



President's Message

Well For The Record!!!!

Round-up is days away and just a year ago we had one FANTASTIC Weekend. Lately I've received a bunch of phone calls that all ask the same question. WHY DON'T YOU GUYS EXPAND FOR MORE DEALERS!!!! Well I'll try to es-plain dis two yoou, Lucy. (not spelled wrong, just bad Ricky accent.) RockHound Roundup is one of the most popular events in the Gem And Mineral Community. It started as a tailgate event more than 40 years ago. A few really good people grouped together to share their craft. This was a time to learn, share, swap, buy, and tell of adventures had and to come. The Deming Gem and Mineral Society Inc. came to be from this simple start. RoundUp became the main source of income for the club.

As the Club grew so did RoundUp to what we know today. But why not grow larger, well our RoundUp is different than the larger shows of Tuson and Quartzite in that they are hosted by EVENT MANAGEMENT COMPANIES.

Deming maintains the RoundUp as a Club and a Show we've grown by leaps and bounds, but as a family of members we've become closer in many ways. We would have to relax our standards that we hold to and where would that lead to. Do we really want imported mass produce, or, the quality one of a kind items we've become known for.

Many of you know that Sheila and I help out at an R.V. Park in town, already and I'm writing this in Feb. we're seeing the rockhounters show up. Daily we meet people from all over the U.S. People who have search out Deming just for one reason, our little RoundUp. According to the local news, approx. 5000 to 15000.

Quality over Quantity. So if we seem a little prideful, you now know why. We don't need to fix what ain't broke. Hope you understand now and enjoy. One other thing I'd like to do before we go to print. Deming Gem and Mineral Inc. would like to thank all the Local Businesses and People for your support. We have people that even though they are not members have helped us this year. Many of the Local Companies have donated to our Raffles.

To you I say Thank You from my heart.

Jim

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.

Board Meetings 2pm – 1st Wed. each month

General Meetings 2pm – 4th Thurs. each month

Official Website –

www.dgms.bravehost.com

Email – theDGMS@gmail.com

Raffle Tickets

If you do not want your raffle tickets, please return them to the clubhouse or in the mail so they can be sold during Roundup.

Thanks.

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.

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.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day



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

Monika Anderson, Ernie Bent, Jim Boyd, Ron Burgess, Harold Byington, Marian Hall, Phillip Hollenshead, Ron Kiely, Nancy King, Paul Knight, Charlie Kukral, Joyce Lindsey, Charlie Lott, Chris Moore, Buster Morris, Kevin Nash, Lloyd Page, Robert Reid, Maureen Scepka, Allen Wagner, Michele Wilkins, Janis Workman, Armand Zahn, Bud Daily & Mary Lowrance



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Harold & Jeanne Buck, Dennis & Karen Horak, James & Donna O'Connor, Charles & Dureta Stanley

FEBRUARY REFRESHMENTS



Will be provided by
Monika Anderson & Nancy Smail
Thank you so much!
(Members please remember to sign up!)

SUNSHINE



GREETINGS

Grace sent out 4 cards; a sympathy card to Susan Schiffner, Mary Beringer, a get well to Elena Bost, and a card to Darlene Stephan.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Roger Cruwys, Mary Lowrance, John & Melinda Thompson, Tom Quade, Allan & Kate Waldburger, Sandria Barber & Bob Clements

FIELD TRIPS

The March field trip is on Sat. the 21st to Big Diggins for Roundup staff. Leaving at 9am from the clubhouse.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

February 26, 2009

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

Guests and new members were: Sandi Barber, Kate & Al Walberger, Terri Nunes, Becky Matejka, John & Elaine Hawkinson, Bob & Julia Sherwood, Kathleen O'Riordan, John & Bertie Field, Lora Underwood. What a great turnout!

Secretary's report: Our new social chairman is Monika Anderson. She will be overseeing our social functions this year. Thanks to Emilie Smith for coordinating our club classes. Beginning in April, we need someone to coordinate the classes and craft sessions. You can contact Jim Hoag or Judy Crawford. There WILL be a wire wrapping class on Wed., Mar. 25 and 2 Fri. craft sessions, one on Mar. 20 and Mar. 27 from 1-3:00 p.m. The schedule is posted on the board by the shop door. We are now signed up with the Deming Art Council. They are wanting pictures of all the crafts and items made by club members that have been done in our shop and classes/craft sessions. They want to have an exhibit of these items and will help promote our club. Please get pictures of your items to Jessamay Searcy, the executive director and DAC from 10-2:00 Mon. through Fri. There is a closeout sale held at Stewart's Plumbing building and have display cases, books, etc. that our club members might be interested. Call Judi Taylor for more information at 544-5315. Fri. Feb. 27, Dave Shepherd will demonstrate

precious metal clay-3 with using a torch. We had a great class on Wed. 2-25 for the notecards. If you want a copy of directions, see Judy. Beginning lapidary classes will be held on Mon. nights after roundup, on Mar. 23 and Mar. 30 and continuing from 5-7:00 pm.

Treasurer's report: Most recent report is on the bulletin board. The 2008 taxes are done.

Committee reports:

Sunshine: Grace sent out 4 cards; a sympathy card to Susan Schiffner, Mary Beringer, a get well to Elena Bost, and a card to Darlene Stephan.

Historian: Elaine advised the two 2008 books are on the front table for viewing. She thanked the many members who contributed pictures to the books.

Shop: Ron advised everything is ready for Roundup. He has new items for the shop. The saws are getting a lot of use and care should be taken with cleaning, and a reminder to be sure to wash your rocks well before bringing in to be cut.

Librarian: Shirley announced the library open prior to the meeting. We are acquiring lots of plans for building your own lapidary equipment and electronic copies will be available soon.

Webmaster: The page has been updated and Sheila received a compliment on the page.

Chips: Sheila advised the Chips will be run off this weekend and hopefully mailed by Mon. Anything to go in needs to be in to her by Friday. You can always advise if you want to change receiving the Chips via email instead of USPS.

Field trips: Sat. 2/28 Will Grieve will lead a trip to west of Hermanas for limb casts and petrified wood. Meet at the clubhouse before 8:00 a.m. and bring hand-held radios if you have them. Gary Loudon advised that field trip to Big Diggins after Roundup will meet at the clubhouse at 9:00 a.m. and we will be allowed 25 pounds plus 1 rock and they will be weighed.

Roundup: Carolyn thanked everyone for a good turnout on the last Roundup meeting and today. She advised the different areas we still need volunteers for, so please sign up on the sheets at the front tables. Everything going good. Reminder on 2/28 at 9:00 meet at clubhouse to help Jerry string electrical wire at the fairgrounds. Meet at clubhouse at 8:00 a.m. on Monday 3/9 for set up at the fair.

There was no new business or old business to be conducted, so we took a break.

Jim reminded of our trip to the Morenci mine on April 4. There is a limit on the number of people, so be sure to call him asap if you want to go. There are 11 spots left.

Keith advised that Friends of Rockhound State Park are having their desert plant sale on 4/18, but you can preorder them. Call Rockhound Park for more information.

50/50 was won by Lou McBride.

Doorprizes were won as follows:

A bag of Little Diggins rocks donated by Rich Little was won by Martha Green. A large Little Diggins rock donated by Rich Little was won by Will Grieve. A small Little Diggins slab donated by Rich Little was won by Elaine Smith. An agate slab clock donated by Sky Alverson was won by Carolyn Abbey. A chocolate bola donated by Ron Erlich was won by George Laudermilk. A Baker claim bola donated by Ron Erlich was won by Bob Hansen. For the name tag drawing, a lap robe donated by the Crawfords was won by Art Krasinski.

Jim advised that Bill and Doris Sutton donated a beautiful silver and tiger eye ring to have a drawing at the general meeting after Roundup for all those who worked at Roundup. Thanks so much!

Judy advised that a correction to the general meeting for January was that Carol Seebruch donated a necklace for our doorprize drawing. Thank you Carol.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Barbara Hamilton, seconded by Sheila. The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Our program was lead by Rich Little, who explained a lot of the procedures and headaches you have to go through to file a claim on BLM land for any kind of mining. It was very informative and gave us a better appreciation for our claims chairpersons and a better respect for the claims of others. Rich also brought some beautiful examples of his rock finds and pictures and maps and gave a great explanation of how to use those topo and USGS maps. Thank you Rich.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Crawford, Secretary

It's Roundup Time!

Monday, March 9th at 8 a.m. will begin set-up day. There are tasks for everyone; moving tables and supplies from the shed and club house, marking dealer spaces, stuffing dealer packets & preparing ribbons, etc., etc., etc....

No experience is necessary. Just a willingness to help.

And... don't forget members who work and sign the signup sheet (on the stage in Bldg. 2) you will be able to go on the Club's field trip to Big Diggins after the show.

It is also not too late to sign up to help man the club show functions, such as Coffee and Donuts, Spinning Wheel, Info Booth, Live and Silent Auction set up, and cashiers for the Geode cutting.

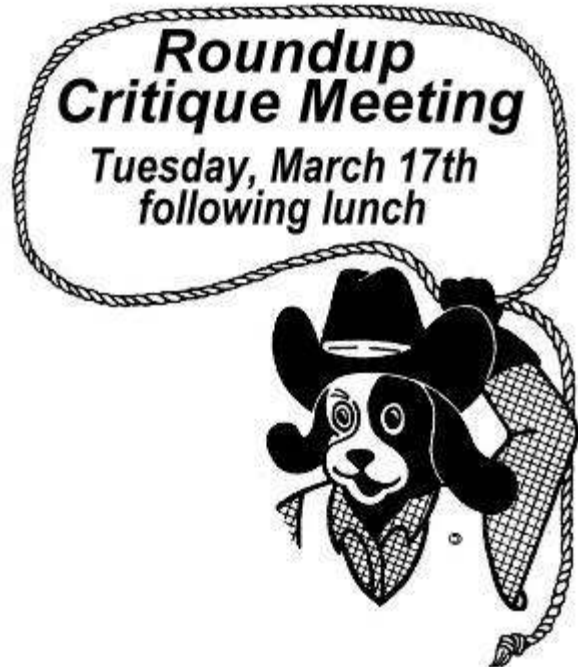
The show runs from Thursday the 12th thru Sunday the 15th - 9 until 5 each day. Monday the 16th is our day of rest and recuperation. Tuesday the 17th at 9 a.m. we begin putting everything away and clean. Lunch will be provided.

Following our lunch we will have the Roundup Critique. We'll feed ya and then pick your brain.

See you on Monday March 9th at 8 a.m.

Jerry & Carolyn

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS MARCH 8TH. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS 1 HOUR AHEAD.



Aquamarine, the March Birthstone

Aquamarine is a beryl that is 7.5 to 8 on the Mohs hardness scale. The color is generally pale blue but can also be found in yellow, pink and clear. Some of the best specimens come from Russia, Sri Lanka and Brazil. In the United States, Colorado's Mt. Antero is the source of some large crystals. It is also found in Wyoming's Big Horn Mountains.

The largest crystal found came out of Brazil in 1910 and measures 48.5 cm in length and 42cm in diameter.

In the Middle Ages, people believed Aquamarine could cure poisoning through it's magical properties.



ROCKHOUND STATE PARK HAPPENINGS: MARCH, 2009

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

It is hard to believe March is already here! The park is staying busy with visiting campers, all sites are taken almost every night for the past two months. This is good news and the need for more campsites and may help justify expansion of the park.

On March 12th thru 15th Rockhound State Park is going to have a booth set up in the Annual "ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP" this is a great continued partnership we share with our community and are honored to be a part of it.

On March 25th at 10:30am in the shop building, the new park manager Robert Apodaca is going to give a rattlesnake program. Yes! It is getting close to that time of the year were we will be seeing our desert neighbors. The program will cover rattlesnake awareness, their habitat and the variety of snakes in our area. It will also cover how they fit into our echo system.

Coming Attraction: Desert Alive, is going to held on April 18th. More about this 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.

NO SHOP, CLASSES OR CRAFT SESSIONS FROM MARCH 1 - 19

- 20 – crafters meeting
- 23 – beginning lapidary class 5-7PM
- 25 – wire wrapping
- 27 – crafters meeting – including gourd crafting
- 30 – beginning lapidary class 5-7pm

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

- 3 – crafters meeting
- 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 – class – to be announced

FIELD TRIP

SATURDAY. APRIL 4TH, JIM HOAG WILL BE LEADING 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. PLEASE CALL 544-8841 TO RESERVE A SPOT. (THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!)

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH

WED., THE 4TH BOARD MEETING, 2PM

ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP 12TH – 15TH

TUESDAY, THE 17TH ST. PATRICK'S DAY

TUESDAY THE 17TH ROUNDUP CRITIQUE

SATURDAY, THE 21ST FIELD TRIP TO BIG DIGGINS
(ROUNDUP CREW)

THURSDAY THE 26TH GENERAL MEETING, 2PM

APRIL

SATURDAY THE 4TH FIELD TRIP TO MORENCI AZ

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.