

President's



Message

To the Members of the Deming Gem & Mineral Society -

I regretfully have to inform you that due to my ongoing health problems, I must resign my position as President. I feel that I am unable to fulfill my obligations. This is best for the club as well as my family.

I'd like to thank everyone who worked at Roundup. It's amazing so many people volunteered. We had a wonderful show.

Jim Hoag

Dues are due and payable on Dec. 1st of each year. Membership dues are \$10.00 per person for adults and \$2.00 per person under 18 years old.

If your Dues have not been received, you will be removed from the roster.

Board Meetings 2pm – 1st Wed. each month
General Meetings 2pm – 4th Thurs. each month

Official Website –
www.dgms.bravehost.com
Email – theDGMS@gmail.com

CLASSES & CRAFT SESSIONS

April, 2009 (every Monday evening – beginning lapidary class, 5-7:00 p.m.)

- 3 – crafters meeting, plus learn flint knapping from Art Amati
- 8 – wire wrapping
- 10 – crafters meeting
- 15 – Class – twisted beaded necklace
- 17 – crafters meeting
- 22 – class – earrings galore! Come and create your own
- 24 – crafters meeting – including gourd crafting
- 29 - learn how to do Precious Metal Clay with Dave Shepard

Diamond - April's Birthstone

The hardest natural material (10 on the Mohs Scale), diamonds are prized as gemstones because of their durability. Industrial uses include abrasives, cutting and polishing. Future uses will be in microchips and other electronics.

Half of all diamonds are mined in central and south Africa. New mines have been discovered in Australia and Russia.

The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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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.



Happy Easter

Visitors are invited and welcomed to general meetings. All meetings are held at the DGMSI clubhouse, 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming NM. Clubhouse phone (575)546-2554.

The DGMSI presents the Annual Gem & Mineral exhibition at the SW New Mexico State fair on the first weekend in October. It is an official Society function.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Grace Bent, Carl Bowlby, Pat Coleman, Frank Croat, Olso Dellinger, John Ewert, Tom Fitzsimmons, Jim Hatley, Karen Horak, LaVern Jagow, Gary Lang, Joseph Monk, Kathi Nash, Ken Newman, Tim Padilla, Deanna Skrzypczak, Angela Smith, Ursula Wilson, Rod Wing & Harrison Yocum



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dean & Kay Avery, Ernie & Grace Bent, Mel & Carolyn Carpenter, Will & Evelyn Grieve, Michael & Janey Johnson, Don & Lonnie Lyle, Larry & Anne Nelson and Paul & Sue Smith

APRIL REFRESHMENTS



Will by be provided!

(Members please remember to sign up.)

SUNSHINE



GREETINGS

Grace sent out cards to bud Daily and Charles Stanley.

If you know someone who could use a little sunshine, please call Grace at 546-2906.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

There are *many* new members this month! If you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself!

FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, April 4th, Jim Hoag will lead a field trip to the Morenci Copper Mine in Arizona. There is limited space available. Cost at the mine is \$8.00 per person. This trip is well worth it. They will be leaving from the clubhouse promptly at 8am. This trip is full, we may be able to schedule one in October.

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**General Membership Meeting
March 26, 2009**

**The meeting was called to order at 2:00
p.m. by President Jim Hoag.**

**Guests and new members were:
Candace & Joe Piuma, Rhonda Kitch,
Rod & Pearl Bechtel, Steve Loefner.
Welcome!**

**Secretary's report: Elaine Angstrom will
be giving a class on making earrings, as
many as you want, for \$1. each on
4/22/09. Information on the class is on
the membership table. The classes for
April will be printed elsewhere in the
Chips, and a list is on the board by the
shop door, so check it for changes or
updates.**

**Treasurer's report: Joanne gave a
breakdown of the income made at our
Roundup. The information will be
posted on the bulletin board.**

**Committee reports:
Sunshine: Grace stated she sent a card
to Bud Daily. Also a card will be send to
Charles Stanley who is ill.**

**Historian: Elaine reported she received
lots of pictures today and thanked
everyone who donated and made sure
the dates and who were marked on
them. Keep them coming.**

**Shop: Ron reported equipment
breakdowns and lots of repairs that
have been made.**

**More care needs to be taken as the
costs keep going up. Suggestions to
help toward that goal were asked to be
put in writing to be brought up to the
board. Jim reported that 20 people
were in the beginning lapidary class last
Monday night.**

Librarian: not present.

**Webmaster/Chips: Sheila reports the
web page has been updated since
Roundup. The Chips should go out on
Monday/Tuesday next.**

**Field trips: Gary Loudon reported that
the trip to Big Diggins was a great
success and lots of great rocks were
found. The next field trip will be to
Morenci Mine on April 4. The reserved
list is now full, but you can call on your
own to set up a tour.**

**Roundup: Carolyn reports we had 138
people volunteer to help at Roundup.
She thanks everyone again for all their
support. Had a good critique meeting
3/16 and our 45th Roundup next year
will have some new things also, so plan
on helping out next year too. Arlene
Beem thanked everyone who helped
with the spinning wheel, and especially
Barbara Hamilton who made so many
of the grab bags and the new table
cloth.**

**Many thanks to Karen & Art Amati who
made the kid's educational corner such
a success.**

Meeting minutes, continued

President's report:

Jim reported that the Albuquerque Rock & Gem club donated 10 display cases to our club for use in displaying all the rocks donated to the club. We sincerely thank them for the generosity.

Sheila reported that our September meeting will have a speaker from Socorro School of Mines about the Crystal Caves, so put it on your calendar.

No old business.

Break.

50/50 won by Carol Seebruch.

Doorprizes:

One 10x loop donated by the shop won by Candace Piuma.

One 10x loop donated by the shop for the name badge drawing was won by Ernie Bent.

An onyx plate from Pakistan donated by Sky Alverson was won by Katherine O'Riordan.

The drawing for the members who volunteered for Roundup was a ring donated by the Sutttons, and was won by Brian Beringer.

There was no program today.

Motion to adjourn was made by Keith Schwarzer, seconded by Ron Erlich. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, Secretary

A GEODE FIND OF THE CENTURY

It was so nice to see you again at the show yesterday. Hope you remember me, we talked of that large geode that was cut open on Monday night a couple of weeks ago. I have attached 3 photos with this message and hope it would be of interest to the club members. My husband, Ernie Confer and I were so happy that we were able to get it cut that night while taking a class in cutting and polishing cabs. The sawyer foreman, Joe, did such a wonderful job cutting this rock! We have been spending most of the winter out west attending the Quartzsite, Tucson, and Deming shows and doing some field collecting, but being able to collect this geode and have it cut to reveal the wonderful surprise inside was the highlight of our entire trip! I am proud to say that I am now a member of the Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. I joined at the show and looking forward in returning next year during our winter retreats to the west.

Sincerely,
Madelyn Anderson and Ernest Confer



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Board of Directors Meeting March 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m. by President Jim Hoag.

Board members present: Maurice & Judy Crawford, John Ewert, Jim & Sheila Hoag, Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, Joanne Barrett, Roy Smith, Gary Loudon. Non-board members present: June Loudon, Emilie Smith, Carol Seebruch, Ron Erlich.

Secretary's report: Reminder that we need teachers for classes in May. Anyone wanting to share a craft or hobby please call Judy.

Treasurer's report: Everything is fine.

Chips/Webmistress: Chips going out May 5. Contrary to the Chips, there WILL be refreshments in March.

Roundup: Carolyn reports everything going well, except we lost our janitor. Ernie had an accident with his knee, so we will need to find someone to do janitor duty. There are new pins this year, ordered 500 more tickets to sell at Roundup. Members need to return tickets if not buying asap. Everyone come Mon. 3/9 to help set up at 8:00 a.m. Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at Roundup. Flyers for next year will be available now also.

Shop: Ron reports getting the saws ready for Roundup and doing maintenance on equipment.

Field trips: Gary Loudon reports the field trip on 2/28 was a great success. 36 members went and found lots of limb casts, chalcedony

and agates. For the field trip after the show to Big Diggins, meet at clubhouse at 9:00 a.m.

Historian: Not present.
Librarian: Not present.
Membership: Nothing to report.
Sunshine: Not present.

New Business:

Jim discussed trac phone for use by field trip leaders. Cost \$10 each. Discussed we have 2-way and cell phones.

Jim advised that we lost some of our T.V. commercials. They will be going to Albuquerque, Las Cruces and El Paso.

Jim requested the need for a camcorder, audio, video overlap, so we may record our programs at the club and make a DVD available for club members. Also, Jerry agreed it would pay for us to make our own advertisements for future. Cost would be about \$400. and motion was made by Jerry to buy the unit; Maurice seconded.

Approved.

No further business. Motion to adjourn made by Maurice, seconded by Jerry. Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Crawford, Secretary

Rockhound State Park Happenings: April, 2009

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

Greetings to all! Well March has come and gone and I must say there was plenty of fun and excitement in and out of the park. This year's "Rockhound Roundup" kept everyone busy. We were treated to a rattlesnake program from our very own manager Robert Apodaca, as well as a visit from 4th graders from Memorial Elementary School. Many thanks to our staff and Friends of Rockhound for putting on successful and educational programs for those youngsters.

After a busy month, April looks to continue that busy trend with our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Children who are age 11 and under are invited to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th, sponsored by First New Mexico Bank. Also, take pictures with the Rockhound Bunny. Festivities begin at 10:00am.

Our annual Desert Alive program will be held all day April 18th beginning at 8:00am. Join us for our plant sales, silent auctions, and numerous interpretive programs to be put on by our Friends of Rockhound.

Complete itinerary of the above events, as well as information on past and future events can be found at www.friendsofrochound.org

Coming Attraction: 3rd Annual Bluegrass Festival will be held Memorial Day weekend. Details in next newsletter.

Rockhound State Park is open year around. The Visitor Center is open from 9 to 11:59A.M. and from 1 to 4:00 P.M daily. Spring Canyon (two miles from Rockhound) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9AM to 3:30 P.M. Our telephone number is (575) 546-6182 for any questions about the parks.

A Special Thanks!

The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. would like to thanks the Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club for their generous donation to our clubhouse.

Website Statistics

Page views have dropped off drastically since Roundup, but that happens every year. The busiest time is still Wed. at 8pm, so drop by for a chat if you have a few minutes. The website has accumulated 11,420 hits since it was developed. 65% of these are new hits, that is, people who haven't visited the site before.



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Happy Easter

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL

WED., APRIL 1 ST -----	BOARD MEETING, 2PM
SATURDAY THE 4 TH -----	FIELD TRIP TO MORENCI AZ
THURS., APRIL 23 RD -----	GENERAL MEETING, 2PM
EVERY WED. & FRI.-----	CRAFT CLASSES (SEE SCHEDULE)
MONDAY 5-7PM-----	BEGINNING LAPIDARY CLASSES

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE (4200 RAYMOND REED BLVD.)
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT ALL
GENERAL MEETINGS AND CLASSES.