



The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

# ROCK CHIPS



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## Words from the President

With summer being here and people are either on Vacation or too hot being outside, Nothing really needs to be reported. Hopefully everyone is staying cool and Safe as well as enjoying their summer with friends and Family.

Happy Fathers day to all you Fathers and hope everyone Stays safe.

Don't forget to send in pictures with a description of any hounding you did during the summer months to be displayed in the chips.

We would like to have a Questions and Answers section in the chips so please feel free to submit your questions and hopefully someone can answer them in the chips to follow.

With little to no attendance for the Saturdays Crafts, we are most likely not having them after June, we hope to have them during school months when the water parks are closed and other Saturday activities are no longer being held at the same time.

Again, Hope everyone has a great summer and stay Cool out there.

Rose Townsend-Baros

## Letter From the V.P.

Greetings Rockhounds!

Thanks everyone for coming out to our May meeting. It was a new challenge for me to run the meeting, but thanks to the help and patience from the members and officers, all went well.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the show-and-tell, the feedback was positive, and many were looking forward to our next session. It shows that the real strength of our club lies with the members. Everyone was involved, everyone had a say, everyone's opinion mattered, and we all learned from each other. Thanks go out to everyone involved!!

With that in mind, at the September meeting, we will once again have a show-and-tell type discussion. Our theme will be "Summer Vacation". From Deming to Denmark, from Cruses to the Caribbean, most of us have some sort of travel plans for the summer.

Wherever you find yourself, your assignment is to bring back a rock related memento of your journey. A local rock, a flier from a rock club or show, a bit of trivia about local geology, a thrift store gem, whatever you find interesting, we want to hear about it.

Have a safe summer, have some fun, and see you all in September.

Dave Bleicher

## Sunshine Greetings

If you know of someone who Could use a little sunshine Greeting, Please TEXT Pauline Ott at 979-618-3432



**Summer Shop Hours**  
Wednesdays 9am til 1pm  
Saturdays 10am-4pm  
Crafts for young and old  
Saturdays Noon-2pm



### Happy June Birthday's

Charlie Atkins, Greg Clark, Evalynn Crain (Johnson), Seth Dreier, Sharee Johnson, Daniel Lampos, Robyn Massciantonio, Gail Nickless, Justin Nicoll, Debbie Rathburg, and Eric Rathburg, and Jerry Abbey.

### 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: the DGMS@gmail.com



### Happy June Anniversary's

Sandy & Frank Barber, Nancy & Jeff Breen, Kendall & Greg Clark, Julia & Sherrie Guthrie (Hoth), Sandy & Mike Kenney, and Kathy & Elton Sutherland

## 5/22/2024 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dave Bleicher at 1:03 p.m. who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Three new members present and introduced were Connie Grove and Wayne and Gail Nickless.

**Secretary:** Minutes were approved and published in the Chips.

**Treasurer's Report:** The books are balanced and bills have been paid.

There is a sign in sheet at the door to be signed when you are to use the clubhouse and one in shop. If coming to a meeting, you only need to sign in at the membership desk. There is also a Summer Saturday's Craft schedule at the table.

There will be NO general meetings in June, July and August. We will however, celebrate July 4th with a BBQ at the clubhouse, and will announce where the fireworks will be held this year, at Pitt Park or behind the DGMS property.

Kaye reported that we will have a booth at the August 23—25th Duck Races. We will need volunteers to work our booth and help set up on that Friday.

We will have a Board meeting on August 14th led by Marilyn Page. VP Dave will be leaving for vacation and return in September. The General meeting will be held on Saturday, September 7th. Hoping to allow those who cannot come to meetings during the week day will be able to attend on a Saturday.

We are planning a Field Trip on August 31st. Destination to be announced.

**Roundup:** Marilyn said they are readying flyers to be mailed in June and taking to local campgrounds, etc. First Roundup meeting will be held on October 5th.

**Shop:** Dave said the summer hour schedule is posted outside and inside at the entrance table. They are trying some new hours. It will be open in the summer as the hours are posted.

Jim P. said that the 24" saws are working and the 20" & 30" ones are waiting for motors to arrive.

**Bulletin:** Beka asked that if you don't see your birthday month in the bulletin, send it to her and she'll have it for the next time.

**Committees:** The President's choice of committees was introduced and approved. They are: Field Trips, Jim Paddock; Sunshine, Pauline Ott; Library, Dave Bleicher; Property, Art Guiterrez; Craft Show, Marilyn Page & Beka Sternhagen Co-chair, and Membership is still in need of someone.

**Old Business:** Saturday Craft days so far went pretty good. The first two days we made jewelry and painted rocks. The rocks are displayed outside the front door as a snake. Would like to have more added to its length.

**New Business:** Russell said that the saw room is very hot and suggests we add a roof to extend past the saw area. Would like a permanent one, but in the interest of time Jim, Marilyn and Russell will work on a temporary canopy to get through this summer. Meanwhile a permanent solution will be researched by Rose Fowers.

Jim Paddock has some people to contact regarding sizes and prices to possibly purchase a cargo container instead of a wooden shed for storage.

Dave would like to have show and tell times at meetings to discuss rocks that club members bring. He brought several items and we tried to figure out what they all were.

**So, at the Sept. 7th General meeting bring a rock or rocks that you have found during your summer vacation, and tell us about them.**

Today, new member Wayne Nickless showed us a rock containing Azurite, Chrysocolla, Turquoise, etc, that he got which was part of a larger one from Arizona, which was holding up trailer skirting at Lake Roberts.

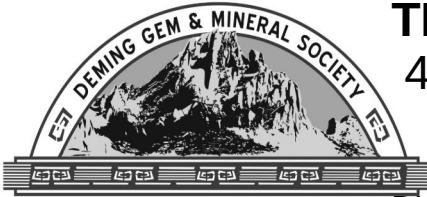
Marilyn shared a piece of unusual Rhyolite she found on a trip with Russell.

Laura shared a couple of very interesting rocks with copper ore, etc that she found in the contents of a shed she acquired. The contents had been in there for forty years, she will be very busy sifting and sorting her finds.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary



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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 FATHERS DAY**

June 16, 2024



**All meetings are held at the Deming Gem & Mineral Clubhouse**

4200 Raymond Reed Blvd, Deming, N.M.-  
*Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings*

**BOARD MEETINGS 1pm**  
 Second Wednesday  
 Of the Month  
 Next Meeting  
 August 14, 2024



2025 60<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**ROCKHOUND  
 ROUNDUP**  
 March 6-9 2025



DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

**General Meetings 1pm**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
 Of the Month  
 Next Meeting  
 September 7, 2024  
 Social Hour @ Noon



**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**

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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.

# Weekly crafts for young and old and 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



The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc was nominated for Best Local Events at the Chamber of Commerce's annual "Best of the Kingdom of the Sun" 2024 but the Duck Races won The Board Members attended



**Why we paint and hide rocks**

*Painting rocks is relaxing, it's therapy, it's good for the soul. Painting rocks allows us to be creative without any pressure. We use our imagination and creativity. Hiding rocks is fun too! It gives us a reason to get out of the house away from electronics, get some fresh air, and exercise too. We explore new parks and trails and bond with others in our community.*

*But most importantly we hide our rocks as a random act of kindness to bring smiles to others. It's about sharing a little message of encouragement to someone who may need it. You never know what a small painted rock can do to someone's day, outlook, or even their life. So keep on sharing those Smiles one rock at a time!*



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Feel free to add to the rock snake that you can find along the side of the clubhouse sidewalk. The goal is to make it as long as the building is.



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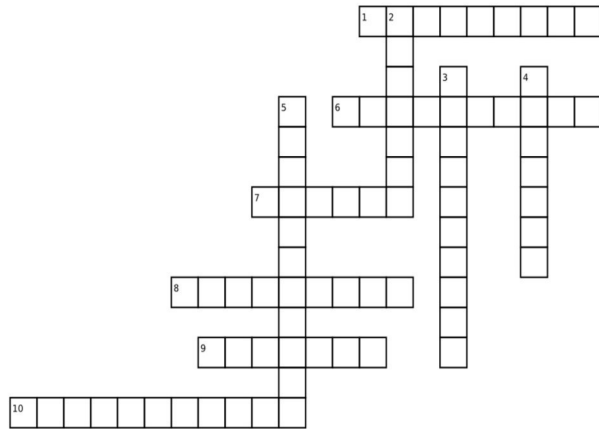
Fossils like Ammonite, and possible Plant Stems material, also Rhyolite, Azurite, Turquoise, Euclides, Imperial Jasper, Aquamarine, and other very interesting items for the show-and-tell



Petrified wood A member finds on their property in Arizona

Don;t forget to send in pictures of digs or rocks to display in the Chips

## Crossword Puzzle #2



Down:

2. A group of phosphate minerals usually hydroxyapatite fluorapatite and chlorapatite
3. An aluminium nesosilicate mineral
4. Yellow to red-orange color and is a member of the crystalline quartz family
5. Rare gemstone that is usually pale yellow but at times mint blue/green

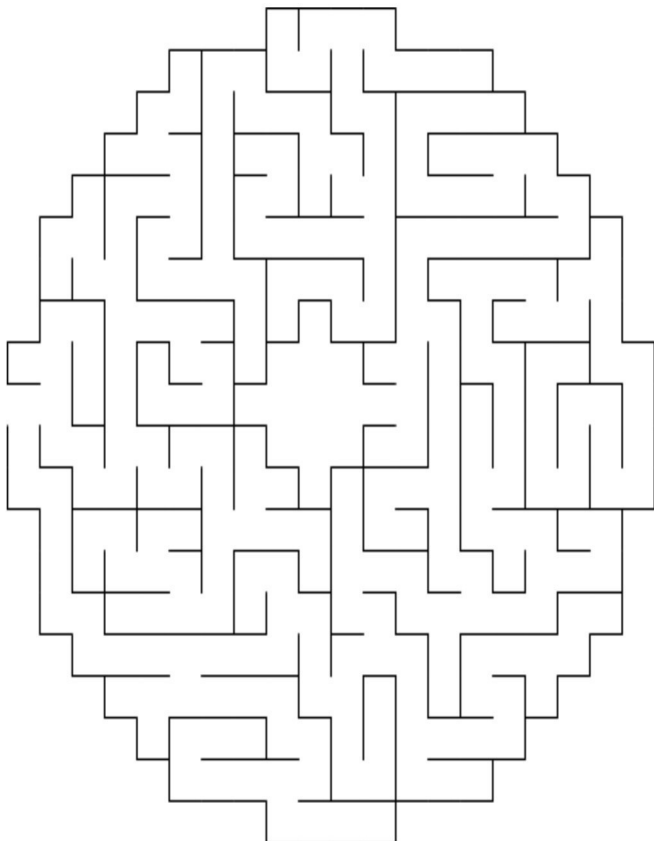
Across:

1. A copper carbonate hydroxide mineral
6. An amphibole silicate sometimes mistakenly called "cat's eye jade"
7. A type of feldspar with a white to grey color which is often cut into cabochon gemstones
8. Known as Amazonstone and is green textosilicate mineral
9. Sometimes called chrysolite and is a yellow/green transparent variety of olivine
10. Calcium-enriched feldspar first identified in Labrador Canada

## Word Search #2

A E B U F F E R C R  
 P N S W I R E Z A O  
 G E I K M S J R B U  
 E C L G B A C O O G  
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| Cabochon | Gemstone  | Necklace | Wire |
| Bracelet | Grinder   | Buffer   | Saw  |
| Pliers   | Rough cut | Silver   |      |
| Rocks    |           |          |      |



- Down: 2) Apatite, 3) Andalusite, 4) Citrine, 5) Amblygonite  
 Across: 1) Malachite, 6) Actinolite, 7) Allure, 8) Amazonite, 9) Peridot, 10) Labradorite

Summer is here! Stay Cool

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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **JUNE**

Saturday the 1st.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon-2  
Saturday the 8th.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon-2  
Saturday the 15th.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon-2  
Saturday the 22nd.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon-2  
Saturday the 29th.....Shop is Closed

No Meetings for June

### **JULY**

Thursday the 4th.....BBQ at 6pm  
Saturday the 13th.....Crafts for Young & Old ..Noon-2  
Saturday the 20th.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon-2  
Saturday the 27th.....Crafts for Young & Old..Noon-2  
Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday the 6th.....Shop is closed

No Meetings for July

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Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.