

Rock Chips

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The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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President's Message

Spring is here and the winds are picking up and the shop is slowing down. There is no field trip planned this month. If anyone wants to do a field trip, let me know and I will get it out in an email. Thank you to Nancy & Pat Smail, Joe & Elena Bost, Elaine Angstman and Ben Staff for helping with the cleanup and inventory of the fair storage shed. Hope all mothers had a Great Mothers Day. The next general meeting is Saturday, May 23 at 2 p.m. Maria Ehlers is going to do a workshop on a braided bracelet after the meeting. Linda Edwards has resigned as secretary. If anyone is interested and willing, please let me know. Barbara

Deming Gem and Mineral Society General Meeting Minutes Saturday April 25, 2015

President, Barbara Staff called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.. The members rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no guests or new members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Linda had no business to discuss. Pat Smail moved that the minutes printed in The Chips should be accepted as printed. Seconded. Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ben Staff gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barb raised the question of who will get a donation from the club – which schools or what area will be open to possible receipt of the donation since there was not an appropriate application for a school. It was suggested that a notice be put in the paper to let teachers know about submitting a letter as to why their classes should get a donation.

Barb announced that there would be a silent auction after the meeting.

There will be a Clean-Up Day on May 2nd at 9:00 am of the fair storage shed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIELD TRIPS: There were 6 people that went on the field trip last week to Rincon. There were a lot of beautiful cactus to be seen, not so much for beautiful rocks. All had a good time being out in the desert.

SUNSHINE: Skyler Alverson passed away recently.

BULLETIN: There was some publicity for DGMS from a blog.

SHOP: The summer hours will be starting May 1. Monday 9 to 12, Wednesday 12 to 3, and Saturday 9 to 12. All the supplies that were ordered for the shop have been received. In Joe's absence, Marilyn Page will be the shop manager.

NEW BUSINESS: Barb noted that next January the club will celebrate it's 50th anniversary. She inquired as to whether any members had ideas to help celebrate this anniversary. She said that we could entertain ideas up to September of this year and then have time to implement the plans.

Judy Crawford asked if all members could make an effort to be more friendly not only to current members but also to new members or guests.

Thanks to Judy and Maurice Crawford for Ernie's birthday cake which was a month late. He usually gets it during Roundup. Need people to sign up for refreshments for next month.

Joe Bost won the door prize drawing. Judy Crawford won for having a name badge, and Frank Barber won the 50/50.

Judy Crawford moved that the meeting be adjourned. Frank Barber seconded her motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Following the close of the meeting, Jesse from Black Hat Trading gave an informative talk on stabilizing rock. Many questions were asked and after the talk the silent auction closed at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Edwards, Secretary 2015

Deming Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting
May 6, 2015

Meeting called to order at 2 pm. by President, Barbara Staff.

Meeting started off by Introducing Carol Duncan and John Edwards to be board members for two vacancies. After approval of the board they were sworn in.

Board members present were Barbara Staff, Ken Sholer, Linda Edwards, Benjamin Staff, Marilyn Page, Cindy Jordan, Scott Ehlers, John Edwards and Carol Duncan.

Club members present were Carolyn Abbey, Judy & Maurice Crawford, Pat Smail and Ed Edwards.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: nothing

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report given by Ben Staff. Also noted was the filing to challenge our property tax status from commercial to non-profit. Please do not remove reports from the bulletin board. They are there for everyone to see. If you want a copy, ask and I will get you one.

Motion was made by Marilyn not to have a general meeting in June and July. Motion seconded and approved. There will be a cleanup day in June for the shop or clubhouse, will announce at general meeting.

CLAIMS: Ben will be meeting with Salinas and going out to see about excavation that needs done before seeding and mulching.

FIELD TRIP: No field trip planned this month. There was clarification on taking guests to Big Diggins. If a non-member wants to go to Big Diggins, they must be accompanied by a club member. They can only

surface hunt and we are asking for a donation of \$20.

SUNSHINE AND MEMBERSHIP: nothing.

Ben looked into materials for replacing the display case tables and stated it would be about \$280. It was mentioned, we might be able to get Foxworth to donate supplies.

Discussion on recording meetings. Linda and John to look into possibilities. Donation to Fireworks Fund to be given. Discussion on donation for scholarship money, send out to newspaper, schools and library to apply for funds to purchase materials for earth sciences / geology, to to be discussed at general meeting. Shop and other policies discussed and decided we definitely need written policies.

Barbara noted that in January Joe Morone had stated he had been in charge of the shop long enough and was ready to give it up. We will be looking for a replacement.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Edwards, Secretary

Chris Eboch's blog, the Southwest Armchair Traveler, has a wonderful story about the Rockhound Roundup. It is written by local author Ellen Ripple, of T or C. who is also a card-carrying member of DGMS. See it here...

<http://swarmchairtraveler.blogspot.com/>

Easy bracelet Workshop after the General Meeting May 23rd

2\$ per person for materials. Open to any child or adult that can do a 3-strand braid.

There will not be General Meetings in June or July. Board Meetings will still be at 2pm on the 1st Wednesdays of each month.

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...OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

Held every year on the second weekend (Thursday through Sunday) in March at the SW New Mexico Fairgrounds.

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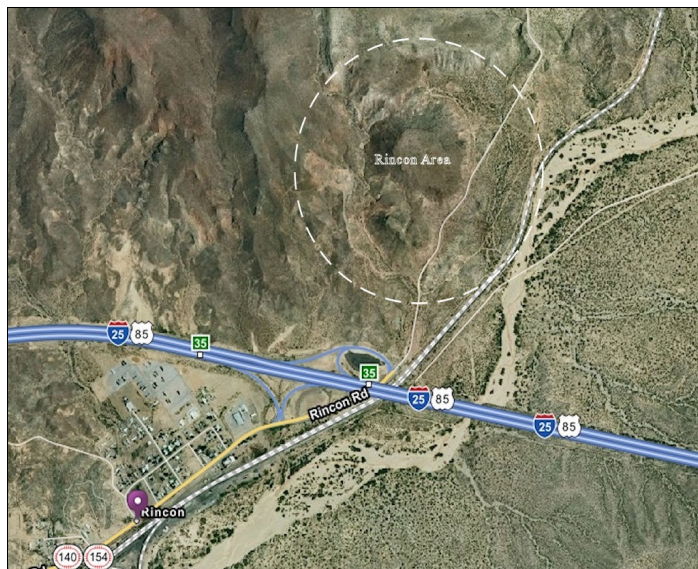
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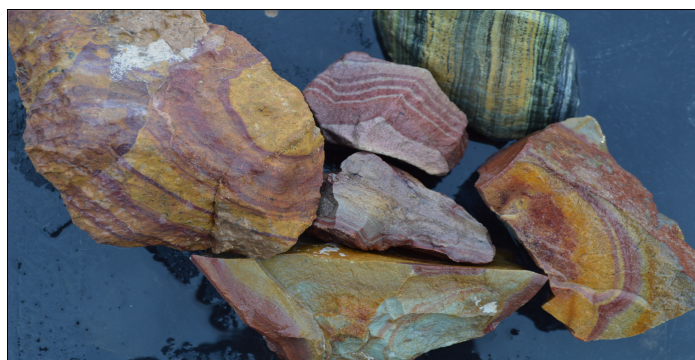
DAY TRIPS FOR VISITORS AND LOCALS

by Scott Ehlers



RINCON, NM AREA

NW of Las Cruces, East of Hatch. Exit 35. Head North from the Rincon exit head towards the prominent, steep hill with with the communications tower on top. Warning...road is ROUGH! but if careful can be accessed with most vehicles. Go right, up the hill and around, pick a place and start hunting. On the western slope of the hill can be found brown, yellow and red jasper, banded white and blue agate as well as banded rhyolite.



HATCH, NM AREA



Head West out of Hatch on Hwy 26, 1 mile, then Left on County Rd. E5, follow map towards check dam area. Here can be found common opal, and chalcedony roses along most all the dirt roads in this area.

LAKE VALLEY, NM HISTORICAL DISTRICT



Take NM 26 36 miles west of Hatch, at the town of Nutt, travel north on NM 27 for about 13 miles. The mines produced well for a few years after miners tunneled into a silver-lined cavity they named the "bridal chamber" that alone yielded 2.5 million troy ounces (78 tonnes) of silver.

Take County Road BO05 to the left, on the right is the back-side of Lake

Valley and remains of silver mine where the bridal chamber was found - stay-out of this area! If the caretaker of Lake Valley Town-site is around you may be able to get permission to hunt the tailings for mineral specimens.

Hunting area across the road is all along County Road BO05. I have found many specimens right by the "Y" on this map, including fossils, rhodonite, magnetite, psilomelane, as well as agate and jasper.



Lake Valley NM 1890's



View to right just past Lake Valley Town-Site



Above -Lake Valley Fossils
Collection of Scott Ehlers, Editor



Bella Hotel, Lake Valley NM

