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President's Message

This will be my last President's message. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the activities and projects this year and that supported the board's endeavor of getting the bylaws done and starting to get policies and procedures in place.

My hope for the club that it will move forward and to follow its mission statement: The Deming Gem & Mineral Society serves to share with the community its knowledge of earth sciences and the lapidary arts. I also hope that the projects we started will be followed up.

Saturday, December 19th will be our election and a potluck. The club will provide turkey, ham and potatoes. There is a surprise in store for those who attend.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Barb

Field Trip

The field trip on Sunday, Nov. 22 did not turn out as planned. We started out and one of our leaders was in Vermont, the other got sick and could not make it. There were 12 people which started out. We did not find the pink rhyolite we set out for. It ended up being a beautiful day to be out in the desert, through. Some of stayed in the area and hiked around and explored. A few went to another destination to hunt for limb-casts and chalcedony and some others left for elsewhere.

(Ed Note: I haven't mentioned the den of Diamondbacks I uncovered, nor the Azurite)

Membership

Welcome to new members: Jan Blessington, Charlene LeMaster, Al and Diane Krause.

Welcome back to rejoining members Roxane Rager & Gary Halaburda.

Shop

Shop hours are Friday 9 am - 12 pm...

...Saturdays 9 am - 3 pm.

If you want the shop open more days, we need people to be lapidary shop stewards or saw room stewards. Contact Dave Coffey or Ben Staff if you are interested. *(Note: Shop will be closed Dec.25 - Jan. 1st for renovations and improvements!)*

Sunshine

A card was sent to Irene Coyer, who had surgery. A sympathy card was sent to Art Krasinski and family for the passing of Shirley. A card was sent to Linda Edwards. A card was sent to Elaine Smith who turned 98 on Nov. 21. A correction to what was written for Elaine: She was historian for many years. If you know anyone needing a little Sunshine, contact Barbara Hamilton at 575-544-8643.

Roundup

Next Roundup meeting is Thursday, Dec. 17 at 1:00 pm. Need Co-Coordinator for Coffee & Donuts, Information Table, Friday night Silent Auction, Continuous Auction, Spinning Wheel and Education Display.

EVENTS LISTING

Wednesday, Dec. 22:00 pm

Board Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 58:00 am

El Paso Rock Show - meet at club parking lot

Thursday, Dec. 171:00 pm

Roundup Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 192:00 pm

Annual Meeting - election & potluck Dinner

Wednesday Jan. 62:00 pm

Board Meeting

Slate of nominees:

President -	Ken Sholar
	Marilyn Page
Vice-President -	Dave Hoggatt
Secretary -	Carolyn Abbey
Treasurer -	Benjamin Staff
1 yr director -	John Edwards
2 yr director -	Ed Edwards
Bulletin Editor -	Scott Ehlers
Roundup Chair -	Carol Duncan
Shop Chair -	Dave Coffey
	Joe Morone

Assist Roundup -

If you are unable to attend the December 19th meeting to vote, contact Carol Duncan at 575-956-5144 for an absentee ballot.

The ballots must be returned by December 14th.

I pulled this section out of a talk given by one of our members, Dave Hoggatt, and assembled by Judy Crawford (Thanks) Since it "Tis the Season" so to speak, and the last Chips for this year, not only is it a Great list to prepare for a field trip, it is also a GREAT list for Santa! So make your own list from it and send to Santa!

Helpful checklist to prepare for a Rockhound field trip (Part 1)**TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

Depending on the site you are rockhounding and what you are after:

- Rock hammer, rock pick, or geologist's hammer
- Chisels, gads, sledge hammers
- Pry bars
- Small Shovel, trowel, rake, wire brush
- Box screen
- Goggles or safety glasses
- Leather glove
- Small zip lock bags, small spray bottle of water, triplet loupe, clean rags
- Carrying sack, canvas bag, 5-gal bucket,

sample bags for samples

- Roll of toilet paper, and plastic grocery bags for trash
- Hand sanitizer, Kleenex, small washcloths
- Knee pads
- Spray bottle
- Classifier
- Scoop with long handle
- Star drill

...to be continued in January!

Don't forget to save Peppers receipts. For those who are not aware, Peppers Supermarket gives the club a donation for turning in receipts.

FOR SALE: HP Laserjet 1320 printer \$100. This is the laser printer from the office. Contact Ben Staff for information.

In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, a UK government worker, commissioned the first Christmas card when he was too busy to write to his friends. Printed in black and white, the cards were originally colored in by hand. Things haven't changed..all that much.



From DGMS to all, a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!