

The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

ROCK CHIPS

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THE DEMING GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

President's Update

I would like to thank everyone who helped at the RoundUp for all of your help. The shop will be open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9 AM to 12 PM. The meetings in April will be : Board Meeting April 1st at 10 AM and The General Meeting April 25th at 1 PM. We will need people to sign up to bring refreshments for the general meeting. I hope that everyone had a safe trip home and have a good summer.
Kaye - President

Vice President's Update

The DGMS 2026 Rockhound Roundup is completed and in the history books! Thanks and Congratulations to everyone who did their part to make this roundup another success. Long hours and hard work transform into big fun when everyone comes together and pitches in. I hope that in between shifts you all had the chance to walk around and do some shopping, see the sights, and visit with friends old and new. Just as we were just getting caught up on our lost sleep, and it was time for the club dig that happened on Saturday the 21st. About 30 of our show volunteers arrived at 8:00am and by 8:30 we were on our way to Big Diggins. We had great weather, great friends, and a great time. Before it got too hot we had all bagged our limit with Big Diggins agate, and some of the many other diverse minerals that grace the surrounding area. In eleven and a half months we get to do it all again.

Thanks again, keep rockin!

Dave

Upcoming Events



UPCOMING MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING
April 25th at 1 PM

BOARD MEETING
April 1st at 10 AM

NEW MEXICO GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

Happy March

The month of Spring, Abundance and Joy!

Birthstone - Aquamarine

*associated with courage,
loyalty, fealty &
friendship*



Aquamarine is Latin for aqua (water) & marina (the sea). The serene Caribbean sea color of aquamarine is thought to cool the temper and keep one peaceful, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded, despite provocation. The aquamarine was a talisman to protect sailors, worn to guarantee a safe voyage. Aquamarine's pale, crystalline blue color complements a soft and pastel spring wardrobe, but also contrasts nicely with richer hues.



March Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to Our Rock Club Members!

Bud Daily	Sandra Kenney
Lori Fairweather	Andrew Lawing
Kaitlyn Gurule	Skylar Lawing
Brenda Hammond	Joan Patience
Megan Holden	Valerie Sheldon
Mary Holozubiec	Carissa Teeter



March Anniversaries!

Happy Anniversary to Our Rock Club Members!


Fred and Marie Curtis
John and Clair Donnataria
John and Tracy Fee





General Meeting - February 28th 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Kaye Green, followed by the Pledge

of Allegiance. New members and guests were welcomed.

Past minutes were approved as printed in the Chips bulletin.

There was no Secretary report.

President's report: Working on Roundup things. Thanked everyone for their help and

announced Tee Shirts would be for sale at a pre-Show price at this meeting.

Vice President Report: Last day for Officer Nominations.

Treasurer's report: Read the open positions and reminded us that Roundup supports this Club.

Roundup: Don't forget we will need volunteers on Monday to take down the Show as well as

the previous Monday to set it up. What goes up, must come down.

Shop: Larry said we need more oil and it was voted to purchase a barrel of oil.

Field Trips: None til after the show.

Bulletin Editor: Nothing to report.

Claims: Jim taking care with Maria's help.

Membership: 115 currently paid members.

Sunshine: Pauline has sent nine cards this month.

Property: Art has been working on the outside and also doing inside janitorial work.

Library: It has been open

Craft Show: Flyers to be sent out for the December show.

Old Business: Officer Nominations: Pres. Kaye Green, VP Dave Bleicher, Secretary Carolyn

Abbey, Treasurer Maria Costa, Shop Larry Baros, Roundup Chair Shirley Barter, Bulletin Ron

Kuharski, Claims Julia Taylor, 1 Yr Director Darlene Bleicher, 2 Yr. Director Kathy Townsend, and 3 Yr. Director Jim Paddock.

New Business: Voted to purchase John's 14" drop saw, price up to \$1200.

Upcoming meetings: March 4 th Board at 10 a.m. and March 28 th General meeting at 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary



Board Meeting - March 4 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10: 15 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board

members present were Jim Paddock, Larry Baros, Dave and Darlene Bleicher, Maria Costa, Kaye

Green, Carolyn Abbey, Shirley Barter, and Julia Taylor. DGMS member present Was Marilyn

Page.

President's report: Still collecting items for the Roundup drawings.

Secretary: Showed proposed Craft Show artwork.

Roundup: Anyone parking an RV and using electricity will be charged \$20 for the electricity

they use from Wednesday thru Sunday.

The new club patches we ordered are stuck in Customs, due to the tariff, but we're assured we

will get them.

The Fair Board will be charging DGMS \$2500 plus electric and gas for the next five years per the

new contract just signed for the Rockhound Roundup.

Shop: The show geodes were received and we should have enough for 3 years. 1,000 lbs

were purchased for \$7 per pound, retailing at \$14 - \$18 per pound. Voted to reimburse Larry for the

fuel to pick them up in El Paso.

New LED lights to be purchased for the Show cases and Julia will pick them up.

It was voted to purchase John Robbins drop saw for \$800.

Bulletin: Ron will begin publishing the Rock Chips Bulletin this March.

Claims: Julia said it's all paid up. She needs more info on Big Diggins for the RR digs. She will

not be running for the position of Claims this next year.

No club field trips scheduled until after Roundup.

Membership: 121 currently paid memberships (before Roundup)

Sunshine: Pauline will not be able to be the Sunshine person next year and Marilyn Page said

she would take it over.

Property: Larry is planning to have a crew dig out the oil spilled soil on the lot and bring to the

recycle center.

Old Business: It was re-confirmed to purchase the 8x6 shed from Brenda for \$250. To be used

for outside storage.

New Business: Maria passed out a flyer on a 12' x 32' lofted shed for use in housing the new

huge saw we purchased. There was a lengthy discussion, and it was voted to put a refundable

deposit on the bldg. to take advantage of a sale price. There is more information on the shed

posted on the bulletin board at the club house.

There was a discussion and then voted to pay the Treasurer and Secretary \$300 per year as

many other organizations do, for all the constant time that is put into the club.

It was voted to make Pauline and Brenda Honorary members, and voted to make Kaye Green

and Dave Bleicher LIFE Members.

Next meetings: General meeting March 28 th @ 1 p.m. Board meeting April 1 st at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Abbey, DGMS Secretary

Technical Support Update

Good day everyone I wanted to provide a update on our social media pages.

Facebook we had 45.8 thousand views in the last 28 days. This is up 112% from the month prior. 88% were not following the page. We got 48 new followers and lost 2 followers. We had 875 Interactions which is up 147% from the prior month. Of those 350 were from people following the page which was 110% more then the prior month. 525 were from people not following the page and that was up 180% from the prior month. We had 1.4 Thousand people visit our page directly which is up 210% from the month prior. 28 people clicked the links to our website or event pages we had running. The Facebook page is up to 146 Followers. We had 7 people message the facebook page over the last month. One thing we can consider at a later date is we could get “verified” by facebook which would give us a badge attached to our name that says we are the legitimate club and owners of the page. The cheapest tier is \$12 a month. It may be something to consider at a later date.

Instagram is up to 5 followers and no interaction. Instagram we get limited feedback and statistics back from unlike facebook.

- Ron Kuharski

Bulletin Editor

I just wanted to take a moment to say Hello and introduce myself. For those who do not know me my name is Ron. I am currently splitting time as possible between Minnesota and New Mexico. I have been the one doing the website and social media for a bit now for the group. I know this bulletin will evolve over time with me making format changes and layout updates so I hope you can provide feedback and if there are any interesting articles or things you would like included please reach out to me and I would be happy to include articles from members. Text before calling due to my work schedule if possible.

- Ron Kuharski



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

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