



### President's Message

#### Happy Valentines Day

It was good to see all our new and old members at the last General Meeting. AND the last Roundup meeting will be Sat., February 28th at 10 a.m.

Just a reminder that the Roundup is just around the corner. We will need help from ALL of YOU.

Before the show, we will be selling Raffle tickets at Peppers Market on Feb13, 14, 27th and March 6th. Also, we will need people to help with collecting donations for door prizes from different businesses. Please let Marilyn know if you can help with either of these.

We start setting up on Monday, March 9th. There will be something for everyone to do, from filling dealer packets, marking spaces, setting up cases, cleaning and moving equipment, etc.

During the Show there are many, many jobs to do to help keep it running smooth.

Look at the **ROUNDUP BRIEFING** (this page) for more info on the Show.

Hope to see all of you at the final Roundup meeting on the 28th, at 10:00 a.m. followed by our General meeting at 1 p.m.

*See you there, Kaye*

### Veep Report

#### Greetings Rockhounds

Check your calendar, Roundup time is almost here! It takes everyone working as a team for us to host the Roundup, and we still need you. I have watched with great fascination as all the pieces, which once looked so impossibly far apart, start to come together to become the largest club-run rock and gem show in the Southwest.

Last year we had over 120 vendors representing 45 states and 4 continents, and this year is shaping up to be the same. If we can get a better stretch of weather from mother nature this year, we can surpass the estimated 10,000 people who visited our Roundup last year.

We still have another Roundup planning meeting coming up on Feb 28th at 10:00a.m. so please plan to attend. Meetings are held at the clubhouse, 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd. Sign up to volunteer for a job or two at the Roundup, and if you work at least 8 hours or more at the show, you will be invited to attend the club dig after the Roundup. See you there!

Until then, keep on rockin, Dave

### ROUNDUP BRIEFING

For the benefit of our newer members, here is a brief description of what goes on and what it takes to put our show on each year.

We start setting up on Monday (this year it's the 9th) about 8 a.m. Tables, display cases, equipment, and other supplies, must be moved from storage and set up. The buildings need to be swept out and the outside and inside vendor spaces marked.

Tuesday (the 10th) we will finish the tasks that still need doing.

On both days coffee and donuts are provided for the morning break, around 10:30 a.m. Sandwich fixins will be provided for lunch.

It's important that you sign the worker's sheet (at the stage) so you get credit for your help. (Raffle ticket selling shifts are included). All helpers logging in 8 or more hours over the four days will be eligible to go on our special field trip to Big Diggins on Saturday after the Show.

This year, Larry Baros will ramrod the general set up crew, Shirley Barter the outside dealer spaces, and Carolyn Abbey inside dealer spaces. There are tasks for everyone; some that can be done while sitting and not involving manual labor, and even running errands (we always forget to bring something).

Wednesday is the day the dealers arrive and start setting up their booths.

**Thursday through Sunday is Show Time!** Many tasks need your help during the show: Membership/information table, field trip sign-up, spinning wheel, geode cutting, bucket brigade (to pick up auction donations from the dealers), helping with silent and live auctions, and many other things that may come up.

Friday evening will be the Silent Auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. We start setting up for this at 5 p.m. right after the Show closes. We set up chairs and 20 tables and place the items on the tables. There will be pizza served for those who help with the set-up and work the Auction.

Saturday night at 7 p.m. will be the Live Auction. Help is also needed to set up and work it as well.

The Roundup ends Sunday at 5 p.m. and the dealers pack up and depart. Monday, following the show we take a day of rest and catch up at home. On Tuesday, starting about 8 a.m., we tear it all down and put everything away ready to go again next year.

The Rockhound Roundup is the Club's main source of income. It takes contributions of time and effort from ALL club members to make it work. So mark your calendars, plan your schedules, bring your gloves, and come on out.

Oh yeah, enjoy the show and have lots of fun with all the above

**Thanking you in advance,**

**The Shop will be closed for Roundup  
From Wednesday, February 25th  
Re-opens on Monday, March 23rd**

*Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your Nursing home.*



### Happy February Birthdays

Frank Barber, Marie Curtis, Steve Barnhill, Kendall Clark, Philip Danzey, John Robbins, Marilyn Page, Prof. Richard Green, Jesse Martinez, Peter Tucci, Susie Thomas, Steve Sheldon, Ravin Dreier, Stephanie Wurdinger

### General Meeting — January 24, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by President Kaye Green who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 27 members present and 4 by phone. New members present were Doug Jones and Scott & Denise Ray.

Minutes were approved as published in the Chips Bulletin.

**Secretary:** Carolyn passed around a new proposed DGMS logo created by Ron Kuharski. It was well received with a couple of minor changes.

**President:** Kaye announced we would pre sell t-shirts today.

**Vice Pres:** The Library is open and there will be a Show N Tell at meeting's end.

**Treasurer:** The audit has been completed and all is in balance.

**Roundup:** Shirley (by phone) discussed the need for people to sign up for committees, and to help sell raffle tickets at Peppers on Feb. 13,14 & 27th, and March 6th. Marilyn said we want helpers to wear the red Club vest.

Larry (by phone) said the geodes have been ordered and the back hoe person is set to go.

**Shop:** All going well. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 9 a.m. til noon except 3rd Saturday because of a field trip.

**Claims:** All up to date.

**Field Trips:** Next trip will be Saturday, February 21st to Lordsburg for azurite and malachite. Meet at club house at 8:00 and leave by 8:30 a.m.

**Membership:** Renewal and new members currently 63.

**Sunshine:** None this month.

**Library:** Open for check outs.

**Craft Show:** The building has been reserved for this coming December.

**Old Business:** The list of offices to be filled was read.

The club's new telephone number is: 575-494-5307

**New Business:** We had a show n tell on the Barnhill's trip to Red Cloud Mine, Darlene showed her rings she got on her recent vacation and Dave shared a Lego Mineral Set he purchased. Laura offered members to display cabs in shadow boxes.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 4th. at 10:00 a.m.

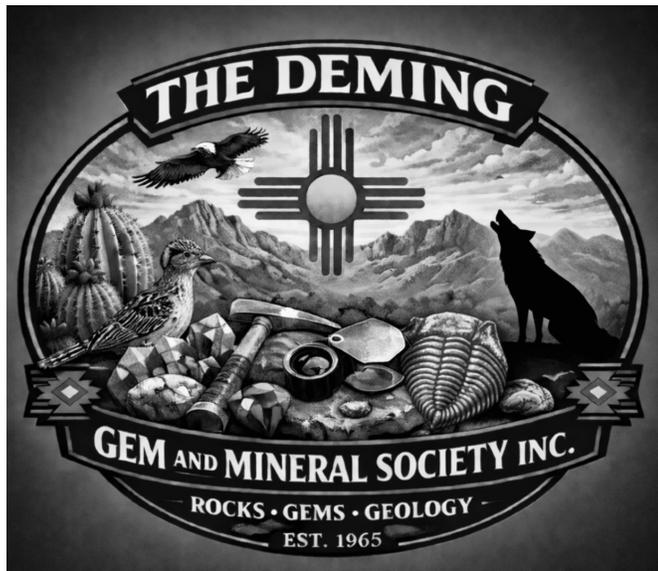
Roundup Meeting February 28th at 10:00 a.m. and the General meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Door prizes were awarded and the \$27.50 50/50 was won by Joette.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary



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## Dues are PAST Due *Renew Now!*

## Board Meeting —February 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m. by President Kaye Green who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no President or Vice President reports.

**Secretary:** There was no correspondence. We had a discussion on purchasing of patches with the new logo Ron designed. Decided to have printing rather than embroidery because of the extensive colors in the logo. Also ordering 3 banners with the logo to use at Roundup and elsewhere, and shirts for the Board with the new logo.

**Treasurer:** The audit was completed Dec. 31st. A P&L statement was passed out and discussed.

**Roundup:** Discussed the need for more people to volunteer to help during Roundup. Letters have gone out to the schools, banks, RV parks, and various businesses.

**Need volunteers to help sell raffle tickets at Peppers Market on February 13, 14, 27th and March 6th.** Contact Marilyn.

On Saturday, March 7th at 10:00 we can use help organizing last minute items for the Roundup.

The **last Roundup meeting** will be held on Saturday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m. here at the club house, followed by the General meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**Shop:** Four tumblers have been ordered. Also need light over wheels, gloves, etc.

The Shop will be closed on February 25th and re-open on March 23rd. This allows time for cleaning and setting up of the equipment used for Roundup.

**Bulletin Editor:** Ron Kuharski has accepted the position as bulletin editor, and was voted in by the Board. He will begin in March. Thank you Ron!

**Claims:** Julia said all paperwork signed and sent in.

**Field Trips:** On February 21st we will travel to the Lordsburg area in search of malachite and azurite. The cost will be \$5 each and we leave the Shop at 8:30 a.m.

**Membership:** There are 95 renewals and new members to date.

**Sunshine:** One Thinking of You card sent this month.

**Craft Show:** The contract will be signed at the Fairboard.

**New Business:** We are renewing our Chamber membership.

### Upcoming meetings:

Board Meeting -Wednesday, March 4th 10:00 a.m.

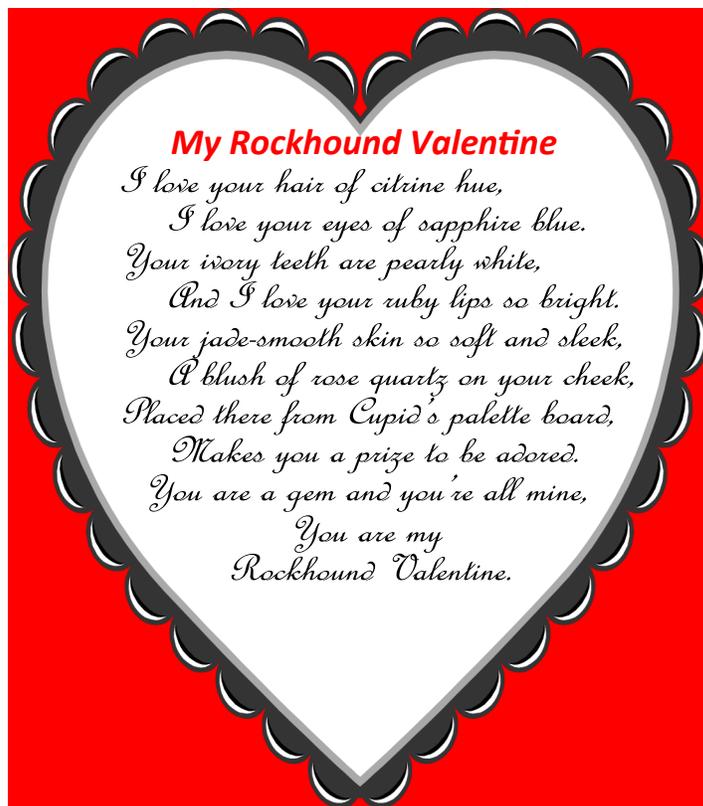
Roundup—Last meeting Saturday, Feb. 28th 10 a.m.

General meeting –Saturday, February 28th 1 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary



### My Rockhound Valentine

*I love your hair of citrine hue,  
I love your eyes of sapphire blue.  
Your ivory teeth are pearly white,  
And I love your ruby lips so bright.  
Your jade-smooth skin so soft and sleek,  
A blush of rose quartz on your cheek,  
Placed there from Cupid's palette board,  
Makes you a prize to be adored.  
You are a gem and you're all mine,  
You are my  
Rockhound Valentine.*

## Sunshine Greetings

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



**Change your address, or phone or email address? Please let us know!**

Send the changes to DGMS Membership, 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming, NM 88030



If you are not already saving your Peppers cash register receipts for a non-profit organization, please

**SAVE THEM FOR OUR CLUB.**

Peppers will pay us 1% of the total receipts turned in. This is a community project that they sponsor for non-profit organizations and another easy fund raiser for our Club.

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 4th .....	Board Meeting .....	10:00 a.m.
Saturday, February 7th .....	Roundup work party .....	10:00 a.m.
Saturday, February 14th .....	<b>VALENTINES DAY</b>	
Monday, February 16th .....	Presidents Day	
Saturday, February 21st .....	Field Trip Lordsburg area .....	Leave @ 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 28th .....	Last Roundup Meeting .....	10 a.m.
Saturday, February 28th .....	General Meeting .....	1 p.m.

## MARCH

No Board Meeting Due to Roundup		
Monday, March 9th .....	Set up Rockhound Roundup .....	begin 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 11th, .....	Roundup Dealers Arrive .....	begin 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 12 – 15th .....	Rockhound Roundup .....	9 a.m. – 5p.m.
Tuesday, March 17th .....	Tear down Rockhound Roundup	
Saturday, March 21st .....	Special Big Diggins trip for Roundup workers	
Saturday, March 28th .....	General meeting .....	1 p.m.

**All meetings are held at the Clubhouse - 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd**  
**Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.**



## Public Input and Actions

[Las Cruces District Office](#)  
**Media Contact:** [wwight@blm.gov](mailto:wwight@blm.gov)  
 Jan. 30, 2026

### **BLM seeks input for proposed magnesium processing facility in Luna County**

**LAS CRUCES, N.M.** — [The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comments for additional analysis of a processing facility related to the approved American Magnesium Foothill Dolomite mine near Deming in Luna County.](#)

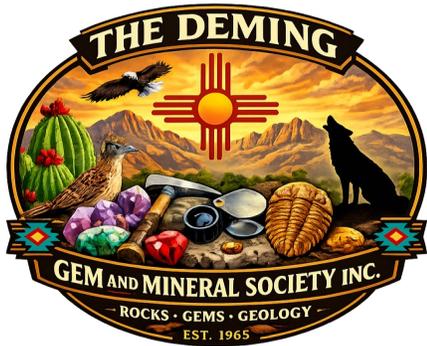
The BLM’s [2020 approval](#) of the mine was challenged in U.S. District Court. The court directed BLM to analyze the impacts on water quality that could result at an associated processing facility proposed on private surface acres. The court did not reverse BLM’s decision to approve the plan of operations, and the approved plan remains in effect.

The BLM is now seeking public comments on a supplemental analysis of potential impacts to water quality from the proposed processing plant on private lands, based on a conceptual industry standard design.

Additional information is available at the [BLM National NEPA Register](#), where comments may be submitted by selecting the “Participate Now” option. The comment period will close March 2, 2026. For more information, please contact BLM Las Cruces Minerals Program Lead Corey Durr at 575-525-4345 or [CDurr@blm.gov](mailto:CDurr@blm.gov).

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## THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming, NM 88030

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.

ROCKHOUND  
ROUNDUP



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3 Yr. Director	Kathy Townsend	575-545-1806
Claims	Julia Taylor	662-364-8697
Shop	Larry Baros	719-225-0184

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
1:00 p.m. - Saturday, February 28th

**BOARD MEETINGS**  
10:00 a.m. - 1st Wednesday of month

**LAST ROUNDUP MEETING**  
Saturday February 28th — 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.*



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