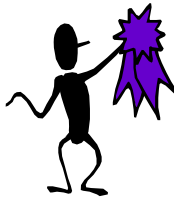


The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS

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President's Message

I would like to thank everyone who helped at the Duck Races. We all had a good time. And, thanks to Tom R. for securing us a nice spot.

Thanks to all who came out to our Labor Day BBQ Pot Luck. We enjoyed lots of good food. And, thanks to Marilyn for doing the grilling.

Fall is just around the corner, and we will again be having Field Trips. The first one will be on Sunday, September 25th to Mule Creek for Apache Tears. Meet at the Clubhouse at 8:00 a.m.

We need members help filling the Grab Bags, and making items for the spinning wheel. We will be working on these every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. til noon or longer.

A reminder that the SWNM State Fair, in Deming, will be coming up in October, and we will need help for that.

Looking forward to the Snow birds soon returning. *Kaye*

P.S. Don't forget to save your Peppers receipts.



Our first 2023 Roundup meeting will be held on Wed., Oct. 12th at 1 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Current Shop Hours

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

Upcoming Field Trip

Sunday, September 25th
We are going to Mule Creek for Apache Tears.
Meet at 8 a.m. at Clubhouse



SWNM STATE FAIR TIME
IS COMING
October 5 – 9th



DGMS Board Meeting — September 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were six officers present.

Membership: There's a total of 221 club members now.

Meetings: For the summer, the board meetings will still be on Wed. at 1 pm and the General meeting on Wed. at 1 pm.

Treasurer's Report: There are some bills due.

Minutes: August minutes were approved as published.

Shop: Al has returned and getting the repairs done to the saws. The shop will be open Wednesday & Friday 9 am to noon.

Claims: The paperwork and fees are paid for the year by John.

Craft Fair: Marilyn working on sending out applications for the show. We will get flyers out the end of September. We will need Volunteers to help go around town and distribute them.

Roundup: The flyers will be going out the end of September. We will also need some volunteers to help distribute these. We will start having workdays on **Wed. Sept. 28th 9 -12, Sat. Oct. 8 & 22nd from 9-12.** We need help sewing grab bags. If you can, please volunteer. We have lots of items to fill them. We would like to have over 550 bags to sell at Roundup.

We are researching a wireless PA system for cost & availability.

We also are looking into color and cost for T-shirts this year. We are going to have 2 Saturdays a month for the kids classes and a possible Adult class.

Duck Races: We had a great weekend with many members participating. Thanks to all who helped out. We made \$153.50 in sales and the Spinning wheel.

Sunshine: If there's anyone in need of a card sent, let us know.

Refreshments: Please sign up or bring something for the break at the General meeting on September 28th.

Field Trips: We will start back on the 25th of Sept. heading to Mule Creek. Bring food water, Fill your car, 2 hr drive. Please be at the club at 8 am and we will leave at 8:30 am. If you have other places you would like to go to Call Judy at 575 544 7453.

Books: We reviewed the books checked out and would appreciate the return if you have one out. We are trying to get the library up to date.

Sept 5th Labor Day POTLUCK dinner was at 5pm. We had 17 people attend and we all had a great time.

Christmas/ Holiday Day Pot Luck Dinner on December 3rd the turkey & ham will be furnished. It will be at noon. BYOB Rsvp Marilyn Page 1 575 544 9019 by November 30th.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary



Happy September Birthdays to:

Jan Bemier, John & Wendy Dreese, Susan Duncanson, Marco Franco, Kaye Green,

Jan Hayes, Clarite House, Michelle House, Joan Keeney, Al Krause, Joyce Levinson, Ronald McKee, John LaBuwi, Bruce Norton, Krystyna Robbins, Nancy Smail, Linda Smith, and Michael Stanley

DGMS General Meeting - August 24, 2022

President Kaye Green called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report: Minutes were accepted.

Membership: 11 people in attendance and there are currently 219 members.

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

Treasurer's Report: All bills are paid up to date.

Shop: John Robbins to repair the large saw. Russell will have the shop open on Fridays for now. Wed and Friday 9-12.

Claims: State BLM & some Club members went down to check on the Big Diggins Claim. The large car sized whole someone made was filled in. The area was leveled out and approved. Border Patrol are checking radar to see if pictures show who was digging the hole. If not a club member there may be repercussions because of being there illegally.

Roundup: Marilyn is getting the flyers ready to go out the last of September We need Volunteers to help put them out.

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

Duck Races: We need volunteers to help both days, please come and help, it should be fun..

Refreshments: Please sign up to bring some to the General meetings, Officers have been, now it's member's turn.

September 5th 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 this. Please RSVP by September 1st, 2022, who will be attending by calling Marilyn Page at 575-544-9019.

Field Trips: On Sept.25, we are going to Mule Creek for Apache tears. Meet at the Club at 8 am and leave at 8:30 you would like to go to Call Judy Murphy 575-544-7453.

FOR SALE: Dave Hogatt has a large Geode Cracker, for sale \$125.00. Please give him a call if interested.

A motion to adjourn was made, passed, adjourned at 2.20 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

Happy September Anniversaries to

*Jerry & Carolyn Abbey,
John & Wendy Dreese,
and Tom & Bea Gorse,*



BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Be an active member,
The kind that would be missed;
Don't be just contented
That your name is on the list.

Do attend the meetings
And mingle with the crowd;
Don't stay at home
And crab both long and loud.

Don't leave the work for just a few
And gripe about the clique.
And take time out to visit
A member who is sick.

There is quite a program scheduled
That means success, if done,
And it can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.

So attend the meetings regularly
And help with hand and heart,
Be an active member
And take an active part.

Think this over, Member
Are we right or are we wrong?
Be an active member,
Please don't just belong.

A BIG THANK YOU

To John Ewert

For his generous donation to DGMS
of Crystal Blue stones and dopping equipment.

Club Badges

are available
for sale at
\$3.00 each.



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Your Name Here

Pesky Mosquitoes? This is worth a try.

A good way of getting rid of Mosquitoes is Listerine, the original medicinal type. The Dollar Store type works too.

At a friends outdoor party the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and patio 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 also worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's play area, and the standing water nearby.

So, my suggestion, during the Summer don't leave home without it. *Author unknown*

So. . . Is it a Geode or a Thunderegg?

While easy to confuse, a thunderegg is not synonymous with a geode. The thunderegg usually contain cores of chalcedony, which may have been fractured followed by deposition of agate, jasper or opal, either uniquely or in combination. Unlike a geode with empty space inside, thundereggs are more often a solid matrix of deposited minerals filling a void.

A geode is a simple term for a rock with a hollow in it, often with crystal formation/growth. A thunderegg on the other hand is a specific geological structure. In some situations, a thunderegg may be referred to as a geode if it contains a hollow within. **Just know that not all geodes are thundereggs.**

Thundereggs are formed in flows of rhyolite lava. Like some geodes, they begin within gas pockets in the lava, which act as molds. The cooled bubbles throughout time are gradually filled by water seeping through the porous rock carrying silica (quartz). The deposits lined and filled the cavity, first with a darker matrix material, then an inner core of agate or chalcedony. The various colors come from differences in the minerals found in soil and rock that the water has moved through. While geodes can be found in many different locations in the United States, Oregon remains the top place for collectors to go out and find thundereggs.

How To Identify A Geode

The outer crust of a geode is very unassuming and can really resemble the plethora of other rocks that may be scattered along side it. This can make geodes hard to precisely identify as whole rocks for the beginner. Geodes can also be embedded inside another rock layer, such as limestone. The only true way to know if a rock is a geode is to crack or cut it open and find out if it contains a crystal core.

Generally speaking though, most geodes will take on a suspiciously spherical shape. If you're in a known geode area, you can nail down your identification confidence by this trait even more. Often times, in limestone layers, you will see already revealed crystal-containing geodes on the surface of larger rocks. In my area, these are often very small geodes less than a few centimeters in diameter. Though they contain a beautiful display of crystals nonetheless.



Fun Facts About Geodes



The worlds largest geode is claimed to be in the state of Ohio. Crystal Cave was discovered in 1887 as workers for the winery were digging a well. The crystal-laden cave is located about 40 feet below the surface. The crystals have a blueish color and are made of strontium sulfate. The massive geode is 35

feet in diameter at its widest point. What's incredible is that some of the crystals inside the world record geode measure as wide as 18 inches across and weigh up to a staggering 300 pounds. Believe it or not, but the geode, as it sits today, is somewhat smaller than it was when it was originally discovered. This is because some of the crystals inside of it have been harvested by collectors and even sold.

Amethyst is a purple variety of quartz that is coveted for its brilliant deep color when found in geodes. BUT, did you know that the deep purple color will fade over time if left to sit in direct sunlight.

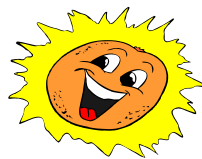
Geodes may not always be dry inside. Since the seeping of mineral laced water forms geodes, opening a younger geode may reveal water inside it as well.

Commercially sold geodes can be dyed colors. Particularly those thin geode slices that are sold in a dazzling array of colors.

Not all geodes on the market are natural representations of the minerals.

Geodes are considered a Secondary Geologic Structure. This is due to the fact that they form after certain geologic features and conditions have already taken place. A primary geologic structure could be the volcanic rock in which the geode sits in.

Source: Information taken from Rockseeker.com



Sunshine Greetings

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



Someone said "Nothing Rhymes with orange," I said "No it doesn't"

SWNM State Fair, Deming
October 5 – 9, 2022
Schedule of Events

Wednesday – October 5th

Gates: 4:00PM – 10:00PM

7:00AM - 10:00AM: Weigh in for Swine, Lambs, and Goats on arrival

10:00AM: Weigh Steers. All Livestock MUST be in place

Noon: Livestock Exhibitors Meeting by Show Ring

Noon: Vendors can check in/Begin setting up

1:00PM – 6:00PM: Home Economic Entries in Building 1

2:00PM – 3:00PM: Sensory Kids at Carnival

4:00PM – 11:00PM: Midway Carnival

5:00PM: Deadline for Livestock Contestants to Register for Round Robin Showmanship

5:00PM: Poultry Show

6:00PM: Swine Show

Thursday – October 6th

Gates: 7:00AM – 10:00PM

8:00AM: Lamb Show

8:00AM – 10:00AM: Flower Show Entries Accepted in Building 1

10:00AM: Goat Show

10:00AM – Noon: Building 1 closed for Judging

1:00PM: Steer Show

2:30PM: Rabbit Show

4:00PM: Deadline for Livestock Contestants to Pull Sale Animals

6:00PM: Fair Royalty Contest & Cake Auction in Building 2

Friday – October 7th

Gates: 10:00AM – 11:00PM

9:00AM: Livestock Contestants Pickup Sale Sheets in Livestock Office

Noon – 5:00PM: Free Entry Children 18 & Under

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1:00PM – 4:00PM: Agtoberfest

2:00PM: Round Robin Showmanship

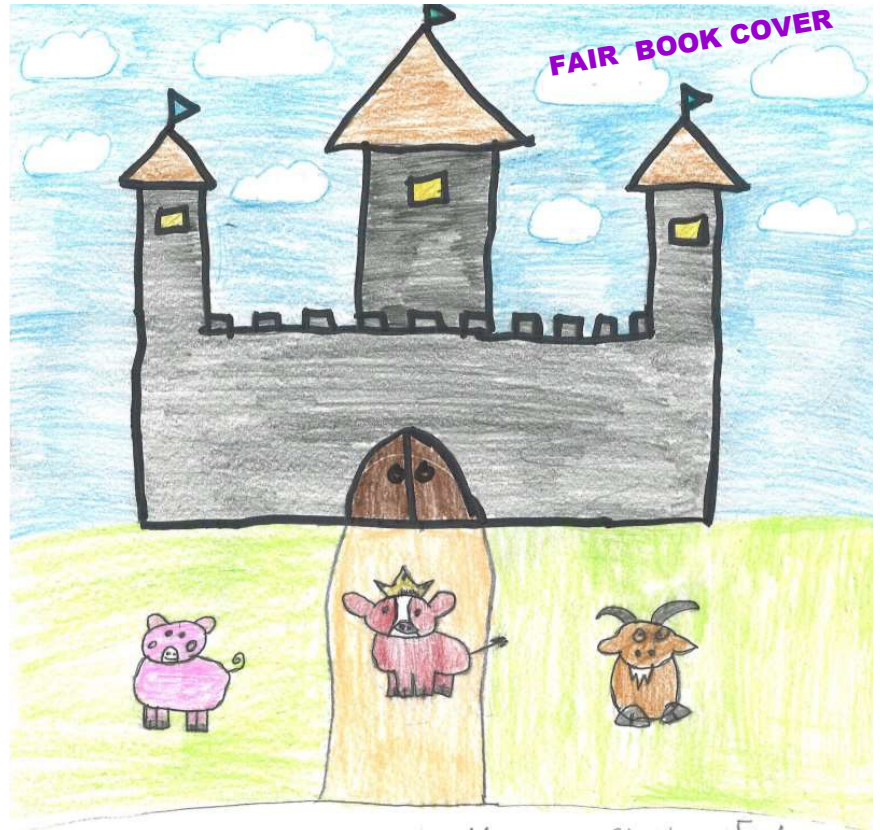
5:00PM: Livestock Contestants Animal Declarations/Disposition Deadline

8:00 PM – Midnight: Dance – DJ George Ortiz in Building 2

Saturday – October 8th

Gates: 10:00AM – 11:00PM

10:00AM: Fair Parade in Downtown Deming



Southwestern New Mexico State Fair

FAIREST OF
 THEM ALL
 76th Anniversary
 October 5-9, 2022

2:00PM: Building 2 Closes for Buyers

Dinner Setup

4:00PM: Dinner for Livestock Contestants

5:00PM: Buyers Dinner in Building 2

6:30PM: Junior Livestock Awards & Sale in Livestock Barn

8:00 PM – Midnight: Dance – Eli James Band & DJ Greg Morrow

**** Events in Rodeo Arena to be Announced ****

Sunday – October 9th

Gates: 7:00AM – 3:00PM

11:00AM – 3:00PM: Rattlers Cornhole Tournament in Building 2

Noon – 2:00PM: Livestock Released

1:00PM – 3:00PM: Home Economic Entries Released

**** Carnival Schedule and Events in Rodeo Arena to be Announced ****



SWNM State Fair – October 5 - 9th



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FOUNDED - JANUARY 1965

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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Shop	Al Krause	719-371-4168

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
1:00 p.m. - Wednesday, September 28th

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

ROUNDUP MEETINGS AS NEEDED
BEGINNING WED. OCTOBER 12th

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



I told him I found this in his hole
five minutes after he left it.

Created by Michael Wheat, RMF Aug 2007

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 7th	Board Meeting	1 p.m.
Sunday, September 25th.....	Field Trip to Mule Creek.....	8 a.m.
Wednesday, September 28th.....	Roundup work day.....	9 a.m. til noon
Wednesday, September 28th.....	General Meeting	1 p.m.

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 5th	Board Meeting	1 p.m.
Saturday, October 8th	Roundup work day	9 a.m. til noon
October 5th thru 9th	SWNM State Fair, in Deming	
Wednesday, October 12th	1st Rockhound Roundup meeting	1 p.m.
Saturday, October 22nd	Roundup work day	9 a.m. til noon
Wednesday, October 26th	General Meeting	1 p.m.
Monday, October 31st	HALLOWEEN	

**All meetings are held at the Clubhouse (4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.)
Unless otherwise noted.**

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Summer's Over... *Back to Rockin'*