



The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS



YEAR 60

Month 1

January 2025



Words from the President

Hello Club Members;

I would like to start by saying Thank you to all the club members that donated items for the Healing House in Deming. The staff was so thankful and grateful for the items and stated how our donations will make it a special one for all their clients.

January 2025, Wow 2025 sounds like a science fiction movie, is starting out to be a busy month with the 60th Jubilee Rockhound Roundup preparations. Julie Taylor will be working on the prizes for the Spinning Wheel Friday, January 31st at 10am if you're available to come help her.

The January General Meeting had a good turnout and I would like to thank all the members that attended, We had a presentation by Laura K. who showed us the local minerals and how they are used in everyday life. Fun and informative, great job Laura!

Save the date for Saturday, February 8th at 10am. It will be an important date for members to come out and attend the Roundup Meeting at 10am. Lunch will be at noon and General Meeting will be at 1pm. The shop will open at 9am and there will be different Roundup projects to work on before and after the meetings. Hope to see you there.

The club field trip to the Zuhl Museum in Las Cruces was awesome. The museum is small, like the group of members who attended, but it was amazing! Every inch had something amazing from petrified wood to minerals to fossils and more, If you have not had a chance to go yet, I would definitely recommend you do so. Unfortunately, the trip for Amethyst didn't turn out as well. This month we are going for Travertine in the Cedar Hills. Come Join us!

Rose Townsend Baros

*NOTE Field trip information

Saturday the 15th, Cedar Hills, Meet @ Club House @ 8am and leave by 8:15am

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

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Words from the Vice President

Veep report

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Here at DGMS we already started the new year off with a real bang.

At the January meeting we were treated to a wonderfully informative presentation from DGMS member Laura Koppang! Laura is well known for delighting the crowds at the kids table during the Rock-Hound Roundup. Laura tells kids about the minerals they use everyday At School and around the house, and now it was our turn to join in the fun.

We saw examples, and learned of the many different minerals we use throughout the day just doing our normal activities. Who knew that Little Columbus NM discovered how to protect our teeth with flourite? Thanks to Laura and fluorite, everyone was smiling from ear to ear!

February will be focusing on preparing for Roundup, so I don't have a presenter lined up, but it's also a good time for you to think about giving your own presentation at an upcoming meeting. Tell us about why rockhounding interests you. Where do you look for rocks? What do you look for? What tools do you use? How do you polish them? How do you display them? We'd love to hear about it! See me with your ideas, and we'll put something together.

Until then, Keep Rockin !!

Dave Bleicher

Club Dues are now Due! Please Contact
Beka at 406-468-8116

If you would like a form emailed to you or
stop in during shop hours and fill one out
there.

\$15.00 for Single
\$25.00 for Family

Sunshine Cards Sent out this month to
Dr. Tom Boyle and Marilyn Page.
Also Sending a Ray of Sunshine to all the unspoken
concerns

Shop Hours

In December 9am til 12pm
Monday, Thursday and Saturday
(Closed December 22-January 4th)

Board Meeting Minutes — January 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by President Rose Baros Townsend who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 10 Board members and one club member present.

Minutes were approved as published in the Chips Bulletin.

Rose reported the Christmas gifts were delivered and very much appreciated by the residents of the Shelter.

Dave said that Laura will be giving a presentation at the January 11th General meeting on "Rocks and Minerals in Your Home".

Treasurer Maria gave her report and asked that any receipts needing reimbursement be given to her asap.

Marilyn said she is working on changes to Roundup letters. Will be talking with inside dealers regarding auction donations per larger spaces.

Saturday, Jan. 4th, 10:00 a.m., is the next Roundup meeting. February's meeting will be on February 8th at 10:00 a.m. followed by a noon meal and then the General meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Larry said the Shop is running fine. He's still waiting for the saws to arrive.

Beka has no new info for the Chips Bulletin.

Julia said Claims taxes have been paid and she and Andy are working on plans for Roundup trips.

Nothing is happening with the Library currently.

Everyone that went on the field trip to the Zulu Museum on Friday Dec. 20th said it was an awesome experience.

Russell will lead a field trip on Sat., January 18th to Rincon looking for Travertine (Bacon). Meet at club house at 8 a.m. and leave at 8:15 a.m.

January 19th will be an exploration trip for Turquoise, in the Hachita area, lead by Dave Hogatt. Meet at Sunshine Rd. & Columbus Hwy at 8 a.m.

Beka is in need of additional envelopes to use for member packets. *(They have been ordered)*

Larry said the DGMS property grounds have been dragged and are in good shape now.

Pauline is still busy sending out sunshine cards.

A final report was given on the Craft Fair. The need for more signs advertising the Craft Fair was discussed.

Newly purchased club badges, business cards, and membership cards were presented by Carolyn. She will be checking out possibility of pencils vs. pens for Roundup.

Upcoming meetings:

January 11th, General meeting at 1 p.m. with a soup, salad & bread lunch at noon.

February 6th will be a Board meeting at 1 p.m.

February 8th will have a Roundup meeting at 10 a.m., followed by a noon lunch and General meeting at 1 p.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 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary

General Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2025

After a very nice noon luncheon with five homemade soups, corn bread and salad, the meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by President Rose Baros Townsend who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved as published in the Chips Bulletin.

Rose reported the Christmas gifts were delivered and very much appreciated by the residents of the Shelter. She thanked everyone who brought gifts to be shared.

Vice President Dave said nothing to report. No program is yet scheduled for February's meeting.

Treasurer said all bills are paid up to date.

Roundup: Marilyn is still recuperating. Rose said we have "request for donation" letters ready, and asked that if you frequent an establishment can you take one of them to that business.

New T-Shirt art was shown. There will be half tie-dyed and half navy blue, both with the same artwork. We will also order some X-small sizes for Children. We will be ordering some 60th Anniversary hats as well. Raffle tickets have arrived and are ready to be sold. Need volunteers to help with sales.

Inventory was done of grab bags and we have plenty on hand for his year. We do need bracelets made for the spinning wheel. Mary B. said she has about 100 and offered to make some more.

On January 31st we can use help to sort out supplies on-hand for RR.

Shop: Larry said he's still waiting for the saws he ordered. Could use some help cleaning out the saws.

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

Claims: Rose has spoken with several people regarding BLM requirements on rock hunting areas. She has invited a BLM representative to visit the club during a meeting, hopefully February 8th, and clarify rockhounding on BLM Property, so all club members can be on the same page as to the rules.

Nothing to report on the Library.

Field Trips: Russell will lead a trip on Saturday, January 18th, to Cedar Hills, meet at clubhouse at 8 a.m., leave at 8:15 a.m.

The Sunday exploration trip is cancelled so that we may attend a Memorial Service for John Green. A letter of invite was read from Kaye, which follows the minutes:

Property: Larry said it is A-OK.

Membership Reminder: Dues are NOW Due.

Sunshine: Pauline stated that she has sent get well cards to Marilyn and Tom Pile.

Nominations: Laura read a list of the current Board members who said they would take their office again in 2026, if no one else would like to be in that office. If you or you know someone who would like to be an Officer, please contact Laura, Larry, or Marilyn.

Dave introduced Lara Kopang as today's speaker. She gave a very informative and entertaining talk on Minerals found in your home.

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Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary

Kaye Green's Letter:

Dear Club Members,

Just a reminder that there will be a Celebration of Life for John on January 19th at 2 p.m. at the Deming Estates Community Center located at 3004 S. 9th St.

Deming Estates is at the corner of Dona Ana and S. 8th St.

There will be Handicap parking for those using walkers or canes. The rest can park in front of the house just north of the Center and across the street from the Center. Also, you can park on either side of the easement alley from 8th to 9th St. Just don't block any driveways, please.

If you would like to say something at the service, there will be a time for that.

There will be some snacks and if you would like to bring some, it would be welcomed.

Hope to see you all there, Kaye



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FOUNDED JANUARY 1965

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

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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

Official Website 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

For Sale

12" Polishing Wheel. 19" X 22 1/2" platform. 1/4 HP motor. Works well. \$200.

Contact Steve Fowers 576-546-9152



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

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

A celebration of life for Kaye Greens Husband, John Green, Will be Held Sunday, January 19th at 2pm Located at the Deming State Community Center, 3004 S. 9th Street just off of Dona Ana. Everyone is Welcomed!

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 February 1st

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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 January Birthday's

Jerry Kotajarvi, Marvin Johnson, Francis Korn, Ted Phillips, Steve Turner, Katie Rogers, Grant Stockdale, Cache Beaner, Mary Berg, Sandy Dreier, Orlando Grammatica, David Marr, Ja Rickard, Max Stange, Julia Taylor, Beka Sternhagen, Kelly Cooper, Linda Erikson

Happy January Anniversary's

None of file at this time

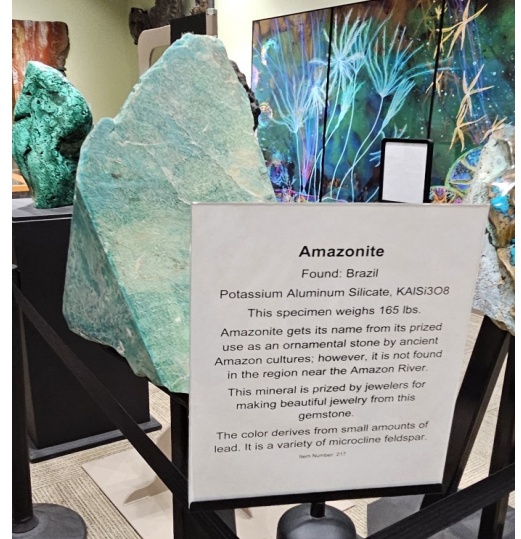
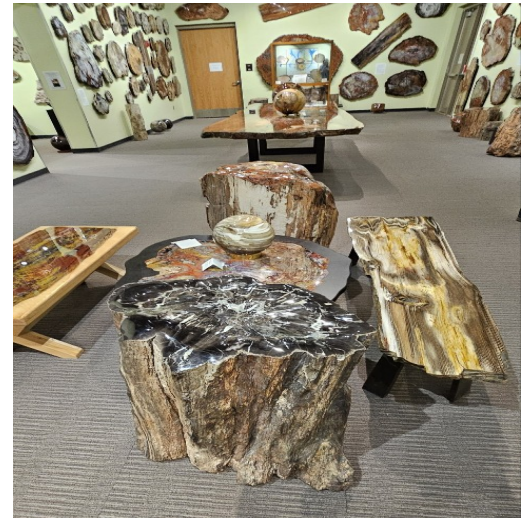


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Photos of the Month

If you have photos you want to share, Please send them to theDGMS@gmail.com c/o Beka



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



Summer is here! Stay Cool

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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

January

Thursday the 2 nd ,	Board Meeting 1pm
Saturday the 11 th ,	General Meeting 1pm (Lunch at noon)
Saturday the 4 th ,	Roundup Meeting @ 10am
Saturday the 18 th ,	Field Trip to Cedar Hills Meet @ Club @ 8am
Monday 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th ,	Shop open 9-noon
Thursday 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th ,	Shop open 9-noon
Saturday 4 th , 11 th , 25 th ,	Shop open 9-noon
Sunday 19 th ,	Celebration of Life for John Green @ 2pm

February

Thursday the 6 th ,	Board Meeting 1pm
Saturday the 8 th ,	General Meeting 1pm (Lunch @ noon)
Saturday the 8 th ,	Roundup Meeting @ 10am
Saturday the 15 th ,	Field Trip to be announced
Monday 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th ,	Shop open 9-noon
Thursday 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th ,	Shop open 9-noon
Saturday 1 st , 8 th , 22 nd ,	Shop open 9-noon

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