

The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS

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President's Message

Hope everyone enjoyed the cook out and fireworks on the fourth of July. Thank you to everyone who helped out. We even had some much needed rain.

Just a reminder that we will have a Club booth at the Duck Races this year, for the first time. We will have the Spinning Wheel, items for the kids to make, and information on the DGMS.

We will need help setting up our space on Friday, Aug. 26th, at 10 a.m. and people to take 2 hr. shifts after set up and on Saturday, 9—5 pm.

Would like to see everyone on the 24th at 1 pm to finish up any things that need to be done for the Duck Races.

Hope you all have a safe summer. *Kaye*

ALSO, John Robbins will be going to be at Big Diggings by 10 a.m. on Saturday the 13th to work on the reseeded as it could not be done on the past Wednesday. Anyone who would like to help just head to Big Diggings by that time.

Rattlesnake Hill Field Trip



Snakebit

Two snakes were crawling along when one snake asked the other, "By any chance, are we poisonous snakes?"

The other replied, "You're darn tootin'! We're rattlesnakes. Why do you ask?"

To which the first replied, "I just bit my tongue."

DGMS General Meeting — July 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:27 pm, by President Kaye Green, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report: Minutes were accepted as read.

Membership: We had eight people in attendance. There are 215 members to date.

Meetings: The Board meeting will be cancelled on Wed., August 3rd due to the reclamation and reseeding at Big Diggings, and people being out of town.

Treasurer Report: All bills have been paid.

Shop: John Robbins did repairs on the large saw. Russel will have the shop open on Fridays for now.

Claims: Marilyn Page and Jim Brown will be going down with NM State to Big diggings to evaluate the leveling of the berms and reseeding the area.

Roundup: Flyers are continuing to be sent out.

Fair Board: Tom Rodrigues is the new member for DGMS.

Duck Races: Tom Rodrigues has gotten the Club a 8X10 booth for Club use. Dates Aug 25 – 28th, 2022, 9-5. We will set up at 9 am on Friday the 26th. We would like people to Volunteer for 2 hr. shifts for the 2 days if possible. We also need people to help make bracelets or necklace's, fill bags with stones for the cloth bags on Wed's. We still need to make a supply for Craft Fair and the Roundup. We will finalize the Duck Races details at the General Meeting Wednesday, August 24th.

Sunshine: We need someone to help send out get well and sympathy cards to members. Louise Treanor volunteered. Please contact her to send cards out.

Refreshments: Please sign up or bring something for the break at the General meeting on August 24th.

5th of September Labor day POTLUCK: at 3 pm bring members & family. The Club will furnish Hamburgers, Hot dogs, and buns, so please bring a dish to go along with these. Please RSVP by September 1st, 2022, who will be attending by calling Marilyn Page at 575-544-9019.

Field Trips: None lined up yet for fall. If you have some places you would like to go to call Judy Murphy at 575 544 7453.

Meeting adjourned at 2.20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

by Judy Murphy, DGMS Secretary

August Board Meeting

*There was none. . .
Everybody's gone on vacation*



Happy August Birthdays to:

Elaine Angstman, Brian Berringer, Rod Flemmons, Art Gutierrez, Paul Blake, Rick Fuller, Kevin

Hale, Peter Hilgefard, Zander Johnson, America Korn, Gordon Mast, Joe Morone, Deanna Orozco, Betty Parsons, Pam Pontzer, Tom Rodrigues, and Annalee Long.

DGMS General Meeting - June 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report: Minutes were accepted.

Membership: We had 11 people in attendance. There was 3 new members and 1 guest.

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

Treasurer Report: All the bills paid.

Membership: The two positions that were approved were Tom Rodrigues for Fair Board and Judy Murphy as Asst. Roundup Chair.

Shop: John Robbins discussed the 24" saw as being down with a bad motor and will research a repair.

Claims: The Chairman Tom Bonewitz is working to get our claims paperwork up to date for June.

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

Fair Board: Tom Rodrigues will be the new member for DGMS.

Duck Races: Tom Rodrigues has gotten the Club a 8X10 space for the club to use. Dates Aug 25 – 28th, 2022 We would like people to Volunteer for 2 hr. shifts for the 2 days if possible. We also need people to help make bracelets or necklaces for the Spinning Wheel.

Sunshine: Louise Treanor has volunteered to be our Sunshine person.

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

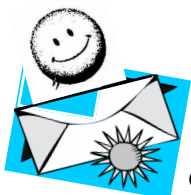
4th Of July POTLUCK: There will be a Potluck on 4th July Potluck for the July Fire Works at 5 pm for the members & family. The Club will furnish Hamburgers, Hot dogs, buns, so please bring a dish to go along with these. Please RSVP by July 1st, 2022, who will be attending by calling Marilyn Page at 575-544-9019.

Field Trips: For June we will go to a place called Rattlesnake Hill (Agate & Rhyolite) about 20 miles out toward the East. Marilyn Page will lead the trip. If you have other places you would like to go to call Judy Murphy 575-544-7453.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Judy Murphy, Secretary



Sunshine Greetings

If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine greeting, please call Louise Treanor at 575-575-0755.



Happy August Anniversaries

*Ian & Susan Duncanson,
Francis & America Korn,*

Rolo & Christine Pool,

Marcia Foky & Jim Lemermeier,

Tom & Cathie Ver Hage, and

Elaine & Jeff Angstman

DGMS Board Meeting — July 6, 2022

We had a round table discussion due to low number of officers.

President Kaye Green called the meeting to order at 1 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership: Six people in attendance. Membership now 215.

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

Treasurer Report: None

Minutes: Approved as published in June/July bulletin.

Shop: The shop will be open on Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm. There is a bad motor on a saw in need of repair.

Claims: Will check with BLM and NM State to see if Reclaiming is needed.

Roundup: Nothing to report.

Duck Races: Tom Rodrigues has gotten the Club an 8X10 space for the Club to use. We will bring spinning wheel & will be setting up on the 25th and booth opened the 26th from 9-5. We need people at the club house to help on Wed, the 25th to make bracelets and necklaces.

Sunshine: We need a volunteer to out cards.

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

Field Trips: None scheduled for July or August due to heat and attendance. We will start back in September. If they're some places you would like to go to call Judy Murphy 575-544-7453.

Library: We reviewed the books checked out and would appreciate the return if you have one. Would like to update the files.

Sept 5th Labor Day POTLUCK dinner at 3pm. Please RSVP to Marilyn Page at 575-544-9019 before Friday Sept. 1st.

Christmas/Holiday Day Pot Luck Dinner will be on December 3rd. Club will furnish Turkey & Ham. BYOB. RSVP Marilyn Page at 575-544-9019 by November 30th.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

Summer Shop Hours

The current hours the Shop will be open are:
Wednesdays 9—1 pm and Fridays 9 til noon.

Miners unearth pink diamond believed to be largest seen in 300 years

Miners in Angola have unearthed a rare pure pink diamond that is believed to be the largest found in 300 years, the Australian site operator announced Wednesday.



A 170 carat pink diamond—dubbed The Lulo Rose—was discovered at Lulo mine in the country's diamond-rich northeast and is among the largest pink diamonds ever found, the Lucapa Diamond Company said in a statement to investors.

The "historic" find of the Type IIa diamond, one of the rarest and purest forms of natural stones, was welcomed by the Angolan government, which is also a partner in the mine.



"This record and spectacular pink diamond recovered from Lulo continues to showcase Angola as an important player on the world stage," Angola's Mineral Resources Minister Diamantino Azevedo said.

The diamond will be sold at international tender, likely at a dazzling price.

Although The Lulo Rose would have to be cut and polished to realize its true value, in a process that can see a stone lose 50 percent of its weight, similar pink diamonds have sold for record-breaking prices.

The 59.6 carat Pink Star was sold at a Hong Kong auction in 2017 for 71.2 million US dollars. It remains the most expensive diamond ever sold.

Source: Internet

From the Rockhound's Dictionary:

Diamond: The hardest stone known to man to get back from his old girlfriend.

Faceting: A complex way to ruin a good mineral.

Findings: Stuff you find.

Fortification: Two and twentyfications: A large gulp of good whiskey.

Friend: One who can see the star in your sapphire.

Gentleman: A man who holds the door open for his wife to carry the rocks in.

Geode: A poem to G. (often written in hollow verse)

Grinding Wheel: A bearing going out on your old truck.

Club Badges

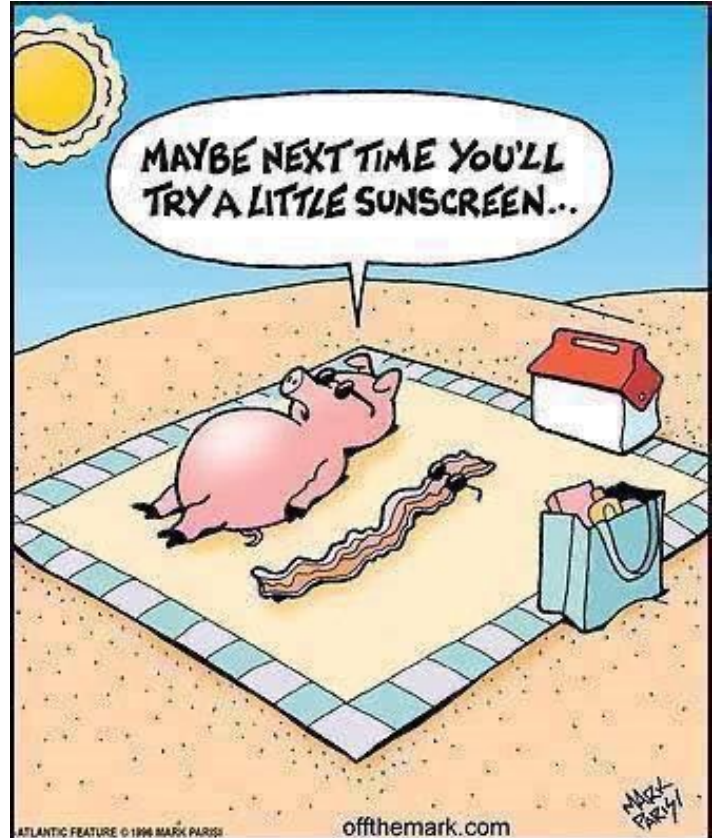
are available for sale at \$3.00 each.

They will be for sale at the general meetings.



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Your Name Here



This is for all the Grandmas who have been fearless and learned to use the computer.... We're the greatest!!

THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed grandma.
Yes, honestly its true.
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me!

Author: Unknown

How Obsidian is Formed

The mineral called obsidian is glossy black glass. It is an igneous or fire-formed rock made by volcanic fury in the earth's crust. In the fiery fury, quartz minerals were boiled and melted.

Quartz is the hardest of the common minerals, and makes most of the gritty grains of sand, and quartz sand is one of the ingredients used in man-made glass. A few million years ago, volcanoes raged in our western mountains. Some of them poured forth rivers of molten quartz minerals. Some of this seething lava cooled into glassy obsidian. In many places, lumps and great chunks of obsidian are found on the ground and in a few places, whole cliffs are made of this natural glass.

Source: T-Town Rockhound

How Many Names of Obsidian Do You Know?

Apache tears – pebble sized glass nodules.

Banded obsidian – roughly banded.

Black lava glass – a descriptive name only.

Cat's-Eye obsidian – name given to obsidian that has a golden chatoyant like appearance; see Sheen obsidian.

Chatoyant obsidian – iridescent in diverse colors because of minute inclusions and or bubbles.

Colombianite – from the vicinity of Cali, Columbia.

Electric blue obsidian – has a vibrant blue coloring.

Fire obsidian (Flame obsidian) - iridescent obsidian from Glass Buttes, Oregon.

Flowering obsidian – similar to snowflake obsidian.

Gold obsidian – relatively common golden sheen obsidian.

Iceland agate (Iceland agate lava) - misnomer for brownish or grayish obsidian from Iceland.

Iris obsidian – also called rainbow obsidian.

Itaili and Istli – Aztec name for obsidian.

Lassenite-trachytic composition from Lassen Peak, Calif.

Marekanite – name for Apache tearlike masses or a mottled brown and black obsidian from the vicinity of the Marekanka River in eastern Siberia.

Mexican Mayan – see Rainbow obsidian.

Montana Jet – misnomer given some black obsidian from the Yellowstone National Park area, Wyoming.

Mountain mahogany (mahogany obsidian) - reddish opaque obsidian with gray or black banded or streaked, swirl like patterns.

Nevada diamond – term rarely applied to what is purported to be artificially decolorized obsidian.

Onyx—term sometimes applied to banded obsidian.

Peanut obsidian – gray to greenish gray perlite that contains red or brownish red stellate spherulites that consist of radiating fibers of hematite-stained feldspar within shells of chalcedony and roughly resemble peanuts in both color and size. Occurs near Alamos, State of Sonora, Mexico.

Pearlylite – name sometimes given in the marketplace to obsidian used in jewelry.

Pitchstone – obsidian that has a pitch like luster.

Plum obsidian – having a purple coloring.

Porphyritic – obsidian containing sporadic phenocrysts.

Pumpkin obsidian – having an orange shade.

Rainbow Obsidian – exhibits a multicolored iridescence, apparently because of the presence of inclusions, sometimes called rainbow sheen obsidian.

Rhyolite glass – apparently given by someone who knew that most obsidian is chemically like rhyolite, but did not know that rhyolite is an aphanitic rock consisting only in part of glass.

Royal blue obsidian – a bluish obsidian from northeastern California.

Schiller obsidian – exhibiting the schiller effect.

Sheen obsidian – exhibits a sheen when rotated.

Snow flake obsidian – dark gray to nearly black with inclusion of white, gray or rarely red spherulites which have been identified as cristobalite.

Star obsidian – misnomer, no asterism is apparent.

Velvet obsidian-having a velvet appearance.

Volcanic glass geological designation.

Zaga – name used for obsidian by some native Americans from California.

Are they all there? Are there any more? Will you ever look at obsidian the same way again?

What is a HOBBY???

A HOBBY is getting exhausted on your own time. A HOBBY is something you go goofy over to keep from going nuts over things in general. A HOBBY is any work you don't have to do for a living. The best thing about a HOBBY is that it gives you something to do while you worry.

Source: T-Town Rockhound

September 5th 2022

Celebrate with us at the DGMS clubhouse.

We will have a BBQ Potluck at 5 p.m. Club will furnish hot dogs, burgers & buns. Please bring something to go with them.

Please RSVP to Marilyn at 544-9019 by Sept 1st.





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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, August 24th

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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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.



“You’re darn right it’s strange... I planted garnets!”

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST

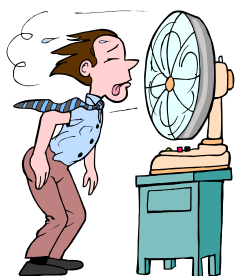
Wednesday, August 22nd General Meeting1 p.m.
Friday, August 25th Duck Races Set up10 a.m.
Saturday, August 26th Help in booth at Duck Races9 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 5th Labor Day Club BBQ Potluck5 p.m.
Wednesday, September 7th Board Meeting1 p.m.
Wednesday, September 28th..... General Meeting1 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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KEEPING COOL THIS SUMMER???