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Hello Rockhounds,,

I would like to thak everyone for electing me as your President for another year. I am looking forward to a harmonious year and working for the betterment of the DGMS.

I would also like to thak all who have been cleaning the saws and working in the shop getting the equipment up and going.

Wishing all the Snowbirds a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you again in the Fall.

Just a reminder, we will have a booth at the Duck Races, August 24 - 27th, as we did last year. We will get together on each Monday in May, at 9 a.m. to prepare Spinning Wheel bags for the upcoming Duck Races.

We will, of course, need help from many of you for this event.

Kaye

The shop will be open 9 til noon
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until
the first of June.

We will then be open on Wednesdays.



Sunshine Greetings

If you know someone who could use a sunshine greeting, please call Susan Schiffner at 575-494-6106.



July 4th 2023

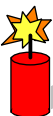
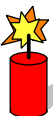


Celebrate with us at the DGMS clubhouse.
We will have an ice cream social at 6 p.m.



Club will furnish ice cream & toppings.

Bring your chairs to watch the fireworks.



Field Trips: There will not be trips this summer unless someone wants to lead one. Call Judy Murphy 575-544-7453

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

New Officers ↓



DGMS General Meeting - APRIL 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership: We had 26 people in attendance. There is a total of 179 members. *(For those who don't know, during April, any members whose dues are not paid are removed from our Roster and won't receive a bulletin.)*

Treasurer Report: All Bills have been paid.

Minutes: Approved as published in the bulletin.

Election of Officers: The election was held in March at the General Meeting. Your new Board members etc. are: President, Kaye Green; Vice President, Tom Rodrigues; Secretary, Judy Murphy; Treasurer, Maria Costa; Bulletin Editor, Carolyn Abbey; 2024 Roundup Chair, Marilyn Page; Shop, Al Krause; 1 yr Director, Jim Paddock; 2 yr Director, Kathy Townsend; 3 yr director, Diane Krause; and Claims, Jim Brown. Jerry Abbey installed the new Officers in April.

Claims: Jim Brown all the items due currently for BLM/ State. He is taking over the Claims. He and Jim Paddock went out and checked all the paperwork in all the corners of the claim and updated the tubes.

Shop: Al Krause is setting up the shop for the summer. The shop will be open on Wed. from 9-12 starting on the first Wed. in June. A motion was made to shut down the club for the months of June, July, August except the above times. Motion approved.

Silversmithing Class: Nancy Jimerson will be scheduling a couple more Monday workdays till the end of May and then will restart classes in the fall.

Bulletin: Get items to Carolyn Abby before the 10th of the month to put in the next bulletin. There will not be bulletins after May this summer till fall.

Sunshine: Kaye Green's husband, John. will be in a rehabilitation center for several months. Kaye said that cards would be greatly appreciated to cheer him up.

Editor's Note

This will be your last bulletin until September. As the club will not have General meetings in June, July or August, there will basically be no minutes to report.



May

Judith Barber, Donna Blake, Jesse Escarsida, Tom Gorse, David Finston, Aidan Flores, Reilly Quinn, John Green, Barbara Hamilton, Art Krasinski, Geneva Haworth, Cory Lauder milk, Kezia Rebeiz, Tom Okke, Frank Watts, Luis Hernandez, and Tom Zollars

June

Jerry Abbey, Judy Crawford, Kelby Galaz, Charles Hill, Jeannie Hoffman, Judith Johnson, John Woods, Diane Krause, Todd Montes, Derrall Moore, Linda Moore, Tom Murphy, Jake Spencer, Barb Voss

July

Larry Baros, Shirley Barter, Kristi Brookshire, Steve Fowers, Rhonda Hilla, Laura Koppang, Pat Mason, Cyndi Phelan, Laura Phillips, Patty Quinn, Cary Voss, Lisa Schumacher, Mary Beringer, and Carol Seebruch,

August

Elaine Angstman, Brian Beringer, Rod Flemmons, Fran Chavez, Cassandra Alfonso, Paul Blake, Felicia Franco, America Korn, Gordon Mast, Joe Morone, Pauline Ott, Betty Parsons, Rom Rodrigues, Xavier Silva, Scott Campbell, Art Gutierrez, Annalee Long, and Charlene Huffma

May 3, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by President Kaye Green.

Membership: We had 13 people in attendance. There are 179 currently paid members. *(For those who don't know, During April after the Roundup, any members whose dues are not paid are removed from our Roster and will not receive a bulletin.)*

Treasurer's Report: All Bills and taxes have been paid.

Minutes: Approved as published in the bulletin.

A Special Moment: Dennis Eaglestar, a Roundup dealer for over 25 years, passed away at the end of April. He was well known for making incredible Silver Indian jewelry.

Claims: Jim Brown and Jim Paddock went out and surveyed the claim and put new paperwork in the tubes on all corners of the claim. Jim Brown and Marilyn Page registered the paperwork again on May 1st.

Property: The grounds look very nice, and thank you to Larry Baros and Art Gutierrez who did all the hard work.

Shop: Al Krause has decided summer hours will be 9 to 12 on Wed. with 1 Monitor and 1 sawyer. It will start first Wed. in June. Marilyn and Larry Baros will be in charge of the Shop this summer.

Roundup: Marilyn said she will have 2 assistants for the 2024 Show, Shirley Barter and Judy Murphy. Rose Baros will take over the inside Dealers, assisted by Carolyn, and Shirley Barter will do the outside Dealers.

Duck Races: The dates will be August 24-27th. We will be setting up on Friday and our booth will be open Saturday and Sunday. We will need help! Please come so the same core people will not have to do it all again this year. It will be greatly appreciated.

4th July Party this year will be an Ice Cream Social at 6 p.m. so bring your chairs early and have a scoop or two of ice-cream with everyone while you watch the Fireworks display.

Silversmithing Class: Nancy Jimerson said class is going along well. She will have a class again in the fall.

Bulletin: If you would like to put anything to sell in the bulletin please have to Carolyn by the 10th of the month. There will be one in May, then it will suspend for June, July, & August and resume in September of 2023. *(Any important announcements will be sent out by email.)*

Sunshine: If you know someone who could use a little sunshine card, please let Susan Schiffer (575-494-6106) know so she may send one out.

Refreshments: Please sign up for fall meetings.

Field Trips: There will be no trips for the summer unless some one wants to lead one. I will be gone from May to June 6th a month. Talk to Judy at 575-544-7453.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Judy Murphy, DGMS Secretary



Happy Anniversaries
May

Paul & Donna Blake and Rod & Sharon Flemmons

June

Scott & Jennifer Campbell and Tony & Pat Schroeder

July

Al & Diane Krause, Jesse & Alice Martinez, and Gary & Tracey Swinford

August

Susan & Ian Duncanson, Jim Lemermeier & Marcia Foky, Andrew & Julia Raylor, Xavier & Katie Silva, Andy & Julia Taylor, Thomas & Cathie Ver Hage, Jeff & Elaine Angstman, and Galen & Jan Hayes



SHOP STUFF

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The source of these tips and hints are other club bulletins. Be careful when trying out any new idea. They have not all been tried by this editor.*

STABILIZING STONES

Stabilization is a way of treating a soft or fractured stone so it can be worked.

Cut your stone to the finished dimensions before using stabilizing solution. It will penetrate the stone better.

Method 1: Soak the stone in Sodium silicate (better known as Waterglass). Mix waterglass 50/50 with water and place in a glass jar or bowl. Soak your stones about 7-10 days depending on size. Remove the stones from the solution and let dry for a week. Now it's ready to work.

Method 2: Take a baking pan, put in a layer of sand, set stones on the sand, cover with another layer of sand and bake for 1 hour. (this article didn't list the oven temperature)

Method 3: This one is a favorite for filling cracks in opals. Opticon. This is an epoxy. Heat is used to help the resin penetrate, and the hardener is not applied until the soak is finished. Just follow the results on the can and you should get the results you want.

Source: Gems of the Rogue

MAKE YOUR OWN CARVING ROCK

Want to try your hand at carving? Make your own "rock"! It's easy even for the kids, and what's more, it will look exactly like you'd collected it, it will be almost white and have a granite-like texture.

INGREDIENTS: 1 part water, 1 part plaster of Paris, and 12 parts vermiculite (found at a building supply store). Mix in a plastic bucket. **CAUTION:** DON'T pour any of the mixture down the sink. Pour mixture into a clean milk carton and let set for four to five days. To harden quicker, reverse the process by using more plaster of Paris. Clean bucket with paper towels.

Carving can be done with simple kitchen tools. Use your imagination and have fun! After drying for about a week, your sculpture can be painted or left in its natural state.



Good things come in wine glasses!

I finally found advice that I like!!!

To my friends who enjoy a glass of wine... And those who don't and are always seen with a bottle of water in their hand.

As Ben Franklin said:

In wine there is wisdom,

In beer there is freedom,

In water there is bacteria.

In a number of carefully controlled trials, Scientists have demonstrated that if we drink 1 litre of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 (one) kilo of Escherichia coli. (E. Coli) - bacteria found in feces.

In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop per year.

However, we do NOT run that risk when drinking wine because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and/or fermenting.

Remember:

Water = Poop,

Wine = Health.



Therefore, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid, than to drink water and be full of poop.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service!



Our wireless doorbells
sitting on their chargers....



Round Mountain
Field Trip



Bea Gorse, Lindsey & Tobias Rupp, Judy Murphy, Diana Plummer, Jesse Escarisda, Kezia Rebeiz, Jim Brown, Rich & Sheryl Ray

Editor's Note: *This is the month we officially pay tribute to those men to whom we owe our freedom. I thought the following information would be of interest to all, as I am sure many of you do not know the full story of the*

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

On March 4, 1921, Congress approved a resolution providing for the burial of an unidentified American soldier, following the custom adopted by other allied countries after World War I. The site was to be the plaza of Arlington National Cemetery's Memorial Amphitheater, which had been dedicated the previous year.



On Memorial Day, 1921, an unknown was exhumed from each of four cemeteries in France. The remains were placed in identical caskets and assembled at Chalon sur Marne.

On October 24, Army Sergeant Edward F. Younger, wounded in combat and highly decorated for valor, selected the unknown soldier for World War I by placing a spray of white roses on one of the caskets. Those remaining were interred in the Meuse Argonne Cemetery, France. The Unknown Soldier then returned home to the U.S. to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda until Armistice Day. On November 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies at the Amphitheater.

The monument which rests on top of the Unknown grave is a sarcophagus simple but impressive in its dimensions. Its austere, flat-faced form is relieved at the corners and along the sides by neo-classic pilasters, or columns, set unto the surface.

Sculpted into the panel which faces Washington are the three figures of Valor, Victory, and Peace. On the plaza face the words "Here Rests in Honored Glory An American Soldier Known But To God".

On August 3, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill to select and pay tribute to the Unknown Soldiers of World War II and Korea on Memorial Day 1958. The World War II Unknown was selected from 19 remains exhumed from military cemeteries in Hawaii, Europe, and the Philippines.

Two Unknowns from World War II, one from the European Theatre and one from the Pacific Theatre, were placed in identical caskets and taken aboard the U.S.S. Canberra, a guided missile cruiser resting off the Virginia capes. Hospital Man First Class William R. Charette, then the Navy's only active duty Medal of Honor recipient, selected the Unknown Soldier of World War II. The remaining casket received a burial at sea.

Four unknown Americans who had lost their lives in Korea were disinterred from the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Master sergeant Ned Lyle, U.S. Army made the final selection. Both the caskets arrived in Washington on May 28, 1958 where they lay in the Capital Rotunda until May 30.

That morning they were carried on caissons to Arlington National Cemetery. President Eisenhower awarded each the Medal of Honor and the Unknowns were interred in the Plaza beside their comrade of World War I.

Twenty six years later, on Memorial Day, May 28, 1984, after a search made difficult because of advances in technologies used to identify the remains of unknown soldiers, President Ronald

Reagan presided over the interment ceremony for the Vietnam Unknown service member. Like his predecessors, he was laid to rest in the plaza of the Tomb during a ceremony that received national coverage.

The Sentinels of the Tomb



Originally a civilian watchman was responsible for the security of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then, March 24, 1926, a military guard from the Washington Provisional Brigade (forerunner of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington) was established during the day-light hours. In 1948 the 3d U.S. Infantry "The Old Guard" assumed the post following the units reactivation in the nation's capital.

Members of the 3d Infantry's Honor Guard continue to serve in this distinguished duty today.

A soldier seeking the honor of serving as a sentinel at the Tomb must possess exemplary qualities, to include American citizenship, a spotless record, and impeccable military bearing.

While on duty the sentinel crosses a 63-foot rubber surfaced walkway in exactly 21 steps. He then faces the Tomb for 21 seconds, turns again, and pauses an additional 21 seconds before retracing his steps. The 21 is symbolic of the highest salute accorded to dignitaries in military and state ceremonies.

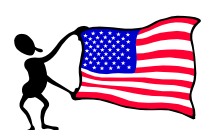
As a gesture against intrusion on their post, the sentinel always bears his weapon away from the Tomb.

Only under exceptional circumstances may the guard speak or alter his silent, measured tour of duty. He will issue a warning if anyone attempts to enter the restricted area around the Tomb, but first will halt and bring his rifle to port arms.

The Guard wears the Army Dress Blue Uniform, reminiscent of the color and style worn by soldiers during the late 1800's. Tomb Guards are privileged to wear the Tomb Identification Badge on the right breast pocket. The design is an inverted open laurel wreath surrounding a representation of the front elevation of the Tomb. The words "Honor Guard" are engraved at the base of the badge. A guard leaving after at least nine months of service is entitled to wear the badge as a permanent part of the uniform.



July 4th Ice Cream Social at 6 p.m. for family and friends. Watch Fireworks after.





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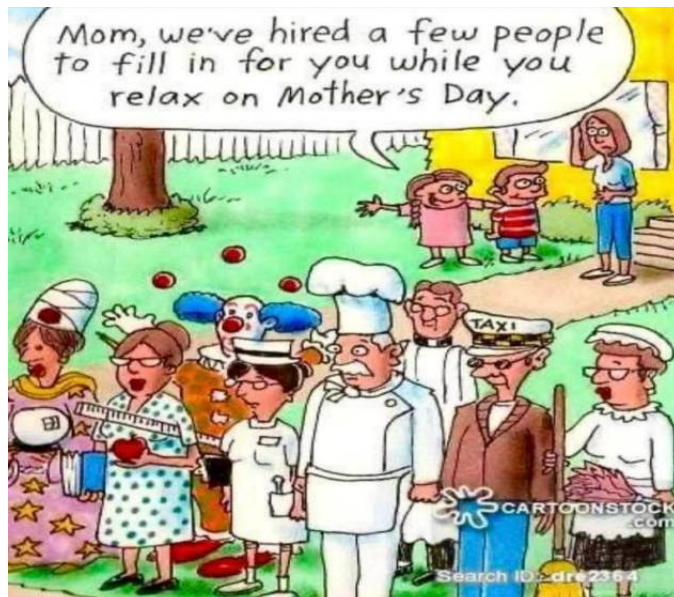
Membership Dues: \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 per family

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Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

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.

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

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP
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1:00 p.m.



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ROUNDUP**

March 7—10, 2024

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY

Sunday, May 14th MOTHERS DAY
Wednesday, May 24th General Meeting 1 p.m.
Monday, May 29th..... MEMORIAL DAY
Each Monday @ clubhouse..... Help with prizes for Duck Races 9 a.m.

JUNE

Wednesday, June 7th Board Meeting 1 p.m.

JULY

Tuesday, July 4th Ice Cream Social & Fire Works 6 p.m.
NO JULY BOARD MEETING

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 2nd Board Meeting 1 p.m.
August 24—27th DUCK RACES

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*The Long **HOT** Summer....*

It's Coming!!!

