



Words from the President

Hello Club Members;

This Month, I have a lot to say so needed a whole page.

Next months CHIPS will have a lot of photos that we couldn't fit into this months issue. We have been busy this month and hope to see everyone at the DGMS events in October.

Happy Fall everyone.

Rose Townsend-Baros

P.S. Thank you Marsha for helping at the Duck Races.



Rockhounds, Ranchers, and Off-Road Enthusiasts
Against the proposed Luna County Monuments.

Greetings!

I hope everyone is having a great summer. While many activities were on hold for the hot weather, now it's time to get back to business. I guess summer isn't technically over yet, but autumn is just around the corner. There are specific times when the astronomical seasons officially turn over. For fall, it's the autumnal equinox. For spring, it's the vernal equinox.

The autumnal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere falls on Sunday, Sept. 22 this year. If you want to be extra specific and put it on your calendar, (as if..) then mark it for 6:44 a.m. MT. Dates can shift slightly for equinoxes depending on the year, but it's always around this time in September.

What does all that mean for us?? Well, for me, the beginning of cooler weather means the beginning of rockhound season. I look for rocks of all sizes, but some of my favorites are the smaller ones, the ones I call tumblers! With that in mind, at our next meeting, we are going to talk about tumbling rocks. Bring your questions, and bring your answers. Show us your best tumbling work, and show us any tumbling problems you might be having. Show us your display ideas, your record keeping ideas, or bring in your favorite tumbler and tell us what you like/don't like about it. Let's have fun and share our experiences. See you then!

David Bleicher

Sunshine Greetings

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



Happy September Birthday's

John Donnamaria, Arlene Gahagen,
Connie Grove, Julia Guthrie, Glen Hayees,
Tom Hockenber, Dave Hoggatt, Sherrie
Hoth (Guthrie), Richard Jones, Joan Kenney,
Mike Kenny, Mary Lou Kotajavi, Wayne
Nickless, Susan Postethwait, Dolores Sibert,
J.R. Spurlin, Betty Tillick



Happy September Anniversary

Heather and Daniel Lampos
Carolyn and Jerry Abbey

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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

Shop Hours

In September 9am til 12pm
Monday, Thursday and Saturday
(Closed 3rd saturday during field trip days)



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Hello Club Members,

It's time to say good bye to summer and HELLO to Fall and Rockhounding. The first Rockhounding trip is now over. It was an awesome sunny day, and all the rockhounters left happy with their buckets of rocks.

There was a good turnout for our September meeting. Thank you to all the members who attended. We enjoyed a noon meal of Spaghetti and Chicken pot pie.

Before the October 12th General meeting we will have hamburgers and hot dogs. A thank you to Mary and Martha who were gracious enough to donate paper plates and disposable silverware for the next five or so noon meals.

I would like to recognize and say thank you to the Summer crew. Keeping the Shop open were Laura, Russell, Jim and Marilyn. Representing the DGMS at the Duck Races were Pauline, Brenda, Ja, Laura, Beka, Kaye, Marilyn, and Jim. The Summer crafts didn't turn out the way we hoped. No fault of Beka, Pauline or Darlene. Maybe next Summer.

October will bring shorter days, cooler weather, and Halloween. Hope to see everyone at the Saturday, October 12th General Meeting, and lunch (to be served at noon).

Upcoming dates to remember: October 3rd Board Meeting, October 5th Roundup Meeting, October 12th General Meeting and October 19th Field Trip.

The Club offers something for everyone, come 'n get involved. *Rose*

MONUMENT UPDATE:

The Outdoor Economics Conference hosted a Representative's hike at Spring Canyon State Park in Deming on Monday September 23rd, in support of the Luna County Monument. As the Conference guests entered Spring Canyon, they were greeted by Rockhounters, Ranchers and off-road enthusiasts who are against the proposed Luna County Monument. We passed out flyers, stating why Rockhounters are against the Monument, to whomever would take one.

Thank you Kathy, Dave, Darlene, Larry, and Rose for attending and representing the DGMS.

September's Field Trip

The trip was supposed to be to Round Mountain, but the road to get there was too muddy to traverse. Thanks to Frank for checking out the site before we all tried to go there.

SOOOOO. . . on Saturday the 21st, Frank led the trip of 13 people to the Flying W Road area. Russell showed us the first area where we found raisins (geode centers). Frank then took us to the limb casting site, where there were plenty of castings to gather. The third stop, on our way out, we collected Chalcedony and miscellaneous rocks.

On Sunday the 22nd, Larry led six people to the Cedar Grove Road area. First stop we found Barite Crystals, Second stop Banded Rhyolite, third stop rocks with Druzy Crystals, and the fourth stop was a pickers delight of Chalcedony.

What a great weekend for rockhounding. Both days were sunny, not too hot and not very windy. Super!

The next Field Trip will be on October 19th. Come to the October 12th General meeting as the next site will be announced.

Jim

Grant County Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Show will be held on October 19th & 20th, at the Santa Clara National Guard Armory, 11990 US Hwy 180, Santa Clara, NM.

Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Show will be held on October 4th thru 6th at the EXPO NM State Fairgrounds, 300 San Pedro & Cooper, Albuquerque, NM.

9/14/2024 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Rose Bars Townsend at 1:02 p.m. who then led the Pledge of Allegiance, and thanked everyone for coming today.

The May minutes were approved as published in the Chips Bulletin. There were 25 members present for today's meeting.

Rose then presented Kaye Green a Sphere collection with a thank you for all that she has done for the Club as President and Membership Chair.

Rose also thanked VP Dave Bleicher for hosting the meeting while she was gone. Then thanks were given to all who set up and ran the DGMS booth at the Duck Races, and Beka for hosting the Summer Craft days.

Dave spoke to us on the importance of supporting our community, and Marilyn spoke on how Peppers Market uses our can donations to support children's activities.

Treasurer: Marilyn stated that everything is up to date.

Roundup: The first planning meeting, for 2025, will be held on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Shop: Larry stated that the shop will be open Monday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9 til noon. We're still looking for a storage shed for the yard.

Bulletin: Beka asked that we send her pictures from our summer to be put in the Chips.

Claims: Andy said that the paper work is all up to date. It was mentioned that there are a couple of claims available for purchase. Discussion ensued. BLM has raised our Claim rate to \$200.

Library: Dave B. said it is open today.

Field Trips: Frank will be leading a trip on Saturday, Sept. 21st to Round Mountain, leaving the Club House at 8:15 a.m. Be sure to have a full tank of fuel, bring a lunch and plenty of water. Russel will take us, also, to another spot in that area. There is a \$5 charge for this trip to help the leaders fuel costs. The collecting area is pretty flat.

Sunday, Sept 22nd, Larry & Rose will lead a trip to the Gage area. Meet at the Deming Truck stop (west of town) at 9 a.m. Need a high clearance vehicle.

Discussion on having First Aide kits on field trips, and also suggesting people bring a whistle with them in case they get separated from the group and need help.

Property: Larry said he and Art have done LOTS of weeding on the property.

Membership: Beka Sternhagen has volunteered to take the position of Membership Chair. **THANK YOU BEKA!**

The drawings were won by Pauline, Dave H. and Andy.

Sunshine: Pauline said there have been 15 cards sent out in June thru Aug.

Craft Show: Marilyn will be distributing flyers in businesses. The Show will be Fri. Nov. 22nd to set-up, 1 – 7 p.m., Open Nov. 23rd (9 til 5) & 24th, 9 til 3. Spaces rent \$60 to \$110, tables \$8.

Flyer cost to print color is quite expensive on our color printer. Suggested that we check a local printer for a cost. It was also suggested that the flyer could be just printed in black ink on a bright (maybe hot pink) paper. Much less expensive.

Unfinished Business: Our General meetings will have a noon meal on meeting day. The club will provide most of the meal. We'd welcome you to bring an accompaniment. Also, we will have a donation jar to help defray the meal cost, which is strictly optional. It was suggested that lunch goers bring their own utensils and plates. . . Saving on dish washing.

Next month we'll have BBQ'd Hamburgers, etc.

Marilyn Page, whose home and everything in it burned to the ground, thanked the Club and all those who helped out in her time of need.

New Business: Rose Fowers notified us that Lori Coleman of Silver Stirrup, has a lot of rocks for \$1 per lb. Wants to know if we would like to have a field trip to her place.

Brenda will be in charge of the rock donations to the Mimbres Museum.

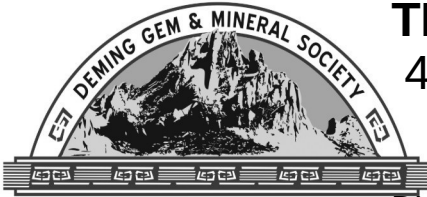
Denny Hodge spoke to us about a Soldier's Art project, in ElPaso, he and John Robbins are working on. It is mainly for Vets, but if not enough to partake then open to teens and their families. They would like to work out a trip to DGMS for teens to work in our shop. More discussion on this later.

The next Board meeting will be on Thurs., Oct. 3rd at 1 p.m..

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m. Then there was a Share and Tell session with some rocks brought my Rose, Dave B. and Carolyn, from their vacations.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary



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Welcome to Fall of 2024

September, 2024



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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.

Photos of the Month

If you have photos you want to share, Please send them to theDGMS@gmail.com c/o Beka



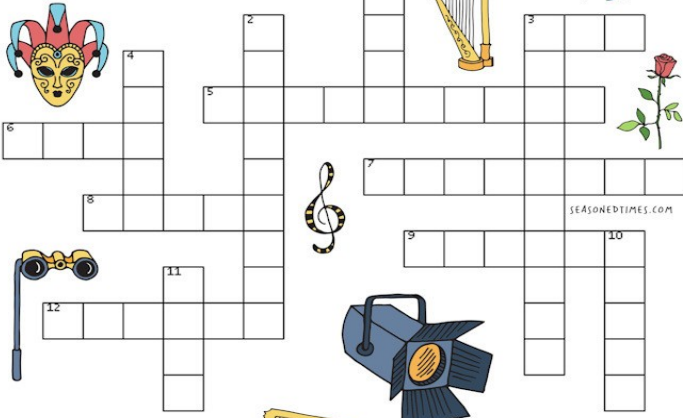
Fun at the Duck Races Booth

Show and Tell and the General Meeting on September 14



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

THEATER TALK



ACROSS

3. Division of a play
5. Actor ready to step in another's role if needed
6. Short often comical piece
7. Trial to appraise talent
8. Small role played by famous actor
9. Group of singers
12. Last scene in performance

DOWN

1. Guides audience to their seats
2. Speech delivered by one actor
3. Room used for performances
4. Actor in minor, non-speaking role
10. Uninterrupted segment within a play
11. Actors in a production



Months of the Year Word Search

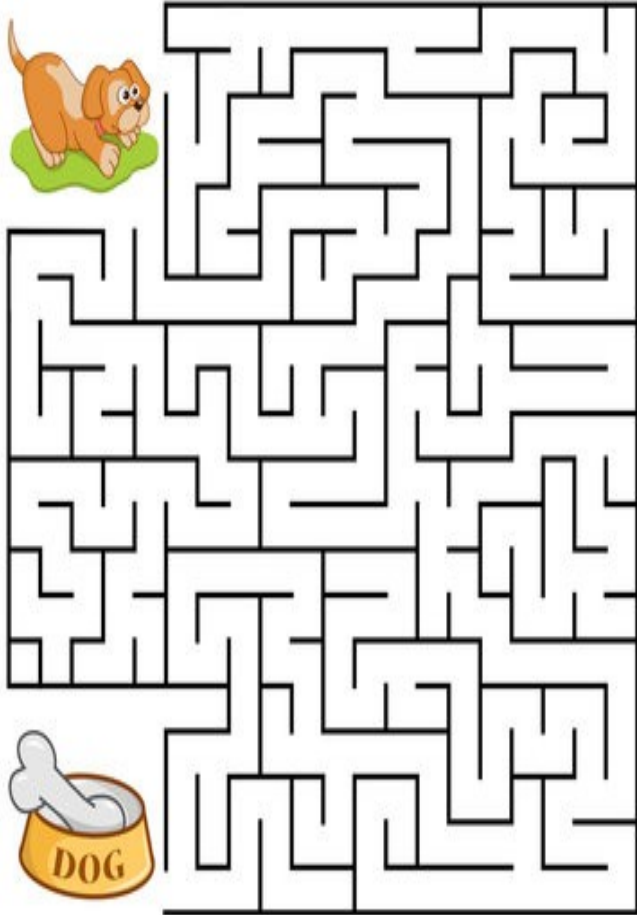
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JANUARY AUGUST
 FEBRUARY SEPTEMBER
 MARCH OCTOBER
 APRIL NOVEMBER
 MAY DECEMBER
 JUNE YEAR
 JULY CALENDAR



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Down: (1) Coupe, (2) Hatchback, (4) Hybrid, (5) Cruiser, (6) Sedan, (9) Limousine, (11) Roadster, (12) Jeep, (13) Hearse
 Across: (3) Compact, (7) Humvee, (8) Minivan, (10) Convertible, (14) Electric

Summer is here! Stay Cool

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Send the changes to DGMS membership
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Saturday the 28thShop open 9-12 noon

October

October the 3rdBoard Meeting 1PM
October the 12th.General Meeting 1PM Lunch at noon
Monday October 7, 14, 21, & 28.....Shop open 9am-12 noon
Thursday October 3, 10, 17. 24, & 31.....Shop open 9am-12 noon
Saturday October 5, 12, & 26.....Shop open 9am-12 noon
Saturday October 19th.Field Trip 8am-?

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