



# The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

## ROCK CHIPS



YEAR 60

Month 2

February 2025



### Words from the President

Hello Club Members:

We had a Good turn out for the February general meeting considering we had so many members out with this crud going around. Wishing all the sick members a speedy recovery.

BLM lead Geologist, Cory Burr was unable to make the meeting and rescheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10am. Luckily, Rose Fowers was ready with a presentation on enhancing and sealing fossils in limestone. Thank you Rose for another informative & interesting presentation.

I would like to thank the members that helped with labeling items for the Friday night Silent Auction.

with the roundup only 3 weeks away, it's all hands on deck. There are several projects at the clubhouse left to be done.

We still have open slots for several areas we need volunteers including the Membership Table. We would like a kids area with tables for coloring, painting rocks, crafts, face painting and rock matching. If you can sit at a table and help kids, Please call or text me at 719-242-6460.

We are in need of small boxes, plastic bags, newspapers, crayons, colored pencils, markers, construction paper, pony beads, and elastic cord for bracelets. If you can help with any of these, please drop them off at the club house.

There's a lot to do before the show, so please come by the club house and sign up for the show and help with projects. Shop will be closed at noon on February 24<sup>th</sup> and won't be open again until after March 15<sup>th</sup>. February 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> the shop will be getting organized and equipment Cleaned.

See you soon!

Rose Townsend-Baros

**\*NOTE Field trip information**  
Meet at Club house 8am for Hachita to collect Turquoise

**Things to bring on a field trip**  
Full tank of gas, lots of water, snacks, lunch, bag or bucket for rocks, tools, hat, whistle, proper shoes and a jacket

### Not getting your chips bulletin by email?

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### Words from the Vice President

Greetings fellow rockhounds

February is upon us, the days are warming and getting longer, and March is just around the corner. March can mean many things to other people. March brings Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, International Women's Day, Daylight savings time, the Ides of March, St. Patrick's Day, and March Madness just to name a few. Here at DGMS, March madness has a different meaning.... it's Rockhound Roundup Time!

This year feels like extra madness, as we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Rockhound Roundup. Reaching the milestone of a 60th anniversary is a momentous occasion that deserves to be celebrated with grandeur and admiration. This remarkable achievement symbolizes our clubs enduring dedication and commitment. Traditionally, the 60th anniversary is symbolized by diamonds. Diamonds, like the DGMS, represent the strength and beauty that emerges from pressure. This precious gem serves as a reminder of the resilience, brilliance, and perseverance of our members and volunteers. We shine like a diamond's sparkle. The DGMS, like diamonds, are also known for their clarity, unparalleled hardness and brilliant shine. Like a diamond, the Rockhound Roundup has shone brightly as it withstands the test of time.

You can be a part of this, it's easy. Don't let it pass you by. All are welcome. Get involved. Come to Deming. Volunteer. Bring a friend. There's plenty of fun for everyone so make your plans now to be a part of the 2025 Deming Gem and Mineral Society 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Rockhound Roundup!

We'll see you there. Rock on!

David Bleicher

### Club Dues are now due!

If you need a form emailed to you, Contact Beka @ 406-468-8116 or stop by the shop and fill one out there. (Due by end of February)

Sunshine Cards Sent out this month to  
Jim P., Brenda H., Marilyn P., Tom B., Kathy T.,  
John R., Rose B., Beka S.

Also Sending a Ray of Sunshine to all the unspoken concerns

### Shop Hours

In February 9am til 12pm  
Monday, Thursday and Saturday  
(Shop closed for field trip Saturday's)

**General Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by President Rose Baros Townsend who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. New member present was Rich from Seattle and guest from Oregon, Kay (Carolyn Abbey's daughter).

Minutes were approved as published in the Chips Bulletin.

Vice President Dave was ill so no report.

Treasurer: No report

Roundup: There was a meeting at 10:00 a.m. this date. Dave has volunteered to be the Stage manager for Roundup with Kassandra's help.

Shop: Saws not received yet.

Bulletin: Beka still has room for items to be sold.

Claims: Andy reported that all the paperwork is in for Roundup, and the dig is set.

It was voted to invite the T or C club to join us on our members field trip to Big Diggins on the Saturday after the Rockhound Roundup.

Library: Dave ill. No report.

Field Trips: Jim said there's a trip planned to Hachita or Round Mountain on Saturday, February the 15th. Meet at the club house at 8:00 a.m. and leave at 8:15 a.m.

Property: It is A-OK.

Membership: Beka said Dues are still Due. We have 250 currently paid members.

Sunshine: Thinking of you cards since the January meeting were sent to Jim P, Brenda H, Marilyn P, Tom B, Kathy T, John R, and appreciation cards to Rose B. and Beka S.

Nominating Committee: Laura read the list of people who have been nominated for the next year's positions. They are: President, Rose Baros Townsend; Vice President, Dave Bleicher; Secretary, Carolyn Abbey; Treasurer, Maria Costa, 1 year director, Jim Paddock; 2 year director Darlene Bleicher; 3 year director, Kaye Green, Shop Foreman, Larry Baros, Bulletin Editor, Beka Sternhagen, and Claims, Julia Taylor. We still are looking for someone to Chair the next Roundup.

Rose Fowers gave a very nice presentation on Fossils.

Cory Durr from the BLM will be giving us a talk at our Thursday, March 13th meeting at 10 a.m.

April Board meeting will be on the 3rd and the General meeting on the 12th, both at 1 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary



# THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

4200 Raymond Reed Blvd. Deming, NM 88030  
**FOUNDED JANUARY 1965**

DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR  
Memberships dues: \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 per Family

## OFFICERS

President...Rose Townsend-Baros 719-242-6460	Bulletin Editor..Beka Sternhagen 406-468-8116
Vice President...David Bleicher 810-322-0634	Claims... Andy Taylor 662-418-0103
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Treasurer.....Maria Costa 603-738-1921	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chair...Jim Paddock 575-494-8522
Roundup Chair...Marilyn Page 575-544-9019	3 <sup>rd</sup> Chair...Darlene Bleicher 810-338-7689
Shop Chair...Larry Baros 719-225-0184	



**All meetings are held at the Deming Gem & Mineral Clubhouse**

4200 Raymond Reed Blvd, Deming, N.M.-

*Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings*



## THE OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

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

**"Rock Chips" is the official bulletin of the society**

Email: [theDGMS@gmail.com](mailto:theDGMS@gmail.com)

Official Website [www.thedgmsclub.com](http://www.thedgmsclub.com)

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.



# Classifieds

## Letter From Kaye Green

Thank you to everyone who came to the celebration of Life for my Husband John in January.

I would also like to thank everyone for the Cards, Money, Flowers and most of all, all the support from everyone has given me! It really makes a person feel cared about.

Thank you everyone!  
Kaye Green

For Sale \$400  
10" Commercial Wet Saw  
converted into a 14".  
Comes with new Blade  
Contact Beka 406-468-8116



## Sunshine Greetings

If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine Greeting, Please TEXT Pauline Ott at 979-618-3432

If you have an item you would like to sell or looking for an item, Send Beka an email with pictures and a discription at;  
[theDGMS@gmail.com](mailto:theDGMS@gmail.com)  
or text to  
406-486-8116

Kids table for roundup needs small pieces of:

\*Colored Fluorite, \*Copper-Turquoise- Malachite- Azurite-Chrysocolla, \*Iron \*Pyrite  
\*Mica \*Soap Stone \*Selenite  
\*Quartz. Please give to Laura

## ISO

SilverSmithing Equipment

\*Rolling Mill  
\*Pliers  
\*Torch  
\*Bench  
\*Wire Solder  
The Typical Stuff  
Please contact  
Philip Danzey  
440-212-9807

The shop is in need of the following items.  
Old towels for wiping down machines, Totes with/without lids, Medium sized boxes for storage & Roundup needs, Plastic & paper Grocery bags

Auction is held first Saturday of every month starting at 10am. Next Auction is March 1<sup>st</sup>

**STANDING  
STOUT**  
AUCTION & REALTY

**575-543-8339**

\*\*\*\*DANNA STOUT QUALIFYING BROKER\*\*\*\*

Don't forget to save your receipts and turn them into the Clubhouse



Junior Bounty Metal Detector like new in box \$30.00 (Top) White Metal Detector 5000 Coin Master in hard case very good condition \$90.00 (Bottom)  
Contact Dave Hoggatt at 575-685-9952  
Or Beka at 406-468-8116



## Happy February Birthday's

Michael Heisinger, Jesus Martinez, Frank Barber, John Robbins, Rose Townsend-Baros, Kendall Clark, Marie Curtis, Steve Sheldon, Stephanie Wurdinger, Nancy Breen, Raven Dreier, Marilyn Page, William Sheldon, Philip Danzey, Peter Tucci  
Happy February Anniversary's

Olga & Mark Deleon  
Shreeta & Thomas Boyle  
Ellie & Kyle Smith



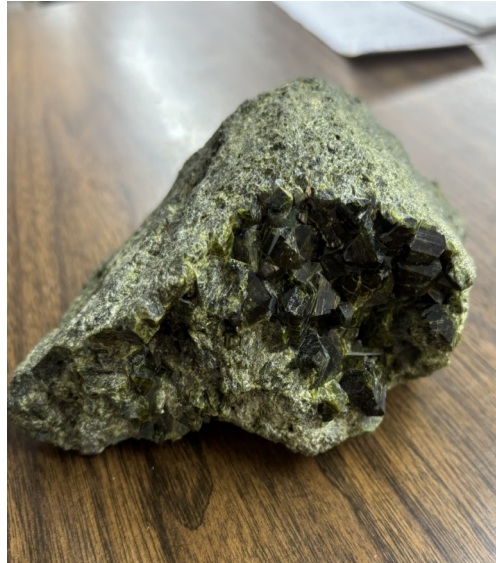
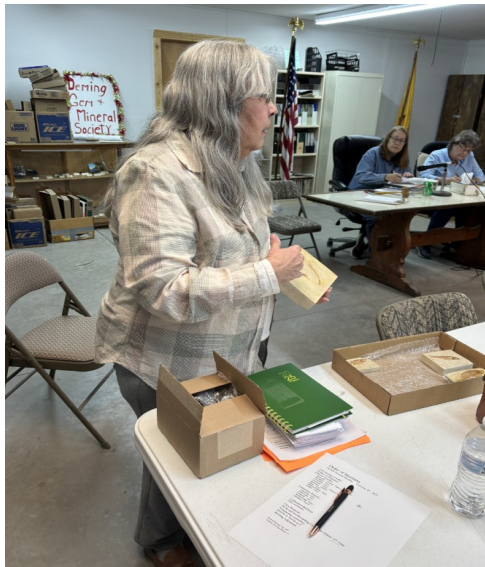
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# Photos of the Month

If you have photos you want to share, Please send them to [theDGMS@gmail.com](mailto:theDGMS@gmail.com) c/o Beka



## February Birthstone

•Amethyst•



It has long been said that the **Amethyst** can guard against drunkenness and has a sobering effect for those excited by passion and love. It symbolizes peace, protection, tranquility, and sincerity.

**TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NM**  
**ROCK & GEM SHOW**  
MARCH 1-2, 2025 ♦ SATURDAY & SUNDAY ♦ 9-5  
SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BARN 1321 HYDE AVENUE

**FREE ADMISSION - DOOR PRIZES - WHEEL OF FORTUNE!**  
**Come for the COOL ROCKS! Stay for the HOT SPRINGS!**

ROCK & MINERAL VENDORS • FAMILY FRIENDLY! • GEODE CRACKING  
ROUGH & FINISHED ROCK • SLABS • CABS • BEADS • JEWELRY • FOSSILS  
FIELD TRIPS • DEMOS & PRESENTATIONS • GOLD & SAPPHIRE PANNING

  
**SCRAGS.ORG** 



Don't forget to send in pictures of digs or rocks to display in the Chips



**60th  
JUBILEE**



**Deming Gem &  
Mineral Society's  
ROCKHOUND  
ROUNDUP**

**Gem & Mineral Show**

**March 6-9, 2025 | 9a.m. - 5p.m.**

At the **SOUTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIRGROUNDS**  
4100 Raymond Reed Blvd. Deming, New Mexico

**Public Invited**

**Free Admission**

**Free Parking**

- Jewelry & Rock Related Items • Buyers Market
- Lapidary Equipment • Displays and Demonstrations • Auctions
- Guided Field Trips • Coffee, Donuts, Breakfast & Lunch Restaurants

**FIELD TRIPS**

Trips leave 8:00 a.m. from the Fairgrounds

Public Invited on field Trips to

our Club's Claim, Big Diggins, and others.

Materials found: Onyx, agate, & other gem stones.

Bring suitable clothing & shoes, lunch, water, and tools.

**DAILY DOOR PRIZES - 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.**

**CASH RAFFLE 5 Drawings - Sunday at 3 p.m.**

\$500, \$300, \$200, and 2 prizes from Kingsley North

**AUCTIONS**

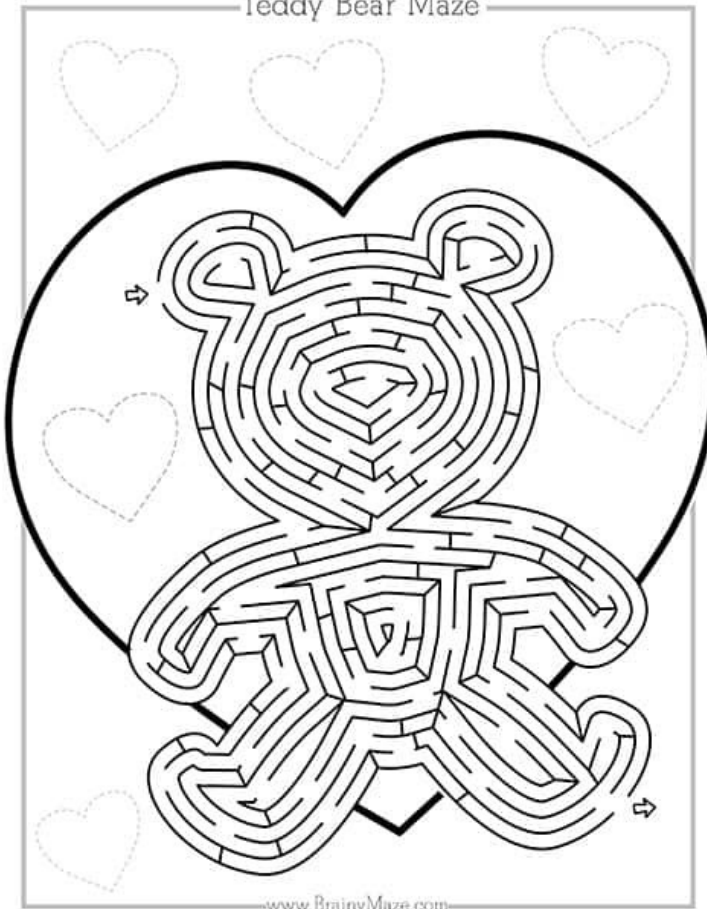
**Friday Night - 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction**

Rockhounds mark bids on auction forms. Items are donated by dealers and members. Available are cutting materials, slabs, geodes, crystals, gem stones, etc.

**Saturday Night - 7:00 p.m. Live Auction**

Fine specimens, jewelry, etc. will be auctioned, which have been donated by dealers and members.

## Teddy Bear Maze



## FEBRUARY

ARROWS  
BALLOONS  
CANDY  
CARDS  
CHOCOLATE  
CUPID  
FLOWERS  
FRIENDSHIP

GROUNDHOG  
HEARTS  
LOVE  
PRESIDENTS  
RELATIONSHIP  
SUGAR  
SWEETS  
VALENTINE



F V A L E N T I N E C R O F R  
S L P I H S N O I T A L E R A  
W C O Y D N A S A B R S W I G  
E A Y W C H C U P I D L L E U  
E R D S E O C O L A S O E N S  
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B A L L O O N S H G O L V O R

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## Rock & Soul G E M S



Mental Clarity  
Protection  
Spiritual Growth

FLUORITE – FLUORSPAR

**Explore**  
The Association  
of February Stones



Clarity  
Healing  
Protection

AMBER

Intuition  
Protection  
Balance



AMETHYST FAMILY

12 Different Types Of Onyx  
Sardonyx (brown base with color bands in shades of red)  
Cornelian Onyx (red base with light color bands)

Black and white onyx  
Brown and white onyx  
Red and white onyx  
Green and white onyx  
Blue and white onyx  
Green and black onyx  
Blue and black onyx  
Green and black onyx  
Blue and red onyx  
Green and red onyx



BLACK ONYX

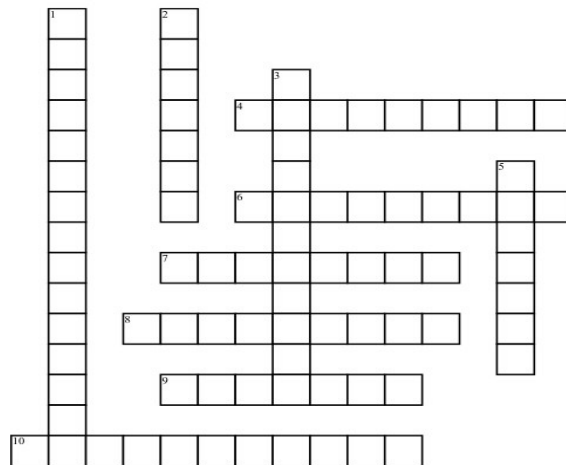
Protection  
Grounding  
Self-Mastery



RockSoulGems

**You Are  
Protected**

## Rock Cycle



### Across

4. Which type of pressure is the same pressure from all directions?
6. What is a process that describes the formation, breakdown, and reformation of a rock?
7. Which type of pressure is unequal pressure from different directions?
8. What becomes more distinct with increased temperature and pressure?
9. Which rock is formed through the cooling and solidification of magma or lava?

10. What are rocks that are heated, buried, and use water for cooling?

### Down

1. How is metamorphic rock formed?
2. What is the process by which the surface of the Earth gets worn down?
3. What is a mix of large and small sizes of particles?
5. Which type of sedimentary rock consists of fragments of preexisting rocks that are compacted and cemented together?

This Crossword puzzle is a challenge. See who can get them all correct without any help

Summer is here! Stay Cool

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Beka Sternhagen, Editor  
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Change of address, email or phone Number? Please let us know!  
Send the changes to DGMS membership  
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### February

Thursday the 6 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Board Meeting (Canceled)
Saturday the 8 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Roundup Meeting 10am
Saturday the 8 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	General Meeting 1pm (Lunch @ noon)
Saturday the 15 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Field Trip to Hachita 8am club house
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Shop open 9-12 noon
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Shop open 9-12 noon
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> ,.....	Shop open 9-12 noon

### March

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,.....	Roundup set up 8am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Finish Roundup set up 9am
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Put up Banners & Signs. Dealers Start set up 8am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Show opens 9am, workers need to be there 8:30
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Show opens 9am, workers need to be there 8:30, Silent Auction starts 6:30, workers 5:30
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Show opens 9am, workers 8:30, Auction starts 7pm, workers need to be there 5:30
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Show opens 9am, workers 8:30
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Clean up starts 8am
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Big Diggins field trip for Roundup workers 8am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> ,.....	Shop open 9-noon
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Shop open 9-noon
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	Shop open 9-noon
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> ,.....	BLM Special Presentation 10am

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