

MEMBERSHIP

Anyone interested in the rockhound hobby is invited to join. Simply complete an application and pay the annual dues. There are two classes of members: individuals (\$15) and families (\$25) with juniors (through age 18).

THE GUILD EXPECTS MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES!

Complete information is presented on the webpage, at the meetings, and in the *Tips & Chips* before each event.

GEM, MINERAL, and JEWELRY SHOWS

THE DGMG SHOW

The club show runs from Friday through Sunday usually the last weekend in February. Members volunteer in the show: setting up and unpacking; exhibiting; working the club booth; security; selling grab bags; welcoming visitors; breaking down and packing up.

On Thursday, members skirt the tables, assemble approximately 30 display cases, arrange the club area, and put in exhibits. Dealers set up their booths on Thursday, too. Breakdown of the show starts Sunday at 5:00. Collectors shouldn't be shy about exhibiting. Neat and original exhibits that relate to the hobby - personally made jewelry, minerals, fossils. educational exhibits - are always welcome! Show attendees vote on the case of their choice for the coveted People's Choice Award.

In addition the club sells grab bags, sacks containing ten labeled minerals for \$1 each to help kids add to their rock collections and to

raise money for the scholarship fund. Other activities at the show include cracking geodes bought from a dealer and "old hands" demonstrating lapidary techniques on various personal- or club-owned equipment, an excellent learning opportunity for new hobbyists.

The DGMG provides food and drink for volunteers and dealers during the show. On Friday night there is usually a banquet at a nearby restaurant.

DENVER GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

The Guild is one of the eight clubs that put on the Greater Denver Gem and Mineral Show in September. The Guild provides much of the leadership and volunteer support for the "big show." More volunteers are always welcome!

AUCTION

The October regular meeting is a silent and verbal auction of hobby-related material contributed by individual members and by the Guild. Members or visitors need not bring material to enjoy this event. Its primary purpose is to have fun and to improve the members' collections and collect money for the continuance of the club.



FIELD TRIPS

A main function of the DGMG, field trips start as soon as weather permits. One of the first is to the DGMG club claim along Wigwam Creek in southwestern Jefferson County. Day trips go to other nearby locations and long weekend trips reach as far as Jet, OK, or Dugway, UT. Field trips are open to paid members who have signed a waiver of liability at least two weeks before the trip.

Members work together to organize and run field trips. If a member is not familiar with an area, other members will render advice about the minerals or fossils there, and the types of clothing, and equipment to make the trip more enjoyable and fruitful.

PICNIC

Usually held on a Sunday morning in late July, the potluck picnic is a time of general fun and camaraderie along with stuffing cloth grab bags for the September show. Sometimes a rubber ducky race is held if the creek's current isn't too treacherous.

POPCORN PARTY

Before the holiday party in December, DGMG members fill goodie bags and create centerpieces for the Holiday party. At the same "party" grab bags are stuffed for the Guild's February show.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Usually held the second Saturday in December. This festive potluck dinner offers a full meal deal. Santa or his elves usually pay a visit and distribute gifts to good little (and large) boys and girls.

THE DGMG BOARD

A body of elected hardy volunteers guides the Guild. The Board normally meets on the second Friday of the month one hour before the regular meeting at the church. The December board meeting is held in conjunction with the popcorn party and stuffing of grab bags for the Guild's February show. Members are generally welcome at Board meetings to observe or present any concerns. Members strive to serve on the Board or be an assistant to a Board member.



TIPS & CHIPS and WEBPAGE

The Guild publishes the *Tips & Chips* e-newsletter monthly for members and other clubs. Reading the T&C is essential for keeping informed about Guild activities and meeting changes that occasionally arise. Members are encouraged to contribute hobby-related material to the T&C.

Guild members also keep informed through the DGMG webpage and Facebook
[HTTP://www.denvergem.org](http://www.denvergem.org)
[HTTP://denvergem.org](http://denvergem.org)
Facebook: Denver Gem and Mineral Guild



THE DENVER GEM & MINERAL GUILD

The DGMG is a group of hobbyists and professionals who are dedicated to the enjoyment and advancement of all aspects of the "rockhounding" hobby - mineral and fossil collecting, lapidary arts, earth science education, and related interests. The Guild meets on the second Friday of each month (except June, July and August) at the Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church just east of the intersection of W. 38th Ave. and Wadsworth. At 7:00 PM. Meetings can also be held via ZOOM, should bad weather or other problems surface.

Each year the Guild gives a scholarship to the School of Mines for a student majoring in a branch of earth science.

