

President's



Message

I want to thank everyone who helped me out with the president's duties of this club. I also want everyone to know that I will try to do the best that can. I do know that it will take time and I also know that it is rough to follow a legend.

Brian

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**Board Meetings 2pm – 1st Wed.
each month**

**General Meetings 2pm – 4th Thurs.
each month**

Official Website –

www.dgms.bravehost.com

Email – theDGMS@gmail.com

Lost & Found

3 jackets & shirts at the Clubhouse (they've been there a *long* time). If they aren't picked up soon, they will be donated to Helping Hands. 1.) Grey and black plaid flannel size 2XL. 2.) Black jacket w/ gray lining, size 2XL. 3.) Tan w/hood, rain type, and striped sleeves.

Class & Crafts, May 2009

1 - crafters meeting
6 - Board meeting, no class
8 - crafters meeting
13 - screen art with Jan
15 - crafters meeting
20 - wire wrapping
22 - crafters meeting, including gourd crafting
27 - no class due to holiday
29 - crafters class only if wanted
June, July, August - no classes.
Crafters can meet if they wish. Have a great summer!

May Birthstone - Emerald

Emerald is the name given the green variety of beryl and ranges between 7.5 and 8 on the Mohs Scale. The name Emerald is derived from the French "esmeraude" and the Greek root "smaragdos" which means 'green gemstone'.

Emeralds are found in many countries, but Columbia and Brazil are the major producers and Columbia is recognized as the source for the finest stones. They are also found in Pakistan, Russia, Australia, South Africa, India, Norway, and the United States.

Because emeralds usually contain many cracks, fissures, and inclusions, the majority of these stones are "oiled". This means that they are immersed in oil which reduces the visibility of the inclusions, and also improves the clarity. Oiling is almost universal and because it is so common today, it is not considered necessary to disclose this fact.

Emeralds are brittle stones and care should be taken when wearing or cleaning them. They should never be immersed in an ultrasonic or subjected to steam cleaning.

From Wikipedia.com

The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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Officers

President -----Brian Beringer
Vice-President ----- vacant
Secretary ----- Judy Crawford 546-0056
Treasurer -----Joanne Barrett 544-8880
Bulletin Editor ----- Sheila Hoag 544-8841
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Abbey
Jerry - 543-8915 Carolyn - 543-8916
Field Trips ----- Gary Loudon
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
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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.

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

Charlie Christensen, George Crabbe, Barb Hamilton, Geneva Haworth, John Hurst, Jan Kissell, Vicky Lindsley, Hank Nelson, Ann Rivers, Undine Tindell, Jay Galloway, Emily Hoag, Michael Johnson, Art Krasinski, Marty Willis, Terry Dellinger & Susan Duester



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

LeeRoy & Ann Rivers and Harold & Deborah Byington

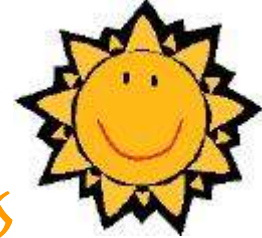
MAY REFRESHMENTS

Will by be provided by
Judy Nelson &
Lou McBride!



(Members please remember to sign up.)

SUNSHINE



GREETINGS

Grace advised no cards were sent out this month.

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

FIELD TRIPS

The May field trip will be Sat. May 16 to Bud Daily's claim for swirled rhyolite. Meet at the club at 8:00 a.m. and caravan to the Arrey Cafe in Arrey. Bud will meet the group there and lead them to the claim. The road is rough and Bud will be shuttling people there due to limited parking.

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General Membership Meeting April 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Brian Beringer. There were no new members or guests.

Secretary's report: The club is looking for a class coordinator starting in the fall. Treasurer's report: Our accountant, Tamara Hurt is preparing a Profit and Loss statement from the Roundup show. The information is posted on the bulletin board.

Committee reports:

Sunshine: Grace advised no cards were sent. However, Ernie had knee surgery last week and is doing better.

Historian: Elaine stated she has not received any pictures from anyone, including the Morenci trip. Then someone gave her quite a few, so remember to keep them coming.

Shop: Ron said the shop is slowing down. Beginning May 15, the shop will be closed on Fridays also. The shop is open now Mon, Fri, Sat a.m. and Wed. p.m. After May 15, it will be open Mon, Sat. a.m., Wed. p.m. Our Monday night lapidary classes will continue during the summer also.

Librarian: Shirley received 3 new books for our library. She purchased a DVD on Precious Metal Clay (PMC).

Chips/Webmaster - not present.

Field trips: Bud reported on the trip to Morenci Mine on April 4. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed it. We got lots of pretty rock samples also. Bud then advised the May field trip will

be Sat. May 16 to his claim for swirled rhyolite. Meet at the club at 8:00 a.m. and caravan to the Arrey Cafe in Arrey, where he will meet us and lead us to his claim. It is a rough road, and we may have to hike away, but he will be able to shuttle people back and forth due to limited parking area.

Membership: Slowed down, only one new member since Roundup.

Roundup: Carolyn advised that we just received our reimbursement check from the city Tourism for advertising for 2008. 2009 should be coming soon. Our budget for 2010 is already done and submitted. Bud advised we need someone soon for Co-chair for the Roundup to start now. This is Bud's last year, so be thinking about it.

President's report:

Old business: None

New Business: None

Break.

50/50 won by Richard Gordon.

Doorprizes: A bola donated by Ron Ehrlich was won by Carolyn Abbey.

A piece of fossilized coral from Indiana was donated by John Ewert.

Fossilized coral pieces donated by John Ewert were won by 3 of the members who wore their name tags as follows:

- 1) Ernie Bent
- 2) Flo Lovell
- 3) Undine Tindell

There was no program today.

A motion to adjourn was made by Keith Schwarzer and seconded by Art Krasinski. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Crawford, Secretary

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Board of Directors Meeting April 1, 2009

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

Board members present: Brian Beringer, Judy & Maurice Crawford, Joanne Barrett, Sheila Hoag, Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, John Ewert. Non-board members present: Grace & Ernie Bent, Shirley & Art Krasinski, Carol Seebruch, Emily Hoag, Ron Ehrlich.

Secretary's report: Sent a thank you note to the Albuquerque Gem & Mineral club for donating 10 display cases to our club. Thank you! **Treasurer's report:** Joanne took all the Roundup documents to our accountant.

Committee reports:

Sunshine: Grace sent a card to Charles Stanley. She will send a card to Fred Beem.

Historian: Not present.

Librarian: Shirley received 3 new books to go into the library. She is seeing more activity. She requested permission to buy a DVD on Precious Metal Clay. Judy made motion, Brian seconded, approved.

Chips/Webmistress: Nothing new. The Chips is ready to be printed.

Membership: Carol reports things have slowed down. After April 30th, if memberships not renewed, the names will be taken off the roster.

Shop: Ron reports shop has slowed down. Starting with April 21, the shop will be closed on Tuesday and Thursdays. Shop will then be open Monday, Friday, Saturday A.M., and Wednesday P.M. Monday night lapidary is also continuing.

Roundup: Carolyn reports thinking ahead to next year. Will need someone to take over advertisement - can be anyone including out of state. Also need someone to do raffle tickets. Jerry reports we now have a signed contract for 2009 and the Fair Board is charging us a flat rate for electricity. The club

did a lot for the fair above and beyond Roundup, so we got a break in price of lease.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1) Jerry mentioned special thanks to Maurice for helping put shelves in the new storage shed.

2) Jerry is getting cost of material estimates for the storage room in the clubhouse. It will be brought to the Board.

3) Jerry read a letter from Buster Morris tendering his resignation from the club. It will be read to the general membership at the next meeting.

4) A letter from Art and Karen Amati was presented with suggestion that the Monday Night Lapidary class be mandatory for EVERYONE, including those working as sawyers and anyone working in the shop, to acquaint them with OUR machines in order that we help prevent damage to the equipment. Also, mention was made about the cold water in the machines, and needing a larger exhaust fan in the sawyer room, especially if the outside door is closed. After discussion, the following was decided:

a) Anyone can bring and use gloves to counter the cold water. b) Sheila made motion to have the mandatory classes begin by the end of April. Maurice seconded, approved. Anyone can attend the Monday night class beginning now. c) After Labor Day, the class will be mandatory for everyone coming to work in the shop.

At this point, Brian Beringer took over the meeting. A letter was passed around from Jim Hoag, tendering his resignation as president due to health problems. Jerry made motion to accept the letter, John, with reluctance, seconded. Approved. Brian will be taking over immediately.

John made motion to adjourn, Jerry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Crawford, Secretary

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Happy Memorial Day

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY

WED., MAY 6TH -----	BOARD MEETING, 2PM
SUNDAY, MAY 10 TH -----	MOTHER'S DAY
THURS., MAY 21 ST -----	GENERAL MEETING, 2PM
MONDAY, MAY 25 TH -----	MEMORIAL DAY
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.