

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
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P.O. Box 1459  
Deming NM 88031

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

THURS., AUG 27TH ----- GENERAL MEETING, 2PM  
EVERY WED. & FRI. ----- CRAFT CLASSES (SEE SCHEDULE)  
MONDAY 5-7PM ----- BEGINNING LAPIDARY CLASSES &  
SAFETY CLASS  
WED., SEPT. 2<sup>ND</sup> ----- BOARD MEETING, 2PM

**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.**

# The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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## **Officers**

President -----Brian Beringer 546-0653  
Vice-President ----- vacant  
Secretary ----- Judy Crawford 546-0056  
Treasurer -----Joanne Barrett 544-8880  
Bulletin Editor ----- Sheila Hoag 544-8841  
Roundup Chair '09 –  
Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, Jerry - 543-8915  
Carolyn - 543-8916  
1 yr. Director----- Roy Smith 544-8406  
2 yr. Director -----Maurice Crawford 546-0056  
Past President ----- John Ewert 546-1038

## **Chairpersons**

Claims ----- vacant  
Custodian ---- members sign up for a month  
Field Trips ----- Gary Loudon  
Librarian ----- Shirley Krasinski 544-3839  
Assistant Librarian ----- Emily Hoag 544-8841  
Historian ----- Elaine Smith 546-4521  
Membership ----- Carol Seebruch 694-0553  
Parliamentarian ----- Willie Willis 546-7207  
Social Chairperson – Monika Anderson 546-4655  
Photographer ----- all club members  
Refreshments ----- all club members  
Reporters ----- all club members  
Shop ----- Ron Ehrlich  
Sunshine ----- Grace Bent 546-2906  
Webmistress ----- Sheila Hoag 544-8841

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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.

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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.

## President's



## Message

Greetings Everyone--Hope you are all enjoying the dog days of summer and also enjoy watching all the hummers. The meeting we will be having August 27th is going to be important. This is because the members must elect a member to be on the nomination committee. The board has picked Ernie Bent, I have asked Willy Willis and he accepted. We need three for this committee. I was at the shop a while back and was asked about a story going around. I told this member that it was not true--if it has not been in the Chips or talked at a meeting do not believe it. The shop is still slow but should be picking up in another month. Please stay cool and remember to come to our general meeting August 27th at 2 pm. Brian

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**Board Meetings 2pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Wed.  
each month**

**General Meetings 2pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs.  
each month**

**Official Website –**

**[www.dgms.bravehost.com](http://www.dgms.bravehost.com)**

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

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## "Code of Ethics"

**I will** respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

**I will** keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

**I will**, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

**I will** use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

**I will** cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

**I will** leave all gates as found.

**I will** build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

**I will** discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

**I will** fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

**I will** not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

**I will** cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

**I will** practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

**I will** support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

**I will** cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

**I will** report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

**I will** appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

**I will** observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

~from the Aug. 2009 Strata Gem Newsletter~

# Deming Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

General Meeting Notes 7/23/2009

Brian called the meeting to order at 2 pm and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Phyllis Bever and new member Dwight Crowley were introduced and given their choice of a rock slab. Dwight gave us his website which is [diamondeight.net](http://diamondeight.net)

There were no minutes due to the secretary not being present. Treasurer reported that we received \$4.89 for Pepper's receipts and that the financials were posted.

Membership reported one new member and one renewal.

Shop-Ron reported receipts of \$83.40 and expenditures of \$100.18 for bearings for two drop saws that were repaired. He also showed two wheels that were misused and showed the damage to them. He also reported that he could use some help with small things like bulb replacement and gutter repairs.

Claims-Ron brought up some of the new BLM rules that may affect our field trips especially those we conduct at roundup. Brian plans to get more information and discuss it at the next board meeting.

Sunshine-Grace stated that no cards were sent.

Old Business:

There will be no Wild West Days. The Fair in September at the SWNM fairgrounds-anyone needing cases can let Joanne know.

The door prizes were won by Ron and Neil. Julia won \$4.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

The lapidary class August 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> is canceled.

A member asked that the new BLM regulations be put in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm.

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## DGMSI Board Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Brian Beringer who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were: Brian Beringer, JoAnne Barrett, Jerry Abbey, John Ewert, Ernie Bent, and Jim & Sheila Hoag. Club members present were Joe & Elena Bost and Gracie Bent.

No Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report: JoAnne posted the material, received from our accountant, on the board for members to read.

Jim Hoag gave a report on the BLM situation and how it will affect the club and our field trips. Several options were suggested and discussed; the matter is being looked into by Jim and Brian. Information will be forthcoming at the general meeting on August 27th and a full report to the Board at the September Board meeting, as to their findings.

Old business: Ernie Bent has accepted the position as the Board's selection for Nominating Committee. Brian will have a person selected 'from the President' by the August general meeting. At the general meeting, the membership will need to select a person to represent the general membership and be the chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

No New Business was presented.

Nothing further for the good of the order. Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jerry Abbey for Judy Crawford, Secretary

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! THURS., SEPT. 25, 2009 Penelope J. Boston

*Associate Professor of Cave and Karst  
Science  
Director, Cave and Karst Studies  
Dept of Earth & Environmental Science  
New Mexico Tech, Socorro, NM*

After the General Meeting at 2pm, Penny Boston of New Mexico Tech in Socorro will be speaking. You may recognize her from the National Geographic show 'Giant Crystal Cave'. Make sure to mark your calendar and attend this event!

### ~~~~~ **August Birthstone – Peridot**

Peridot ranges in color from light yellow-green to the intense bright green of new spring grass to olive. Because of the way peridot splits and bends the rays of light passing through it, it has a velvety appearance, a rich glow, and a slightly greasy luster. The purer green a peridot is the higher the value. The best quality peridot has historically come either from Myanmar or Egypt but in 1994 a new deposit of peridot was discovered in Pakistan which produces some of the finest stones. This mine is located in the Nanga Parbat region in the far west of the Himalayan Mountains in the Pakistani part of Kashmir. Large crystals have been found in this area, one stone was more than 300 carats.

Most of the world production of peridot comes from Arizona where there is an abundant source of lesser quality material while peridot from Myanmar, Pakistan and Egypt is more rare and finer quality. Price for stones from these areas will be higher and similar to prices for other top quality colored gems.

~from Bernardine.com~



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Elaine Angstman, Byron Ashworth,  
James Beals, Fred Beem, Brian Beringer,  
Dan Broder, Nancy Ewert, Charles  
Gilbert, Will Grieve, Art Gutierrez, Janice  
Horne, Barry Jones, Joe Morone, Larry  
Nelson, Kim Nielsen, LeeRoy Rivers,  
Norman Skrzypczak, Dureta Stanley &  
Steven Travis



## AUGUST REFRESHMENTS

Will by be provided!



(Members please remember to sign up.)



Anyone interested in ordering food  
through the Angel Food Ministries,  
please contact Calvary Chapel in  
Deming for more information. 546-0859



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jim & Darlene Hatley, Melanie & Phillip  
Hollenshead, Warren & Patricia Ross,  
Tony & Maureen Sceпка, Nancy &  
Steven Vanbeusekom, Bill & Jane  
Wellons 7 Willie & Marty Willis



## SUNSHINE



## GREETINGS

Grace didn't send out any cards this  
month!

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



## FIELD TRIPS

No Field Trips in August. Have a  
safe and wonderful summer!