

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
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Schedule of Events

September 2009

Thurs., Sept 24th ----- General Meeting, 2pm
Monday 5-7PM ----- Beginning Lapidary classes &
Safety Class
Every Fri. & Sat. ----- Craft Classes –see schedule
Oct. 7th ----- 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

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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.



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President's Message

Hi Everyone--Welcome to September and hopefully some cool weather. 1st--I would like to thank Jerry, Jim, Maurice, Ron, and Harold for the wonderful job of putting up the walls at building one for the Southwestern New Mexico State Fair. Lot of work but it saved the club some money. 2nd--I would like to thank Jim and Sheila for getting a very special guest speaker for our September 24th meeting. Her name is Penny Boston. The club is in for a very special time. We will discuss our Thanksgiving and Christmas potluck dates and our November and December membership meeting dates at our September meeting so you will have an early idea when we will be having it. Hope to see you at the meeting. Brian

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

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

Official Website –

www.dgms.bravehost.com

Email – theDGMS@gmail.com

Reminder!

The Southwest New Mexico State Fair is Sept. 24th – 27th. Please sign-up for our booth, plan to show something, and attend. Or all of the above!

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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### **SEPT. & OCT. 2009 CLASSES & CRAFTS**

**Every Monday (except the 7<sup>th</sup>) –  
Beginning Lapidary class, 5-7pm**

**Fri. the 11<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm - craft class  
Sat. the 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 - noon Wire-wrapping  
Fri. the 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm - craft class  
including gourd crafting**

**There are no classes the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>  
because of the Fair!**

**Fri., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1-3pm - craft class  
Fri., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm - craft class  
Sat., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 - noon - Wire-wrapping  
Fri., Oct. 16, 1-3pm - craft class  
including gourd crafting  
Fri., Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1-3pm - craft class  
Sat., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 - noon - TBA  
Fri., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm - craft class**

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General Meeting Minutes  
8/27/2009

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

Guests were Kay Peralta. Welcome to the club!

Secretary's report. Judy reported she and Maurice are glad to be back. She announced that Angel Ministries have a new flyer which will be placed on the bulletin board. A reminder that we need more people to sign up for refreshments. We all like to eat them, so let's make sure there are lots to go around!

Treasurer's report: Joann reports that all the bills are paid and the report is posted on the bulletin board.

Committee reports:

Shop: Ron reports that the shop took in \$124.40 and paid out \$64.84. The Titan machine is fixed, everything running good. There were a few repairs made. The shop is still open Monday and Saturday mornings from 9-12. The beginning lapidary class is open Monday evenings from 5-7 p.m. Reminder the shop will be closed on Sat. 9/5 and Mon. 9/7 as well as the lapidary class in the evening due to the holiday.

Membership: Julia reports for Carol that there were no new members.

Old Business:

Brian reports that he and Bill Haworth met with Senator John Smith on 8/19/09 and Donna Irwin and discussed the problem with the BLM and our claim on Big Diggins. Senator Smith advised he would discuss it with Senator Jeff Bingaman and they will try to resolve the problem and will let us know.

Historian: Elaine advised that she has not received any pictures for a long time, so get busy and get pictures to her of any outings, personal or otherwise.

Sunshine: Grace reports she sent two cards, one to Dean Avery and one to George Gollihar who is in the Deming nursing center. She will send one to Emilie Smith and Josephine Wooten.

Web: Sheila reminds that in September, we will be having Peggy Boston putting on a program on the crystal caves and cave life found. She is from the Socorro School of Mines and was written up in the National Geographic, so be sure to attend. Deadline for getting items into the Chips is Sept. 2.

Roundup: Jerry reports the first meeting for Roundup 2010 will be held in Oct. Carolyn advised that we need a new person for assistant to learn the ropes and be ready to take over in 2011. Please step up to help.

New Business:

Brian reports that the Board chose Ernie Bent to be a part of the nominating committee and he accepted. Brian asked Willie Willis and he accepted. The club now needs to choose a representative from the membership. Carolyn nominated Maurice Crawford

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and it was seconded by Keith. Maurice accepted. They will coordinate a meeting in the near future.

John Ewert inquired as to the SWNM fair. Joann has a signup sheet for members to help out at our booth. Please sign up at break. It will be held Sept. 24, 25, 26, 27. Joann will need help with set up on Wednesday as she can only be there in the A.M. She will be there on Sunday all day for pick up of entries. Marcia Florien will be judging.

Judy brought up about the classes and crafting sessions. It was discussed in the spring that we have two educational classes on Sat. mornings at the same time the shop is open. That hopefully will facilitate an interest in the lapidary shop. Also, it will be utilizing the same utilities and thereby save the club money. It will also be easier to get teachers for various classes. The crafting sessions will continue to be on every Friday from 1-3 p.m. Carolyn made motion to change the classes to Saturday, Jim seconded. Approved.

Jim Hoag advised that copy of the BLM rules and regs will be on the website for anyone to read. It is over 400 pages.

Keith advised the pre-plant sale by the Friends of Rockhound Park starting on 8/27 and continuing. You can call to reserve plants. On 9/19, they will have their mariachi players, so plan to come out and enjoy.

Break.

Doorprizes were won by Gail Carter and Judy Crawford.

50/50 was won by Jerry Abbey.

Membership tag drawing was won by Lonnie Carter.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jerry, seconded by Keith. Meeting was adjourned at 2/53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Crawford, Secretary

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!!**  
**2 PM THURS., SEPT. 24, 2009**  
**4200 RAYMOND REED BLVD.**  
**DEMING NEW MEXICO**

**Penelope J. Boston**

*Associate Professor of Cave and Karst  
Science*

*Director, Cave and Karst Studies*  
Dept of Earth & Environmental Science  
New Mexico Tech, Socorro, NM

After the General Meeting at 2pm, Penny Boston of New Mexico Tech in Socorro will be speaking. You may recognize her from the National Geographic show 'Giant Crystal Cave'. Make sure to mark your calendar and attend this event!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Georgia Croat, Reginold Clark, Marilyn Corcoran, David Crumley, Barbara Galloway, Bill Haworth, Georgia Hoggatt, Mary Lou Landry, Steven Loeffler, Rose Lynch, Jack McAdams, Doris Miller, Mabel Munday, Elizabeth Vaudreuil, Bill Wellons & Josephine Wooden



SEPTEMBER REFRESHMENTS

Will be provided by Gail Carter and Elena Bost!



(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

Butch & Cathy Bruhn, Phillip & Melanie Hollenshead, Tony & Helen Romero



SUNSHINE



GREETINGS

Grace sent cards to Dean Avery, George Gollihar, Emilie Smith and Josephine Wooden.

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



FIELD TRIPS

No Field Trips in Sept. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Rockhound State Park Happenings: September, 2009

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

Well, I am back from my month-long hiatus. The staff here at Rockhound have been so busy lately with park projects that I had to lend a helping hand on a couple of occasions. I must say, they did a mighty fine job on the installation of new shelters at each of the reservation sites in the park.

The **Music in the Park** series has been wonderful this year. In July, Eddy Harrison put on a great show with his cowboy songs and poetry. In August, "Guitar Greg," Greg Scarpella, performed many classic cowboy and country songs that had the crowd singing along with him. Sadly though, the **Music in the park** series will come to an end this month. On Saturday, September 19 from 6-8pm, we will hear a change in musical styles as we welcome Mariachi Corazon Del Desierto back to the park, as well as a ballet folklorico dance group. Mark your calendars, bring your lawn chairs, and come enjoy **Free** music. Sponsored by First New Mexico Bank and Friends of Rockhound.

Speaking of the Friends of Rockhound, they have been busy themselves. They're just about done constructing a labyrinth on the west side of the visitor center next to the native garden. Also, they're gearing up for the native plant sale taking place Saturday, September 26 from 8-12pm here at the park. Pre orders begin September 3, 10, and 14 from 9-11am.

Last but definitely not least, Dennis Kaufmann will be presenting a program on

Ibex and owls on Wednesday, September 30 at 10:30am in the shop behind the visitor center. Remember, all of the above mentioned programs are free to the public! Whew, after such a busy month I'm going to need a vacation!

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.

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A special thanks to Harold Buck, Jim Hoag, Brian Beringer, Ron Ehrlich, Maurice Crawford who helped set up the partitions for the state fair in Building One. Their efforts saved the club \$400 on the rent for Roundup. ~Jerry~



Please plan to attend. This is our first planning meeting for the 2010 Roundup. So, be thinking of what area you can help in, and.... Also, remember we need someone to learn the ins and outs of the Roundup to take our place for 2011.  
*Jerry & Carolyn*

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Board of Directors Meeting September 2, 2009

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, Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, Ernie Bent, Judy & Maurice Crawford, Jim & Sheila Hoag. Non-board members present: Ron Ehrlich, Joe & Elena Bost, Emily Hoag.

Secretary's report: The Lifetime Members plaque has been completed and will be hung on the wall next week.

Treasurer's report: Not present.

President's report: Barbara Hamilton has stones to be picked up for the fair. Brian will take care of that. Also, Chips will be taken to the Chamber of Commerce and the museum.

Committee reports:

Round Up: Carolyn reports the first meeting for 2010 Round Up will be on Sat. Oct. 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. Be sure to attend. Also, further meetings are to be on: Nov. 14, none in December, Jan 16, all at 10:00 a.m.

Bulletin: Sheila reports the email list got corrupted, so if you did not receive your Chips, please let her know right away. It is being corrected now.

Librarian: Emily Hoag, our assistant librarian reports the summer was slow. If you wish to check out any books, please come to the general meetings.

Brian reports that the Nomination committee will make it's first presentation of proposed nominations at the October general meeting, at which time, nominations will also be accepted from the membership. November will also be an open nomination, at the close of meeting, nominations will be closed. December we will vote on the nominees.

Brian reports that Bill Haworth will meet with Donna Irwin on 9/3/09 to discuss the BLM issue. Hopefully, we should hear something soon.

Old Business: Ron reports that exterminators have sprayed for bugs and weeds.

New Business: Brian thanks Jerry, Maurice, Jim Hoag, and Harold Buck for helping out at the fairgrounds setting things up for the fair.

Jerry reports the county shop at the fair will be welding supports for the large walls.

Jerry reports that Monday, Sept. 21 the club will set up cases and lights for our booth. Also, Wed. Sept. 23, afternoon and evening, we need helpers to set up and accept the entries for our booth. Please come help.

Judy asked for suggestions as to getting help with janitorial duties, especially prior to the general meetings. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the front table. Jim Hoag volunteered for the month of Sept. Please help keep our club clean.

Brian brought up setting dates for our holiday dinners and schedule change for general meetings for Nov. and Dec. After discussion, for Nov. the Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Nov. 12 and the general meeting on Nov. 19. For Dec., the general meeting will be held on Dec. 10 and the Christmas dinner will be on Dec. 17. Jerry made motion and Maurice seconded, to accept these dates and to bring them to the general membership at the meeting on Sept. 24.

No further business was discussed for the good of the club. Motion to adjourn was made by Maurice, and seconded by Jerry. Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Crawford, Secretary