

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

Happy Father's Day

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY

WED., JUNE 3RD ----- BOARD MEETING, 2PM
SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST ----- FATHER'S DAY
THURS., JUNE 25TH ----- GENERAL MEETING,
2PM
EVERY WED. & FRI. ----- CRAFT CLASSES (SEE
SCHEDULE)
MONDAY 5-7PM ----- BEGINNING LAPIDARY
CLASSES &
SAFETY CLASS

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.

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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
Field Trips ----- Gary Louden
Historian ----- Elaine Smith 546-4521
1 yr. Director----- Roy Smith 544-8406
2 yr. Director ---- Maurice Crawford 546-0056
Past President ----- John Ewert 546-1038

Chairpersons

Claims ----- Bill Haworth 546- 0348
Custodian ---- members sign up for a month
Librarian ----- Shirley Krasinski 544-3839
Assistant Librarian ----- Emily Hoag 544-8841
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

We will be having our regular 4th of July Ice Cream Social once again. Please let us know who is coming so we will have enough ice cream. I will have the time we will start at our June meeting, but figure about 7 pm so we will all be able to watch the fire works at about 9 pm. Be sure to bring a chair so you will be able to sit and relax outside. For those that will not be here we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday. Brian A. Beringer

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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)**

**Class & Crafts, May 2009**  
June, July, August - no classes.  
Crafters can meet if they wish. Have a great summer!

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## June Birthstone - Pearl

Pearl is the Modern June birthstone. It is also the birthstone for the Star Signs of Gemini and Cancer. Fresh water pearls are given on the 1st wedding anniversary. Pearls are also given on the 3rd, 12th and 30th anniversaries.

There are many types of pearls including: natural pearls; cultured pearls (which are made when a human intentionally inserts foreign tissue into a living oyster); Biwa pearls which are freshwater pearls from Lake Biwa in Japan; baroque pearls which are (irregularly-shaped; freshwater pearls; blister pearls are those pearls that are grown attached to the inside of the shell; black pearls which vary from gray to black; seed pearls; and Mabe pearls which are cultivated blister pearls.

The host secretes a lustrous substance, called nacre, to cover the bit of sand or other irritant that finds its way inside the mollusk. Layers of nacre build up around the intruding article to protect its soft interior. This process may take as long as eight years to create a pearl.

Ultrasonic cleaners are great for cleaning some jewelry but are not recommended for pearls.

From [www.bernardine.com](http://www.bernardine.com)

## Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

General Membership Meeting May 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Brian Beringer. Guests were Rose & Pete Devlin from Texas (who are Elaine Smith's daughter & son-in-law); Joe Saenz of Silver City and Doc Hartley of Deming.

Treasurer's Report – the Roundup fliers have been updated. We have received 2 checks from the city for advertising.

No field trip report. Membership reports one new member, Clinton Edwards. Shop reports the new tumbler is up and running. Summer hours are Mon. 9-12 and Sat. 9-12.

Beginning Lapidary and Safety Classes every Monday evening from 5-7pm thru June. Jim Hoag wants to remind everyone to attend a Safety Class soon.

No old business.

New business – Elaine Smith donated two books to the library. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Ice Cream Social is in the works. The new storage room being built by Jerry Abbey and his helpers is almost finished. Breaktime.

Door prize was won by Roy Smith, donated by Elaine Smith. Nametag prize won by Ron Erlich. 50/50 won by Brian Beringer, donated to the club.

Doc Hartley gave an intro about the Apaches of the Deming area. Jim Hoag introduced Joe Saenz, who gave a fascinating talk about the Chihene Apache culture and steps to take if you discover relics while rockhounding.

Meeting dismissed.

Sheila Hoag, for Judy Crawford

## Rockhound State Park Happenings: June, 2009

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

The cacti are blooming, and the critters are active. The quail and lizards are running, the rabbits are jumping, and the snakes are slithering in the park enjoying the nice weather and the welcome rain we had the end of May. I saw four deer walk through the campground at 6AM the other day. I like to get up early to welcome the new day, and seeing the deer was an added bonus.

The Friends of Rockhound have **Music in the Park** scheduled for Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy good music and watch the sunset.

The June Friends meeting will feature a program on Bats. It will be presented by Rick Somerday from the Asombro Institute for Science and Education. It will be held at the park on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.

The National Public Observatory's Sally Allen will lead the Star Party here on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:10PM. Saturn and Omega plus the Summer Milky Way should be visible if the weather cooperates. If you haven't attended one of these before, this is the night to come to Rockhound.

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.

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

## **Board of Directors Meeting May 6, 2009**

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The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by President Brian Beringer.

Board Members present: Maurice & Judy Crawford, John Ewert, Jim & Sheila Hoag, Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, Joanne Barrett, Roy Smith. Non-board members present: Shirley Krisinski, Emilie Smith, Ron Ehrlich.

Secretary's report. Judy suggested a token of appreciation for Jim Hoag. Motion for \$100.00 was made by Maurice, seconded by Jerry. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Joanne reports the last report from the accountant is on the bulletin board. She received the insurance bill and discussion was made for paying it in full or in installments. Jerry made motion to take an advance from the Roundup fund to the general fund, seconded by John. Approved.

Chips/webmistress: Sheila reports the Chips is going out this week before postage goes up AGAIN. Please, please, if you can receive the Chips via email, please let Sheila know as soon as possible.

Roundup: Carolyn reports the city and state logos have to go on our next year's brochures, so she is printing those in the office. Thanks to everyone who helped unfold them.

Shop: Ron reports the summer hours for June, July, August will be Mon. and Sat. from 9-12:00. In Sept. the hours will expand again.

Field trip: Reminder, the field trip is on Sat. May 16. Meet at the clubhouse at 8:00 a.m. to caravan to the Arrey Café where Bud will meet us and take us to his Candyland claim. Be sure to bring lots of water.

President's report: Brian states that Julia Williams will be covering for Carol Seebruch in membership while Carol gone this summer.

Brian reviewed the By-laws and we need to appoint a first VP to fill in the term until next elections. The nominating committee will submit some names and it will be brought to the general membership. Tabled for now.

Old business:

1) Jerry had the cost analysis for the storage room to be built in the clubhouse. It will be under \$400. Motion made by John to obtain the materials, seconded by Roy. Approved.

New business:

1) The swamp coolers need some work before activating. Ernie will be called and Jim will see it gets done.

2) Shirley suggested our educational classes beginning in Sept. be held on two Sat. mornings each month, to be at the same time as the shop is open - 9 to 12:00. This would help facilitate getting enough teachers to teach different classes, and promote interest in our lapidary shop and classes. We will also advertise in the newspaper and limit the size of classes and must sign up ahead. The Fri. craft sessions will continue every Friday afternoon, unless otherwise decided. All members felt this a good idea.

3) Judy advised the Art Council wants pictures of all the class items we have done this past year, as they want to set up an exhibit probably during Feb. This would lead into our Roundup show. Please get your pictures to Carolyn or Judy soon. Also, think of submitting items for exhibit at our local fair in Sept/Oct this year. Great advertisement for the club!

Motion to adjourn was made by Sheila, seconded by Carolyn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, Secretary

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Jerry Abbey, George Capelle, Judy Crawford, Marianne DeMott, Frank Evans, Nancy Holden, Melaine Hollenshead, Dennis Horak, Eunice McQuiston, Roy Murphy, Forrest Smith, Bill Sutton, Frank Williams & Julia Williams

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## JUNE REFRESHMENTS

Will by be provided by  
Gail Carter & Elena Bost!



(Members please remember to sign up.)

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



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jerry & Marjorie Ferr, Allen & Jennie Foster, Lewis & Diana Marvin

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## SUNSHINE



## GREETINGS

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

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## FIELD TRIPS

No Field Trips in June, July or August. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

