose pliers and the other with your flat nose pliers. You can also use 2 pairs of bent nose pliers. Toggle the two ends back and forth 3-4 times to work-harden the metal. When you want to open and close jump rings, use this same motion.



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DGMS General Meeting, April 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President, Jerry Abbey, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes were accepted as published in the Bulletin.

New members and guests were introduced. They were Vicky Cleveland, Noreen Feeny and husband, and Marie Sabar.

The Treasurer's report was read by Kaye Green.

There is a Fieldtrip scheduled for May 28th to Gage for Onyx. Leave Clubhouse at 8:30 a.m.

Claims: Tom is checking on some reported unauthorized digging activity at Big Diggins.

Claim info: No one is permitted to dig on the Claim, member or not. You are allowed to surface pick (4-6") or dig in the berms only. All holes must be filled in. This land is Free Range for cattle. Anyone who is not a member has no right to be on the Claim for picking of any kind. The Claim is a private claim owned by the DGMS Club.

Membership: We currently have 210 paid members.

Sunshine: We are currently in need of someone to send get well and sympathy cards to our members when needed. Cards and stamps are provided.

Shop: John Robbins and Marilyn Page will be in charge of the Shop, during the Summer, while Al is on vacation. Only certified Sawyers will be allowed in the saw room.

For now, the Club will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. til noon. NOT ON FRIDAY nights like we had previously announced, as no one showed up on the last two Friday nights.

Al requested \$1,000 to purchase saw oil from Kingsley North when he heads back East. He will bring it back here and save several hundred dollars in shipping. It was approved.

Kaye Green suggested we try having our General meeting on the 4th Saturday, so those who can't come on week days can attend meetings. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

We need a volunteer to represent our Club on the Fair Board. Please contact Kaye Green if you can do this.

Bulletin: If you have anything you would like added to the bulletin, send it to Carolyn by the weekend following the Board meeting.

Rich Little, long time member, was voted as a DGMS Life member.

Kaye donated a huge amount of fabric to make grab bags for Roundup. Anyone who would like to can sew some and bring them back in the Fall. Good Summer project.

We'll be sending a letter to Deming Schools, in Dec. so they may schedule busses to bring children to the 2023 Roundup.

Door prize won by Kathy Townsend and Wearing Your Badge prize won by Bea Gorse.

Thank you to those who brought our refreshments, and to Kaye for the fabric.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Page for Judy Murphy, Secretary, who went and broke her wrist. *Sorry too hear that, Judy. Hope it heals real fast for you.*

SHOP RULES

No one can be working in the shop alone. There has to be two or more during Shop hours only. No exceptions.

No open toed shoes allowed while working in the Shop area.

No loose necklaces or loose clothing (ties, baggy shirt sleeves) while working on Shop equipment.

Shop Monitors are in charge of the Shop during Shop hours. If there are disagreements between members in the Shop, you will be asked to leave. No exceptions. They may return when the issue is resolved.

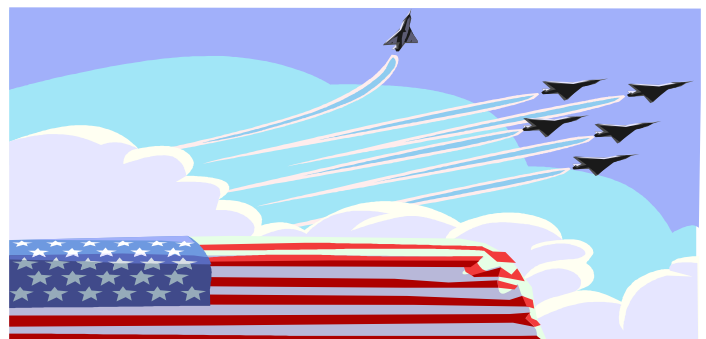
SAW ROOM RULES

A Sawyer on his or her work day may use "one" saw 14" or 18" saw to cut personal rock while working. No exceptions. If a Sawyer needs to use 24" or 30" saw, they need to pay for cuts.

If a Sawyer comes in on his or her non-work day, they will have to wait their turn if Saw room is busy, and must pay for cuts.

During Summer months either John Robbins or Marilyn Page will be in charge of the Shop. They will make equipment decisions, if they break down or need maintenance.

Al Krause, Shop Foreman



Editor's Note: This is the month we officially pay tribute to those men and women to whom we owe our freedom. I thought the following information would be of interest to all, as I am sure many of you do not know the full story of the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Interesting facts about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Sentinels of the Third United States Infantry Regiment "Old Guard"

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the unknowns and why? 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.
2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? 21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.
3. Why are his gloves wet? His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and if not, why not? No, he carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face, and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
5. How often are the guards changed? Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.
6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30".

Other requirements of the Guard:

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. They cannot swear in public FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way.

After TWO YEARS, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform.

The first SIX MONTHS of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they

are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends FIVE HOURS A DAY getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

The Sentinels Creed: My dedication to this sacred duty is total and wholehearted. In the responsibility bestowed on me never will I falter. And with dignity and perseverance my standard will remain perfection. Through the years of diligence and praise and the discomfort of the elements, I will walk my tour in humble reverence to the best of my ability. It is he who commands the respect I protect. His bravery that made us so proud. Surrounded by well meaning crowds by day alone in the thoughtful peace of night, this soldier will in honored glory rest under my eternal vigilance.

More Interesting facts: The marble for the Tomb of the Unknowns was furnished by the Vermont Marble Company of Danby, Vt. The marble is the finest and whitest of American marble, quarried from the Yule Marble Quarry located near Marble, Colorado and is called Yule Marble. The Marble for the Lincoln memorial and other famous buildings was also quarried there.

The Tomb consists of seven pieces of rectangular marble: Four pieces in sub base; weight - 15 tons One piece in base or plinth; weight - 16 tons. One piece in die; weight - 36 tons. One piece in cap; weight - 12 tons Carved on the East side (the front of the Tomb, which faces Washington, D.C.) is a composite of three figures, commemorative of the spirit of the Allies of World War I. In the center of the panel stands Victory (female). On the right side, a male figure symbolizes Valor. On the left side stands Peace, with her palm branch to reward the devotion and sacrifice that went with courage to make the cause of righteousness triumphant. The north and south sides are divided into three panels by Doric pilasters. In each panel is an inverted wreath. On the west, or rear, panel (facing the Amphitheater) is inscribed:

HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN
AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD

The first Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was a sub base and a base or plinth. It was slightly smaller than the present base. This was torn away when the present Tomb was started Aug. 27, 1931.



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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
2:00 p.m. - Thursday, May 26th

BOARD MEETINGS
1:00 p.m. - 1st Wednesday of month

ROUNDUP MEETINGS AS NEEDED
BEGINNING IN OCTOBER

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



MAY

Sunday, May 8th Mothers Day
Thursday, May 26th General Meeting2 p.m.
Saturday, May 28th Field Trip to Gage leave club at 8:30 a.m.
Monday, May 30th Memorial Day Observed

JUNE

Wednesday, June 1st Board Meeting1 p.m.
Monday, June 14th Flag Day
Sunday, June 20th Fathers Day
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