

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
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Schedule of Events

November 2009

Nov. 19th, 2pm ----- General Meeting
Nov. 26th ----- Happy Thanksgiving!!
Dec. 2nd, 2pm ----- Board Meeting
Dec. 10th, 2pm ----- General Meeting
Dec. 17th, 2pm ----- Christmas Potluck

Please see the schedule for craft and other 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.

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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 544-4655
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

Hi Everyone-----I want to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. I know we all have a lot to be thankful, and please remember all our men and women in harm's way. It is nice to see more of our member at our meetings and I know we will be seeing more. Keep in mind the date changes for our November and December general meetings. Again--Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. 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



Happy Thanksgiving!

CLASSES & CRAFTS

Every Monday – Beginning Lapidary & Safety Classes, 5-7pm

Tues., Dec. 8th – Safety Class, 2-5pm

Friday crafters meetings on: Nov. 6, 13, 20 from 1-3 p.m.

Nov. 14 - class on wire wrapping (Sat. 9-12)

No further classes due to holiday.

December:

Friday crafter's meetings on: Dec. 4, 11, 18 from 1-3 p.m.)

Dec. 5 - class on macrame beaded bracelets (Sat. 9-12)

Dec. 12 - class on wire wrapping (Sat. 9-12)

No further classes due to holiday.

Jan, 2010:

Friday crafters meetings on: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 (1-3 p.m.)

Jan. 23 - class on wood carving - limit 10 people so sign up (Sat. 9-12)

Jan. 30 - class on wire wrapping (Sat. 9-12)

For more information, call Virginia Barnes at 832)444-8452 or Judy Crawford at 575)546-0056.

Christmas Dinner
PotLuck at the Clubhouse
Thursday, Dec. 17th – 2 p.m.
Turkey, Ham and Dressing
will be provided by the club.
Monika Anderson will be cooking the above at the club house. She needs volunteers to help her.
Please call 544-4655.
Please sign up at or before the Dec. 10th general meeting, so she'll know how much meat to prepare.
Club members please bring an accompanying dish and your place settings.

Kilbourne Hole Volcanic Crater

A remnant of an ancient volcanic explosion, Kilbourne Hole was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1975. This crater can be found in a desert basin between the Potrillo Mountains and the Rio Grande in southern Dona Ana County. Kilbourne Hole is roughly elliptical in shape, and is known as a Maar — a pit or depression caused by a volcanic explosion with little material emitted except volcanic gas. The crater is between 24,000 and 100,000 years old, and measures 1.7 miles long by well over a mile across, and is hundreds of feet deep.

Kilbourne Hole has many unique minerals remaining from the eruption. The crusts of the Kilbourne Hole volcanic bombs — objects blown from the volcanic vent in a near plastic state — are dull black or brown, but when broken open they often reveal a brilliant, sparkling yellow and green interior of olivine glass granules.

Activities

Hiking, geologic interpretation.

Facilities

None. Restrooms and drinking water are not available.

Location / Access

From Interstate 25 take the Vado Exit (10 miles south of Las Cruces) and NM 227 west 3 miles to NM 28. Take NM28 south (left) 2 miles to Dona Ana County Road (CR) B008. Take CR B008 west (right) 11 miles to Dona Ana CR B004 and turn south (left). Drive 6½ miles to railroad tracks.

Turn left and cross railroad. Turn west (right) on Dona Ana CR A017 and drive for 7 miles to Dona Ana CR A011. Turn west (right) and proceed 8 miles to Kilbourne Hole. Kilbourne Hole is on the right, past the big tan dirt bank. Do not drive off the roads in this area. Most of the bottom of the hole is private property. It is also very easy to get stuck in soft sand near Kilbourne Hole.

From the BLM website, <http://www.blm.gov/>



Please plan to attend.

There will be sign up sheets,
info. . . and coffee & goodies

Please save your old Rock & Gem magazines to donate for sale at the information booth. Correction: Please save styrofoam egg cartons, NOT the cardboard type as was previously stated. Please remember we need someone to volunteer to learn the Roundup coordination for 2011. Contact Jerry or Carolyn Abbey and we'll help you out with it.

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General Meeting Minutes 10/22/09

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

New members and guests were: Terry & Laura Leiter, Virginia & Tom Barnes, Wayne Treers. Welcome all!

Secretary's report: Judy asked members who participated in our show cases at the SWNM fair, to please check their entries/rocks to see if they picked up by accident two rocks who belong to a young lady who entered her rocks and were displayed in our cases. They are a fist-size pink rock (rose quartz?) and a square yellow and white rock. Please contact Judy asap if you have them. I hate to disappoint a new little girl who trusted her rocks to us. Reminded of trip to Morenci Mine on Fri Oct 30. Sign up now if you want to go. Advised of a special demonstration on Sat. Nov. 7 by Susan Schiffner of how to make stepping stones with rock slabs. It is at 9:00 a.m. Judy advised she has the sheets for the silent auction tables for the Roundup. See her at break if you want a table (or two). Motion made by Ray King to approve the minutes as printed in the Chips, seconded by Ken Newman, approved.

Treasurer's report: Joanne has all the bank statements to the accountant. Report will be posted on the bulletin board soon.

Committee reports:

Membership: Carol reminded that dues are coming due soon (December).

Sunshine: Gracie sent a card to George Gollihar. He will be having surgery on 11/2. She advised that Geneva Haworth had hip replacement surgery and is home now. She will send a card to her.

Shop: Ron reports the shop is good. He will be rebuilding the Titan wheels. He needs assistance with a plumbing problem. Please

contact him soon if you can help.

Librarian: Shirley reports nothing new. Reminds the library list is posted on the bulleting board so you can check out items at the meetings.

Historian: Elaine advised she needs more pictures for this year's book. Pretty slim.

Web: Sheila advises anything needs to be in the Chips, get to her by the next board meeting (11/4).

Roundup: Carolyn advised the last meeting was well attended. She will be starting on advertising. A correction in the last Chips - she needs Styrofoam egg cartons, not the cardboard ones, and only dozen size. Welcomed Ray and Pat King back. Ray has schedule for geode cutting at Roundup, so sign up, needs lots of help. Arlene on spinning wheel, needs more signups. Can always use donations. Sat. Nov. 14 at 10:00 a.m. is the next Roundup meeting so come on out.

President's report:

Brian thanked Monika Anderson for her assistance for our potlucks and refreshments. Call her if you can help with setup and cleanup for our Thanksgiving and Christmas potluck.

Old Business: Thanksgiving potluck is 11/12 at 2:00 p.m. Sign up at the clubhouse is you are coming so we know how much meat to buy. November's general meeting will be Nov. 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Brian asked Maurice to advise about the nominations for open offices for next year. Maurice advised that we have nominations for all the offices and it was announced 3 times and request for nominations from the floor were made. The nominations are as follows:

Vice President: Frank Barber

Secretary: Susan Schiffner

Treasurer: Sandy Barber

2-year director: Joe Bost

Gen. Meeting Minutes, cont.

Brian advised he spoke with a representative of Jeff Bingaman re BLM. They advised that everything is on hold regarding field trips for Roundup. Within 2 weeks they should have more information.

New Business:

There will be a blood drive at Knights of Columbus on Nov. 14, from 1-5:00 p.m.

Gail Carter explained about Angel Ministries that it helps other people when you purchase food for yourselves or for others. Sponsored by Calvary Chapel. Flyers are on the front table.

Break

Brian thanked Ron Ehrlich for donations for our door prizes. The doorprize of a bola was won by Nancy Johnson.

50/50 won by Monika Anderson.

Membership tag drawing won by Virginia Barnes.

Thanks to the refreshment donations. Need people to sign up for November.

Ron advised the shop is open more days now. Mon, Tues., Fri, Sat. 9-12 a.m. Monday evenings from 5-7:00 p.m.. Reminder that everyone is to take the safety class on Monday night before working on the shop equipment.

No program for today. If you have suggestions for programs, please let Brian know.

Motion to adjourn made by Art Krasinski, seconded by Ron. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, Secretary

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Minutes of Board Meeting November 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Brian Beringer who led the pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Brian Beringer, Judy & Maurice Crawford, Joanne Barrett, Sheila Hoag, Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, Roy Smith, John Ewert. Non-board members present: Ron Ehrlich, Ernie & Grace Bent, Carol Seebruch, Elena & Joe Bost, Emily Hoag.

Secretary's report: Reminder that we need to do a club inventory the beginning of December. Recommend after the board meeting on Dec. 2. Thanks to Carolyn & Jerry Abbey, Maurice Crawford for helping get the office cleaned out and the storage closet in the club rearranged. Motion to approve report made by Jerry, seconded by Maurice. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Joanne reports that the accountant has not completed the monthly report. As soon as it is ready, it will be posted on the bulletin board. Received taxes for the year, will be paying the first half shortly. Motion to approve report mae by Maurice, seconded by Jerry. Approved.

President's report: No news from BLM. We will need to make a decision by next month.

Committee reports:

Membership: Carol advises that Julia will be covering for her in December.

No other news.

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Board minutes cont.

Roundup: Jerry needs an assistant to learn the set up. Need some more committee heads. Need an assistant for the 2011 roundup chair. Jerry will be making some changes to our signs so the dates will be easy to change from year to year. Next Roundup meeting is 11/14 at 10:00 a.m. at the club.

Bulletin: email anything to go into Chips soon.

Librarian: Not present.

Old business: Nov. 12 is our club Thanksgiving potluck. Be sure to sign up at the club if you have not done so before we purchase the meat. It will be purchased on 11/9. Tables will be set up 11/11 at 9:00 a.m. and decorated and beginning to cook meat. If you wish to help, please come. Nov. 19 is our general meeting at 2:00 p.m.

New Business:

- 1) Jerry advised that Maurice will be making shelves for our speakers.
- 2) Suggestion to mount the dry erase board on the wall for easier viewing.
- 3) Wooden display cases. What we cannot use, will be donated. Jerry will put together and he and Maurice will build stands for them to be put onto.
- 4) The jewelry display cases will be mentioned one more time at the dinner and meeting and then will be disposed of (donated).
- 5) Ron advised that the dumpster is not being emptied. Brian will call the city.
- 6) Ron advised that he installed new wheels on the Titan. Need to be careful in using.

John Ewert made motion to adjourn, seconded by Carol. Adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Crawford, Secretary

Rockhound State Park Happenings: November, 2009

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

Well folks, it looks like it's that time of the year again. Time to turn on that heater or cozy up to a fireplace, winter is here! The snowbirds have been arriving earlier than usual which means park staff have been pretty busy lately.

On Saturday, November 14, there will be a Reach For The Stars program in the native garden on the side of the Visitor Center, hosted by Sally Allen. This program will begin at 6:15 PM and end at 7:45 PM. This program is free although donations are welcome. Recommended donations are \$5.00 per couple and \$3.00 per individual.

There are no other programs currently scheduled for the month of November. However, things will pick back up next month as we will be gearing up for the annual lighting of luminarias in the park on Saturday, December 12. More details to come in our next article.

Before I go, I would like to wish everyone a SAFE and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Art Amati, Kim Barney, Mel Carpenter,
Kay Dales, Janey Johnson, Ray King,
Rodney Laubhan, Lou McBride, James
Morrow, Frank Pulliam, Patricia Ross,
Robert Schiffner, Elaine Smith, David
Snyder, Doris Sutton, Judi Taylor & Jane
Wellons

NOVEMBER REFRESHMENTS

Will by be provided by
Ann Rivers and Undine Tindell



(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

Paul & March DeBruin, Fred & Arlene
Beem, Brian & Mary Beringer, George &
Billie Capelle, Frank & Georgia Croat,
David & Marilee Crumley, Gerald &
Kathy Dean, David & Georgia Hoggatt,
Charles & Kelly Jo Jackson and Buster &
Virginia Morris,

SUNSHINE



GREETINGS

Grace sent cards to George Gollihar
and Geneva Haworth.

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