

# The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

# ROCK CHIPS

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## THE DEMING GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

### President's Update

Hello Rockhounds,

I would like to thank everyone for electing me as your President. I am looking forward to a harmonious year and working together. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see the club do come to the meeting on the 4th Saturday at 1 PM. I would like to see more of the members working in the shop. It is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9 AM to Noon. It is only \$3 for the 3 hours or \$1 per hour. You can also have your rocks cut for a fee. I hope to see you soon

Kaye - President

### Vice President's Update

Greetings Rockhounds

I don't have much to report this time around as I have been out of state. I brought some gear to do some rockhounding while I was away, but so far I haven't had the chance. I hope to get back to Deming soon and can't wait to get outside. For everyone heading north for the summer, have safe travels, and see you in the fall. For the rest of us, let's get out and do some hounding before it gets too hot, and remember hounds, don't lick the rocks at the dog park!

Rock on

Dave

# APRIL Birthdays!

- ◆ Russel Bradley
- ◆ Kevin Schicticdanz
- ◆ Luke Jagow
- ◆ Nancy Banks
- ◆ Justin Barnes
- ◆ Dan Brookshire
- ◆ Fred Curtis
- ◆ Clair Donnataria
- ◆ Albert Fairweather
- ◆ Paul Granroos
- ◆ Galen Hayes
- ◆ Asher Lichtig
- ◆ Diana Plummer
- ◆ James Schneider
- ◆ Al Spencer
- ◆ Tracey Swinford
- ◆ Andy Taylor
- ◆ Bob Teuscher
- ◆ Pat Turner
- ◆ Alleson Wingo

CELEBRATING OUR GEM OF A COMMUNITY!

# APRIL Anniversaries!

- ◆ Steve & Lisa Barnhill
- ◆ Steve & Rose Fowers
- ◆ Marco & Felicia Franco
- ◆ Ronald & Carol Wolfe
- ◆ Tony & Dolores Sibert
- ◆ Cary & Barb Voss

CELEBRATING THE LASTING BEAUTY OF CONNECTION

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**GENERAL MEETING**  
May 23rd at 1 PM

**BOARD MEETING**  
May 2nd at 10 AM

NEW MEXICO GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

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**GENERAL MEETING**  
APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 1 PM

**BOARD MEETING**  
MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 10 AM



**Membership** 205 in total

**Director** The T-shirts should be ordered in November with updated design for 2027 Round up Show patches of 10” and 9“. We pay three dollars each for which club was given a discount due to bulk order. 2.50 each patch we will sale for \$5.00, on ordering T-shirts and extra large 2X and 3X medium and small and sell old T-shirts at the craft show. We have 60 anniversary T-shirts left, there are 5. Also discussed having canvas bags designed for a round up \$15 each. 50 count at

**Craft show** has been approved by Marcus. The Heritage day has been cancelled. due to the Round up 2027 All vendors full and have a waiting list,

**Shop** New prices suggested per inch for saws, cutting for members and non-members. Has been approved

**Claims** return notice recording regulations to the US Department of interior \$200 bill.

**Property** Art needs new equipment for weeding approved

**Field Trip** Possibility to Fiers, on May 16th, see Jim check-out site.

**Sunshine report** 2 card sent

Our next general meeting will be on May 23, 2026, at 1 PM. The next board meeting will be on May 2 at 10 AM. Meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Martha Weaver, DGMS Secretary

## **General Meeting - April 25th, 2026**

Deming Gem & Mineral Society General Meeting  
April 25, 2026, at 1:00 PM

**President** -The building discussed during the general meeting for a shed estimate about 16,000, including wiring, fan, and floors that would be done by members, agreed to check with Home Depot for a comparison price. Motion Kathy sec Mary big shed approved. The garden shed needs 6 members to move to our location still waiting; we have paid for the shed; it's a matter of getting to our location. Paula has been paid 356 x 6 and 3 x 6 to have it moved. Jay will get measurements for the proper trailer to move the shed to site.

**(Secretary)**-Discussed the Michigan club field trip on Monday to give them have a big diggings rocks as a souvenir . Motions have been passed.

Martha Weaver volunteered to step up as secretary. Carolyn will remain, the Round up vendor's contact,

**Treasures** all bills paid



## Board Meeting - April 4th, 2026

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

Board members present were Dave & Darlene Bleicher, Kathy Townsend, Maria Costa, Kaye Green, Carolyn Abbey, Jim Paddock, and Ron Kuharski (By Phone). Three Club members present were Joette, Martha and Marilyn.

**Vice President :** The Shop policies and rock cutting fee raises for non-members and members where discussed (Prices have not raised since 2021). Dave will coordinate with Silver City's Rock Club and there shop policies. We will wait till fall to purchase new grinders.

The new proposed building estimate was discussed figuring about \$16,000 including wiring, fan and floors that would be done by members. Dave will check with Home Depot for comparison pricing.

**Secretary :** Carolyn passed out the new Club Badge. They will be for sales for \$5 each. Discussed next year's Roundup Shirts, Would like to have them before December 1st to sell at the Craft Show. She introduced Martha Weaver as she would like to take the position of Secretary. Carolyn would then become a 2 YR Director. To be voted on at the general meeting.

Decided to order several more of the new Club T-Shirts, to have for sale, That the board introduced at the last Roundup.

Discussed having canvas rock collection bags designed to sell at Roundup. Order 50 to begin. Also consider entering at 9 - 10 inch patch of our new logo to wear on back of vests. Will check out prices with our local printer.

No new Treasurer or Roundup Reports.

**Shop :** Most items discussed at VP Report.

**Bulletin Editor :** Ron gave updated numbers on our facebook, website, etc visitations.

**Claims :** Letter read from the US Department of Interior.

**Field Trips :** Jim will lead a trip out to Marilyn Page's old place on Saturday April 18th, as there is a lot of rocks she'd like gone. Meet at the shop at 8:00 and leave at 8:30. Jim also told us about a visitation from the Holland, Michigan Club on Monday April 6th. They will go to Big Diggings and other collecting sites. We will give them a very nice souvenir Big Diggings rock to take back home.

**Membership :** 197 Currently paid dues. Martha will help Kay with Membership.

Sunshine, Property, Librarian and Craft Show nothing to Report.

**Old Business :** Dave & Darlene will measure Paulie's Garden shed to arrange to bring it to the Club.

**New Business :** The City will hold a Heritage Days event on May 15th Thru 17th. DGMS will participate with a booth selling Tees, Having the Spinning Wheel, and a beading Demo and short classes by Mary Berg on the 16th of red, white, blue, silver and gold beading. It will be held at the Fairgrounds from 10 AM to 3 PM. It was noted that Tina's Rock Shop in Deming is having a half off outside rocks sale.

Our next General Meeting will be April 25th at 1 PM.  
The next board meeting will be May 2nd at 10 AM.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:57 AM

Respectfully Submitted, Martha Weaver.

Check out this upcoming event!

The Grant County Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society Presents  
**GEM AND MINERAL SHOW**  
in *Silver City*  
NEW MEXICO



**Friday, September 4 – Sunday, September 6, 2026**

# FOR SALE

two rock tumblers for sale.

I have a double barrel rock tumbler with some grit, not used but out of box, originally purchased at Harbor Freight. The single barrel tumbler not used but out of box with some grit came from National Geographic. For prices and further information you can contact Pauline Ott at 979-618-3432 via text or Pm through messenger. Can pick up in Deming.

GEM OF THE MONTH

# May

— Featuring: —  
**EMERALD**

*The Gem of Rebirth, Love & Timeless Beauty*

Lush, vibrant, and endlessly captivating, emerald has been treasured for thousands of years. Its rich green hue reflects the energy of spring—growth, harmony, and new beginnings. Whether set in a family heirloom or a modern masterpiece, emerald continues to inspire elegance and meaning.



May's birthstone symbolizes renewal, wisdom & prosperity.

**+ FUN FACTS +**

-  Cleopatra's favorite gem! She was known to adore emeralds and even owned emerald mines in Egypt.
-  Emerald is said to symbolize love, loyalty, and compassion.
-  The vibrant green of emerald is often associated with nature, growth, and renewal—perfect for the month of May!
-  Some of the world's most famous emeralds come from the Muzo mines in Colombia, known for their vivid color.
-  Each emerald is one-of-a-kind. Natural inclusions, often called "jardin" (French for garden), are part of its unique beauty.

**ABOUT EMERALD**

-  **FAMILY:** Beryl
-  **COLOR:** Green to deep green
-  **SOURCES:** Colombia, Zambia, Brazil, Afghanistan
-  **HARDNESS:** 7.5 – 8 on the Mohs scale
-  **CARE TIP:** Emeralds are precious and can have natural inclusions. Handle with care and clean gently with warm, soapy water.

*As we welcome the beauty of May, may emerald inspire you to embrace new beginnings and the beauty all around you.*





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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**

**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**  
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RoundUp Chair	OPEN	

## 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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Ron Kuharski, Editor

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