



President's Message

Happy New Year,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years Eve.

A new start for the Club, with the help of all the members we can make it an inviting place to enjoy our hobbies.

We all need to work together and get things ready for the upcoming Rockhound Roundup.

There will be something for everyone to do even if it is for only a couple of hours. We will begin setup of the show on Monday, March 9th. The show starts on Thursday, March 12th at 9 a.m. and runs thru Sunday, March 15th at 5 p.m.

Hope to see everyone at the General meeting on Saturday, January 24th at 1 p.m.

Reminder. . . Our dues are now due. Kaye

Roundup time is fast approaching And we need your help.

We need people to work at coffee & donuts, in the information booth, the spinning wheel, to lead field trips, to cut geodes, help with the bucket brigade (pick up items from dealers being donated for our live auction), help set up display cases, and general set up on Monday, March 9th. Even if you live out of town, you can still volunteer for shifts on any of the days. **In other words we need you, all of you to help.**



Also, please save your little rocks to tumble for the spinning wheel and grab bags. Too, we need people to sign up to fill a table for the Friday nite silent auction.

We will have a meeting on Sat., Jan. 24th at 10:00 a.m. of all the committee chairs, and anyone interested in helping out please plan to attend. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO WORK IN THE ABOVE JOBS.**

This is our only fundraiser. This show keeps our dues low, the clubhouse warm and the shop running. Again this show takes all club members participation! Plan on being at the next Roundup meeting on Sat., Feb. 28th. **We need you!!!**

Sunshine Greetings

If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine greeting, please call Pauline Ott at 979-618-3432



Veep Report

Greetings Rockhounds!



Happy new year to everyone! Here's wishing everyone a happy and safe 2026. I have recently returned home to New Mexico after an all-to-short vacation, and it feels good to be back. I have already been out rockhounding, found some azurite / malachite, attended a board meeting, and made it into the shop.

One of the topics from the board meeting was the need to fill some board vacancies. As I have said before, volunteerism is the backbone of any club or organization, and is crucial for building strong, resilient clubs like ours. Serving on the board is a great way to develop some new skills, create new friendships and networks, and help to keep our club strong. Please see any member of the nominating committee to see where you can help, we need you!

And now for our lesson, I'm going to paraphrase a few lines from the New Mexico Rockhounds site, (thanks Gary for your post), and a few other sites.

Have you ever wondered why "ite, ine, and ide" are used in the naming of many of the rocks we hound? Originally, the suffix "ite" was added to minerals that were named by the Greeks because it comes from the Greek word lithos, meaning "rock" or "stone". "Ite" indicates a mineral's identity as a type of stone, or something derived from a stone. Other suffixes commonly used are "ine", from Greek/Latin and means "like", similar to, pertaining to, or made of", and "ide", also Greek, meaning it is made of two or more elements. Many minerals have names that pre-date the Greek naming system, and have kept their original names. Early mineral names often described a mineral's physical properties such as color (emerald for green, ruby for red, sapphire for blue etc,) or their location (labradorite from Labrador). The International Mineral Association (IMA) recommends using the "ite" suffix for new minerals to maintain consistency. So get out there and discover a new mineral, and we'll name it Dgmsite!

At the January meeting we'll have time for some show-and-tell, so bring in your latest find, or show us what Santa brought for you.

Until then, Keep Rockin, *Dave*

DUES ARE DUE



a little reminder. . .

Mail your payment to
4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.
Deming, NM 88030

Or you can pay them at a meeting.

General Meeting — December 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 a.m. by Kaye Green, President, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 16 members present.

November General meeting minutes were approved as submitted in the Chips Bulletin.

President Report: We are still working to sort and organize items in the back room. Thank you Laura for all the organizing and labeling you've done.

No Secretary or Vice President's reports.

Treasurer: Funds have been transferred to necessary accounts..

Roundup: The people who were present at the Roundup meeting this morning are now present here. All the items were discussed there.

There will be a work party for Roundup on December 20th from 9 until noon.

Shop: Jim stated that everything is up and running and new blades have been ordered..

Bulletin: Need someone to run for the Bulletin job for next year.

Claims: There is some paper work needing to be completed for Little Diggins.

Field Trips: Jim said there're no field trips planned for December. Working on some ideas for January.

Membership: Reminder that dues are due and if not received by March 31st you will be dropped from the roster and not receive any bulletin or correspondence from the club.

Sunshine: One card has been sent since last month.

Property: Art is working on it.

Craft Show: December will be the month for the show in 2026. More info as contracts are sold.

Old Business: The Nominating Committee will be seeking people for offices for 2026.

The Audit Committee will have the Audit done by end of December.

New Business: Thank Yous to Marilyn Page and Kathy Townsend for all their work in preparing our dinner today.

When making any donations from the club for shelters, etc. please state that they are from the DGMS so we get the needed credit. Besides the blankets needed for the Animal Shelter, the Homeless Shelter, Silver Linings, would also like to receive hats and gloves.

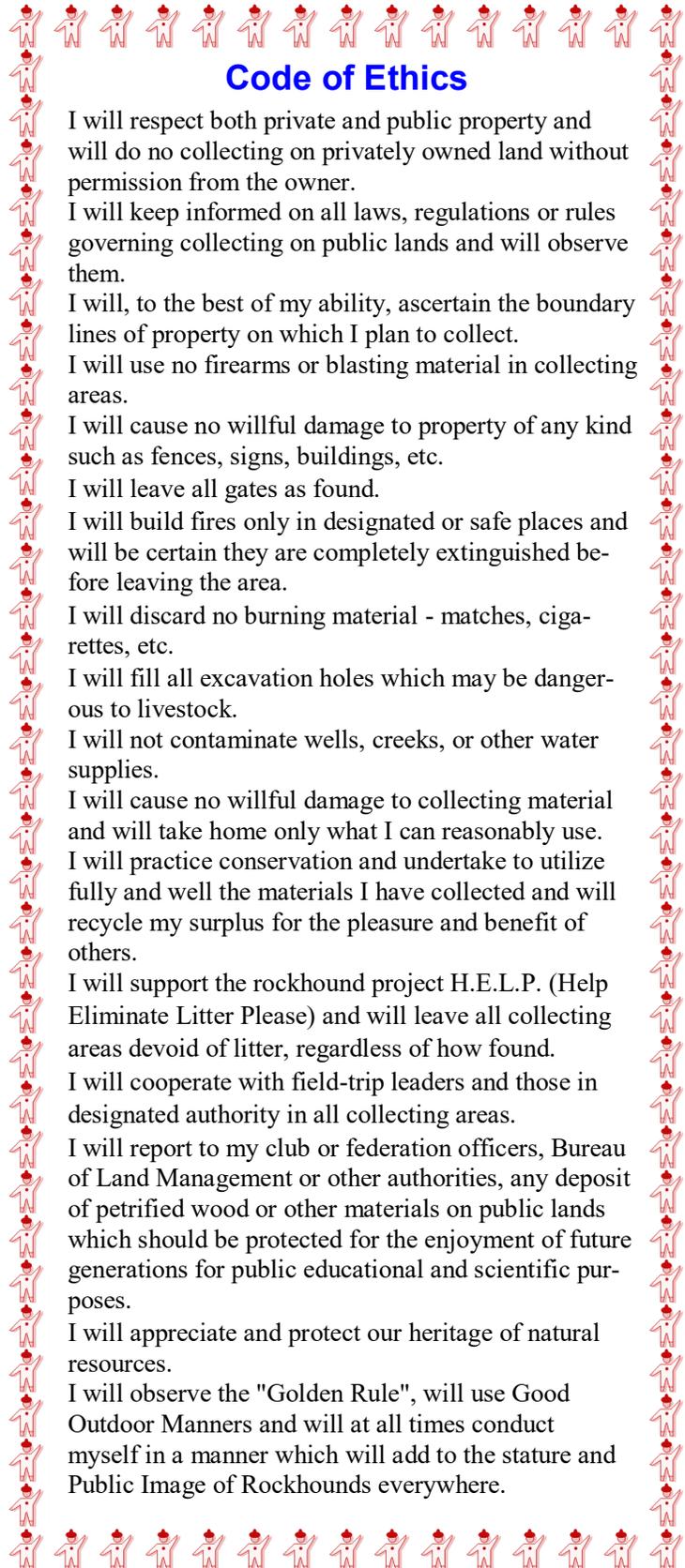
We are selling this 2026 T Shirts before the Roundup for \$12 each. They will be \$15 at the Show.

Upcoming Meetings: Wednesday, January 7th, Board Meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 24th General Meeting at 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary

Each year I believe it is good to revisit the Rockhounds Code of Ethics. New information for the new Rockhounds and a good review for the well seasoned ones.



Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.





DGMS Board Meeting - January 7, 2026

The meeting was brought to order at 10:09 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Dave & Darlene Bleicher, Carolyn Abbey, Kaye Green, Kathy Townsend, and Jim Paddock. Present by phone were Shirley, Marilyn & Maria. Club members present were Cary & Barb Voss.

Kaye reported that the books were audited on 12/1/2025.

No Vice President or Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report was read by Kaye Green.

Roundup report given by Shirley. Business letters will be given out at the beginning of February. Kingsley North and the Banks letters have gone out. She has received several calls about Roundup Field Trips. It was decided that there will be no On Line reservations for the field trips. They will be first come first served, beginning Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Field Trip Trailer.

Field Trip destinations are TBA. The Hatch trip is subject to change.

Our show workers field trip Saturday after the Show will include Little Diggins & Big Diggins, so be sure to log in your 8 or more working hours to be eligible.

Shop: Jim said the saws are up and running. Dave to get oil and wheels ordered. There is a person wanting to buy the old tumblers for \$300. It was approved by vote.

Bulletin: We are in need of a new Editor.

Claims: All is up to date.

Membership: We have 61 renewals so far this year.

No Sunshine, Library, or Property reports.

Field Trips: Possible a new trip to Lordsburg area for Azurite & Malachite. Vote on trip at General meeting.

Kathy read a report from Ron on the website and Facebook.

Craft Show still scheduled for December 2026.

New Business: Jim said the new oil and wheels will be sent directly to him. Need input on additional storage tubs to order.

Upcoming meetings: Board - Wed. February 4th at 10 a.m., General meetings on Sat., January 24th at 1 p.m. and also on February 28th 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary

***Happy January
Anniversaries
Marty & Jacquelyn Carr***



Updates from our Tech Support Ron Kuharski

I have been made aware of issues navigating the website on a mobile device. This was partially due to the backend being broken with some bad software and some with the site design. I am working to make this better for everyone but it will take a bit of time while I work to update all pages and menu's. I would class this as a long term project.

1. I have made a flyer that has scannable codes to go straight to our social media pages and website. It will be posted at the Club house and on a table during the Roundup to help people find and follow the pages and to encourage more followers.

2. Website Archive Rock chips - This page has been updated and reformatted a bit. It now has the 2025 newsletters. I am open to feedback

3. Website Contact us page - I have added links to our social media pages and slightly changed the format.

4. Photo Gallery Page - This page is broken. I am aware of it but the software that handles the slide show / gallery got a update and broke the back end of the website where I had to disable and remove it for the time being to even make any changes to anything else. I am working on this but it will be a bit before its back in working order. I am exploring some new software for it.

5. Rock Chips Current - This has been updated for the 2026 Chips. I know there are not any on there yet but I am also playing with a new layout and hoping for feedback.

6. Rockhound Roundup page - At request of Shirley I have added information about the field trips.

I would appreciate receiving your feedback on our web page, as to things you'd like to see, corrections, or your feelings in general. Ron

Shop

The Shop is currently open
Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday
From 9 a.m. til Noon



***PLEASE pick up your Roundup raffle tickets at
the January General meeting.
Save us the chore and expense of mailing them***

Deming Gem & Mineral Society Inc.
61st Annual

ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP



March 12-15, 2026

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Public Invited

Free Admission • Free Parking

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

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, geodes & other gem stones.

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

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

CASH RAFFLE DRAWING - Sunday at 3 p.m.

\$500, \$300, \$200, and other prizes

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.

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FOUNDED - JANUARY 1965

DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR

Membership Dues: \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 per family

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.



OFFICERS

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3 Yr. Director	Kathy Townsend	575-545-1806
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Some of the above were voted in to hold these offices temporarily until our next elections



Change your address, or phone or email address?

Please let us know!

Send the changes to: DGMS Membership
4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.
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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

1:00 p.m. - Saturday, January 24th

BOARD MEETING

10:00 a.m. - Wednesday, January 7th

LAST ROUNDUP MEETING before Show

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4th—10 a.m.

**All meetings are held at the Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. building
4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming, NM
Visitors are invited and welcome
at membership meetings.**

"ROCK CHIPS" is the official bulletin of the Society

Email: theDGMS@gmail.com

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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.*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2026

Wednesday, January 7th	Board Meeting	10 a.m.
Saturday, January 24th	General Meeting	1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2026

Wednesday, February 4th	Board Meeting	10 a.m.
Saturday, February 14th	VALENTINES DAY	
Saturday, February 28th	Roundup Meeting	10 a.m.
Saturday, February 28th.	General Meeting	1 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Clubhouse (4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.)
Unless otherwise noted.
Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.

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