



President's Message

Hello Club Members, hope everyone had great holidays.

It's that time of year again! Rockhound Roundup time. Only 7 weeks until the big event, March 7th thru the 10th. Time for all hands on deck or in our case all hands on rocks. With the many different volunteer positions that must be filled we sure can use **YOUR** help.

Help is needed with setting up the Show on Monday, March 4th beginning at 8 a.m. to set up equipment, display cases, move tables, and more. Also, on Monday, we need people to mark vendor areas, and fold brochures, and programs, and fill vendor packets. After the Show, people needed to help tearing it down on Tuesday the 12th.

Once the Show begins there are still many things that members need to help with on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday between 9a.m. until 5 p.m.

Some of the areas in need of people include the Spinning Wheel, kids fossil digging area, coffee & donut sales, daily ongoing silent auction (in Bldg. 2), PA announcers, and the Membership table. (This signs up new members, sells raffle tickets, tee shirts, etc.)

We also need people as tail gunners for the daily field trips, three on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7:30 til 3 pm.

Wow, that seems like a lot, but we can't forget Friday night, the 8th, Silent Auction. Pizza for those who set up at 5 p.m. and help during the Auction which then begins at 6:30.

The Saturday night live auction at 7 p.m. on the 9th will also need people to help setting up and working.

Currently, on Wednesdays at the shop, from 9 til noon help is needed to prepare spinning wheel prizes, kids area materials, make signs for buildings and fill out sheets for donations at silent auction.

Days before the Show we will be selling raffle tickets at Peppers, you can also help with this.

Marilyn will have Roundup meetings at 10 a.m. on January 27th and February 24th.

We are asking that **ALL OUR MEMBERS**, whether you live locally or are visiting, to come together to make the Roundup run smoothly and be a huge success. With so many different volunteer positions, there's something for all to do.

Please come to the shop on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, 9 til noon, attend a meeting, or call Marilyn to sign up for a shift or two or three.

Remember, many hands make less work. It takes the whole Club to host this Gem & Mineral Show.

We had four very active members pass away this year and we really need people to fill in. The Roundup is the Club's main source of income. **If you are a member of this Club, could you please help to put this Show on.**

We thank you in advance for your participation. *Kaye*

**Be sure to attend the next
Roundup Meeting
on Saturday, Jan. 27th
At 10 a.m.
We need your help
to make this a great show**



January 3, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes were accepted as printed in the Chips Bulletin.

Membership: We had 6 board members and 6 general members in attendance.

Treasures Report: Bills all paid.

Roundup: Next meeting Sat. Jan. 27 at 10am. Volunteer will need to log in 10 hrs. to go on club dig. Insurance for Big Diggins good Feb. to April.

Shop: Larry reported the Shop needs 55 gallons of oil at \$1,100, pads for tumbler and saw blades. The cost will be split 50/50 with Shop and Roundup funds. Al checking on 18" saw for shop. Dave ordering chairs for shop.

Claims: James clarified that guests of members picking on Big Diggins need to pay \$10 fee.

Bulletin: Contact Carolyn if you have anything you would like to have in the next bulletin.

Field Trips: Due to the passing of Judy Murphy, field trip leader, we are in need of another field trip leader.

Property: Looking good. Larry dragged the parking lot.

Membership: 63 members are paid to date for 2024.

Library: Dave working on the organization and check out slips along with sorting books from the Estate of Judy Murphy.

Sunshine: A sympathy card was sent to Dave and Darlene, and one also sent to Shirley and Grant.

Old Business: President Green thanked the members who helped with the donated items from Judy Murphy's estate..

New Business: Web page needs updating.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed Meeting adjourned at 2:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Rose Baros Townsend, DGMS Secretary

**PLEASE pick up your Roundup raffle tickets at
the January 24th General meeting.**

**Prize amounts this year:
\$500, \$300, \$200 and two additional prizes
from Kingsley North**

Save us the chore and expense of mailing them.

General Meeting — December 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were accepted as printed in the Chips Bulletin.

16 members and 1 guest attended the meeting.

Treasures Report: Bill paid to date.

Roundup: Marilyn- Next meeting 1-27-24 at 10am. Chair person for each location will be responsible for contacting workers -no one to work all day - overnight security in Bldg. 1 Marilyn, Bldg. 2 Shirley If a member works their 10 hrs. at the Show and can't make it to the Club dig they can have someone take their place. John R needs people to lead and tail gun filed trips, can get reimbursed for gas. This is the last year for Hatch area field trip, as the property has been sold.

Shop: Al stated tools cleaned and preparing donated items for sale. Looking at cost to make more handicap areas. Shop will be closed 12-18-23 to 1-3-24.

Claims: James reported all paperwork submitted and claim in good standings.

Bulletin: Any information to be put in bulletin contact Carolyn.

Field Trips: Looking for a leader for our monthly field trips.

Property: Looks good-all clean

Library: Dave working on it.

Craft Fair: We had 26 vendors participate – President Green nominated Marilyn for 2024 Craft Fair chair.

Sunshine: Sympathy card to be sent to Judy Murphy's family.

New Business: Moment of silence for the death of Judy Murphy Dec. 6. Judy's nephew donated items from her estate and thanked the club members for all their help. Marilyn made a motion to give Judy's estate a donation statement. Shirley second, passed. Tim and Mike Rorick brought rocks from the estate of their mother Nancy Johnson to be sold and split with the club.

A motion to adjourn was made, second, passed

Meeting adjourned a 2:10 p.m.

Notes taken by Brenda

Submitted by Rose Townsend, DGMS Secretary

Gems from Heaven

*Tribute to the Rockhounds we lost this year
Lloyd Page, March 6th; Tom Bonewitz, March 30th;
Judy Murphy, December 11th and Bill Gallagher*

Gems from Heaven

I found a gem today

Just laying on the ground.

But it's not just a rock

This little Gem I've found.

Found Gems come from heaven

That's what my Grandpa told me.

He said, Angels tossed them down.

Oh, how I loved that story!

He said when an Angel misses you

They toss a Gem down.

Sometimes just to cheer you up

To make a smile out of your frown.

So don't pass by that Gem

When you're feeling blue.

It may be a Gem from heaven

That an Angel's tossed to you.

*Poem modified from
Pennies From Heaven by Jason Tremere
Submitted by Rose Townsend*

Shop Notes

The Shop is currently open
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
From 9 a.m. til Noon



Upcoming Silversmithing Class

On Monday, January 22nd from 9—11 a.m. there will be 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.

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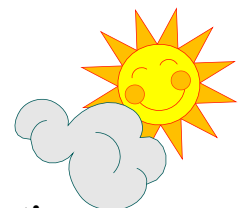
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Mail your payment to
4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.
Deming, NM 88030

Or you can pay them at a meeting.

Sunshine Greetings

If you know of someone who
could use a little sunshine greeting,
please call Pauline Ott at 979-618-3432



Happy January Anniversary

Michael & Meri Stanley



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.



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.

Be grateful that no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.



Each year I believe it is good to revisit the Rockhounds Code of Ethics. New information for the new Rockhounds and a good review for the well seasoned ones. So all of you please read them over.

Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission of the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all holes dug which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home ONLY what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of who left it behind.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

The official sports drink when I was a kid..





Deming Gem & Mineral Society's

59th Annual

ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

Gem & Mineral Show

March 7-10, 2024 9 a.m - 5 p.m.

At the SOUTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIRGROUNDS

4100 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.

Email: thedgms@gmail.com WEBSITE: www.thedgmsclub.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Marilyn Page: 575-544-9019





THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., DEMING, N.M. 88030

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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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

1:00 p.m. - Wednesday, February 28 th

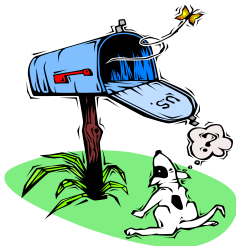
BOARD MEETINGS

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

LAST ROUNDUP MEETING before Show

FEBRUARY 24 th—10 a.m.

**All meetings are held at the Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. building
4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming, NM
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
4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.
Deming, NM 88030

“ROCK CHIPS” is the official bulletin of the Society

Email: thedgms@gmail.com

OFFICIAL WEB SITE www.thedgmsclub.com

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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

JANUARY 2024

Wednesday, January 3rd	Board Meeting	1 p.m.
Saturday, January 27th	Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.
Monday, January 22nd	Silversmithing Class	9 a.m.
Wednesday, January 24th	General Meeting	1 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 7th	Board Meeting	1 p.m.
Saturday, February 10th	Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.
Wednesday, February 14th	VALENTINES DAY	
Wednesday, February 28th	General Meeting	1 p.m.
Saturday, February 24th	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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