## The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. ROCK CHIPS

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## President's Message

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Hope everyone had a great Holiday.

A new start for the Club, with the help of ALL the members we can make it an inviting place to enjoy our hobbies.

We ALL need to work together and get things ready for the upcoming Roundup. Grab bags need to be filled, egg cartons for the teachers be labeled. Items for the Spinning Wheel are needed to be made as well as Membership Packets put together. Also, need people to sign up for the different jobs to be done during the Roundup.

Reminder Dues are now due. Hope to see everyone at the General meeting on Wednesday, January 25th at 1 p.m.

Kaye

### **Upcoming Silversmithing Class**

On Monday, January 23rd from 9—11 a.m. we will hold a Silversmithing Class to be taught by Nancy Jimerson.

The first class will be basic on procedures and use of tools and will then progress on to a specific project.

#### **DUES ARE DUE**



a little reminder... Mail your payment to P.O. Box 1549, Deming, NM 88031 Or you can pay them at a meeting.

## Sunshine Greetings

If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine greeting, please TEXT Louise Treanor at 641-510-2238



Be sure to attend the next Roundup Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st At 10 a.m.

We need your help to make this a great show



#### January 4, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Membership: 7 Board members in attendance and 3 visitors.

Treasurer's Report: All bills are paid.

Minutes: Approved.

**Claims:** Tom Boewitz has sent payment and all paperwork due in January for BLM.

**Paroperty:** Art Guiterrez has finished the grounds cleanup. A big thank you. Shop: Al Krause has replaced the wheels on the grinders, he will have a meeting with the Monitors and sawyers to discuss the 2023 year. Al has refurbished all the tumblers so they can start working again.

**Roundup:** Al Krause and Marilyn Page are working with two vendors for two different types of Geodes.

The tickets have come in and Marilyn has them organized for disbursement. They will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We have upped the prize amount this year to a total of \$1,000. The amounts will be: \$500, \$300, and \$200 plus two awards from Kingsley North.

We will have Roundup Meetings on January 21st and February 11th and 25th, at 10 a,m. the 25th will be the last meeting before the Show. There is still a lot of planning and things to do.

Silversmithing Class: Marilyn will confirm with Nancy Jimerson about the upcoming class and cost of materials, etc.

The Library will be open during the General Meeting on January 25th. Please check out the many items and books we have.

**Bulletin:** If you would like to put anything in the Bulletin please contact Carolyn by January 8th.

**Sunshine:** If there is anyone you think would like a Sunshine greeting, please let us know.

**Refreshments:** Please sign up or bring something for the break at the upcoming General meeting on January 25th.

**Field Trips:** There will be a rip to Round Mountain on January 28th. We'll be looking for Chalcedony and some Fire Agate. Be at the shop at 8 a.m. and we will leave at 8 :30 a.m.

Please BE SURE YOUR GAS TANK IS FULL.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Judy Murphy, Secretary

#### **Board Meeting Minutes - December 7th**

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Membership:** We had 6 people in attendance. There is a total amount now of 233 members.

Treasurer Report: All Bills paid.

Minutes: Approved as published in the bulletin.

**Claims**: Tom Bonewitz has all paperwork ready for sending out in January.

**Property:** Art Gutierrez has cleaned up the Club house grounds nicely. A big thank you.

**Shop**: Al Krause is getting the repairs done to the saws and putting the shop back in order. The Shop will be closed, for the Holidays, from December 22nd until January 4th of 2023.

The tumbling of Apache tears is still going for two weeks till finished. Then the equipment will be down for repairs for a few months.

**Roundup:** We will start having workdays on **Sat. December 17th at 10 am, and January 7th. Our Roundup meetings will be on Jan. 21st at 10 am, and February 11th & 25th also at 10 am.** There is still a lot of planning to be done.

We still need help sewing bags. We hope to have over 550 bags to use for sale and the spinning wheel.

While discussing the Roundup a motion was made for the Club to buy a small safe to use during the show. It will be a security measure because of the amount of money used during the show. Passed.

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

**Refreshments:** Please sign up or bring something for the break at the General meeting on January 25th.

**Field Trips**: Due to the Holidays there will not be any field trips in Dec. Anyone have a January suggestion for a site. <u>If you have other places you would</u> <u>like to go, Call Judy at 575-544-7453</u>. <u>Also, if you</u> <u>would like to lead a trip, please let me know</u>.



Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, DGMS Secretary

### **ROUNDUP BRIEFING**

# Rockhound Roundup time is almost here



For the benefit of our newer members, here is a brief description of what goes on and what it takes to put our Show on each year.

We start setting up on Monday (this year it's the 6th) at 8 a.m. Tables, display cases, equipment, and other supplies, must be moved and set up. The buildings need to be swept out and the outside and inside vendor spaces marked.

Tuesday (the 7th) we will finish whatever tasks still need doing.

Both days, coffee & donuts are provided for the morning break, around 10 a.m. Lunch is on your own.

This year, Jerry Abbey will head the general set up crew, Marilyn the display cases, and we need someone for the Field Trip trailer, Carolyn and Art the dealer spaces. The more help we have, the easier and quicker the job gets done. There are tasks for everyone; some that can be done while sitting and not involving manual labor, and even running errands (cuz we always forget to bring something).

Wednesday is the day the dealers arrive and start setting up their booths.

*Thursday through Sunday is Show Time!* Many tasks need your help during the show... Membership/info table, spinning wheel, geode cutting, coffee & donut sales, bucket brigade (to pick up auction donations from the dealers), help at both auctions, some people to make announcements over the PA, and many other things that may come up.

The Roundup ends Sunday and the dealers pack up and depart. Monday, following the show we take a day of rest and catch up at home. On Tuesday, starting about 8 a.m., we tear it all down and put everything away.

The Rockhound Roundup is the Club's main source of income. It takes contributions of time and effort from <u>ALL</u> club members to make it work. So mark your calendars, plan your schedules, bring your gloves, and come on out. WE NEED YOU!!!!

Thanking you in advance, Marílyn Page

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#### General Meeting — December 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Membership:** We had 13 people in attendance. There is a total amount now of 233 members.

**Meetings**: The Board meeting will be January 4th and the General meeting will be January 25th at 1 pm.

Treasurer Report: Bills have been paid.

**Minutes:** November minutes were voted on and approved as printed in the bulletin.

**Claims**: The roads to Big Diggins are in bad condition if you try to go out. Claims paperwork to be sent out in Jan.

**Shop:** The shop will be closed from December 22nd, till January 4th, 2023. Al Krause will be setting up the schedule for Monitors and Sawyers for this winter. If Someone would like to donate items, Al will check them out. He will be working on saws and changing oil & belts. Al is going in January to check on buying Geodes. He will spend approximately \$3500 on the show supplies.

**Roundup:** Please look at the lists on the counter to sign up for jobs during the show. We will start having Roundup meetings January, 21st, February 11th, 25th, 2023 all at 10 am. We need lots of things to bag up for the cloth bags and need stones. We need help sewing bags please. Please help if you can on Mondays.

Red Club Vests are being made, the approximate cost will be 15 for sm/med/lg, 2x & 3x will be 20.00.

**Property:** Art Gutierrez will be taking care of the building and grounds for the time being.

**PA system:** A wireless PA system to be researched for price and availability by Daryl Johnson. Also check on cost to permanently wiring the area.

Darryl Johnson found one for \$6500, with two outdoor speakers, one indoor, and wireless. It will not interfere with any frequencies. We will need to go to the Fair Board for permission to use the equipment.

**Refreshments:** Please sign up or bring something for the break at the General meeting on December 14th.

**Nominating committee:** The persons working on nominations for next year's slate of officers will be Diane Krause, Dave Hoggatt, and Mary Berg. The January meeting will have members nominate people for the positions. We need Pres, VP, 1, 2, and 3 year Directors.

**Field Trips:** January 28<sup>th</sup> to Round Mountain for Chalcedony and Fire Agate. Meet at 8 am at the shop. **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PLENTY OF GAS** in your vehicle.

If you have other places you would like to go call Judy at 575-544-7453. *If you would like to lead a trip, please let us know.* 

Meeting adjourned at 1:45

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

Happy January Anniversary Michael & Meri Stanley

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### Happy January Birthdays

Justin Barker, Cache Beaver, Mary Berg, Tom Bernier, Milledge Boyce, Sharon Flemmons, Lorra Fuller, Bill Gallagher, Beverly Gray, Ian Duncanson, Kelly Husted, Francis Korn, Grammatica Orlando, Ted Phillips, Mathew Quinn, Kim Slaybaugh, Grant Stockdale, Patt VanVelzen, Cathie Ver Hage, and Merbebe Solomon.

## **Murphy's Other Law**

- Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- He who laughs last, thinks the slowest.
- No matter which line you get into, the other line moves faster.
- If you line up all the cars in the world, end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to passs them, five or six at a time on a hill, in the fog.
- If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
- The things that comes to he who waits will be the things left by those who got there first.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- The 50-50-90 rule. Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong. *Source: Original source unknown*



 PLEASE pick up your Roundup raffle tickets at the January 25th General meeting.
 New prize amounts this year:
 \$500, \$300, \$200 and two additional prizes from Kingsley North
 Save us the chore and expense of mailing them.





#### THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. P.O. BOX 1459, DEMING, N.M. 88031 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.



#### NEXT GENERAL MEETING 1:00 p.m. - Wednesday, January 25th

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

#### NEXT ROUNDUP MEETING JANUARY 21st 10 a.m.

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.* 

"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.* 

#### **OFFICERS**

President	Kaye Green	. 575-545-3906
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2 Yr. Director	Jim Paddock	.575-494-8522
3 Yr. Director	Kathy Townsend	.575-546-6982
Claims	Tom Bonewitz	.785-564-0316
Shop	Al Krause	719-371-4168



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

**Deming Gem & Mineral Society's** 

58th Annual

ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

**Gem & Mineral Show** 

## March 9-12, 2023 9 a.m - 5 p.m. At the SOUTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIRGROUNDS

4300 Raymond Reed Blvd.—Deming, New Mexico

Public Invited Free Admission Free Parking

Metal Detecting Contest 

 Jewelry & Rock Related Items
 Buyers Market
 Lapidary Equipment
 Displays and Demonstrations

Guided Field Trips 
 Auctions 
 Coffee, Donuts, Breakfast & Lunch Vendors

#### FIELD TRIPS

Trips leave 8:00 a.m. from the Fairgrounds Public Invited on field Trips to our club's claim, Big Diggins, and others. Materials found: Onyx, agate, geodes & other gem stones. Bring suitable clothing & shoes, lunch, water, and tools.

#### DAILY DOOR PRIZES - 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

**CASH RAFFLE DRAWING - Sunday at 3 p.m.** \$500, \$300, \$200, and 2 prizes from Kingsley North

#### AUCTIONS

Friday Night - 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction Rockhounds mark bids on auction forms. Items are donated by dealers and members. Available are cutting materials, slabs, geodes, crystals, gem stones, etc.

Saturday Night - 7:00 p.m. Live Auction Fine specimens, jewelry, etc. will be auctioned, which have been donated by dealers and members.



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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **JANUARY 2023**

Wednesday, January 4th	Board Meeting 1 p.m.
Saturday, January 21st	Roundup Meeting
Monday, January 23rd	Silversmithing Class
Wednesday, January 25th	General Meeting 1 p.m.
Saturday, January 28th	Field Trip to Round Mountain 8 a.m.

#### **FEBRUARY**

Wednesday, February 1st	Board Meeting 1 p.m.
Saturday, February 11th	Roundup Meeting 10 a.m.
Tuesday, February 14th	VALENTINES DAY
Wednesday, February 21st.	General Meeting 1 p.m.
Saturday, February 25th	Last Roundup Meeting 10 a.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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