



The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS



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Words from the President

Hello Club Members;

What a great time it was handing out candy and seeing all the happy kids in their different costumes at the Trunk or Treat on main street. I would like to thank Larry, Dave & Darlene for their help.

Octobers rockhounding weekend was a fun time. The first day, there was a bonanza of Apache Tears (Obsidian) at Mule Creek and the next day was at the Tres Hermanas where we found a smorgasbord of keepers. I am looking forward this months hounding weekend to find Apache Ryolite & Turquoise.

The Novembers general meeting was a full house with a great group of members. We enjoyed a Turkey and Ham lunch before the meeting and Susan P. gave an informative & interesting presentation of wire wrapping. Thank you Susan. Looking forward to Decembers General Meeting on the 14th and all it has to offer. Hope to see you there!

The Mimbres Museum will be having a wreath decorating contest and any members that want to donate a rock ornament can drop it off at the clubhouse November 18th or Thursday the 21st and if you visit the museum, make sure to vote for your favorite wreath.

And this is a repeat from last months letter, Have a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

Happy Turkey Day From
Rose Townsend-Baros

*NOTE Field trip information

Saturday the 16th to South of Gage. Meeting at the clubhouse at 8am and leave by 8:15am
Sunday the 17th Hachita. Meet at Sunshine Church off HWY 11 at 9am and leave by 9:15am
Decembers trip on the 21th will be at Zulu Museum
The 22th will be announced at the general meeting on the 14th.

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

Words from the Vice President

November is considered a time to give thanks, so let's give a big Thank You to DGMS club member Susan Postlethwait. Her presentation at the November general meeting on wire wrapping for jewelry was enjoyed by everyone! We were treated to some up close and personal insights into the tools and techniques, along with a fantastic display of her finished pieces. Believe it or not, wire wrapping has been around for thousands of years, dating back to civilizations like the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans!

We learned that wire wrapped jewelry is customizable. You can choose the materials, colors, and design, along with the cabochons you can produce here at the DGMS shop, to reflect your unique personality and style. With all those endless possibilities, it's no wonder that wire-wrapped jewelry is a personal fashion choice for jewelry lovers worldwide. Thank you Susan! Looking forward, December is a time of gifting, so as a special gift to us all, our Dec. 14th general meeting will become a GENERAL meeting. DGMS club member Dave Hoggatt will tell us everything we always wanted to know but were afraid to ask about Opals! Dave will talk about where to look, how to find, collecting, working with, and everything else Opal. Bring your questions and anything else opal-related, and be prepared to be Opalized, it's the perfect gift. Speaking of gifts, remember to bring in a gift or two or three for the less-fortunate kids of our community. The rules are simple, just bring in your gift (minimum \$10 please) anytime the building is open. Unwrapped is fine, we will wrap, or if you choose to wrap please include a tag letting us know boy/girl and age range. Gifts are accepted starting now and will be collected up until our general meeting on Dec. 14th., when they are distributed in time for Christmas. In return, you get all the Christmas joy and holiday spirit you can handle, and the best part is... no carol singing required! While you're at the clubhouse, remember to bring in your Pepper's grocery store receipts.

With all these great presentations happening at the meetings, you are probably asking "What's next?". We have a field trip planned Dec. 21st at the Zulu Museum in Las Cruces, and we are putting together a metal detecting workshop, probably in the new year. If you have something you would like to share with the club, let me know and I'll get you on the schedule. Have something you are anxious to learn or a topic you want to discuss?.. ask me and I'll try to find the right person to address your topic. Find me at the club or email me at davendar2@gmail.com and we'll put your ideas into motion. See you at the craft show happening at the fairgrounds Nov. 23 & 24, and until then...Rock On!

David Bleicher

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When you've requested it that way? Please add The Club's email to your contact list as the bulletin is sent out in bulk and may go to your SPAM list if not listed in your addresses. Our Club's email is: theDGMS@gmail.com

Shop Hours

In November 9am til 12pm
Monday, Thursday and Saturday
(Closed 3rd Saturday during field trip days)

Board Meeting November 7, 2024

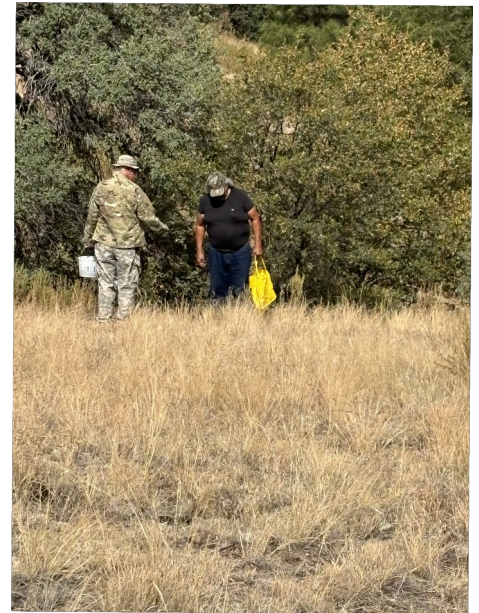
The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by President Rose Baros Townsend who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those Board members in attendance were Rose, Larry Baros, Dave & Darlene Bleicher, Marilyn Page, Carolyn Abbey, Jim Paddock, Kathy Townsend, Maria Costa, and Beka Sternhagen. Also present was club member Dave Hoggatt. Rose told us of the successful “Trunk or Treat” on Halloween. There were over 2,400 Trick or Treaters. Dave, Darlene, and Larry were there helping give out the candy. Vice President: Dave has been checking on costs for the proposed dog run to be built in the Club yard. He plans to have final information at the next Board Meeting. He also said that the wire wrapping demo planned for the General Meeting, to be given by Susan Postelwait, is ‘a go’. Treasurer: Maria has transferred money to the appropriate account for the purchase of the new saws, and that all bills are paid up to date. Roundup: Discussed being able to put up our large signs earlier this year. Marilyn said the next meeting will be on Dec. 14th at 10:00 a.m. Carolyn will be checking out some pen/pencil prices. Shop: Larry stated that the new saws have been ordered. Bulletin: Beka said she still has lots of space on the page to place ads. At this time your ad need not be just for rocks. . . . Anything you would like to sell. Just send your info to her. Claims: The forms have all been gone over and are up to date. We are still looking for some Claims to purchase. Librarian: Dave said that there has been no one using the Library. There are many books on rockhounding, and related subjects to be borrowed. Be sure and check them out at one of our meetings. Field Trips: Jim will be leading a trip for Apache Dendritic Rhyolite and Chalcedony, south of Gage, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Meet at Clubhouse at 8 a.m. and leave at 8:15 a.m. Dave & Larry will lead us on an exploration trip on Sunday the 17th for Turquoise. Looking for suitable Roundup and general field trip locations. Meet at the Mennonite School on corner of Hwy. 11 (Columbus Hwy.) and Sunshine Rd. at 9 and leave at 9:15 a.m. You will need a 4x4 or high clearance vehicle for this trip. Our December Field, the 21st, trip will be to the Zulu Museum in Las Cruces. More on that later. The purchase of a cell phone Land App was discussed and approved. The app will tell you who actually owns whatever property you are on, thus letting us know if ok to rockhound there. Property: There are still weeds needing to be cut down. Membership: Current member count is 227. Craft Show: Beka reports that the booths are all sold out. Will need spinning wheel volunteers, and others to help out. There will be a Club table to sell your items. If you sell from this table you give the Club 10% of sales, and you are required to work a shift at the booth. A BIG Thank You to Kathy Townsend and Marilyn Page for delivering Craft Show Flyers all over town. Beka will be the Craft Fair Chair next year and will need a co-chair. If interested, please let her know. Soldier Art Workshop: They are still planning to be here on November 30th. The Nominating Committee One person to be chosen by the President (Larry), one by the Board (Marilyn) and one at the general membership meeting. School Presentations: Dave and Laura would like to set up rockhounding presentations at the local schools, give out geodes and invite kids to come in on a Saturday to have them cut. The December Board Meeting will be on the 5th at 1 p.m. The December 14th will begin with a 12:00 meal with the General meeting to follow at 1 p.m. We are asking members to bring a gift (\$10 value) suitable for a Child to the Dec. 14th meeting or before. It can be wrapped or unwrapped, labeled boy or girl and an appropriate age group. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m. Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary

General Meeting November 9, 2024

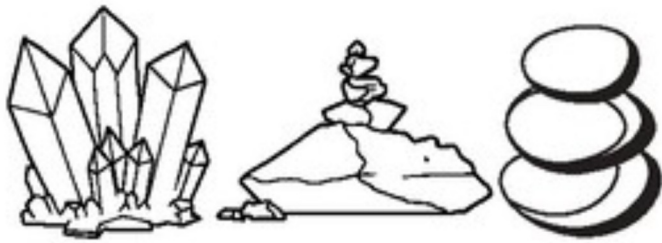
The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by President Rose Baros Townsend who led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 30 people present for our noon meal which was like a Thanksgiving feast. A Special thanks to Rose and Larry for preparing the turkey and most of the accompaniments. Also thanks to others who brought food to complement the turkey, etc. Secretary: Minutes were approved as published in the Bulletin. Vice President: Dave has been checking on costs for the proposed dog run. He hopes to have final information by the next Board Meeting. Treasurer: All bills are paid up to date. Roundup: The next meeting will be on Dec. 14th at 10:00 a.m. Shop: Larry stated that the new saws are on their way. Bulletin: Beka said she still looking for more items for her classified ad page. Claims: Julia stated that all forms are up to date. We are still checking out some Claims to purchase. Librarian: Be sure and check out the Library and all it has to offer. You can check something out for a month. Field Trips: Jim will be leading a trip for Apache Rhyolite and Chalcedony, south of Gage, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Meet at Clubhouse at 8 a.m. and leave at 8:15 a.m. Larry & Dave H. will lead us on an Exploration trip on Sunday the 17th to Hachita area for Turquoise. Meet at the Mennonite School on corner of Hwy. 11 (Columbus Hwy.) and Sunshine Rd. at 9 and leave at 9:15 a.m. You will need a 4x4 or high clearance vehicle for this trip. Our December Field trip, the 21st, will be a guided tour of the Zulu Museum in Las Cruces. More next month. Sunshine: Pauline said she sent out 7 cards this month and she received one. Property: There are still weeds needing to be cut down. Membership: Current member count is 227. Drawings: The drawings were won by Darlene B, Kathy T, Julia, Jim P, and Dave B. Craft Show: Beka reports that the booths are all sold out. Will need spinning wheel volunteers, and others to help out. There will be a Club table to sell your items. If you sell from this table you give the Club 10% of sales, and you are required to work a shift at the booth. Beka will be the Craft Fair Chair next year and will need a co-chair. If interested, please let her know. Soldier Art Workshop: November 30th. Not sure if volunteers needed. Will send out an email. The Nominating Committee for the 2025 Officers is Laura Koppang, Larry Baros, and Marilyn Page. If you would like to run for an Office or have a suggestion of someone, please tell one of these people. School Presentations: Dave and Laura would like to set up rockhounding presentations at the local schools, give out geodes and invite kids to come in on a Saturday to have them cut. Christmas Gift: We are asking members to bring a gift (\$10 value) suitable for a Child to age 17, the Dec. 14th meeting or before. It can be wrapped or unwrapped, labeled boy or girl and an appropriate age group. We would like to take part in the Mimbres Museum Wreath decorating project. Our decorated wreath will then be sold and we would receive 50% of sale price, which our Club will donate back to the Museum. We would like to decorate our wreath with rocks in one form or another. (can be creative) Need to bring your ornaments to shop by Nov. 21st. Call Rose for more information. 719-242-6460 Mary Meade wanted to talk about why we should have the Monuments allowed to be built in Luna County. It was tabled until December. Susan Postelwait put on an excellent informative program on Wire Wrapping. Hopefully she will be able to give a class on wrapping. The December Board Meeting will be on the 5th at 1 p.m. The December 14th will begin with a 12:00 meal with the General meeting to follow at 1 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m. Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary

Photos of the Month

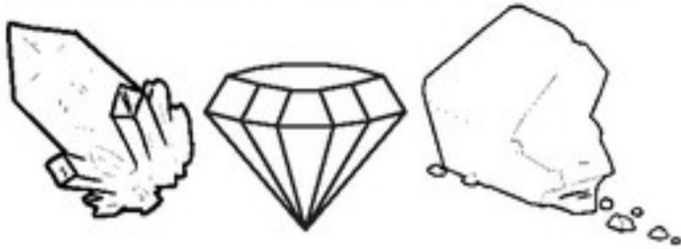
If you have photos you want to share, Please send them to theDGMS@gmail.com c/o Beka



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



**YOU
ROCK!**



THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

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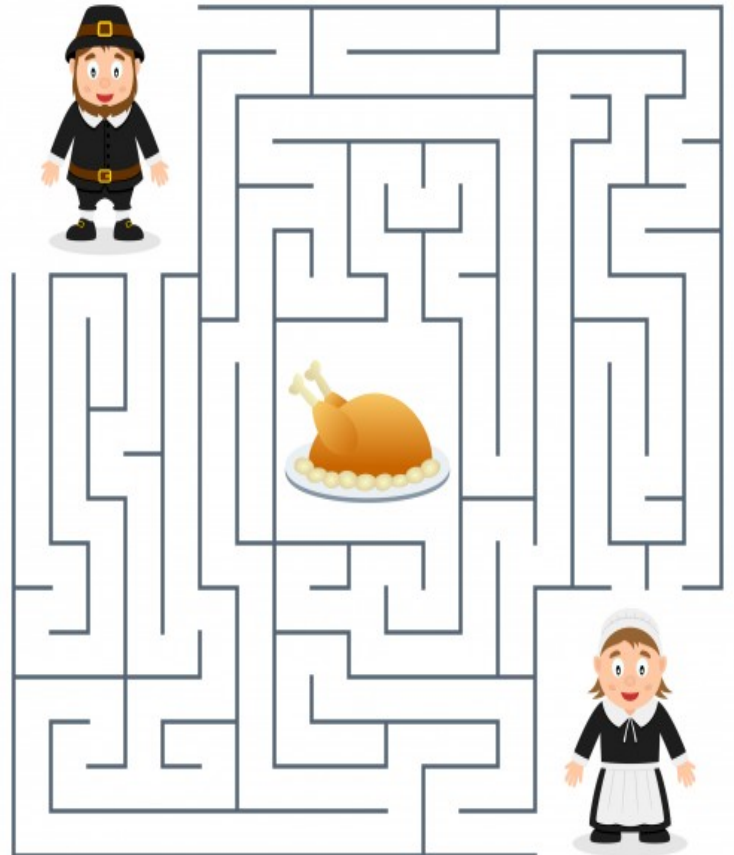


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— crossword puzzle —



ANSWER: 1.Cornucopia 2.Turkey 3.Corn 4.Apple 5.Pumpkin 6.Indian 7.Mayflower 8.Pilgrim



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 discription at;
theDGMS@gmail.com
or text to
406-486-8116

Roundup meeting for
December will be held at
10am before the General
meeting on December 14th
and there will be Lunch at
noon. If you are willing to
help and volunteer your time
during the roundup, Please
attend the meeting. Thank
you!



Auction is held first Saturday of every month
starting at 9AM (Winter is 10AM)

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

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



The birthstones for No-
vember are **topaz and
citrine**:



Topaz

This gemstone comes in
many colors, including blue,
pink, violet, brown, orange,
and yellow. Topaz is known
for its calming energy and is
associated with love,
affection, strength, and
beauty. It's a relatively
durable stone that can be
cleaned with warm soapy
water and a soft brush.

Citrine

This gemstone is known for its yellow and
orange hues, and is a variety of quartz.
Citrine is associated with the sun's power,
and is believed to promote joy, optimism,
and calm. It's also known as the
"Merchant's Stone" because it's said to
attract wealth and prosperity. Citrine can
be cleaned with warm soapy water and a
soft cloth or brush.

Happy November Birthday's

Shreeta Acharya (Boyle), Sandy Barber,
William Curtis, Rose Fowers, Bill Geraghty,
Jim Paddock, Keith Rickwartz, Carol Wolfe,
Bea Gorse, Marcia Sutter, Kyle Smith, Nancy
Jimerson.

Belated to Kathy Townsend



Happy November Anniversary's

Magan & Jared Massey, Laurie & John
Johnson, Kaye & John Green, Virginia &
Gordon Mast, Mary & Brian Beringer,
Krystyna & John Robbins, Mary & Brian
Beringer,



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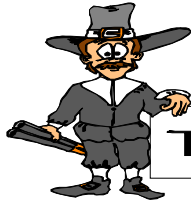
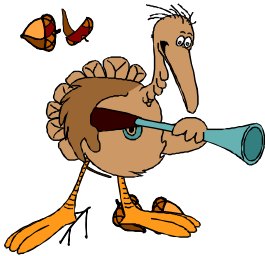
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4200 Raymond Reed Blvd, Deming, N.M.-

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.

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

November

Thursday the 5thBoard Meeting 1PM
Saturday the 9thGeneral Meeting 1PM (Lunch at noon)
Saturday the 16thField Trip south of Gage. Meet at club house at 8am
Sunday the 17thExploration field trip to Hatchita for Turquoise. Meet at Sunshine School at 9AM
Saturday & Sunday the 23rd & 24thCraft Fair 10-5 & 10-3. Volunteers needed
Monday the 4th, 11th, 18th & 25thShop open 9-noon
Thursday the 7th, 14th, & 21stshop open 9-noon
Saturday the 2nd, & 9thShop open 9-noon

December

Thursday the 5thBoard Meeting 1PM
Saturday the 14thRoundup Meetin at 10AM.....General Meeting 1PM (Lunch at Noon)
Saturday the 21stField Trip to Zulu Museum, Meet at Museum at 9AM
Sunday the 22ndExploration Field Trip to be Announced
Wednesday the 25thChristmas
Monday the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30thShop Open 9-noon
Thursday the 5th, 12th, & 19thShop open 9-noon
Saturday the 7th, 14th & 28thShop open 9-noon

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Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.