

The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS

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President's Message

Don't forget your 2023 dues are due in December.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the cleanup of the clubhouse and yard.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, our next General Meeting will be Wednesday, November 16th at 1 p.m.

Workshops for Roundup have started. The next meeting will be right after General Meeting on November 16th.

We will also be working on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon, filling grab bags and making items for the Spinning wheel. We will be needing help at the Roundup even if it is for only for an hour or so. There will be sign up sheets for Roundup committees at the clubhouse.

Also, mark your calendar for the Holiday Potluck Dinner on Saturday, December 3rd at noon. Too, the December General meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14th at 1p.m.

A Nominating Committee will be appointed at the November meeting.

Kaye

**Be sure to attend the next
Roundup meeting
on November 16th
after the General meeting
We need your help
to make this a great show**



A Rockhound Thanksgiving



**Be thankful again for another year,
For the friends you hold so dear.**

**For the Rockhounds that taught you how
To do all the things that you do now.**

Be thankful to God for the rocks he made.

Whether they be Agate, Diamond or Jade.

For a country where rocks can be found

To satisfy the search of each rockhound.

Thanksgiving is all this, and more

For we all have Blessings galore.

Holiday Potluck Dinner

Sat., Dec. 3rd - at Noon

Deming Gem & Mineral Clubhouse

Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Mashed

Potatoes & Gravy, Coffee & Tea

Will be furnished by the Club

***Please Bring a dish to share
Please bring your own table service***

**Sign up at November meeting or
call Marilyn at 575-544-0919**

Upcoming Field Trip

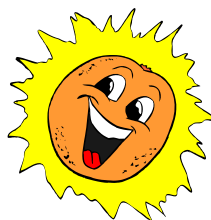
On Saturday, November 26th, we will head to BLM land behind the Baker Ranch area, and we'll be collecting petrified Limb Casts, also some Chacedony.

Vehicles should be 4x4 or high clearance. Meet at club house at 8 a.m. and leave at 8:30 a.m.



LIMB CASTS are distinguished from petrified wood by the complete absence of any structural appearances – there are no cells or growth rings. It has been completely replaced by agate or chalcedony, generally retaining the form of the limb from the tree.

Source: Wichita Gem & Min. Soc.



Sunshine Greetings

**If you know of someone who
could use a little sunshine greet-
ing, please call Louise Treanor
at 575-575-0755, or send a text
to 641-510-2238 (best way)**

**Everyone has a photographic memory.
Some just don't have film.**



DGMS General Meeting - October 26th

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership: There were 10 people in attendance.

Meetings: Next Board meetings Nov. 2nd and Dec. 7th, 1 p.m. and Gen. meetings will be Nov. 16th and Dec. 14th at 1 p.m.

Treasurer Report: Bills paid up to date.

Due to unsolvable problems with Verizon a motion was made and approved to change over to Century Link to be installed on Nov. 11th, for phone land Line and Internet accessibility.

Minutes: September minutes were read and approved.

Claims: Tom Bonewitz is working on putting out DGMS claim signs to inform people in the area. The Dirt Berms have been leveled.

Shop: Al Krause is setting up the schedule this winter for Monitors and Sawyers. He will be working on saws, changing oil, checking propane and having filled if needed.

Craft Fair: Marilyn & Judy working on sending out applications for the show. We will put out flyers. Need volunteers to help go around town and help put them out. We ordered Sapphire (TQ) colored T shirts for the Craft Fair/ Roundup T- shirts that are going to be for sale.

Roundup: We will start having workdays on November 5 and 17. We have lots of things to bag up for the grab bags and stones. We need help sewing bags please. We hope to have over 550 bags to use for sale and the spinning wheel. Red Club vests are being made. The approximate cost will be \$15.

PA system: A wireless PA system is being researched for price & availability by Daryl Johnson.

Sunshine: Cards sent to Diane Plummer, Jan & Jess Searcy.

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

Field Trips: November 26th for limb casts. A 4x4 needed, we can double up so everyone can go. Please be at the club at 8 am and we will leave at 8:30 am. It has been approved that the Field trips will now cost \$5.00 for each person to help defray the cost of the Club, gas for the Leader/ Tail Gunner. If you have other places you would like to go Call Judy Murphy 575 544 7453 Also if you would like to lead a trip please let us know.

Christmas/ Holiday Day Potluck Dinner on December 3rd at noon the Turkey & Ham will be furnished. It will be at noon. BYOB's will be on your table only, please RSVP to Marilyn 575-544-9019 by November 30th.

MISC: Judy Murphy asked to be able to Order 50lbs at \$5.00 # of "AA" natural Mixture tumbled stones approx. 1500 to 2000 per bag. from Western Woods in Utah. They will be used for the cloth bags, for the Craft Fair, Roundup, and Duck Races. The reason for ordering is that the stones will cost approx. 0.125 cents each or less and the Tumbling equipment needs repairs. A motion made, and approved. *(They have been ordered and arrived. Now they need to be sorted and used.)*

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

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.

*Clean out the trunk
Sweep out the car,
Haul in the rock,
in cartons and jars,
Down in the basement stack
them with care, five years later
they will still be there.*

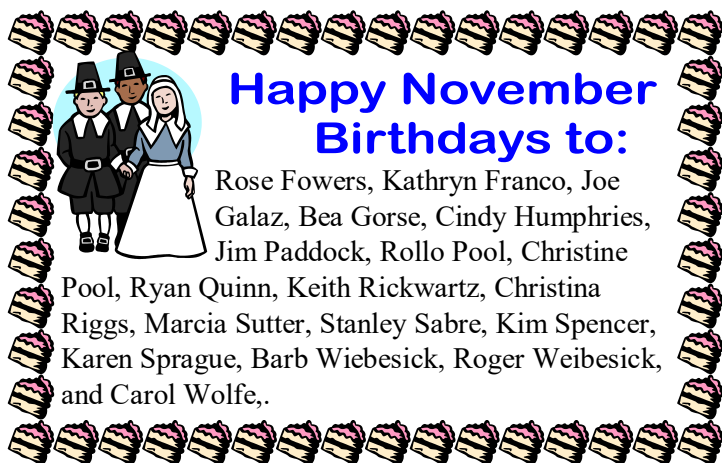
That done??? Now DGMS member... get some out of your basement, yard, patio, and garage. Slab some up or bring smaller rough if you can't slab. We will need these for silent auction and spinning wheel and small ones for grab bags at the Rockhound Roundup.



Stabilizing Porous Stones

If you would like to try your luck at stabilizing porous stones, such as turquoise, so that it can be cut and polished, the Silvery Colorado Rock Club offered the following advice. Take a jar with a lid and add one pint of acetone. To this, add the complete contents of both the resin and hardener tubes of epoxy glue. Mix well. Add well-dried stones. Cover the jar and let it sit for at least four days. Remove the stones and allow a week for them to dry. They should now be ready to work. *Source: Strata Gem*

(This has not been tried by your Bulletin Editor, let me know if it works.)



Happy November Birthdays to:

Rose Fowers, Kathryn Franco, Joe Galaz, Bea Gorse, Cindy Humphries, Jim Paddock, Rollo Pool, Christine Pool, Ryan Quinn, Keith Rickwartz, Christina Riggs, Marcia Sutter, Stanley Sabre, Kim Spencer, Karen Sprague, Barb Wiebesick, Roger Weibesick, and Carol Wolfe,.



Happy November Anniversaries

Brian & Mary Beringer, John & Kaye Green, Daryl & Donna Johnson, Gordon & Virginia Mast, Hank & Mary Willems, John & Laurie Johnson, and John & Krystyna Robins

Board Meeting — November 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership: We had 8 people in attendance. 3 visitors. There is a total amount now of 225 people now.

Meetings: Next Board meeting Dec. 7th, 1 p.m. and Gen. meetings will be Nov. 16th and Dec. 14th at 1 p.m.

Treasurer Report: All bills paid. Due to unsolvable problems with Verizon a motion was made and approved to change over to Century Link which will be installed on Nov. 11th, for phone land Line and Internet accessibility.

The P.O. Box will be paid annually now.

Minutes: October minutes were approved as published.

Claims: Tom Bonewitz has put signs out on the claims and one on the gate.

Shop: Al Krause is getting the repairs done to the saws and putting the shop back together and working on schedules for Monitors and Sawyers for the winter. We will receive a monetary Grant donation to help with equipment. Al is making a list of equipment needed to be repaired or replaced. He requested funds to buy Geodes for the Roundup. Very nice medium to small River Geodes for \$7.00 lb., also medium to large Geodes \$11.00 lb. A motion was made 2nd and approved. The New shop Days, As of November 1st, Marilyn Page will be Shop monitor on Mondays, Wed. will be Jim Brown and Fridays will be Russel. All days 9-12. Al Krause will run the shop.

Craft Fair: Marilyn and Judy working on sending out applications for the show. We need volunteers to help go around town to put them out. We now have Bldg. 1 filled and working on # 2.

We ordered Sapphire (TQ) colored T-shirts to sell at the Craft Fair and Roundup.

Roundup: We will start having workdays on Sat. November 5th & 19th, 9-12. We have lots of things to fill up for the cloth bags. we need help sewing bags please.

Marilyn was told about 8' white tables on sale in Las cruces for \$75. ea. The amount to be picked up will be 10. Motion made and passed to purchase them.

PA system: A wireless PA system is still being researched for Price & availability by Daryl Johnson.

Library: Lloyd Page will work on the Library books to get them up to date.

Sunshine: If there anyone that needs a card sent please let us know.

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

Field Trips: We will drive to Baker area for Limb Casts. Frank Watt will be leading the trip. We will need 4x4s for the area. We can double up as there will be plenty of cars. Please be at the club at 8 a.m. and we will leave at 8:30 a.m.

It has been approved that the Field trips will now cost \$5.00 for each person to help defray the cost of the Club and gas for the Leader/ Tail Gunner. If you have other places you would like to go Call Judy at 575-544-7453. Also, if you would like to lead a trip, please call her.

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MISC: Judy Murphy asked to be able to Order Beaver Tail pieces to help make Pendants with tumbled stones. It will be approximately \$50 dollars and ordered from Kingsley North. A motion made and approved. We also voted and approved to order 10 boxes at \$4.48 pr box of 1000 for 2x2 bags used to put the tumbled stones in.

A member contacted Marilyn and wanted to sell material to the club for \$20.00. A motion was made and passed to purchase it.

A motion was made to return our Annual year from January to December as it was for years, seconded and will be brought up at the General Meeting. It will be mailed out to all and then voted on. The meeting day will stay on Wed each month.

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A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Judy Murphy, Secretary

Calcite - Calcite is a rock-forming mineral with a chemical formula of CaCO_3 . It is extremely common and found throughout the world in sedimentary, metamorphic, and igneous rocks. It comprises about 4% by weight of the Earth's crust and is formed in many different geological environments. It gets its name from "chalix" the Greek word for lime. Calcite is the principal constituent of limestone and marble.

The properties of calcite make it one of the most widely used minerals. It is used as a construction material, abrasive, agricultural soil treatment, construction aggregate, pigment, pharmaceutical and more. It has more uses than almost any other mineral.



Calcite in Cave Formations



Calcite with double refraction



Calcite as Marble used in construction

PETRIFIED WOOD

By Francis Shiller

Each person has the chance to see
A stone as lovely as a tree.
In fact, a tree that once was pressed
Into Earth's resilient breast.

A tree that for many centuries lay
Imbedded in the sand and clay;
Immersed where mineral waters seep
Into the wood that is asleep.

Then slowly, slowly, through the years
The wooden fiber disappears.
Then after millions of years have flown,
Where once was tree, is now a stone.

The ringlet circles for each year
Are reproduced quite plain and clear;
The grain is so pronounced that we
Can even name the type of tree.

God made this world and found it fair,
And placed the plants and flowers there.

He created Man, and all things good.

Man dies! His body turns to dust;
Iron and steel corrode and rust;
Cities crumble! Castles fall!
Huge man-made monuments get small;

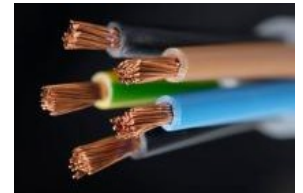
Is it not strange and very odd
That such a great creative God
Should choose, of things that used to be...
To petrify and preserve the tree?

Copper Wire

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet some years ago, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion, that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 200 feet, and shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: "California archaeologists, finding traces of 200 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers."

One week later, The Escanaba Press a local newspaper in Upper Michigan, re-ported the following: "After digging as deep as 300 feet in his pasture near Flat Rock, Ole Olson, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Ole has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Upper Michigan had already gone wireless."



Common sense is the least common of all the senses.

On Getting Older . . .

1. Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
2. Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
3. When you fall down, you wonder what you can do while you're down there.
4. You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5. It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
6. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
7. Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.



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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

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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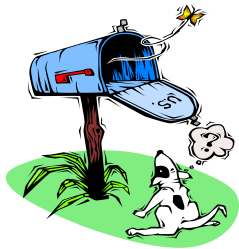
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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
1:00 p.m. - Wednesday, November 16th

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

ROUNDUP MEETINGS AS NEEDED

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.



Change your address, or phone or email address?

Please let us know!

Send the changes to DGMS Membership,
P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031

“ROCK CHIPS” is the official bulletin of the Society

Email: theDGMS@gmail.com

OFFICIAL WEB SITE www.thedgmsclub.com

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.*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6th
Friday, November 11th
Sat. & Sun., Nov. 12th & 13th
Wednesday, November 16th.
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Saturday, November 26th
Every Wednesday

Daylight Saving Time Ended
VETERANS DAY
Holiday Craft Fair
General Meeting 1 p.m.
Roundup meeting after General meeting
Field Trip for Limb Casts 8 a.m.
Roundup work days 9 - noon

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 3rd
Wednesday, December 7th
Wednesday, December 14th .
Saturday, December 17th
Sunday December 25th
Dec. 7th & 14th Roundup work days before meetings

Holiday Pot Luck Dinner Noon
Board Meeting 1 p.m.
General Meeting 1 p.m.
Rockhound Roundup meeting 10 a.m.
CHRISTMAS
Dec. 7th & 14th Roundup work days before meetings 9 til noon

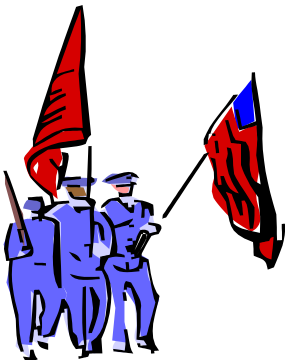
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Unless otherwise noted.

Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.

Honor those who serve our country



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Give Thanks...

