

The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS

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President's Message

Summer is almost here. Please be safe when you are out rockhounding. Look out for snakes and scorpions in bushes and take plenty of water. Don't go rockhounding by alone let someone know where you are going.

REMINDER July 4th COOKOUT at the club house. Club will furnish the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and the buns, please bring a dish to share. All this starts at 6 p.m. fire works to follow. Please let Marilyn know if attending. 575-544-9019

NOTICE June General Meeting will be held on Wednesday June 22 at 1p.m.

July General Meeting will be Wednesday, July 27th at 1pm.

REMINDER We will be setting up the booth for the Duck Races on Aug. 26th Friday night and we will need volunteers for working the booth on Sat and Sun as well. We will have the Spinning Wheel and information on the club and samples of the work we do.

See you there. *Kaye*



UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

Saturday, June 18th we will be heading to Rattlesnake Hill. We'll look for Agate, Rhyolite and others.

Meet at the Club house at 8:00 a.m. and we'll leave at 8:30 a.m.

DGMS Board Meeting, June 1, 2022,

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had a round table discussion due to the low number of officers present (5).

Meetings: For the summer the board meetings will be on Wednesdays at 1pm and the General meetings also on Wednesdays at 1 pm.

Treasurer Report: NA

Shop: The shop will be open on Wednesday from 9 am to 3.

Claims: The Chairman Tom Bonewitz is working to get our claims paperwork up to date for June. The hole that was found has been closed.

Roundup: Marilyn is getting flyers out for 2023. Judy Murphy will be voted on for Roundup/Craft Fair Assistant at next Board meeting.

Fair Board: [Tom Rodrigues](#) will be the new representative for DGMS.

Duck Races: Tom Rodrigues has gotten the Club an 8X10 space for DGMS to use. We will bring the spinning wheel, as an attraction. The dates are Aug 25th – 28th, 2022.

Sunshine: We need someone to help send out cards to ill members. Could you volunteer?

Refreshments: Please sign up or bring something for the break at the General meeting on June 23rd.

4th of July POTLUCK: There will be a Potluck BBQ on the 4th at 6 p.m. for the members & family. The Club will furnish the Hamburgers, Hot dogs, buns, so please bring a dish to go along with these.



So that we will have plenty of meat, please RSVP by July 1st, who & number of people who will be attending by calling Marilyn Page at 575-544-9019.

Field Trips: On June 18th we will go to a place called Rattlesnake Hill (Agate & Rhyolite) about 20 miles East. Marilyn Page will lead this trip.

If you know of some places you would like to have us go, call Judy Murphy 575-544-7453.

Books: We've reviewed the books that are checked out and would appreciate their return if you have one. We are trying to get the Library up to date.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed Meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

New Summer Shop Hours

Until we have more Shop Staff available, the shop will be Open 9-3 p.m. every Wednesday and one Saturday a Month 9-4 p.m.

Saturday Days are June 11th, July 9th, and August 14th. A Sawyer will be available for the Saturdays, but may not be available on other Days.

Members needing to have a Sawyer cut rock on Wednesdays should check with Marilyn before going to the Shop.



July 4th 2022

Celebrate with us at the DGMS clubhouse.

We will have a BBQ Potluck at 6 p.m.

Club will furnish hot dogs, burgers & buns.

Please bring something to go with them.

Bring your chairs to watch the fireworks.





Happy June-Birthdays to:

Jerry Abbey, Judy Crawford, Kelby Galaz, Brianna Johnson, Randall Kokkinen, Diane Krause, Derrall Moore, Tom Murphy, Susan Norton, Sharity Emens, James Scott, Barb Voss, and Jake Dickensheets.

... and Happy July Birthdays to:

Larry Baros, Shirley Barter, Kristi Brookshire, Dalemarie burke, Denis Desaindes, Steve Fowers, Rhonda Hilla, Sophia House, Mitch Pontzer, Laura Koppang, Magie Malone, Pat Mason, Randi Olson, Cyndi Phelan, Laura Phillips, Patty uinn, Sheryl Ray, Mary Willems, Carol Seebruch, and Cary Voss.



FOR SALE

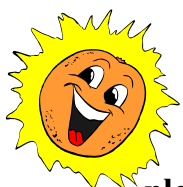
The Club has several items for sale that we no longer need.

20 Tables: 30" x 96" (8') heavy duty brown wood grain, with metal frames, \$15 ea; One Propane and/ or 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.



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



Sunshine Greetings

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

Troubled by Mosquitoes?

One very good way of getting rid of mosquitoes is Listerine, the original medicinal type. The Dollar Store type works too.

I was at a friend's deck party, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor, and the little demons disappeared.

The next year, I filled a 4 oz. spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes, and viola, that worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. Worth a try it's not toxic as far as I know! During the summer, I don't leave home without it.

Source: *The internet*

HINTS FOR SURFACE COLLECTING

- When searching for translucent material, like agate, walk towards the sun; you will see the sun shine through the stone.
- When looking for reflective material like crystals, have the sun behind you and the material will shine or sparkle in the sun.
- If you walk sideways to the sun, look side to side for both translucent and reflective material.
- If you find something good or unusual, stop and mark the spot, look up the slope and down the slope to find the source of the material. Some collectors like to pile rocks every time they find something unusual, that way they can see the fall-line of the material.

First Aid Trip Tip

Never count on Band-Aids that get cooked in a car. I keep maybe 5-10 in a sandwich bag and I'm quick to replace them, especially before going rockhound-ing or on a long trip. Use cloth bandages (no adhesive) and gauze. I also keep a couple rolls of adhesive tape (cloth type) in the First aid kit. They last much longer than band aids when cooked in a car's heat. I figure they are good for a couple of seasons including summer. They may get sticky, but they'll still work.

Oh yeah, covering your fingertips with adhesive tape can help protect them from broken rock shards like quartz flakes.

via Southern Washington Mineralogical Society website

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Great Gifts—any occasion

Made from local desert wood (mostly Mesquite)

No two pens alike

Made by "The Old

93 Yr old Desert Beaver"

Lloyd Page





The Price They Paid



Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means and well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ship swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heward, Rutledge and Middleton. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Morris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians; they were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged: for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

They gave us an independent America!

Can we keep it?

Source: Rock Chips 5/06

DGMS General Meeting, May 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by President Kaye Green who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report: Minutes were accepted as published in the bulletin.

Membership: We had 9 people in attendance. There was a new (returning) member Dave Hoggatt.

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Treasurer: Report was read.

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A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary



SUMMER IS HERE. . . And so are the snakes and other stinging & biting critters.

When Rockhounding you need to watch out for snakes. They are out and dangerous as ever...

Though seemingly rare, poisonous snakes annually bite 6,500 to 7,000 Americans. Always take the following precautions:

1. Always assume snakes are active. Do not relax your vigil even on sunny Fall and Winter days.
2. Do not make "solo" trips across snake country which is remote from habitations and frequently used roads.
3. When traversing brush or grassy terrain, use a "decoy" such as a level rod or a lath, alongside your legs. Walk heavily to create vibrations that can be felt by snakes (a snake does not hear).
4. Walk away from the shaded side of clumps and bushes when the weather is hot and sunny.
5. Step on logs and large rocks, instead of stepping over them and into unseen areas. The safest policy is to walk around such obstacles.
6. Do not jump down from overhangs onto areas where snakes might be hidden from view.
7. Avoid steep climbs if possible where a snake, uphill from you, could strike the upper portions of your body. Bites on the torso, the neck, and the head are much more damaging and more difficult to treat than those on the limbs.
8. Never climb vertical or near vertical faces where handholds on unseen areas above your head are required.
9. Do not attempt, under any circumstances, to capture snakes!!
10. Do not try to kill a snake unless it is a positive threat to safety.
11. Avoid likely snake areas such as small rodent trails, pack rats' nests or gopher tortoise dens.
12. When necessary to move low-lying logs, large rocks and boards, use a pry bar, not your hands.
13. Double your precautions at night, especially in warm weather.
14. Keep vehicles near your work area for rapid transport if snakebite should occur.
15. If at all possible, maintain radio contact with isolated people in your group.
16. Know the location of the nearest medical facility where anti-venom is available and the quickest route there.
17. Do not collect rattles. A fine and highly abrasive dust often accumulates inside the rattles and can cause lasting damage to the eyes.
18. Wear high leather boots or snake-leggings in high hazard areas.
19. Remember that rattlesnakes do not always signal their presence by rattling.
20. These precautions also pertain to Scorpions, and other critters.



A Copperhead



Rattlesnake Rattle



ROCKHOUNDS ARE FUNNY

The price of a steak may dismay them, and they may often pass it by, then turn around and spend more per pound on a rock! A Rockhound can't eat the rock, but will proudly display it, dust it, brag about it and then saw it up and polish it to perfection.

Rockhounds have been known to move dirty dishes out of the sink so they can wash their rocks. They seem to find rockhounding therapeutic. If they feel droopy or are moping around their house, if you ask them, they'll go rock picking with you because no matter what is ailing them, all the ailments are miraculously gone and they feel much better when they're out amongst the rocks!

Rockhounds will walk for miles in search of a good specimen, climb mountains and go down into gullies. They get hot, tired and bug-bitten but still continue on for that one special rock. Sometimes they will find their best specimen right next to the tire of their car at the end of the day.

Rockhounds are geologist, mineralogist and paleontologist wannabe's. They are interested in everything and are interesting themselves. They are curious, humorous, talented, skillful and all around wonderful people, who wear old shoes, fantastic hats, worn out jeans, and a big smile!

Source: White Mountain Gem & Mineral



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DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR
Membership Dues: \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 per family

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.



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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
1:00 p.m. - Wednesday, June 22nd

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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Clubhouse phone: (575) 546-2554
Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

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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.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE

Monday, June 14th	Flag Day <i>FLY IT WITH PRIDE</i>	
Saturday, June 18th.....	Field Trip (Rattlesnake Hill).....	8 a.m.
Sunday, June 19th	Fathers Day	
Wednesday, June 22nd	General Meeting	1 p.m

JULY

Monday, July 4th	BBQ Potluck & Fireworks	6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6th	Board Meeting	1 p.m.
Wednesday, July 23rd	General Meeting	1 p.m.

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 3rd	Board Meeting	1 p.m.
Wednesday, August 22nd	General Meeting	1 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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The Long HOT Summer.. . It's here!

