

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
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Schedule of Events

October 2009

Thurs., Oct. 22nd -----	General Meeting, 2pm
Monday 5-7PM -----	Beginning Lapidary Classes & Safety Class
Every Fri. & Sat. -----	Craft Classes –see schedule
Nov. 4th -----	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.

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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

Hi Everyone. I want to give a big Thank You to Jim and Sheila Hoag for the fantastic guest speaker, Penny Boston and her helper Mike Spilde. I think everyone would have to say it was time well spent. I also want to inform everyone to mark their calendars for November and December. For November- Our general meeting will be November 19th and our Thanksgiving pot luck will be November 12th. For December- Our General meeting will be December 10th and our Christmas pot luck will be December 17th. Our pot luck chairperson is Monica Anderson. Please contact her to volunteer to help with the cooking. We will have sign up sheets for you to fill out to let us know what you are bringing. One other thing--I don't mind getting phone calls, but if you do call and start yelling I can guarantee you will receive the same respect and a click. Hope to see a big crowd at our next general meeting on October 22nd. Remember - Elections are coming. 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

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Happy Halloween!!



### **The November/December meeting schedules are:**

Nov. 19th & Dec. 10th General Meetings at 2 p.m.

The Board has suggested Nov. 12th for their Thanksgiving pot luck and Dec. 17th for their Christmas pot luck. The club will vote on these dates at the September meeting. Our pot luck chairperson is Monica Anderson. Contact her to volunteer to help with the cooking.

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OCT. & NOV. 2009 CLASSES & CRAFTS

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

Fri., Oct. 9th, 1-3pm - craft class
Sat., Oct. 10th, 9 - noon - Wire-wrapping
Fri., Oct. 16, 1-3pm - craft class
including gourd crafting
Fri., Oct. 20th, 1-3pm - craft class
Fri., Oct 23rd, 1-3pm - craft class
Sat., Oct. 24th, 9 - noon – Twisted Bead
Necklace, 9am - noon

**STEPPING STONE
DEMONSTRATION SAT. NOV. 7 AT
9:00 A.M. AT THE CLUB WITH SUSAN
SCHIFFNER. COME SEE HOW IT IS
DONE!**

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General Meeting Minutes
9/24/2009

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

Guest today was Wayne Freers, from Las Cruces. Welcome!

Secretary's report: Judy reported that we had great help setting up our booth at the fairgrounds, along with the Class Exhibition Booth. Everyone's contributions were outstanding and we received quite a few ribbons. Be sure to check them out in Bldg. 1.

Advanced lapidary classes are being set up to be taught by George Lauder milk. If you want to learn some new techniques in shaping and polishing, be sure to sign up at the membership desk. There is a sign up sheet on the membership table for various classes to be taught. If you are interested in any classes, sign up soon so we can schedule classes of interest.

We received a thank you from the DHS for scholarships given last spring. They are posted on the bulletin board.

Keith moved to approve the minutes as printed in the Chips. Carolyn seconded. Approved.

No treasurer's report. The monthly report will be posted later on the bulletin board.

Committee reports:

Shop: Ron not present, so Jim Hoag advised again re the safety classes on Monday night 5-7:00 p.m.

Librarian: Shirley reports nothing new. Be sure to check out items before the general meetings.

Membership: Carol Seebruch is back, and thanks Julia Williams for covering for her this summer.

Sunshine: Grace reports cards sent to Leora Davis. George Gollihar is home from the hospital and Bud Daily is having surgery today. She will send cards to both of them. Thank you card received from Emilie Smith. Posted on bulletin board.

Historian: Elaine Smith advised she received some pictures. Be sure to keep them coming.

Web: Sheila asks that any items to be put in the Chips be gotten to her asap.

Roundup: Carolyn reminds that the first Roundup meeting will be held Sat. Oct. 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. November meeting 11/14 at 10:00 a.m.

Old business: Nominating committee asks that people please think about volunteering.

New Business: Brian advised that the general meetings will be changed for November and December, and our club dinners are suggested to be set up as follows:

November 12 - Thanksgiving dinner
November 19 - General meeting

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December 10 - General meeting
December 17 - Christmas dinner

Be sure to sign up for the dinners at the membership table and indicate how many will be coming so we can plan the meat purchase. All members please bring a dish to share. Monika Anderson will need volunteers to help cook the meat and set up and clean up. Please contact her soon.

Keith made motion to approve those changed dates, Sheila seconded.
Approved.

Break.

50/50 won by Arlene Beem. Door prize won by Carol Seebruch.

Membership tag drawing won by Hank Nelson.

School of Mines. They presented a slide program showing how microorganisms can mutate and change minerals into different minerals and how everything is interactive. She also showed pictures of her venture into the Crystal Caves in Mexico where the giant selenite crystals are. It was enjoyed by all and we thank them for their time and expertise.

Motion to adjourn made by Sheila, seconded by Maurice. Adjourned at 2:35 p.m

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Crawford, Secretary

*Please
plan to attend.
There will be
sign up sheets,
info... and
coffee & goodies*



Thank you to all 22+ of you who attended our first meeting of the season. We filled several committee head positions.

Please plan to attend our Nov. 14th meeting. There are still a few 'Committee Chair' positions to be filled. If there is a particular job you would like to fill for the 2010 Roundup, please contact Jerry or Carolyn. Remember that the Roundup is our club's lifeline. Without it, we can't continue.

When you go rockhounding, please save the smaller rocks you don't particularly want to keep. These will be very important to filling our grab bags and to use at the spinning wheel. They may not be special to you, but the kids just love them. Also, please bring them to the shop already washed. And . . . please save your old Rock & Gem magazines to donate for sale at the information booth. Oh yes, and don't forget to bring in some egg cartons (the dozen size, and cardboard ones. . . No Styrofoam ones please.)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Arlene Beem, Nancy Johnson, Edward Keefe, Wallace Lewis, Roy McMinn, Debra Rorick, Keith Schwarzer, Roy Smith, Dennis Stanley, Karen Wagner, Fred Westermeyer & Cora Lee Wink

OCTOBER REFRESHMENTS

Will by be provided by



(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

Bill & Geneva Haworth, Kent & Janice Home, Al & Florence Lovell, John & Diana Measday, Hank & Judy Nelson and Roy & Emilie Smith

SUNSHINE



GREETINGS

Grace sent cards to George Gollihar, Leora Davis and Bud Daily.

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

FIELD TRIPS

Judy & Maurice will be leading a field trip to Morenci Copper Mine on Friday, Oct. 30 and will leave the clubhouse at 9:00 a.m. Tour is at 1:00 p.m. Stop by clubhouse to sign up and get more info.

Rockhound State Park Happenings: October, 2009

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

Boy has this year passed by quick! I can hardly believe that we are in October already. Pretty soon the leaves will be turning orange and yellow, the snowbirds should be arriving, and the little critters around the park, especially the snakes, will soon disappear.

Well, due to the rain we had on September 19, we were unable to have our planned mariachi music and folkloric dance program. In spite of the weather, there were still lines of cars that were making their way into the park hoping that the rain would die down but to no avail. It goes to show the enormous support of the community. Unfortunately, it was a not-so-fitting end to an otherwise successful **Music in the Park** series this year. Special thanks to all staff, volunteers, and Friends members who helped make the music series a success!

The Friends of Rockhound completed their labyrinth project this past month. If you haven't gotten a chance to see it you should really check it out. They also held their native plant sale in September, which was a success. There's been quite a trend of successful events this past summer; I hope it continues throughout the year.

It seems as though October will be a rather quiet month as compared to recent months. But there will be an interesting program on October 28 at 10:30am, in the shop behind the visitor center, presented by Sherry

Robinson. She is the author of the book entitled, "Apache Voices."

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.



**Thanksgiving
Potluck Dinner**

Thursday, Nov. 12 th – 2 p.m.
Deming Gem & Mineral Clubhouse
4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.

Turkey, Dressing & Gravy, Ham,
Rolls & Butter, Coffee & Tea
Will be furnished by the Club

Please Bring a dish to share
Please bring your own table service

Sign up at October meeting
Sign up sheet is on the table
where you sign in at the meetings



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Minutes of Board Meeting October 7, 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, Carolyn Abbey, Judy & Maurice Crawford, Sheila Hoag, Ernie Bent, Joanne Barrett, Shirley Krasinski. Non-board members present: Ron Ehrlich, Roy Smith, Jim & Emily Hoag.

Secretary's report: The club received a card from Judy & Hank Nelson thanking the club for letting them hold their 50th Anniversary party at the clubhouse. There was lots of great feedback from the fair displays, especially the examples of crafts done at the club. It generated a large attendance at the beginning lapidary class on 10/5/09. There were 25 at the class. Ron asks that more people come to help with the students and if anyone wants to donate items for the students to use, especially the kids, like craft wire, beads, tools, please get them to him or Jim.

Treasurer's report: Joanne reports she received the P&L statement from the 2009 Roundup. She suggests the club advertise in the Destination Deming that the Visitor's Center passes out to tourists and new residents. After discussion, Carolyn made motion that we place a business card size ad, one color, for \$140. Maurice seconded, approved.

President's report: Regarding the BLM, he talked to Senator Smith who advised that the BLM and the whole state is clamping down. Donna Irwin is still trying to get things straightened out and should have more information in a week or two.

Committee reports:

Membership: Carol s that since new members are not receiving their Chips for awhile, that she will attach current Chips to their receipt and membership card.

Roundup: Carolyn reminded first Roundup meeting is Sat. Oct. 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. Everything ready to roll, be sure to come out. She did inventory and we will need to order more T-shirts and hats. Suggested color this year (45th year) is red.

Bulletin: Sheila advises the Chips will go out this Sunday so anything needing to go in to her by Fri, 10/9.

Librarian: Shirley advises library will be up and running this next week.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1) Jim advises that the beginning lapidary class is bringing in lots of kids and new members. He requested from the club \$300 to buy supplies to help teach. After discussion, Judy made motion to give him \$300 for supplies, Maurice seconded, approved. Jim thanked Ron and Jim Foutch for their help. Ron donated \$50 worth of tools and supplies for the class. Anyone wanting to come help please do so.
- 2) Brian asked volunteers to help set up tables and chairs for anniversary party. It will be done after the Roundup meeting 10/10/09.
- 3) Doorprizes. We need more donations for doorprizes. Carolyn advised some can be purchased also.
- 4) Judy advised that Monika Anderson will need volunteers to help her cook the meats for our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Please call her at 544-4655. Be sure to come to the clubhouse and sign up if you are coming.
- 5) Judy advised she spoke with a person from LifeQuest who would like to bring some of the clients to the club for classes. Judy will get further information and report back.

Maurice made motion to adjourn, seconded by Sheila. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, Secretary