



Colorado Mineral Society Mineral Minutes



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President's Message

by Amber Brenzikofer

I hope this message finds you and your family members well. For those of you who are working to keep our grocery stores and other essential businesses open and the medical staff who are on the front lines during this crisis, I want to thank you for your dedication and willingness to support our community. For those who have to stay at home, it is the good opportunity to cull and sort your rocks into categories: keepers, cutters, donate, or chuckite (as in chuck it). For those who want to donate their rocks and minerals to the Colorado Mineral Society (CMS), we take donations for grab bags (small pieces); club table at the Denver Show; door prizes, raffle specimens, and giveaways at the general meetings; and the auction and sales tables. Your donations help others in the club obtain specimens they may not be able to collect in the field and create funds for the club to use for education purposes. Other activities you can do while you are home include cataloging your mineral collection, learning how to wire wrap (more info in the newsletter about online classes), or learning more about rocks and minerals (lots of links online). If you have found some interesting links that might be helpful to other members, please send them to me and I will pass them on.

I am excited to announce that we have completed testing of our new CMS online membership and field trip sign-up site and are in the final staging of going live on May 2nd. I will be holding a WebEx training demonstration for the new site on May 1st at 7:00pm (substitute for our general meeting, which is cancelled). More information will be coming out by email, but this is going to be an unusual year for field trips. Many of the claim owners are holding off scheduling anything until things stabilize, so we only have a handful of trips planned. More field trips will come about in the next month, which will be announced on our new field trip website. One change will be that field trip sign-ups will start 30 days in advance of the field trip instead of all at once at the beginning of the season. We are also not going to have a typical field trip guide this summer because of the uncertainty of field trips. The field trips on our new website will have pdf files that you will be able to download and print yourself.

Lastly, I want to let everyone know that CMS has a new editor for this newsletter. I want to introduce Jimmy Betsill, a sophomore at Colorado School of Mines. He is currently the sports editor for the CSM newspaper. He has volunteered to be the CMS editor to gain experience and hopes to bring interesting and informative articles to our members. As such, I am turning the editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com email over to Jimmy in the next week or so, so send emails to me at pres.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com. Stay healthy and safe!

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CMS May 1st General Meeting

(Canceled)

CMS Field Trip Sign-up Demonstration

(May 1st 7:00pm - see Page 2)

CMS May 2nd Auction

(Canceled)

Junior Rockhound Program

Mistyann Bateman is the Junior Rockhound Program Chair. She will continue to be working on the junior badge program over the summer and there will be opportunities for our junior rockhounds to earn badges on the junior field trips. Mistyann will be reaching out to families with children with directions on how to earn badges.

WELCOME!!

New CMS Members

First Listing

Victoria and Matthew Baldwin & family
John and Jasmine Cuccaro
Mark and Barbara Farhey
George and Nancy Gabbert
Naomi and Ronald Gagnon
Jim and Alicia Joy & family
Bethany Steinhour
Daniel and Ginger Wagster & family



Second Listing

Ron Wolf

**Per CMS Bylaws, comments concerning new, first listing members should be formally submitted to the President.*

CMS Open Board Positions

As you can see, we have numerous open positions on the Board. Through our CMS Strategic Initiative, we want to do numerous things to improve the club, but that requires volunteers to step up and help out. Our goal is to make volunteering fun, enjoyable, and a learning experience.

- First Vice President - Programs
- Field Trip Coordinator
- Technology Chairperson
- Donations Chairperson and Assistant
- Annual Auction Chairperson
- Volunteer Chairperson

If you want to learn more about these volunteer positions, please contact Amber or one of the other board members listed on Page 11.

Reminder

If you are feeling ill, running a fever, have a cough or other symptoms, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks, please do not attend any field trips or events. Participants will be asked to wear face masks and practice social distancing. Carpooling is discouraged for now.

May 1st Membership and Field Trip Sign-up

Online Demonstration

WebEx Meeting Information

Meeting link:

<https://prescoloradomineralsociety.my.webex.com/prescoloradomineralsociety.my/j.php?MTID=m8677370cba582a8a64176ae03b0cd7eb>

Meeting number: 143 403 340

Password: CMSrocks (26776257 from phones)

Can join by computer using mic and audio

See more info on Page 3

Can also join by phone: 1-650-215-5226 Access code: 143 403 340#



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CMS 2020 Online Membership Payment and Field Trip Sign-up

CMS renewing members and new members now have the option of paying their membership fees online starting May 2nd. In addition, the field trip sign-up will occur online and requires that you be an active member. The link to the online membership and field trip sign-up will be located on the CMS website at www.coloradomineralsociety.org.

On May 2nd, active members who have already paid their 2020 membership fees and lifetime members will receive an email directing them to the website to activate their online account, which requires adding a password. Once you activate your account and log in, current members can sign-up for field trips within 30 days of the trip. We are preparing a user guide, which will be made available.

For new CMS members or members who have not renewed their 2020 membership yet, you will need to go to the website and create an account and then become a member to pay your membership dues. Once logged in, you can sign up for field trips within 30 days of the trip. Membership cards will be mailed to you.

CMS Membership Dues:

Family: \$20 per year	Single: \$18 per year
Senior 65+ (single or family): \$15 per year	Junior (<12 years old): \$15 per year

CMS memberships run from January 1st to December 31st.

Due to the new database management to determine under 18- and over 65-year-old membership categories, adults will need to supply their birthdays when they sign up as new members or are renewing their membership next year. Also, due to RMFMS insurance and liability purposes, we need to know your children's birthdays, so please provide this information when you create or renew your membership. Your birthdays will not be distributed and protected.

If you ordered a name badge, they will be available at the general meetings to pick up or by other arrangements by contacting .

Field Trip Sign-up Process

A list of field trips that have been scheduled occurs on the activation page, so you do not need to be a member to see the list of field trips. Once logged into site, you can click on trips that are offered and see a description and logistics. There is a button to select to sign up for the field trip. There will also be a field trip description that you can download as a pdf to print out. For family memberships, you will need to select the people and children that will be attending the trip. You can select the Profile link to look at the full list of field trips you have signed up for.

Some trips will have waitlists, which the program will let you know if you are on a wait list. If attendees cancel their reservation for a trip, the next person on the waitlist will be automatically notified by email that they have been registered for the trip. It is very important that if you cannot attend the trip, to cancel online as soon as possible so others on the waitlist can get notified of the trip.

Membership Payments by Paper Copy

Of course, you still have the option of becoming a CMS member and renewing your membership by paper and mailing it to CMS. A membership form with a new or renewal checkbox is located on the CMS website at www.coloradomineralsociety.org. Send a check made out to "Colorado Mineral Society" or "CMS" to P.O. Box 280755, Lakewood, Colorado 80228-0755. Please do not send cash through the mail. Membership cards will be mailed to you. Once CMS has received your membership payment, you will be sent an activation email to go online and activate your account, which will allow you to sign up for field trips. Please allow 30 days for the processing of your membership to get it online for field trip sign-ups.

March 6, 2020 Raffle News

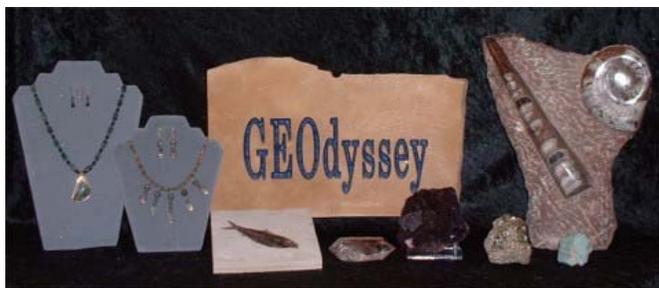
The March raffle brought in \$123 from ticket sales, on minerals with a retail value of \$149, for CMS education, the purchase of library materials and state science fair awards. Unusually, we had two double lucky raffle winners! First: *Beth Randolph* won the most popular mineral, the Cave-in-Rock fluorite specimen from the Lee Barnett Collection and **donated by Ken and Mary Black** (\$58 in ticket sales), and second, *Beth* won the Red Feather Lakes area vesuvianite specimen (\$15 in ticket sales) **donated from the collection of Zelda Bailey and Pat Tucci**. The other double lucky winner was *Laura Johnston* who won the scolecite specimen from Luck's Stone Quarry, Leesburg Virginia (\$11 ticket sales), **anonymously donated**, and *Laura* also won the amethyst quartz specimen from Mexico (\$5 ticket sales) and **donated from the Charles Spletz Collection**. *John Salvino* won the crocoite specimen from Dundas, Tasmania from the Lee Barnett Collection and **donated by Ken and Mary Black** (\$29 in ticket sales). Lastly, *Dave Glaser* was lucky enough to win the calcite specimen from Mexico (\$5 ticket sales), **donated by Dale Block**.

The raffle is successful because of your enthusiastic participation - thank you. Thank you members and dealers for the donations of these great specimens. The proceeds are spent on CMS education, the purchase of library materials, and the state science fair awards.

Thanks John Kleber, Amber Brenzikofer, and Rose for helping with the raffle.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners!!!!

Submitted by Eva Siemonsma, CMS Raffle Manager.



Pat Tucci and Zelda Bailey

<http://www.geodyssey-rocks.com/>

Lee Barnett Collection
(Ken and Mary Black)

Charles Spletz Collection

Dale Block

No April or May 2020 Raffles due to General Meeting Cancellations

Links for Fun Things to Learn

Mineralogical Society of America

<http://www.mineralogy4kids.org/>

Information mineral groups, properties, identification, in your house, crystals, rock cycle, and games.

Funny list for kids : <http://www.mineralogy4kids.org/?q=games/are-you-rockhound-or-just-mineral-collector>

USGS 3D Paper Models

Crinoids - <https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/1997/0091a/report.pdf>

Fossils (trilobite, nautiloid) <https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/1994/0667a/report.pdf>

Chicxulub Impact Event (cool dinosaur models!)

<https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/1997/0442a/report.pdf>

Make this! #WithMe
 CMS and LGMC Members Class
 \$20 Per person
 4 Students per virtual classroom plus your Perfectly Twisted teacher :)

Members can use their own stones and tools if they have them. See the materials and tools list. OR ...
 Order MATERIAL KIT # 101 from Lithos Mineral and Fossil Shop
 #PerfectlyTwistedJewelry

Material Kit #101
 sold separately

Lithosarvada.square.site/s/shop
 You can order extra materials and wire wrapping tools from Lithos too!

Order Extra! and do more of my wire wrapping projects

Susan Gardner is scheduling CMS club virtual classes at \$20 per student starting Sunday April 26th moving forward. She wanted to offer **Cabochon and Crystal Wire Wrapping** first since Mother's Day is approaching:

- These are 3 hours classes for 101 Wire Wrapping (plus or minus). They can sign up for as many classes as they want even though they are all 101 Cabochon wraps because their materials can be different each time. Crystals work for this wrap also.
- 4 member students per class plus teacher. This way she can truly interact with them and guide them through the custom wrap their cabochon or crystal.
- Students can use their own materials and tools if they have them.
- **Otherwise they can order materials and/or tools from Lithos Mineral and Fossil Shop (sold separately). Lithos also sells sterling silver wire.**

April 26, 2020 thru May 1, 2020 (first week so far...) **1pm to 4pm in my virtual Zoom Classroom.** The classroom registration links will not be public, they are set up for club members only.

[Sunday April 26, 2020, 1pm to 4pm](#)

[Monday April 27, 2020, 1pm to 4pm](#)

[Tuesday April 28, 2020 1pm to 4pm](#)

[Wednesday April 29, 2020 1pm to 4pm](#)

[Thursday April 30, 2020 1pm to 4pm](#)

[Friday May 1, 2020 1pm to 4pm](#)

I understand the times and so if there are folks who cannot afford to attend a session with me, they can still enjoy free video tutorial projects from my website and blog.

<https://www.perfectlytwistedjewelry.com/free-tutorials.html>

<https://www.perfectlytwistedjewelry.com/blog/category/free-tutorials>

Cabochon and Crystal Wire Wrapping (Continued)

===== Student Info from Susan Gardner =====

*This is a Members Only class. I allow **4 students per room** with me for an **interactive, on camera session**. Your computer connection, audio and monitor functions are your responsibility. **You will need to hear and see me**. Your voice and video is optional for you to turn on or not. If turned on, please know that you will be sharing visible and audio space with others in class. Please make sure your surroundings are appropriate for you to participate. I reserve the right to mute any student who has disruptive background noise if not controlled. I reserve the right to block any student video if their background is not appropriate.*

You can use your own materials and tools if you have them or see below for links to purchasing what you need.

What You Will Learn:

In this class, students will learn how to create a gorgeous wire wrapped pendant, using square copper wires and traditional wire wrapping techniques. This class is for the very beginner student who has never wire wrapped before, or students who have minimal wire wrapping experience.

- Learn the basics of how to measure around a stone and determine how much wire is needed to complete a wrap.
- Learn how to create beautiful design for the front and backside of a cabochon and learn how to create a professional and modern bale of any size.
- Learn basic symmetry.
- In class, we will also cover the basic hand tools used to create wire jewelry and how to use them.

Check out gallery images for all the ways you can use this pendant wrap!

Once you pay for your seat...

1. You will get a confirmation email with a link to my private Virtual classroom.
2. I will also send you a digital PDF pattern for this project prior to class with instructions to prepare.

PLEASE NOTE! Class tuition is NON REFUNDABLE but if you cannot make the scheduled date, please just contact me via email and I'm happy to work with you on rescheduling. This is a Members only option.

Any cost of materials and tools are not included in this class tuition.

4 seats maximum.

Minimum student age is 12.

Please feel free to email with questions before registration: PerfectlyTwistedJewelry13@gmail.com

If you need TOOLS and MATERIALS

You can buy the material kit here! <https://lithosarvada.square.site/shop/kits/11> Order **Material Kit #101**

Do you need rocks for my other projects??! [Click here to shop their amazing Cabochons!](#)

[Do you need a quality set of TOOLS for wire wrapping? Click here to shop their wire wrapping tools!](#)

Material kits and tools for most of my projects can be purchased from Lithos Mineral, Fossil, Meteorite, Book and Hobby Shop, Arvada, Colorado. They also sell a ton of other wonderful items too!
Minerals, Fossils, Meteorites, Beads, Books, treasures for Kids too!

Lithos on Etsy: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/LithosArvada>

Lithos e-commerce: <https://lithosarvada.square.site/>

Support Local Businesses!

Order wires, rocks, crystals, projects kits and tools if you need them from a local business when you can.

Denver Gem & Mineral Show Mini Report April 2020

The Denver Gem & Mineral Show is planned for September 18 - 20, 2020 at the Denver Mart, 451 E. 58th Avenue. The theme this year is fabulous fluorite! The Show Chair is George Daggett, who can be reached at geoddaggett@hotmail.com or 303-453-9651. George is always open to talking with club members regarding the show.

With the Coronavirus pandemic upon us, it is certainly hoped that the emergency situation will be over and things return to normal well before the show. September is still 5 months away. Presently most clubs are probably not meeting and most do not meet during the summer. This is unfortunate because now is the time for clubs to be signing up volunteers for the show. Please, please, please don't forget about signing up to help with the show. Volunteers are vital to putting on a successful show. There are many easy jobs: Admissions, selling and taking tickets; Exhibits, assisting exhibitors with their displays; Judging Clerks, assisting judges with recordkeeping; Hospitality, helping to serve snacks and beverages in the Hospitality suite; Security, keeping eyes and ears open for security problems; Grab Bags, Pins, Poster Sales, selling such items to show attendees; Dealer Check In, assisting with dealer check in on Thursday; Volunteer Check In, checking in volunteers throughout the show; Schools, guiding school children into the show on Friday morning; Show Set Up, skirting tables with plastic and setting up display cases on Wednesday; Show Take Down, disassembling display cases and packing away case liners on Sunday. The volunteers signup sheets are due by June 30th. Thereafter, Amber Brenzikofer is planning to initiate SignUp Genius to make volunteer sign up simple for all. Amber has reported that SignUp Genius worked amazingly well in 2019 for security volunteers. That is the plan. The show is the most exciting event all year for mineral and fossil hobbyists and we know the club members will volunteer to support the show.

Fluorite is a fabulous mineral! It is a common mineral, found in numerous worldwide locations, and has many attributes that make it desirable to mineral collectors. You may be thinking of your favorite fluorite specimen residing in your collection. Exquisite fluorite hails from such places as the County Durham, England; Hunan, China; San Luis Potosi, Mexico; Andalusia and Asturias, Spain; the Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes, France; the Illinois-Kentucky Fluorspar District; Draa-Tafilalet Region, Morocco; and Namibia. Many other locations could be added. In our own backyard, what local rockhound does not know about the lovely fluorite from the Blanchard Mine, Hansenburg Mining District, Socorro County, New Mexico? Is there fluorite in Colorado you ask? Of course, there is. In 1996 Barbara L. Muntyan, former director of the Ouray County Museum and frequent author on minerals, wrote an article about Colorado fluorite in *Rocks & Minerals*, Vol 71, No. 3. She lists such places as the Sunnyside Mine, Gladstone, San Juan County; Ransom Mine, San Juan County; Camp Bird and Thistledown Mines, Ouray County; Gertrude Mine, Ouray County; Mt. Antero, Chaffee County; Sweet Home Mine, Park County; the Pikes Peak Batholith including Park, Teller, Douglas, El Paso, and Jefferson Counties; the Climax Mine, Lake County; Yukon Mine, San Juan County, and the Idarado Mine, San Miguel County. Her article included other locations as well and pictures of colorful fluorite. For further information about Colorado fluorite, please refer to her article.

Please everyone - stay safe, healthy and optimistic about the future for the Denver Show in September!

Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Show Secretary

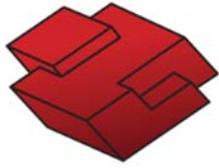
Rocky Mountain Federation News

The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) is made up of 78 clubs representing 13 Western states. CMS is a member of RMFMS. The Rocky Mountain Federation News is published monthly and is located at www.rmffms.org.



A.F.M.S Newsletter

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (A.F.M.S) serves seven regional federations, including RMFMS. The A.F.M.S Newsletter is published monthly and is located at: <http://www.amfed.org/news/default.htm>.



COLLECTOR'S EDGE

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*We have just updated our special new website sale gallery, the **Final Call***

A curated group of high-quality minerals each week, discounted to 75% off- expect great minerals at super prices!

<https://collectorsedge.com/>



Note from Editor: Collector's Edge has been a great supporter of CMS through the years with donations of specimens for our annual auction. The Collector's Edge website includes a gallery of fine minerals and interesting articles such as "How to Build a Great Mineral Collection on a Budget" and "Diamonds in Colorado! The Stateline Kimberlite District" by our own *Phil Persson*. Check out the site.

Other Links for Interesting Information and Articles

Article from LiveScience about the discovery of a new mineral: <https://www.livescience.com/new-mineral-discovered-in-diamond.html>.

The History of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science with Kirk Johnson
<https://www.dmns.org/learn/dmns-at-home/watch/programs-for-adults/history-of-the-denver-museum-of-nature-science/>

Geology and Earth Science News and Information, including information on minerals and gemstones
<https://geology.com/>

Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting March 17, 2020

Attendees: *Amber Brenzikofer, Mark Leatherman, Ben Geller, Loni Cole, Debbie Kalscheur, Leslie Osgood, Jimmy Betsill, Mistyann Bateman*

Call to Order @ 7:05 pm – Amber Brenzikofer

Open Positions

- Same open positions
- Jimmy is interested in the editor position (can contribute to the group and do a good job of running)...Amber will work with him on newsletter transition

Items for Board Approval/Special Topics

- April 3rd General Meeting – church may cancel venue, could move to a video/Webex meeting, or cancel. Need to make decision by March 25th.
- Video Conferencing Account for CMS
 - Webex – free account for 100 people
 - Go-To Meeting \$16 per month, etc...get all functionality (up to 250 people can connect)
 - Zoom is another idea
- May 1st General Meeting – will likely have to cancel. Have an online class, talk about each of the trips with specimens you can find, tools you need (SAFETY will be paramount with the 6 foot radii).
- May 2nd Auction – need to determine deadline to auction to allow sufficient notifications, need to stay in contact with church event cancellations (Eva), Spring show moved to mid-May so can't collect donations
 - Rock sale at the picnic or founders day, August 24th (or mid-summer on trip calendar)
 - Rock Sale after May 11th (outdoors), before the end of September
 - Silent auction online (with club pieces)
- Upsizing CMS storage unit - Postponed for now
- Grab bags - 1500 bags have been completed
- Children's program ideas
 - Rock badges, Safety equipment, backpacks with logos or patches/badges
 - Flat Stanley, rockhound flat-Stanley...photographs in newsletter could adjust him to make him a girl (Rocky the CMS logo dude)
- Denver Council provided \$250 for newsletter

Officer/Committee Reports

- Field Trip Committee Update
 - Field trip list to be distributed by email/website on May 1st for members
 - Trip sign-ups will occur 30 days prior to trip, looking at online sign-up options.
- Technology Committee
 - Short term, focused on field trip needs
 - Committee is looking to execute CMS strategy for long-term
 - Build functionality or buy the functionality are two ideas
- Education Update – Class ideas
 - rock/Mineral ID and Kits; Cabbing/Faceting; Tools, cleaning rocks, gems
- Treasury
 - Gave Treasurer's report
- Membership
 - New member names were read
- Raffle - Eva has Science Fair awards, may be cancelled
- Newsletter DEADLINE March 23, 2020

Other Topics

- Next CMS Board Meeting: April 21st by conference call.
- Adjourned 9:01pm

Minutes taken by Ben Geller, Secretary

Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting April 21, 2020

Attendees: *Amber Brenzikofer, Ben Geller, Loni Cole, Debbie Kalscheur, Gary Rowe, Leslie Osgood, Eva Siemonsma, Jimmy Betsill, Julio Edwards*

Call to Order @ 7:07 pm – Amber Brenzikofer by conference call

Open Positions

- Field Trip Coordinator
- Donations Chair
- Technology Leader – Debbie and Amber to co-chair until we find someone,
- Annual Auction Chair
- Volunteer Coordinator – new position

Items for Board Approval/Special Topics

- May 1st General Meeting – Canceled meeting at church. Hold a webinar for May meeting to discuss field trip information and demonstration for field trip sign up sites. Trips are set up so we can go live on May 2nd.i
- May 2nd Auction – canceled; per governor, can't have any events with more than 10 people starting May 1st. As an alternative to make money for the club, have a rock sale this summer. Can spread out sales to maximize social distancing. Possibility of mid-summer sale. An online rock sale was spoken about as well...with advertising and pictures.
- Purchase of junior safety supplies for summer trips (hard hats, safety glasses, small backpacks). Still have junior trip logs available. Purchase other kid field guides.
- Junior program – There is a scheduled junior field trip at Butterfield Ranch and we do have trip logs. Mistyann is putting together a program for the American Federation badge program. Will work on it in the summer with roll out have it in the fall.
- Update of field trip and membership sign-up website-setting up the website for field trip sign-up. Allows to have only member sign-up with membership renewal through the site.
- Welcomed Jimmy Betsill to the call, new newsletter editor, looking to create a design not only for print form but for online articles.

Officer/Committee Reports

- Field Trip Committee Update
 - Field trip list to be distributed by email/website on May 2nd for members
 - Trip sign-ups will occur 30 days prior to trip.
 - Gary spoke about proposed trips for this summer, depending on Covid-19 situation, TBD's.
- Education Update
 - Susan Gardner is offering numerous wire wrapping classes for club members (CMS and Littleton clubs)
 - Idea to pull out education boxes of specimens in storage unit to separate and organize
- Treasury
 - Discussed treasurer's report and moving CDs to a different bank.
- Membership
 - There is a discussion that will be held of what they will do with moving membership lists to the new website
 - New members names were read
- Raffle
 - Talked about way to use raffle funds
 - Discussed scholarship, microscopes, education kit boxes and supplies
- Newsletter – April/May newsletter combined to be issued this week.

Other Topics - Inform

- Next CMS Board Meeting: May 19th or 21st (depending on Mark's schedule). Location: Conference Call

Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:52pm

Minutes taken by Ben Geller, Secretary

COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

2020

President: Amber Brenzikofer

First VP-Programs: **OPEN**

Second VP-Education: Mark Leatherman

Secretary: Ben Geller

Treasurer: Loni Cole

Appointed Board Members - Committee Chairpersons

Annual Auction: **OPEN**

Door Prizes-Guests: Jonathan Papes

Library: Kevin Atwater

Display Chair: Chris Keilman

Membership: Leslie Osgood

Field Trip Leader: **OPEN**

Field Trip Leader Co-Chair: Nels Grevstad

Nominations: Debbie Kalscheur

Grab Bags Coordinator: Wendy Carley

Publications: Jimmy Betsill

Historian: Amber Brenzikofer

Jr Rockhound Coordinator: Mistyann Bateman

Jr Rockhound Assistants: Joanna Morsicato/Wendy Carley

Hospitality: Star Edwards

Donations: **OPEN**

Technology Leader: **OPEN**

Volunteer Chair: **OPEN**

Web Master: Julio Edwards

coloradomineralsociety@comcast.net

Representatives (Board Members)

Denver Council Trustee: Debbie Kalscheur

Denver Show Rep: Amber Brenzikofer

COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY (CMS) was founded in 1936 by a group of distinguished individuals within the mineralogical field. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit, educational organization in 1948. The Society is affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, a founding member of each group.

PURPOSE: To promote the study of minerals and other geologic materials, to encourage mineral collecting as a hobby and to conduct public meetings, lectures, and field trips, and to engage in all activities which relate to said purposes of the organization.

MEETINGS: General membership meetings start at 7:30 PM on the first Friday of each month, October through May, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at 10th and Garrison in Lakewood, CO. **Visitors and Guests** are welcome.

BOARD MEETINGS: The board members meet once a month to complete the executive business and affairs of the Society. Meetings will start at 7:00 PM usually the third Tuesday of each month.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all persons who agree to abide by Society rules and rules of the Federations. Annual fees are: \$20.00 for a Family living at the same household, \$18.00 for a Single Membership, \$15.00 for a Senior Membership (single or family over 65), and \$15.00 for junior members under the age of 18 who are not included in a family. Name badges are available for a one-time fee of \$7.50.



ANNUAL EVENTS: Yearly activities include a silent auction of minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, equipment and other items related to our interests; participation as a member of the Denver Greater Gem and Mineral Council and the original Denver Gem and Mineral Show; and the Founder's Day celebration.

FIELD TRIPS: The Society sponsors several field trips from Spring through Fall for the purpose of collecting minerals, crystals, and fossils. These trips are one-day, two-day, and occasionally several-day adventures. A field trip guide is published each year in May.

NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES: CMS has a proud history of promoting the education and pure enjoyment of the mineralogical world. At the very heart of its existence are the many volunteers and contributors who spend their time and efforts in direct support of the club's mission. The CMS official newsletter **MINERAL MINUTES** is published monthly during the active meeting season (October through May) and a summer edition, and is the primary way the club's activities and mission are communicated to its members and prospective members. On that basis, the Board of Directors would like to offer the following content guidelines for CMS newsletter contributions:

- Formal announcements concerning club business and/or membership
- Information around mineral-related education opportunities or fundraising activities
- Stories or history that concentrate on the edifying aspects of mineral collection and education
- Sharing of personal mineral-related experience from field trips or other related adventures serving an educational purpose
- Announcements of volunteer/leadership opportunities for the club or club representation
- Worthy news events or discoveries related to mineralogy or geology that align to club's core interests
- Appropriate announcements regarding mineral shows, one-time mineral related events, mineral auctions, sale of private collections and/or equipment, etc.
- Information around relevant donations and/or gifts made available to the club or club members

Please note that the editor may correct spelling, syntax, or content to conserve space and is also entitled to bring contributions in compliance with newsletter guidelines.

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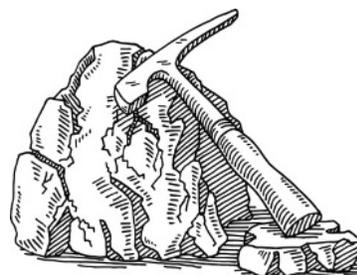
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