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The 58th Rockhound Roundup is now in the History Book. Thank you everyone for all your help to make it a great show.

Now we can start planning for next year to make it even better for everyone.

We all need to work together to make the Club a fun place to come and enjoy learning about the different types of rocks, work in the Shop, learn how to Silversmith, Wire Wrap and go on different field trips.

Hope to see you at the General meeting on Wednesday, April 26th at 1 p.m.

Kaye

Another Rockhound Roundup come 'n Gone . . .

We would like to thank the 20+ people who worked diligently for nine days to help make this Roundup a Grand Slam. Without the help of the dedicated people, who showed up every day we would have been hurting.

A thanks to Donna Johnson for taking care of the registration of the field trips; a job well done. Also, James Brown for getting all the trips organized and arranged, also the leaders and tail gunners working the trips. Everyone I talked to enjoyed where they went attaboys to Dave Hoggatt for his lessons in Geology.

Also, Thank yous to our Dealers and Show Visitors, for without you, there'd be no Roundup, and not least, a huge thank you to the local businesses who donated items for our drawings,

We are in the process of sending out the 2024 flyers and could really use help. We send them to the Visitors Centers, Chambers, Rock Clubs, Hotels, Motels, and Camp Grounds. We will work on Monday from 9—12.

We again want to thank you all for a great show.

Sincerely, Marilyn, Judy, Art and Carolyn

The shop will be open 9 til noon

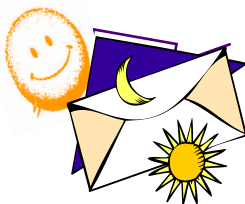
Monday, Wednesday, Friday until the first of June.

We will then be open on Mondays and one Saturday for the Summer. The dates will be posted in the May Chips when decided upon.



Sunshine Greetings

Sunshine messages were sent to Larry Baros, Roger Pratt, and Tom Bonewitz.



DGMS General Meeting - MARCH 22, 2023

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

Membership: We hav 21 people in attendance. There are a total of 169 members including three new ones.

Treasure report: All bills paid. All records are being gathered for the taxes.

Minutes: Approved as published in the bulletin.

Election of Officers: The Election was held at the March General Meeting. Your new Board members are: President, Kaye Green; Vice President, Tom Rodrigues; Secretary, Judy Murphy; Treasurer, Maria Costa; Bulletin Editor, Carolyn Abbey; 1 yr Director, Jim Paddock; 2 yr Director, Kathy Townsend; 3 yr Director, Diane Krause, and Claims, Jim Brown.

Claims: Jim Brown will be taking over the Claims, and John Robbins will help with the paperwork.

Shop: Al Krause has re-opened the shop for work again at regular times. The geode area did very well at the Show selling and cutting the geodes this year. Al purchased some more geodes.

Al and Marilyn are working with two vendors for two different types of geodes, and crazy lace that will be sold at the shop.

Roundup: A critique was held and there were several good ideas for next year. Basically 18 people worked the whole show. Next year we will need alot more people to be help out and work the show. Please think about it and put on your calendar.

The field trips usually have 27 people working during the show. This year there were only half that amount, so please think about helping this out too next year.

Marilyn is asking the Fair Board to be more ADA compliant when fixing the grounds. She is going to try and have signs for dogs, handicap parking, etc.

Thank you notes to all vendors who donated prizes for the club are going to be mailed out.

We will also have the Duck Races in August, and the Craft Fair in December.

Silversmithing Class: Nancy Jimerson will be scheduling another class on April 3, 10, 17, at 9 a.m. \$5 per class. There will be a limit of 6 people per class.

Bulletin: If you would like to put anything to sell in the Bulletin please submit it to Carolyn.

Sunshine: Larry Baros, Roger Pratt, Tom Bonewitz received Get Well messages.

Please sign up or bring a snack for the General meeting break on April 26th.

Field Trips: There will be a trip for Blue Agate on April 8th in Cooks Peak area. Dave Hoggatt will lead the trip, Will leave the shop at 8:30 a.m.

A motion to adjourn made and passed at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Murphy, DGMS Secretary

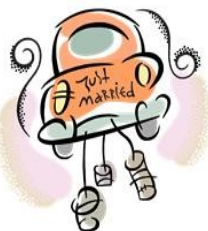


Happy April Birthdays

Darlene Bleicher, Dave Bleicher, Dan Brookshire, Sharbani Das Gupta, Galen Hayes, Diana

Happy April Anniversaries to

Dave & Darlene Bleicher, Carlos & Fran Chavez, Tony & Delores Sibet, Carol Wolfe & Ron McKee, and Cary & Barb Voss,



The Rarest and Most Expensive Type of Obsidian is called Fire Obsidian

This exceptionally rare form of obsidian displays rainbow colors when it's displayed at the correct angle. These colors are usually quite bold and intense, but the obsidian retains a black appearance from most angles.

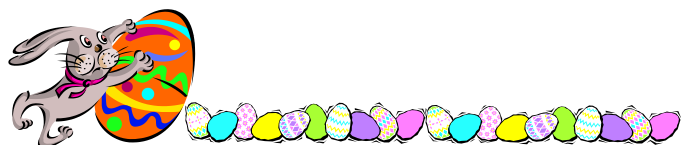


This optical phenomenon is comparable to labradorite but with more intense colors in many cases, in the best of cases they can compete with precious opal and other high-end stones.

Until recently, no one was quite sure what made the inside of fire obsidian light up like a neon rainbow. With some careful analysis, it's been determined to be ultra-thin, large crystals of magnetite that formed internally.

It appears that the only claims producing Fire Obsidian are from the area surrounding Glass Butte in Oregon. The exact location is where things get... complicated. In other words: if you were hoping to go to a known location and find some fire obsidian for yourself... well, you're probably out of luck unless you feel like dealing with a protracted court battle that will have a serious impact on rock collecting in the area.

Source: *The Rock Seeker Rockhounding Club, an On-line rock and mineral club for collectors of all levels.*



April 5, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Membership: We had 8 people in attendance. There is a total amount now of 160 currently paid members.

Treasurer Report: All Bills paid. All records are being prepared for the accountant for 2022 taxes.

Minutes: Approved as published in the bulletin.

Claims: Jim Brown is going to schedule a meeting with state people for our Special Recreation permit update. We need to renew the Bond for our claim.

Property: The grounds look nice and thank you to everyone who helped.

Shop: Al Krause has decided summer hours will be 9 to 12 on Monday with one monitor and one sawyer. And possibly one Saturday a month. Its still to be determined.

Roundup: A BIG thank you to everyone who helped during the Roundup. There were approximately 20 people who worked. Need more next year please. Marilyn Page talked to the Deming Fair board about the new contract for 5 years. Also addressed the ADA concerns regarding the unsafe building entrances

Special Item: There will be a POT LUCK at 12 noon on April 26th just before the General meeting at 1 pm, to bid good bye to the folks leaving for the summer.

Silversmithing Class: Nancy Jimerson said class is going along well. She will have a class on 10th and 17th.

Bulletin: If you would like to put anything to sell in the Bulletin please have to Carolyn 10th of the month.

Sunshine: If there anyone who 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 April 26th.

Field Trips There will be a trip for blue agate on April 8th, usual time leaving at 8:30 am.

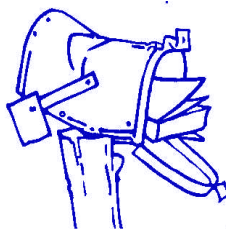
A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy

Not getting your Chips bulletin by email?

when you've requested it that way? Please add the Club's email to your contact list as the bulletin is sent out in bulk and may go to your SPAM list if not listed in your addresses. Our Club's email is: theDGMS@gmail.com



Change your address?

Please let us know!

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



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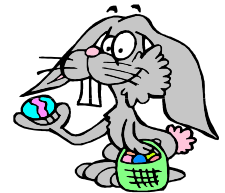
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BOARD MEETINGS
1:00 p.m.
1st Wednesday each month

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
1:00 p.m.
April 26, 2023



59th Annual

**ROCKHOUND
ROUNDUP**

March 7—10, 2024

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.

“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

APRIL

Wednesday, April 26th General Meeting 1 p.m.

MAY

Wednesday, May 3rd Board meeting 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 14th MOTHERS DAY

Wednesday, May 24th General Meeting 1 p.m.

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

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There went Peter Cottontail