

Summer is around the corner

**Deming Gem & Mineral Society**  
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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **MAY**

Wednesday the 1st.....Board Meeting.....1 pm  
Saturday the 4th.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon  
Saturday the 11th.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon  
Saturday the 18th.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon  
Wednesday the 22nd.....General Meeting.....1 pm  
(Anyone interested in helping at the Roundup, please stay after the meeting)  
Saturday the 25th.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon

### **JUNE**

Saturday the 1st.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon  
Saturday the 8th.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon  
Saturday the 15th.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon  
Saturday the 22nd.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon  
Saturday the 29th.....Shop is Closed

All meetings are held at the Clubhouse (4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.) unless otherwise noted.  
Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.



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

is hosting

**Crafts for young and old**

on Saturdays from 12-2 pm at

4200 Raymond Reed Blvd in Deming



**Free for Members and Non-Members of all ages.**

Rock Painting, Beaded Bracelets, Silversmithing, Looming,  
And many more activity's.

\*SilverSmithing classes are limited spaces so sign up is  
advised (No kids during Silversmithing classes)



**Volunteers are always welcomed**

**Dates are as Follows**

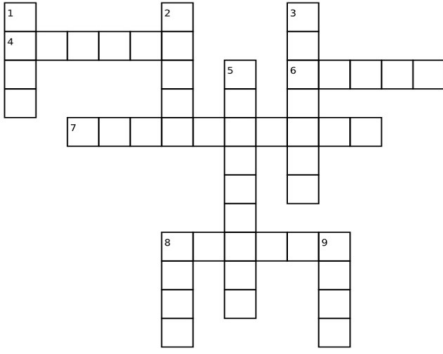
May 4, 11, 18, & 25    June 1, 8 15 & 22

July 13, 20 & 27    August 3, 10, & 17



For more information; call Rose at (719) 242-6460  
Or Beka at (406) 486-8116

# Gems and minerals



**Down:**

1. hydrated amorphous form of silica
2. can be found in the shell of a mollusk
3. A girls best friend
5. violet variety of quartz
8. umbrella term for two different types of ornamental rocks
9. a pinkish red to blood red colored gemstone

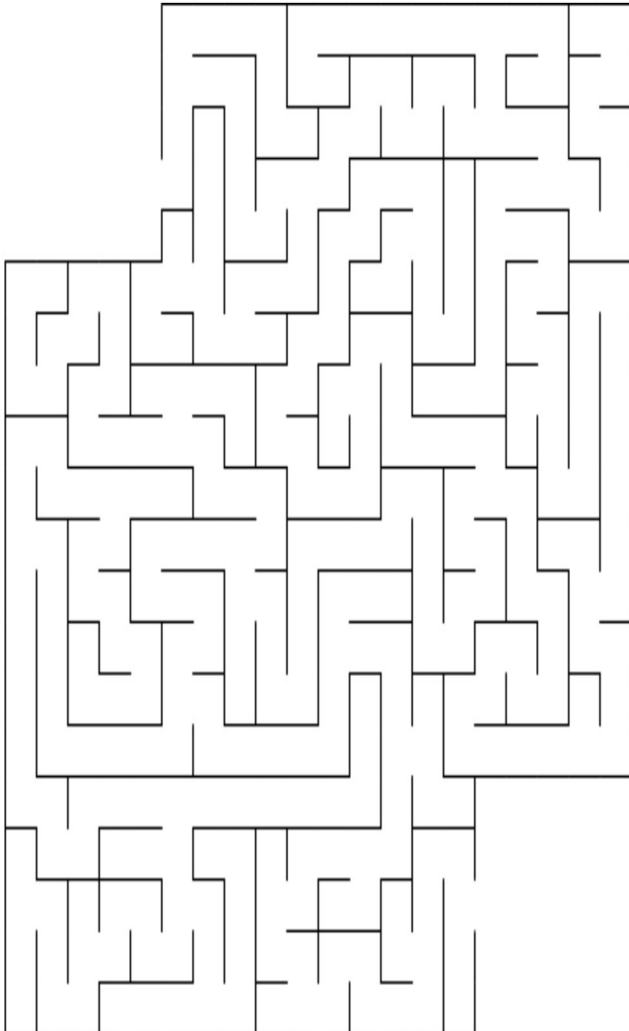
**Across:**

4. fools gold
6. banded variety of chalcedony
7. cryptocrystalline form of silica
8. mostly a red color

# word search

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| Conglomerate | Aquamarine | Moonstone | Gold |
| Sapphire     | Calcite    | Garnet    |      |
| Jasper       | Quartz     | Copper    |      |
| Barite       | Fossil     | Fluorite  |      |
| Emerald      | Geode      |           |      |



Down, 1) Opal, 2) pearl, 3) Diamond, 5) Amethysts  
 8) Jade, 9) Ruby  
 Across, 4) Pyrite, 6) Agate, 7) Chalcedony, 8) Jasper

# Meet the new board members

## **Rose Townsend-Baros President**

Larry and I are snowbirds with a home base in Pueblo CO. I am a mother to three beautiful and talented daughters with six awesome grandchildren. We look forward to the summer when we host all the grandchildren for a month. I have a masters degree in applied Natural Science with an Emphasis in Molecule Genetics and I enjoy teaching science lab classes at CSU-Ft Collins.

## **David Bleicher Vice President**

Greetings Rockhounds! I'll be your Vice President this year. I was interested in the position because the V.P. Also serves as the program chairperson. I will make sure we talk about rocks at each meeting, so that we can all learn from each others experience, and get to know one another better.

## **Carol Abbey Secretary**

I was born in California, transplanted to Oregon for 20+ years until my husband, Jerry, and I moved to Deming in 2000. We were introduced to the DGMS soon after our arrival, and have been active members ever since. I have held the position of Secretary, Bulletin Editor (off and on over 20 years), and as a Roundup Chair for two years, as well as Inside Dealer Chair about 15 years. I am looking forward to this year working with a great new team.

## **Maria Costa Treasurer**

I have enjoyed the club in the past because I have a lot of rocks I like to work on and see that final result. I like being the treasurer because I like to crunch numbers and keep things organized and balanced.

## **Marilyn Page Roundup Chair**

I joined the club in 2003 and worked where needed, 2025, will be my 10<sup>th</sup> year with the roundup. I'm a transplant from NH and have never looked back. I have been president twice, secretary and treasurer. I love working with everyone so I am contented.

## **Larry Baros Shop Chair**

Thank you for allowing me to be in this position. My goal is to help people in the shop so they have an awesome experience. I am always willing to help anyone who asks. Hope you all have a great summer.

## **Beka Sternhagen Bulletin Editor**

I moved here from Montana last year and started going out sightseeing and realized how many different types of rocks where all around me. I saw a flier for the Craft Fair and went and chatted with some of the club members and joined the club on the spot. Now I am hooked and enjoy every member I have had the pleasure of meeting.

## **Andy Taylor Claims**

I was born in Brazil on a Navel Base in 1956. My wife Julie and I met in San Diego and have been married for 45 years, We lived on a farm in Mississippi for most of that time until we retired and moved to Las Cruces 3 years ago and started our new rockhounding hobby.

## **Kathy Townsend First Chair**

I am originally from Minnesota. I have lived in Deming for 23 years. I started rock hunting on my own for the first time when I moved here. One day about three years ago, I met a rock club member who told me about the club so I joined and the rest is history.

## **Jim Paddock Second Chair**

Being shop monitor, I enjoy showing others how to shape and polish rocks they have found. I am one of the clubs Directors, and I try and help the other board members to keep the club going in the right direction.

## **Darlene Bleicher Third Chair**

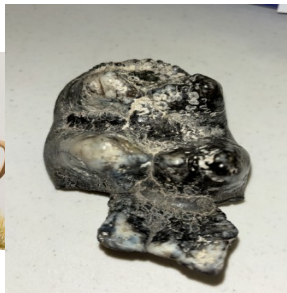
I am proud to be serving as your 3 year Board of Director for DGMS. When my hubby and I came to New Mexico about 3 years ago, we discovered there was a lot more to rocks than just lining our driveway. They have so many different colors and you never know what's inside of that rock until you slice it open! I'm looking forward to discovering and learning more about rocks together.

# Weekly crafts for young and old Photos of the Month

If you have photos you want to share, Please send them to [theDGMS@gmail.com](mailto:theDGMS@gmail.com) c/o Beka



Meet the New Board Members. From left to right; Jim Paddock, Larry Baros, Darlene Bleicher, Andy Taylor, Kathy Townsend, Beka Sternhagen, Rose Baros, David Bleicher, Marilyn Page and Maria Costa. Missing is Carolyn Abbey.



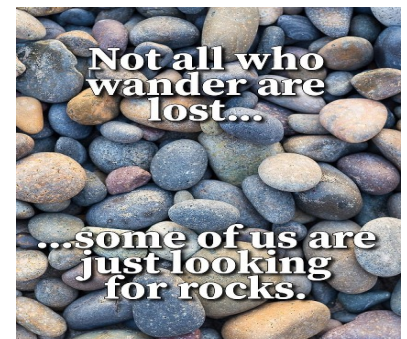
Rose Borg (image 1) gave a presentation about her dig she did in the 90'S and brought a Mammoth tooth (image 2) and a Mastodon tooth (image 3) and explained to us the difference between the two

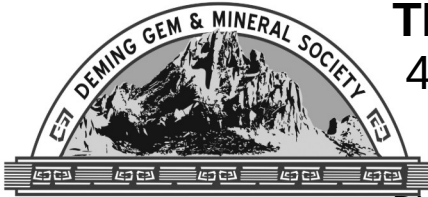


Saturday Crafts for young and old  
had a great start



Don't forget to send in  
pictures of digs or rocks to  
display in the Chips





# THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

4200 Raymond Reed Blvd. Deming, NM 88030  
**FOUNDED JANUARY 1965**

DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR  
Memberships dues: \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 per Family

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# HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

MAY 12th

All meetings are held at the Deming Gem & Mineral Clubhouse

4200 Raymond Reed Blvd, Deming, N.M.- Clubhouse phone (575)-546-2554

*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

“Rock Chips” is the official bulletin of the society

Email: [theDGMS@gmail.com](mailto:theDGMS@gmail.com)

Official Website [www.thedgmsclub.com](http://www.thedgmsclub.com)

THE DEMING GEM & 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.

**DGMS General Meeting – April 24, 2024**

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

28 Members attended, two new members, Asher from Albuquerque and Arlene from Colorado Springs.

**Vice President:** President Green appointed Dave Bleicher Vice President. Dave introduced speaker Rose Fowers. Her presentation was on a Mastodon Paleontology dig she participated in.

**Secretary: Rose T.** - The minutes were accepted as printed in the Chips Bulletin.

**Treasures Report: Maria C.** - said CD due May 4<sup>th</sup> – Rose F. motion to roll over CD for 6 months, Kelly T. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Passed.

**Round-up: Marilyn Page** - is looking for a co-chair.

**Bulletin:** Any information you would like to see in the bulletin, please notify Beka S.

**Claims: Andy T.** - Andy and Julie looking for claims in the Kingston Mine tailings and will lead a field trip to this area January 2, 2025 Geology Festival in Kingston.

**Shop: Larry B.**- 2 engines down – summer shop hours Wed. 9-1 and Saturday 10-4. Larry purchased a canopy replacement from Walmart.

**Field Trips:** Looking for a Field Trip Chair – Field trip to Klondike Hills will be led by Russell S. and will meet at the club house at 8 a.m. and leave at 8:30 a.m.

**Library: Dave B.** – Said it is open and ready for members to check items out.

**Membership: Kaye G.** – Reported 217 members paid to date.

**Property: Larry** – announced that due to illness Art Guitierrez will no longer be shop assistant to Larry.

**Sunshine: Pauline** – Asked that when notifying her of members in need of a get-well or sympathy card, please verify what address the club member is residing at currently.

**Old Business:** Voting for President: Total votes were Kaye Green 13 votes and Rose Townsend 36 votes.

Officers were inducted into office; President: Rose Townsend-Baros, Vice President: Dave Bleicher, Secretary: Carolyn Abbey, Treasurer: Maria Costa, Roundup Chair: Marilyn Page, Shop Chair: Larry Baros, Bulletin Editor: Beka Sternhagen, Claims: Andy Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> year Director: Kathy Townsend, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Director: Jim Paddock, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Director: Darlene Bleicher.

**New Business:** Rose T. set up summer crafts sessions on Saturdays from 12-2 with different members leading the craft sessions. Maria would like to set up a new By-Laws Committee. Rose Fowers volunteered to be one committee member, tabled until September Meeting.

**Member Drawing:** Darlene B. – Name tag Drawing JA Richard – 50:50 Susan Postlewait.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 3:08 p.m.

Notes taken and Submitted by Rose Townsend-Baros, DGMS Secretary

**DGMS Board Meeting – May 1, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by President Rose Townsend-Baros, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 8 board members present.

There was a discussion of agendas. Meeting format to be called Order of Business (per Roberts Rules of Order). The President would like the Meetings to run only one hour. The Treasurer's report will have the highlights and full report to be posted on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to review it.

**Shop:** Summer hours are Wed. 9-1 and Sat. 10-4. we will have Liability waivers sheets out now for people to sign before using the shop or attending any classes. They will only need to signed one time to cover you indefinitely.

**Fall Shop Hours:** Tentatively Wednesday & Friday 9 -12 and Saturday 10-4 p.m.

**Bulletin:** It is planned that the Rock Chips Bulletin will be published all summer.

The next General meeting will be May 22<sup>nd</sup> run by Dave Bleicher. After the meeting we will need some people to help in the mailing of our Roundup Brochures for 2025. Our General meeting held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month beginning Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, will now be proceed by a Club sponsored Social Lunch hour. There will be a donation jar if you wish to contribute to the cost of the lunch.

**Committees:** Presidents committee choices to be approved at general meeting are; Dave B. to continue the Library, Jim Paddock will plan Field Trips, Larry B. Property, Pauline will maintain Sunshine, and Beka will maintain the roster.

There was a discussion on schedules and changes.

**Next Board Meeting** on August 14<sup>th</sup> presided by Marilyn Page.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> will start the Duck Races. Some of the positions taken by volunteers were Membership, Spinning Wheel, and children's Rock area.

**New Business:** Names need to be changed on DGMS's bank accounts due to change of Officers by recent election. Some need to be removed and new ones added.

Program for Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> will be set up by Dave Bleicher. Our skylights will be looked into as to how to cover them during slide/video presentations.

Sue Postlethwait will do a wire wrapping demonstration at our November meeting. She will then hold some classes with dates to be determined as of yet.

Other program ideas are being checked into.

**Claims;** Any emails are now to be forwarded to Andy and Junkie. Any regarding Field Trips to Mailyn or Rose.

It was voted to reimburse Rich Little \$300 for all he has given to the club.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by; Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary



## Words from the President

Thank you to all the members that supported the club and voted in the election, and a special thank you to those who voted for me as your new president. I will do my very best to

represent this club with honor and respect as well as continue to do my part on speaking up to keep Rockhounding a tradition in the Deming area and look forward to helping Marilyn in making the 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Rockhound Roundup Special.

A huge thank you to the past president Kaye Green for leading the club for the past two years and her Husband John for supporting her in presidency.

It will be a busy year and I am excited as the DGMS president and for the club's yearly activities; the 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ, the booth at the Duck Races in August, Hosting the Craft Fair in November, the Holiday Get-together in December and of course the Rockhound Roundup in March.

This summer, we will be trying something new by hosting a summer craft club that will be open to members and non-members and hosted by different club members. This will give the community a place to make some rock and other crafts the summer. The lapidary shop is open on Wednesdays (9-1) and Saturdays (10-4) with the craft session on Saturdays (12-2).

Starting in September I would like to hold the general meetings on the first Saturday of the Month, to give our working members a chance to attend, and to start having scheduled monthly field trips.

Please take a look at the DGMS website page as it is up-to-date and has an awesome look and full information thanks to club member Ron K. The calendar will have a monthly schedule of events. This will allow our members to plan ahead for club activities & events. [www.thedgmsclub.com](http://www.thedgmsclub.com)

Rose Townsend-Baros

## Letter From the V.P.

Greetings Rockhounds!

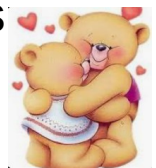
This is my first report as the newly elected vice president. Thank you for your support. One of the primary functions of the VP, and the reason why I was interested in this position, is the role of program chair. The programs have started with a big bang, so please join me in giving a special thanks to D.G.M.S member Rose Fowers for her April meeting presentation of her participation in the excavation of a Mastodon found southeast of Prescott, AZ in the mid 1990's. Thank you Rose!

The club had been without a program chair for some time now, and it shows in our meetings. My intent is to make sure we devote adequate time to every meeting for our group to discuss rockhounding. We will have programs such as: presentations, show-and-tell, ask the expert, rock identification, product reviews, whats new, and whatever else we can think of to share our passion for all things rockhounding. With that in mind, our next general meeting will be May 22 at 1pm. Please join us an hour before the meeting for a social hour from noon til 1pm and then during the meeting, we will go around the room and see what's on your mind. Please bring an item, a question, or a topic, and we'll all learn from each other. If you are interested in giving a presentation at some future meeting, or know someone who is, I can be reached at [davendar2@gmail.com](mailto:davendar2@gmail.com)

Thanks and Happy Rockhounding,  
Dave Bleicher

## Sunshine Greetings

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



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### Happy May Birthday's

Donna Blake, Carrissa Crain, Seth Dreier, Terry Dreier, Haven Dreier, David Finston, Tom Gorse, John Green, Barbara Hamilton, Geneva Haworth, & Michael Pupiales



### Happy May Anniversary's

Paul & Donna Blake  
Wayne & Gail Nickless  
Les & Susan Postlethwait  
And Steve & Pat Turner