



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

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Happy Valentines Day



It was great to see all our new and old members at the last General meeting.

Just a reminder that the Rockhound Roundup is just around the corner. We will need help from **ALL OF YOU.**

There are Raffle tickets to sell at Peppers the week ends of Feb. 10th & 11th and 24th & 25th, from 9 til noon, and noon –to 3 p.m. each day. Will need help filling the egg cartons and filling the bags for the spinning wheel.

There will be Roundup meetings on Saturday Feb. 11th and 25th at 10 a.m. Hope to see you there.

On Monday, March 6th at 8 a.m. we will begin setting up the Show. There will be sign-in sheets on the stage each day, and there will be something for everyone to help with. Setting up the geode cutting area, placing tables, setting up spinning wheel and membership area, lining show cases, marking lines for the outside dealers, cleaning rest-rooms and sweeping the floors. There will be donuts and coffee for the break. Tuesday we'll finish what's left over.

Wednesday the Dealers will be arriving and setting up their spaces. Show starts at 9 a.m. on Thursday and ends on Sunday at 5p.m.

On Friday evening we'll hold the Club's Silent Auction at 7 p.m. We'll need help at about 6 pm to set up the items for auction and to help run it. There will be Pizza for those that help set up and run it.

On Saturday evening, our Live Auction will begin at 7pm. This is when the items donated by our dealers will be auctioned. Will need several to help set up and run as well.

As you can guess, it takes A LOT OF PEOPLE TO PULL THIS OFF, but it's worth it, and all the help is definitely appreciated.

Remember those that work at least 8 hours for the Show can go on the Club's trip on Saturday, March 18th to Big Diggins. A new hole will be dug just for this trip.

Monday the 13th is our day of rest, and Tuesday, March 14th is tear down day. Oh yeah, enjoy the show and have lots of fun with all the above. See you there. *Kaye*

**Be sure to attend the last
Roundup Meeting
on February 25th
At 10 a.m.**

**We need your help
to make this a great show**



Hi Everybody

I am in need of bodies for the upcoming Roundup.

Monday, March 6th, is set up day and thus it begins. To move equipment, mark lines outside and in bldg. 1 and 2, both places need to be swept out, drop electrical units from ceiling, fold new flyers, fill packets for dealers, set up display cases (18), and anything else I might have forgotten. We will have coffee, tea and hot chocolate plus donuts in Bldg 2 on Monday. I have been told by several of the men, no DONUTS no show

We have had several come in on Mondays and Wed, to fill the bags for the show. Judy Murphy has donated over \$2000 in materials for the bags and spinning wheel. A very big thank you Judy. Several others have also donated rocks and jewelry. **REMEMBER** many hands make light work.

I hope to see you on our first big day. Remember we are having the 50/50 all day auction. You make 50% on the item you sell and the club gets the rest.

For the Friday night Silent Auction we need items to fill 20 tables whether you bring one item or 20, each one counts. This money helps keeps the Club going. After the set up is done, on Friday night, Pizza will be served to those who have helped with the set up.

With some of the income, we would like to purchase a new saw following the show. It's to your benefit to see that we have a great show.

Thanking you in advance for your help, Marilyn

NEED TAIL GUNNERS

for Roundup Field trips. Will receive compensation.

Contact John Robbins 915-309-1891 to sign up



General Meeting — January 25, 2023

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

Membership: We had 21 people in attendance. We had a visitor Mr. Wangberg.

Meetings: The Board meeting will be February at 1 pm. The general meeting will be February 22 at 1pm.

Treasurer Report: Bills paid.

Minutes: December minutes were voted on and approved.

Bulletin: Any items that you want in the sales adds area will need to be in by the Board meeting

Claims: Tom Bonewitz will go out to the claim with GPS to check the points of the corners before the show. We were informed that BLM will only allow 1-5 gal bucket + 1 rock per day. Vendors will not be allowed to pick for resale.

Craft Fair has already been set up on December 8th thru 9-10th Building 1. for the 2023 show.

Shop: Al Krause will be setting up a schedule for Monitors and Sawyers. He will be working on saws and changing oil & belts in February. He is going to check on buying Geodes. He will be spending approx. \$3500. on the RR supplies. There is a problem with the electrical on one of the saws and will be fixed soon.

Roundup: Please look at the sheets on the counter to sign up for places to help during the show. Raffle tickets are being mailed out, \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5. 12 for \$10. Cash prizes are \$500, \$300, and \$200.

You Must work a total of **8** hours to go to the Club dig march 18th after the show. We will start having workdays on February 11th, 25th, all at 10 a.m. We need lots of things to bag up for the cloth bags and need stones for spinning wheel & for auction tables. Still need help sewing bags. We hope to have over 550 bags to use for sale and the spinning wheel. Please help if you can on Mondays and Roundup days. Red Club vests are being made, the approximate cost will be \$15 - \$20. We have received the Roundup tee-shirts to sell at Roundup.

Property: Art Gutierrez is taking care of the building and grounds. Thank you for your work.

PA system: The wireless PA system Daryl Johnson researched wireless system with 2 outdoor speakers, 1 Indoor. It was discussed and a motion was made and passed to spend the \$6500 cost. It will be purchased asap.

Refreshments: Please Sign up or bring something for the break at the General meeting on February 22, 2023.

Nominating committee: The persons working on nominations for next year's Officers are Diane Krause, Dave Hoggatt, and Mary Berg. At the January meeting, members nominated members for the following positions: Pres. Kaye Green, VP Tom Rodriguez, Treasurer, Maria Costa, Secretary, Judy Murphy, Bulletin Carolyn Abbey, Roundup Chair Marilyn Page, Claims, Tom Bonewitz, Directors: 1yr Jim Paddock, 2 yr Kathy Townsend and 3 yr. Diane Krause.

Field Trips: January 28th to Round mountain We had 12 people attend and good weather. No field Trip in February or March due to the Roundup. Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Richardson's Ranch
high speed geode and slab polishing machine.
Asking \$400. Art Krasinski 575-494-5971.

2 GEODE CRACKERS FOR SALE

Large (fits up to basketball size) \$125

Medium (fits 6—8") \$100

Call Dave Hoggatt 575-567-5592

WANTED TO BUY

14-inch or 16-inch slab saw, used but with blade, mechanical feed and motor in good working condition.

I can be reached at bcox737@gmail.com or Bruce Cox (406) 321-0506.

Getting Fit For the New Year:

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 50

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags.

Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm finally at this level!)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.



President's Day
February 20th



Dues are PAST Due
Renew Now!

DGMS Board Meeting February 1, 2023

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

Membership: We had 8 people in attendance. There are 79 currently paid members.

Treasurer Report: All bills paid. Records are being prepared for the accountant for 2022 tax season.

Minutes: Approved as published in the bulletin.

Claims: Tom Bonewitz has sent all necessary items due out in January for BLM.

Shop: Al Krause will close the shop from February 28th thru March 20th, 2023.

Roundup: Al Krause & Marilyn Page are working with Vendors for two different types of Geodes.

The Raffle tickets have arrived and are ready for disbursement. The prizes will be \$500, \$300, \$200 & 2 very nice prizes donated from Kinsley North.

We will start having workdays 10 a.m. February 11 & 25th. **We need volunteers to sell tickets at Peppers on February 10th & 11 from 9 -12 & 12-3, and the following week 24th & 25th same times.**

The last Roundup meeting will be the 25th at 10 am.

We still need help sewing bags.

Silversmithing Class: Nancy Jimerson said class is going along well. She'll possibly schedule another one after the show.

The wireless PA system was discussed and it was voted to purchase at January's General Meeting.

The library will be open during the February 22nd meeting, if you would like a book to check out.

Bulletin: If you would like to put anything to sell in the Bulletin please have to Carolyn Abbey by the 8th of the month.

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

Refreshments: Please sign up or bring something for the break at the General meeting on February 22nd.

Field Trips: There will be no field trips in February or March due to the Roundup.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.

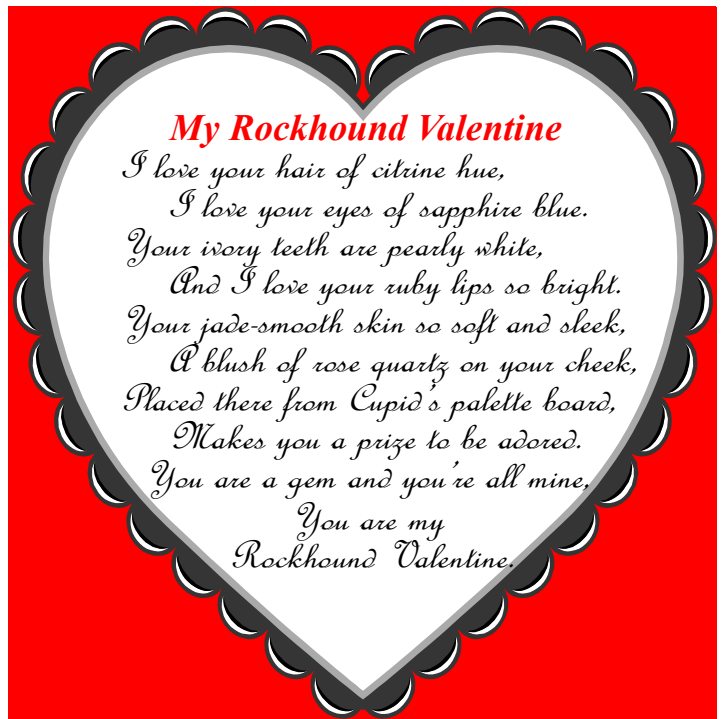
Minutes respectfully submitted,

by Judy Murphy, DGMS Secretary



Happy February Birthdays

Rose Baros, John Barbarica,
Kendall Clark, Joe DeHoyos,
Dick Klopshinske, Kathy Pitts,
John Robbins, and Marilyn Page



Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

LOST

A large black plastic bag containing newly made
Red DGMS Club vests.
If you have seen it, please contact Kaye or Marilyn

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 1st	Board Meeting	1 p.m.
Saturday, February 11th	Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.
Tuesday, February 14th	VALENTINES DAY	
Wednesday, February 22nd	General Meeting	1 p.m.
Saturday, February 25th	Last Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.

MARCH

Wednesday, March 1st	Board meeting	1 p.m.
Monday, March 6th	Set up Rockhound Roundup	begin 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 8th,.....	Roundup Dealers Arrive	begin 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 9 – 12th	Rockhound Roundup	9a.m. – 5p.m.
Tuesday, March 14th	Tear down Rockhound Roundup	
Saturday, March 18th	Special Big Diggins trip for Roundup workers	
Wednesday, March 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.



Valentine's Day... Not Like it Used to Be!

February 14th is Valentine's Day



Although it is celebrated as a lovers' holiday today, with the giving of candy, flowers, or other gifts between couples in love, it originated in 5th century Rome as a tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic bishop. For eight hundred years prior to the establishment of Valentine's Day, the Romans had practiced a pagan celebration in mid-February commemorating young men's rite of passage to the god Lupercus. The celebration featured a lottery in which young men would draw the names of teenage girls from a box.

The girl assigned to each young man in that manner would be his sexual companion during the remaining year.

In an effort to do away with the pagan festival, Pope Gelasius ordered a slight change in the lottery. Instead of the names of young women, the box would contain the names of saints. Both men and women were allowed to draw from the box, and the game was to emulate the ways of the saint they drew during the rest of the year. Needless to say, many of the

young Roman men were not too pleased with the rule changes.

Instead of the pagan god Lupercus, the Church looked for a suitable patron saint of love to take his place. They found an appropriate choice in Valentine.

Although the lottery for women had been banned by the church, the mid-February holiday in commemoration of St. Valentine was still used by Roman men to seek the affection of women. It became tradition for the men to give the ones they admired handwritten messages of affection, containing Valentine's name.

The first Valentine card grew out of this practice. The first true Valentine card was sent in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London at the time.

Cupid, another symbol of the holiday, became associated with it because he was the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty. Cupid often appears on Valentine cards.

Written by Jerry Wilson



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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

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.



OFFICERS

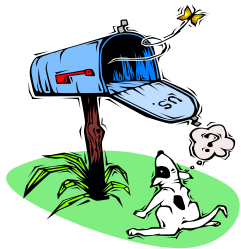
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3 Yr. Director	Kathy Townsend ...	575-546-6982
Claims.....	Tom Bonewitz	785-564-0316
Shop	Al Krause	719-371-4168

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
1:00 p.m. - Wednesday, February 22nd

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

LAST ROUNDUP MEETING
Saturday February 25th — 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.



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

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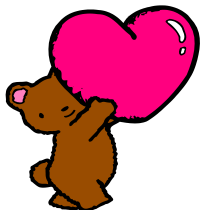
Deming Gem & Mineral Society's
58th Annual

ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

Gem & Mineral Show
March 9-12th

DON'T MISS IT!

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