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President's Message

By Daryl Lamb

Hello everyone. You'll definitely want to make the May club meeting, as information about all the collecting locales will be presented by the various field trip leaders. In addition there will be sign-up sheets and information packets for each trip. Since there's no guest speaker or other presentation during the May meeting, there will be plenty of time to look over the information for each collecting locale, talk with the various trip leaders, and then sign-up for the trips you wish to attend. I'm sure many of you are anxious to get in the field and search for some new specimens.

Don't forget that the annual CMS silent auction is also held in May. This year's auction will be held on Saturday May 5th at the Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 920 Kipling Avenue in Lakewood (three blocks north of 6th Avenue). The auction runs from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and admission is free. There's still plenty of time to volunteer to help at the auction, and your efforts will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Rich Nelson at 303-697-1574.

The May meeting will be held on Friday the 4th at our usual location – St. Paul's Episcopal Church at the corner of 10th and Garrison in Lakewood. The start time will be 7:30 PM. See you there!

75th Anniversary items will be for sale at the next CMS meeting.

Patch \$2.50 Rocky Pin \$3.00 Mineral Bag \$.20



Make sure to pick up your free 75th CMS Commemorative Rocky Pin.

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Board Minutes – April 20, 2012

Attendance: Daryl Lamb, Bruce Sales, Sandra Gonzales, Eva Siemonsma, Gary Rowe, Leslie Osgood, Amber Brenzikofer, Debbie Kalscheur

Old Business:

- CMS Auction – CMS members signed up to volunteers for the auction. Auction is May 5th.
- Doors open at 9:00 – Ask Rich to have everyone meet in the parking lot at 8:45 to coordinate duties. Auction starts at 11:00. Mineral flats can be brought in at 10:00. 2 flats each to start.
- Rich will update information into the newsletter
- Debbie K. - Donations Update – Confirmed candidate list for donations and add Desert Gems
- Concerned if there will be enough donations. Debbie, Gary and Amber will follow up with possible vendors to donate for the auction.
- Debbie will coordinate with Donna Ware and Rich about taking picture for the slide show for the verbal auction. Debbie will be attending the show this weekend to gather auction items.
- CMS board members will plan on arriving at 5:30 to set up for the distribution of Field Trip Guide
- September Show – Needing volunteer for a variety of positions. Sign up list will be distributed at the May meeting.

New Business:

- Board Member positions will need to be filled in January – Identify potential recruits
- Eva reports that the CMS t-shirts were a hit and we have 25 committed orders. T-shirts will available to order at the CMS meeting, and orders will be placed in July.
- If the board needs Proof of insurance – contact Eva
- Leslie reported that CMS member Bob Bergan passed away. Deadline for newsletter is April 25th
- 75th Anniversary Directory will be distributed at the May meeting
- Debbie K. will be asking for donations for the CMS auction at the April show
- Gary announced that the field trip guide is almost complete and is in the process of finalizing for the May meeting.
- Sandra gave a report on the sales of the Rocky Pins, Patches, and the distribution of the 75th Anniversary Pin. Pins and Patches will be available at the May meeting

Motion to End Meeting

By Sandra Gonzales



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2012 SCIENCE FAIR REPORT

By Jerry Kiefer

On Thursday, April 5, four members of the Colorado Mineral Society had the pleasure of serving as judges for the Fifty-Seventh Annual Colorado Science and Engineering Fair, held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. CMS is one of a number of organizations that provide special awards for the competition that brings together interesting displays representing the research projects of junior and senior high school students from throughout the state. CMS is the only private organization that has presented a special award during the entire 57-year history of the state science fair. Lee Brown, Craig Hazelton, Ray Horton and Jerry Kiefer reviewed those that had an Earth Science theme, and then interviewed the student researchers. After difficult deliberation, they chose the following as deserving of recognition by CMS:

Junior Division, First Place: Alexandra Famiglietti, 8th Grade, Cherry Creek Challenge School, Denver.. The title of Alexandra's project: "Dissolving History: The Effects of Acid Rain on Marble and Other Building Materials.

Junior Division, Second Place: Andrew Miller, 8th Grade, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Lakewood. The title of Andrew's project: "Rock and Sediment Properties and Water Flow."

Senior Division, First Place: Brisha Wakasugi, 11th Grade, Sierra Grande Jr/Sr High School, Blanca. The title of Brisha's project: "Kerber Creek Restoration using Phytoremediation III: Prioritizing Clean-up Areas Using Water and Soil Quality Analysis Methods.

Senior Division, Second Place: Johanna Philips, 12th Grade, Monte Vista High School, Monte Vista. The title of Johanna's project: "Water In, Water Out: Using a Water Balance Model To Estimate Net Consumptive Availability.

Each of the winners received a copy of Roadside Geology of Colorado and a check, \$40 for the First Place winners, and \$25 for the Second Place winners. Each also received a Certificate of Achievement and a mineral specimen from the Colorado Mineral Society.

This is an enjoyable project for the judges. We are always amazed at the talent we see in these young people. If you would like to see any or all of the project abstracts, please get in touch with Jerry Kiefer (jerrykiefer@comcast.net). Any CMS member who would like to participate in the experience next year should make one of this year's judges aware of your interest.

New Members to CMS Listed for the First Time

Fred Acampora
Gerald Behn & Janelle Cortright
Dana L & Michael T. Burke
Ben Burke
Jesse & Shari DeOllos
Marian & Peter Feinberg
Wendy Fuller & Jason Gorenflo
Jerry Greene
Rebecca & Mark Kilburn
Phillip Korman
John Martin
Barbara McEvoy & Danny Weatherwax
Tom O'Neill
Colin, Caitlin, Ciara O'Neill
Tom & Marla Pierce
Tracey Westbrooks & Byver (Buddy) Dunn

New Members to CMS Listed for the Second Time

Larry Brown
Jake & Lyndsey Davis
Carley, Landon, Gavin Davis
Philip & Wendy Gregory
Ezra Hatfield
Antionette & Will Jackson
Gina King
Scott & Alisa Rolfe
Siena Rolfe
Deborah & Todd Woodman
Jackson Woodman

From Cara Reynolds



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April Raffle News

The total retail value of April's raffle items were \$158 and brought in \$105 for the science fair endeavors, CMS education, and the purchase of library reading material. The top item, won by *Linda Skarrow*, was a calcite specimen (\$26), donated from the **Judith Holmes** collection. *Ezra Hatfield* won a pyrite specimen (\$22), donated by **Tom Kohnen**. *Violla Padilla*, won a smoky quartz & spessartine garnet specimen (\$20), donated by **Richard Owens**. *Karen Heckman*, a frequent winner, claimed the hematite specimen (\$15) donated from the **Marge Regel Collection**. *Ezra Hatfield*, smiled when he won his second specimen of native copper (\$11) from Michigan donated by **GEOdyssey**. Last but not least, the white smithsonite on smithsonite (\$11), from the **Judith Holmes** collection was won by *John Kleber*

Thank you to those who donated these great specimens, it is fun to see the happy smiles when their number is called to be a winner!!!

Thanks go to Ken Porter, and Rigel Reynolds for helping with the raffle.

Congratulations to all our lucky winners.

Submitted by Eva Siemonsma
CMS Raffle Manager

Judith Holmes

Tom Kohnen

Marge Regel

Richard Owens

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Shirts with CMS Logo

Orders for pre-paid shirts with the CMS logo are being accepted until July 15, 2012. These will be delivered at the Founders Day Picnic in August 2012. The base price for a regular short sleeved t-shirt with CMS logo is \$14.00 for small to extra large (xL) and \$16.00 for XXL and up. This shirt is 100% pre-shrunk cotton. There are other shirt styles being offered as well – sweat shirts, hoodies, hoodies with zipper, children's t-shirts, women's t-shirts. If you are interested in a shirt please see Eva at the May meeting – we will be taking orders. If you will not be at the May meeting, see Eva at the May Auction or contact her at 303/239-6798 for more information.



Amber Brenzikofer, the CMS historian, is looking for copies of old CMS newsletters. If you have copies from 1938 to 2000, please contact Amber. You can either donate the newsletters for the historical files or Amber will copy and return them to you. Contact Amber at [303-922-6048](tel:303-922-6048) or brenzikofer@yahoo.com to arrange for pickup.

Amber is putting together a complete set of monthly CMS newsletters. She plans to scan the newsletters, reference them, and put them on a CD that will be made available to CMS members.



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MAY 05, 2012

Is getting closer!

The Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) will have its annual silent auction of mineral hobby items on May 5th at the Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 920 Kipling, 3 blocks north of 6th Avenue in Lakewood, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Admission is free. The auction features reasonably priced minerals, fossils, faceted stones, lapidary equipment, books, and jewelry to the general public. A unique aspect of this auction is the ability for visitors to view and bid on fluorescent minerals in a special ultraviolet powered Fluorescent Room! There are door prizes every half hour, and a special verbal auction at 1:00 P.M. of museum quality specimens donated by special dealers. There is abundant parking, refreshments, and easy handicap access without any stairs. As always, the club will have a few auction tables reserved for only children to bid on.

Remember to bring your favorite snack food that always goes good with buying your favorite rock specimens!

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE AUCTION DAY

Please help us run our auction on the auction day, we'd love to have you there.

This is the only fundraiser we have for our Colorado Mineral Society.

Our **NEED** list for a successful Auction:

- * A set up team
- * Table clearers & movers
- * Verbal Auction help
- * Cashiers

- * Back room help
- * Raffle helper
- * Check-in help (see note below)
- * Food service help
- * Clean up
- * General help

Please make sure you sign the volunteer sheet at any of our next meetings or phone me (Rich - phone number below).

Whether you can help for an hour or the whole auction, we need all the help and FUN we can get

Do you have any questions about Volunteering?

Please call Rich Nelson at (303-697-1574).

If many people help, the work is much easier.

Note below!

The check in help is the front door/registrar position. Bill Jones has graciously volunteered to take names and give out Seller and Buyer letters/numbers before auction day, but would really like to be out on the floor on the day. We need about 5 people to volunteer about an hour on auction day to "man" the front door registering so no one gets stuck all day giving out numbers and missing all the bidding. See Leslie Osgood if you can help with this part of the auction.



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It's Time Again For Another Thrilling Chapter In The Continuing Saga Of A Tow Truck Driving Rock Hound

'Why The General Public Hates Rock hounds'

Greetings to all, I hope this finds all of you safe and well. Every month I sit down at the computer and write down whatever pops into my head for the newsletter. This month I have really given some thought to what I want to say. School was a long time ago, but I remember one thing from a basic journalism class, and that is to be truthful and state the facts in any story. So, the story you are about to read is true, the names have been omitted to protect the innocent.

As most of you know I have a Topaz claim, as do a few other members of the club. A while back, a prominent mineral museum had a Colorado Topaz display. More than a few people took in that display, and I am pretty darned sure more than a few of them decided to head out to find a piece or two. Last September, after the Denver show, I went down to the claim to shut things down for the winter. I caved in my big hole, in hopes it would put off any would be claim jumpers. All was in order when I left for the winter. Just before the last meeting I took a break from the ranch and took a spin down to my claim. There were signs of some recent activity in the lower parts so I climbed up to my hole. Everything looked ok there, until I looked to the north and saw a gaping hole near the private property line. As I went around the end of the rock I was horrified to see a trench 600 feet long and 2 to 6 feet deep. It was full of snow and looked to me at the time that it had been dug out sometime early in the winter. It was also so close to the property line that I was not sure if it was on my claim or not, so I went back at my next opportunity to survey my boundaries. I found that only a small part of the devastation was acutely on my side of the line. I also found out that this is still a very active dig as the holes were now bigger than they were two weeks earlier.

A gigantic pile of boulders now filled one part of the trench, and the degradation to the hillside was

much worse. I talked with another claim holder in the area on the phone the next evening who told me that they had not seen that end of things, but that they had heard through the grapevine that the property owner had given permission for someone to prospect on his land. I went down two days later, more devastation, so I talked with the property owner. He told me he gave no one permission to tear the side of his hill off, and thought that I should fill in the ditch before it takes out his road. Why should I have to fill in a hole that someone else dug? Because, according to the owner the trench starts on my claim. I did not make it to the spring show but I bet there was a lot of new Topaz on the market as this is not just anyone's small prospect.

Whoever is responsible, the Park County Sheriff wants to talk with them, and the cameras I put on the claim (at the cost of \$400.00 that I did not have) should provide all the information they need to take whatever action they have in mind. I just cannot believe the total greed associated with our hobby these days.

Don't forget about our auction on May 5th. I will have a few things on the tables this year, but not as many pieces this time because most of my stuff is in storage. See you all at the meeting and the auction. Until then stay safe out there and keep on rocken.

The devastating trench on Eric's and his neighbors property dug by a claim jumper.





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The Colorado Mineral Society's Mineral Auction (Saturday - May 5, 2012)

Come and bid on minerals, fossils, faceted stones, lapidary pieces, books, jewelry, and florescent minerals. All reasonably priced!

There will also be a children's auction, along with a live auction that will be held at 1:00pm.

There will be great door prizes, and refreshments. We are handicap accessible.

To register for your Buyer and Seller letters call
Bill Jones @ 303-503-6288

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church at: 920 Kipling Street.
From 11:00 AM to 3:00 pm.

Sellers can get extra copies of bidding slips in this newsletter, or on our club website at:
<http://www.coloradomineralsociety.org/> our auction committee reserves the right to screen materials sold and to limit sales to three flats of materials.



Rocky and his 5
brothers are
going to the CMS
auction! See you
there!





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Sale Sale Sale

It's time for: **GEOdyssey's ANNUAL HOME SALE**

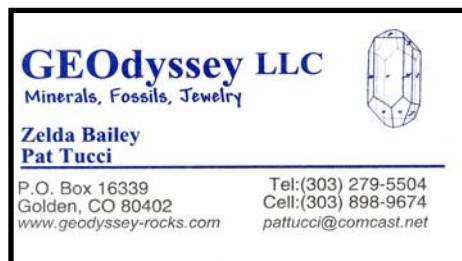
Saturday, June 16, 2012, 9 am to 3 pm

15339 West Ellsworth Drive, Golden, CO 80401
(phone: 303-279-5504)

We are WAY overstocked! Help us reduce our inventory at our annual mineral and fossil "garage sale." A wide variety of individual specimens and low-priced flats will be available. All specimens are a minimum of 10% off, with bigger discounts for volume purchases. We'll have several new flats of specimens priced at 25% and 50% off. Drinks and snacks provided.

Directions: from west 6th Avenue, exit onto Indiana Street and go south on Indiana. Drive into Mesa View Estates. Turn right at the first street (McIntyre Circle) and right at the next street (Ellsworth Drive). We are about midway down the street on the left.

Pat & Zelda



Long time member Bob Bergan died on December 1, 2011. His daughter-in-law called me to inform the club and to cancel his newsletter. He must have belonged to many rock and gem related events as she said he was still getting tons of mail from them all.

WANTED: Volunteers for the new Rocks & Minerals cart at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Enjoy a great opportunity to captivate visitors with hands-on experiences with rocks and minerals. No experience necessary – we will have a training session on June 20th. To learn more about the position, go to:

<http://www.dmns.org/join/volunteering/rocks-minerals-cart-facilitator/>

To apply, please go to
<http://www.dmns.org/media/199461/adult-volunteer-application-8-3-10-v2.pdf>

If any additional questions, please contact Whitey Hagadorn at jwhagadorn@dmns.org

Colleagues,

I'm sad to report that Chris Hayward just phoned me to say that his father, Bill, passed away April 24. You are all invited to a memorial service at the Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church at 8600 W. 38th Ave., near 38th and Dudley at 11 A.M. on 4/28/12, followed by a reception. Please tell others who may have known Bill. Any questions can be directed to Chris at 303-455-1977.

Cordially,
Bruce

Did you bring home extra rocks?

We always need nice specimens for Dale Block's grab bags, door prizes and the door prizes we give out at our annual auction.

If you have a bunch of rocks that you don't quite know what to do with and you don't want to throw them away, bring them to a meeting and give them to any one of the board members. Thank you!



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Up Coming Events:

May 4, 2012 Regular CMS meeting at St. Paul's church - Distribution of Field Trip Guide and Membership Directory

May 5, 2012 CMS Annual Auction @ Holy Shepherd Lutheran church, 920 Kipling Street, Lakewood, see page 8 for details.

May 25-28, 2012 Panhandle Nebraska Rock Swap @Riverside Zoo Campground, Scottbluff, NE

May to October 2012: Field trips!

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