

Rock Chips

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The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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President's Message

Summer is slowly coming to an end. Along with the end of summer means the end of the monsoons and grading of roads so we can plan some field trips.

Ben and I spent the weekend of June 19 and 20 in Carlsbad attending their rock show. It was held at the Living Desert Museum State Park. Thank goodness it was inside. It was as hot there as it was in Deming (105). Came home with a piece of petrified wood and fire agate.

There were about 20-25 people that showed up for the July 4th ice cream social and silent auction. We all were enjoying the fireworks till near the end, we got chased by the rain.

I would like to thank Ben Staff, Ken Sholar, Dave Coffey, Debbi Spencer, Allen Chupa, Don Bennett, David Rinsch, Sharon Lundin and Jim Foutch for fixing water leaks and cleanup in the shop and grounds during June, July and August. They have been having fun cleaning up the saw room, checking out the saws, which have needed some work and cleaning up the grounds and sheds. I would also like to thank Jim White for technical support on trouble shooting the 18" saw.

Dave Coffey is our new shop chairman. He brings a lot of experience and knowledge to the club. Come to the shop and meet him, and if you can, help with the cleanup. Dave is looking for sawyers and leaders. There will be some changes in shop policies which should be completed next month. Anyone who has a key to the gate is ask to return it to the treasurer.

Marco Franco is going to be our field trip chair. We are still in need of a secretary, historian, and social chair. We also need people to teach classes. We need people to sign up for refreshments for the general meeting August 22.

August is when we select a nominating committee for our December election. The President chooses a member, the Board chooses a member and the

membership chooses a member for the committee. The member chosen by the membership is the chair, so be thinking about who you would like to be on the committee. Please read the article on DGMS and the Fair in this issue. It will be here before we know it.

See you around the clubhouse

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General Meeting Saturday, p.m. with a Silent Auction	Aug. 22	2:00
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Board Meeting Wednesday, p.m.	Sept. 2	3:30
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Openhouse Saturday, starting at 12:00 p.m.	Sept. 26	
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General Meeting Saturday, p.m.	Sept. 26	2:00
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Field Trip Saturday, Space Port area for Petrified Wood	Oct. 3	
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Shop hours for August are: Monday 9 - 12 and Saturday 9 - 12

Sunshine Report for June and July: A sympathy card was sent to Judy Haynes for the loss of her husband, Larry. Get well cards were sent to: Donald Bennett, Cathy Boutwell, Monika Anderson, Shirley Krasinski and Sylvia Golden.

If you know someone that needs a little sunshine call Barbara @ 575-494-6238

Welcome to new members from June and July

Anita Williams
Linda Elners
Harold Buck
Wayne Myers

DGMS Board Meeting Date: 7/6/2015

Meeting called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Board members present - Barbara Staff, Ken Sholer,
Benjamin Staff, Scott Ehlers, Marilyn Page, Cindy
Jordan, and Carol Duncan
Member present - Dave Coffey

Motion made by Ken to approve the June minutes as printed in the Chips, seconded- approved.

Secretary Report - nothing.

Treasurer Report - Ben gave an overall review of the club financial status: Discussion of what to do with money we have to work with after projected yearly expenses. Possibilities were; buying tables for the display cases for Roundup, catered dinner for 50th anniversary of club and an open house.

Vice-President Report - Ken gave an overview of a program he is helping with at Fort Bliss for children.

President Report - Ask for approval to have bank accounts reviewed by accountant for first six months. Will cost \$100-\$300.

Committee Reports:

Bulletin- Scott presented more information on having color brochure done. Dave said he does printing. Scott and Dave will get together to come up with something to present.

Shop - Shop is open again - Mon. 9-12, Wed. 12-3 and Sat. 9-12. Ben gave report on cleanup in shop. Ben, Ken and Dave fixed leaks at sink, cleaned out storage closet and did some general cleanup during June. Cleanup will continue till shop and saw room are cleaned up. The 30' saw blade has worn out.

Claim: Marilyn to purchase seed. Will plan on seeding and mulching claim on July 18, weather permitting. Meet at clubhouse at 8:00 a.m.

Membership, Field trips, Sunshine - Nothing

Unfinished Business:

Color brochure - Ongoing.

Donation money -Have not heard from anyone.

Follow up to IRS coming to talk to the board. They do not send anyone to organizations due to budget cuts. We were referred to SCORE an organization of retired professionals associated with the Small Business Association to come and talk to the board.

New Business:

Dave Coffey was Introduced and interviewed for new shop chairman. After Dave told us about himself, the board interviewed him.

Actions Approved:

Pay monthly bills, purchase seed and mulch. Motion made by Marilyn, seconded.

To have accounts reviewed by accountant. Motion made by Ken and seconded.

To purchase 30" saw blade. Motion made by Ken that If Carol can get the saw blade for \$630 or less, to purchase the blade. Seconded.

Board agreed to have a representative from SCORE come and do a presentation on Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. to talk to them.

To have the coin box on the trim saw removed. Motion made by Ben and seconded.

For Dave Coffey to become the shop chairman. Motion made by Ken and seconded.

Motion made by Scott to adjourn. Seconded by all. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Staff, President

DGMS Board Meeting Date: 8/5/2015

Meeting called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Present: Barbara Staff, Ken Sholar, Benjamin Staff,
Scott Ehlers, Marilyn Page, and John Edwards

Not present: Carol Duncan, and Cindy Jordan

Chairman present: Dave Coffey

Approval of minutes as read Moved by Marilyn,
seconded, approved.

Secretary's Report: nothing

Treasurer's Report: Ben gave an overall financial status report. Ask for approval of monthly bills. Accountant is reviewing the books for the first 6 months. Weed spraying and bug spraying by Border Pest was discussed. Recommended that we do not need the weed spraying and bug spraying be done every other month. The shop account at Do It Best has been closed per Dave's request.

Vice President's Report - Cleanup outside. Redoing rock pile in back so children can come and rock hunt in it.

President's Report: Board meeting changed to 3:30 p.m. through Dec.

Meeting with SCORE on Aug 15, at 11:00 a.m. for board members and bylaws committee.

Barbara stated there is a rumor spreading that the drawer in the shop that was opened last month contained money that belonged to Joe Morone. What transpired was, there was no key found to open a locked drawer in the shop. The drawer was hacksawed opened by the treasurer with board members and shop chair as witnesses. It contained money that had not been turned over to the treasurer. The money has been deposited into the club account. There was also money with receipts that are for deposits for keys to the gate. The coin box which was on the trim saw was also removed and the money from it has been deposited into the club account.

Committee Reports

Bulletin - nothing

Claims - Road blocked due to washout. Will get seeding and mulching done as soon as possible.

Field Trips: Marco Franco has volunteered as field trip chair.

Membership, Sunshine: nothing.

Roundup: nothing.

Shop: New 30" saw blade has been installed. The 18" saws need repairs. Cleanup is continuing. Dave passed out policies for shop, sawyers and leaders to be reviewed.

Unfinished Business: Letter was read from the library requesting to receive money for materials for a maker box area for hands on learning.

New Business: Open house for General meeting in September starting at 12 p.m.

Ben ask about giving tumbled rocks to Rockhound State Park. We had done this in the past and they do not have anyone giving them tumbled rocks for children at this time.

It is time to pick the nominating committee. Barbara has picked Barbara Hamilton as the President's pick. The board has chosen Ken Sholar as the board pick. The membership will need to pick a member at the general meeting.

Barbara stated that it was brought to her attention that there are rocks in the white shed outside that Joe and Maurice have said belong to them. She has been told by several members past and present that the rocks were given to the club for the members by the family of a vendor that passed away a few years ago. After a lengthy discussion it has been decided there needs to be further investigation into the matter before the board will decide what to do. One thing which was decided was to change the lock on gate.

Actions Approved:

Motion made by John to approve payment of monthly bills.

Motion made by Ken not to have weed spraying done and have bug spraying done every other month.

Motion made by Ben to resume giving tumbled rocks to Rockhound State Park.

Motion make by Ken to buy parts for 18" saws.

Motion made by Marilyn to give the Library \$1,000 to buy materials for a maker box area.

Motion made by Ken to change the lock on the gate and keys to be given to President, Treasurer, and Shop, with Shop Chair to distribute as necessary.

Actions Tabled:

The new shop policies and procedures. Tabled until next month after review.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted from recorded meeting by Barbara Staff,
President

SWNM Fair and the Club

For those of you who are new to the club or are unaware of our relation with the Fair, here is a brief run down. Our Club has a long history of working with the SWNM Fair. For several years during the 1970's and into the 1990's, before we had our own clubhouse and shop, Club members helped maintain the Fairgrounds, picking up trash, mowing lawns, and doing repairs. In exchange for this labor, the club did not pay rent for Fairground use during the Roundup. The Club also was allowed to build a storage building on the Fairgrounds property and given a 99 year lease on its use. The Club was also awarded a Life membership in the Fair Association.

Through the mid 2000's, a club member was designated as liaison to the Fair Board, attended Fair Board meetings, and reported to the Club. At some point the Club discontinued maintenance activities and began paying rent for the Roundup, and shortly after, stopped having a representative attend Fair Board meetings. Our rent for the Roundup week was \$1500 plus \$100 for utilities. In 2008, the Fair Board raised our rent to \$2500 plus \$250 for utilities. To keep our costs down, Jerry Abbey attended a Fair Board meeting, pled our case, and succeeded in getting the rent reduced to \$2000 with no charge for utilities. In exchange, the Club agreed to set up booth partitions used during the Fair in building #1 and to take them down after the Fair. In August of 2010, the Club also agreed to manning the gates during the Fair in lieu of paying rent. This keeps our expenses down during Roundup. Ed Edwards is now our representative.

We also set up a booth of display cases and give out information during the fair. Three of the cases are for members to display items for judging. Information on categories will be in the next chips or you can get it at our website. The other six cases are for individuals to display whatever they want. These are also judge for Best of Show, First, Second and Third place.

We will need lots of help to set up the partitions, set up our booth, man the gates and help out at our booth.

Setup day is October 7.

The fair is October 8 - 11 this year.

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FOUNDED - JANUARY 1965

DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR

Membership Dues: \$15.00 per person for Adult Members

Junior Memberships: \$2.00 per person (up to 18 years of age) or \$25.00 per family

All meetings are held at the Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. building

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President	Barbara Staff	724-712-6353
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Field Trips Chair.....	Dennis Holmes.....	575-3137329
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Past President

Pro-Tem.....Carol Duncan

...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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THE DEMING GEM and 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.

FAIR JUDGING RULES AND GUIDLINES

DEPARTMENT OF GEMS AND MINERALS

Sponsored by Deming Gem and Mineral Society

GENERAL RULES

1. An entry fee of **\$1.00** per exhibited item up to **\$15.00** in each classification will be payable at time of entry.
2. **Entries are limited to residents of New Mexico.**
3. Entry must be the work of the exhibitor, both competitive and non-competitive for Division II and Division III.
4. All mineral, fossil and Indian artifact specimens shall be labeled to show name of material and location of origin. Labels will be available from the Deming Gem & Mineral Society in advance.
5. All lapidary and jewelry specimens shall be labeled showing name of material.
6. Exhibitors will be judged in general on:
 - a. Labeling - correct identification, spelled correctly.
 - b. Quality of material
 - c. Variety - non-duplication of specimens
 - d. Lapidary - cutting, grinding, polishing quality
 - e. Jewelry - creativity (must be complete work of exhibitor)
 - f. Educational - information interesting to the general public
 - g. Workmanship
7. **If entries under a classification are not of merit, no award will be given.**
8. The decision of the Judges shall be final. If no award is shown on the Judge's sheet, no premiums will be paid.

EXHIBITOR GROUPS

To promote more equitable competition, exhibitors are divided into three groups as named below:

- A. **NOVICE J63** This is beginner's group. An exhibitor who has never received a blue ribbon in the class wherein the current entry belongs is considered a novice.
- B. **ADVANCED** Any exhibitor who has been awarded one blue ribbon in the class where the present entry belongs must compete in this group.
- C. **MASTER** Any exhibitor who has been awarded two blue ribbons in the class where the present entry belongs must compete in this group.
- D. **JUNIOR** (17 years or younger)
- E. **PROFESSIONAL** For display only - no awards.
- F. **DISPLAY CASES ONLY** - Cases having won Blue Ribbons by the club for showing are not eligible for club judging again.

RIBBON AWARD IN ALL GROUPS

First Place	Blue Ribbon	Cash Prize: \$5.00
Second Place	Red Ribbon	Cash Prize: \$2.00
Third Place	White Ribbon	Cash Prize: \$1.00

Only one prize money is each class to Exhibitor

DIVISION I - MINERALS CLASS

1820. Thumbnail - fits a one inch cube
1821. Miniature - fits a two inch cube
1822. Size two to six inches
1823. Size over six inches

DIVISION II - LAPIDARY CLASS

1824. Cabochons -

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- A. Mounted B. Unmounted
1825. Faceted stones
A. Mounted B. Unmounted
1826. Polished flats, nodule halves, Petrified wood sections, etc.
1827. Novelties, book ends, ash trays, Lamps, etc.
1828. Pictures, in stone, mosaics, intarsis
1829. Stone carvings
1830. Channel inlays
1831. Chip inlays
1832. Clocks —lapidary, non-coated finish

DIVISION III - JEWELRY

CLASS

1833. Silver, gold, copper, etc. - with stones
A. Stones worked by exhibitor B. Stones purchased or found
1834. Silver, gold, copper, etc. - without stones
1835. Baroque - tumbled stones, natural crystals. etc.
1836. Solder-less metal - wire wrapping
A. stones must be done by exhibitor B. Stones purchased or found
1837. Metal combined with another - with or without a stone
A. Stone done by exhibitor B Stone purchased or found.
1838. Bead work with stone(s)
A. Stones done by exhibitor B. Stones purchased or found
1839. Bead-work without stones

DIVISION IV - FOSSILS

CLASS

- 1840.

DIVISION V - INDIAN ARTIFACTS

CLASS

- 1841.

DIVISION VI— MISCELLANEOUS

CLASS

1842. Bead artwork - with or without stones, using a pattern
1843. Bead artwork - with or without stones, - original (no pattern used)
1844. Any item which does not fit into the above classes and artificially coated items.

The prize money paid by the Deming Gem and Mineral Society for display cases will be as follows:

BEST OF SHOW	Purple Ribbon	Cash Prize \$10.00
First Place	Blue Ribbon	Cash Prize: \$ 5.00
Second Place	Red Ribbon	Cash Prize: \$ 7.00
Third Place	White Ribbon	Cash Prize: \$ 3.00

DISPLAY CASE INFORMATION

IF YOU ARE PUTTING ITEMS INTO ONE OF THE DGMS DISPLAY CASES FOR EXHIBITING, YOU NEED TO KNOW THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Our judge wants to see the following as it will help evaluate your points received when judging:

1. You need to print out computer labels for your different rock specimens. If you do not have a computer, print legibly on white labels. He wants the name spelled correctly, the location where the rock was found or comes from, the approximate date found (Circa 19__ or 20__) and a map, if desired, to show where the specimen came from. Fewer entries are better so you have room to display this information. This is an educational exhibit so you need to provide as much information as possible for the public.
2. If you are putting items in the judging cases, we will try to provide enough room for you to place labels next to your items. Correct spelling of specimen and location found will go on your label along with the judging tag.

We will try to place items in the same category together so it is easier for judge to locate them.

We have so many knowledgeable members and they have such beautiful specimens, we want to display as many as we can.