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# Mineral Minutes

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## President's Message

By Daryl Lamb

Hello everyone. As I write this message, the snow is still coming down outside my window. It's a cold reminder that good weather for rock hounding is still a couple of months away. Recently I had a chance to look at the list of field trip sites that Gary Rowe is currently arranging. Once again, CMS will be providing some outstanding collecting opportunities, so be sure and mark your calendar for the May meeting where you will have the opportunity to learn about the planned trips and to sign up for the ones that interest you.

As we continue to celebrate our club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are arranging special events and activities throughout the year to mark this very special occasion. Debbie Kalscheur heads up the committee that has organized all of the celebratory activities. Debbie and her committee members have done an outstanding job, so be sure and thank her when you see her at the meetings. Debbie has in fact helped arrange our program for the March meeting. Longtime club members Dayton Mong and Jeanne Foster will be our special guests and will tell us about their experiences and memories of the Colorado Mineral Society over many years. This will be a unique opportunity for our club members to hear an oral history of CMS from two of our distinguished lifetime members. One of the important factors that make CMS such a successful and enjoyable club is the effort and dedication of our membership. Many of our members have served in various capacities over the years and have contributed greatly to the club's success. Our Board of Directors is currently looking for club members to help the Board with a number of ongoing activities. If you would like to work with the Board or serve on the Board as a member, please contact me at 303-993-6685 or by email at [cdaryllamb@aol.com](mailto:cdaryllamb@aol.com). This is an excellent opportunity to help the club, get to know fellow club members, and participate in some interesting activities.

Please join us on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at our regular meeting site, St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the corner of Garrison and 10<sup>th</sup> in Lakewood, for another interesting and enjoyable CMS meeting.

## A Note and Poem from Shirley Self

Here is the poem I recited at the anniversary dinner, but first I have to clear up a few things. This poem did not inspire Jeff to gather rocks, that was done by my dad, Ralph Trone. He prospected the Silverton-Ouray area for gold and knew all the history and hidey holes of that area and infected Jeff at a very young age. No, I used the poem to tease and torment Jeff (I'm his mom - its my job) as his rocks began to pile up around the homestead. I do not know the provenance of this poem other than I learned it in second grade and for some esoteric reason, never forgot it until I stood in front of you and attempted to recite it. Then I forgot the dude's name and had to wing it.

Benjamin Jones had a hobby of stones,  
He gathered them up by the score.  
He stacked them around the house til he found  
He scarcely could open the door.  
The pink ones he piled by the little dinette,  
The blue ones he piled by the bed,  
The white and the black he stacked back to back  
Til the pile was as high as his head.  
Now it happened to Ben Jones  
As it happens to most men,  
That Benjamin Jones had a wife.  
Said she, "Ben Jones, those rocks and those stones,  
They're really the bane of my life.  
They roll down my nose, they drop on my toes,  
They fall in the milk and the stew.  
Now I'm tellin' you Ben Jones,  
Those rocks and those stones,  
They either must go Ben, or you."  
So Ben thought a while, and then with a smile,  
He stirred up a lot of cement,  
And he built a rock house for himself and his spouse,  
And now they don't have to pay rent.

The obvious difference between Jeff Self and Ben Jones is that Jeff has Donna, who helps sort and stack the rocks, ever higher and higher, in spite of the danger to the milk and the stew.

Thank you Shirley Self for sharing this poem  
with all of us!



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## Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting

Minutes – February 21, 2011

Attendance: Daryl Lamb, Bruce Sales, Sandra Gonzales, Leslie Osgood, Gary Rowe, Eva

Meeting called order by Daryl Lamb

Old Business:

- February CMS Meeting cancelled due to snow storm
- Update Newsletter: The April Meeting will be held at Clements Community Center.
- Gary will talk to Bruce Geller to determine a few dates that the members can vote on to take tour of the Colorado School of Mines – Dates will be announced at the March meeting
- Gary will look into a storage case for the display case, and present finding to the Board
- CMS Auction is in May – We are in need of many volunteers to help.
- New membership cards will be printed to reflect when CMS memberships dates begin and when the date ends (October 1 – September 30)

New Business:

Daryl Lamb – Several Club positions will be opened for 2013 – President, VP, Newsletter. Positions will be announced at the general meeting.

Bruce Sales – Would like to teach Crystallography to CMS members at a CMS meeting. He will need only 10-15 minutes to teach the basics.

Guest Speaker at March Meeting: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Panel - Dayton Mong & Jeanne Foster

Display Case

March meeting – Sandra Gonzales & Chester Howard Collection

April Meeting – Rob Deschambault

Eva S. has offered to show her petrified wood collection next year if Bruce can arrange for a guest speaker who specializes in petrified wood.

Leslie Osgood – Has requested that there needs to be a system in place to assist in distribution of the field trip guide to help keep down the confusion that has occurred at previous meetings. A plan will be finalized at the next board meeting

Gary Rowe – Is asking anyone who has samples of galena that they want to donate to contact him. He is working on the field trip guide and will be ready by the May meeting. Gary is looking for field trip leaders. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Gary.

Some of the field trips taken in the past will not be available this year because of various reasons, some are listed below:

- Trash not being picked up
- Club members going back to the claim without permission
- Not sharing what was collected on the claim with the claim owners

Eva – Provided board members with the year end financial statement. Daryl made the motion to accept the financial statement and all was approved by the board.

Meeting Adjourned,  
Sandra Gonzales

Rocky sez, watch for stuff with me on it coming to the club very soon!!





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**Colorado Mineral Society  
Treasurer Report  
10/1/10 - 9/30/11  
Submitted to the Board on February 21, 2012  
by Eva Siemonsma, Treasurer**

CMS's net worth is \$21,824.31 as of 9/30/11.  
The \$21,824.31 is broken down as follows:  
CMS - CD = \$10,805.12  
CMS - Checking = \$6,554.79  
CMS - Savings = \$3,611.25  
CMS - Raffle = \$853.15

**Income:**

Auction Sales:May	\$3,278.01
Auction Sales:Dec.	\$173.78
CMS:75th Dinner	\$1,630.00
Name Badges	\$210.00
Patches	\$30.00
Pins	\$6.00
Donations:Auction Food	\$79.88
Donations:Mineral Sales	\$47.90
Donations:Misc. (cake steal, general fund)	\$75.39
Donations:Hospitality	\$357.38
Interest Income	\$157.85
Membership Dues	\$2,840.00
Raffle-Income (ticket sales, interest inc.)	\$1,142.08

**Total Income: \$10,028.27**

**Expenses:**

Administrative: Field Trip Guide, copies, fees, Checks, display cases, etc.	\$527.79
Auction:Holy Shepherd, postage, supplies, copies, hospitality, flyers, etc.	\$441.79
Prizes:door prizes	\$118.00
Christmas Party:copies, candy, paper products, decorations	\$52.03
DenverGemMineralShow:grab bags	\$15.59
Events:75th Dinner (banquet deposit & banners)	\$352.59
Fees: Corp. filing, Post Office Box	\$44.00
Hospitality: (donations \$357.38 - Exp. \$496.20 = -\$138.82)	\$496.20
Membership: directory printing, postage, brochures, misc. supplies	\$468.56
Name Badges (inc. \$210.00 exp. \$225.95 = -\$15.95)	\$225.95
Newsletter: Printing, postage, includes \$250 Grant	\$944.16
Raffle:Education (\$37.50 @10 members:down payment)	\$375.00
Raffle:Fees - License, raffle tickets	\$132.44
Raffle:Library	\$120.91
Raffle:ScienceFairAwards, etc.	\$216.13
RMFMS Dues (295 @\$1.50 = \$442.50)	\$442.50
RMFMS Insurance fees (Ins. 334@.75 = \$250.50. credit \$95.25=\$155.25)	\$155.25
Rent:St. Paul's Episcopal Church & Holy Shepherd Church	\$725.00
Taxes: City/State (name badges/patches/guild/auction)	\$303.14
Website:domain name, website hosting fee	\$354.19
Youth Activities:supplies	\$20.92

**Total Expenses \$6,532.14**

**Net Gain 2011 \$3,496.13**

FootNote: \$2,860.53 Pd to Mt. Vernon 10/2/12



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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **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).



### **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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## Denver Gem & Mineral Show Mini Report January 2012 'CU in Denver'

With all the snow this February, it is difficult to remember that summer and the fun collecting season is only a few short months away. Then summer is followed by the Denver Gem & Mineral Show. What a great way to end the summer with the most wonderful event in Denver for our hobby. Don't forget the dates, September 14 – 16, 2012, and the feature, Copper and Copper Minerals.

Since many persons enter the Best of Species competition at the show, here is some information about this competition. The Best of Species competition is open to any individual (amateur or professional), but not to institutions, groups, clubs or businesses. An individual may enter only one specimen in each size or type category. A trophy will be awarded to the best Species entry in each of the 7 categories listed on the entry form, which are thumbnail, miniature, cabinet, oversize cabinet, field collected, Best of Colorado and lapidary/jewelry. Specimen quality will be judged on the basis of established standards for Copper Mineral species. Workmanship for lapidary/jewelry entries must be that of the exhibitor. Mineral species with the Cu cation in the first or second position in the formula of the mineral are eligible. Judging Chair, Larry Havens, expands on this information as follows since the judging will be more difficult this year due to the theme: "It is tricky judging this competition because, in each size category, we are probably judging multiple species (i.e., apples and oranges). Therefore, we look for specimens with good size for each category – as close to a full inch for thumbnails, etc. - we consider the typical material from the location a specimen is from, and ask how does this example stack up – how free from damage is each specimen – if color or clarity is an issue in determining quality for the specie, does the specimen show that quality to advantage – rarity may set a specimen apart from its mates in a size category, but the other criteria still play a role (for instance, a translucent, damage-free, aesthetic azurite from

Tsumeb would probably get the nod over a rarer Arthurite, because the Arthurite specimen will likely be a cluster of tiny crystals. The subjective criteria of aesthetics and "the wow factor" play a role as well. That's why we use multiple judges, knowing full well that opinion *will* play a part in the choices made." So start thinking about entering this competition. Look over your collection for that outstanding Copper mineral that just might win you a trophy. Purchased specimens are eligible except in the "field collected" category. Should you have any questions concerning the Best of Species competition, please contact Larry Havens at 303-757-6577 or [lghavens@aol.com](mailto:lghavens@aol.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Knoshaug, Show Secretary



This fall Denver show sounds really exciting! When I first joined CMS, I remember we either had someone come in and talk about underwater copper mountains in Northern Michigan or I read it in some magazine that Tom Kohlen brought to a meeting. It sounded so fascinating, so when someone mentions Michigan I ask them about the underwater copper and they give me the "I have no idea what you are talking about" look. I always admire the native copper specimens at the show and wonder if I should buy some, but then some pretty bead catches my eye and off I go looking at them. There are some copper balls some vendors have that look interesting too.

Since this years' theme is CU in Denver with all kinds of copper, here's hoping that A LOT of vendors will be bringing in all kinds of copper specimens. My son Tom surely needs something made of copper, and I could always add something bead like to my beading boxes. I hope they have the bead bazaar right next door to the show this year like they did last year. I am really looking forward to this years show!



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## Pete Modreski News:

**Thurs., Mar. 8,** 7:30 p.m. at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, VIP Room, monthly meeting of the Colorado Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy; topic TBA.

**Fri., Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m.,** at the monthly meeting of the North Jeffco Gem and Mineral Club, Pete Modreski of the USGS will give a slide show and talk on “**23 Pegmatites in 5 Days, a Colorado Field Trip Saga**”. Meeting is at the North Jeffco Community Recreation Center, 6842 N. Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada. All are welcome to attend.

**Thurs, Mar. 15,** 7:00 p.m., monthly meeting of the Colorado Scientific Society, at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church, 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. at Simms St., Lakewood; topic will be “**Paleogeography of the Denver, Cheyenne, and Colorado Headwaters Basins, from the Latest Cretaceous through the Eocene**”, to be given jointly by Marieke Dechesne, Bob Reynolds, and Jim Cole, of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and the USGS.

**Mar. 23-25, Fort Collins Rockhounds Club Gem and Mineral Show** at the Thomas M. McKee 4-H building, Larimer County Fairgrounds, 5280 Arena Circle, at The Ranch/Budweiser Events Center, I-25 Exit 259. Hours 4-8 p.m. Fri., 9-6 Sat., 10-5 Sun. For more info see <http://www.fortcollinsrockhounds.org/gemAndMineralShow.shtml> .

**April 20-22, Colorado Mineral and Fossil Spring Show,** Ramada Plaza Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn), 4849 Bannock St, Denver, CO 80216 (frontage road on west side of I-25, north of I-70); free admission and parking; hours 10-6 Fri. & Sat., 10-5 Sun. For more info see [http://www.mzexpos.com/colorado\\_spring.htm](http://www.mzexpos.com/colorado_spring.htm)

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

*By Eric Hedricks*

Greetings to everyone out there in newsletter land, I hope all is well with all of you.

The days continue to get longer, but the temperatures are not getting any warmer. I do not know what things are like down in Denver, but I still have a ton of snow on the ground up here in Conifer. I wish I would have had the chance to make it down to Tucson, but from what I have heard it was not real warm down there either. My sources also tell me that it was a buyer's market. I know that I got everything that I sent down back. I was hoping that I could raise a few bucks for this California deal but it was not to be. The California thing is still up in the air, I hear it is still in the works, but just like most other things, so far it has been a whole lot of talk. Talk is cheap, and with the current economic situation it is about the only thing that people can afford, but I wish everybody would stop telling me how much money I am going to make if I would just work for them. I have made a lot of people a lot of money working for them and I am still poor, so any more I believe them, NOT.

With all the snow and cold I have not done any digging or stone work lately, I did a little dry stacking on the culvert at the ranch a few weeks ago but that's about it. I have been trying to stay warm and dry doing inside stuff, helping remodel Earl's bathroom, loading cartridges for the muskets, messing with the old bikes, that kind of thing. Spring is only a few weeks off, daylight savings starts on 3-11, and then we really get hammered with snow. I hate to see anymore snow, but I can't wait for the warm weather. That's about it on my end, see ya all at the next meeting, until then stay safe out there and keep on rocken!



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## **New Members to CMS To Be Listed for the First 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

## **New Members to CMS To Be Listed for the Second Time**

Jeremy L. Banks  
Joseph & Jeanette Banks  
Tandra Casserly  
Sam Casserly  
Robert & Roz Ciencin  
Nadine Cole  
Serena Cole  
Aaron & Kestra Cross  
Kaiden & Rylan Cross  
Don & Phyllis Dubas  
David Dubas  
David & Gail Gillard  
Becca Gillard  
Alana & Mark Greenberg  
Lisa Hill  
Elijah & Frederick Hill  
Andrew Jackman  
Patrick Janes  
Tonnie Lipton  
Christopher Marsh  
Wes McKinley  
Steve & Monica Mueller  
Daniel Nieto  
Joshua & Mia Nieto  
David Packard & Catherine Grow  
Douglas & Lindsay Packard  
Dave Pence

Aiden Pence  
Michael Penev & Aimee Grimsleg  
Eric Pruett  
Ry & Jet Pruett  
Mark Rosen & Catrina Miannecki  
Joel Schatter  
Donna Sigmond  
Barton & Elizabeth Stone  
Valerie Suydan  
John Taylor  
Rafael & Moirelle Torres  
Sueheil & Rafael Torres  
Mike Viney & Mary Klass  
Philip Virgil  
Richard & Sandra Webb  
Bruce Yoshioka

**Welcome New Members!**  
We hope you find lots of pretty  
rocks on your journey with CMS

**!! Reminder !!**

If you want your name in the  
directory and a Field Trip Guide at  
the May meeting, make sure you are a  
current member by the  
April meeting!!!!



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## Up Coming Events:

March 2, 2012 Regular CMS meeting at St. Paul's church 10th and Garrison 7:30 PM

March 23-25, 2012 Fort Collins Gem & Mineral Show; Larimer County Fairgrounds

April 6, 2012 Regular CMS meeting at Clements Community Center.

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

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

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

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If the Metro Denver area declares the roads on accident alert during a snowfall on meeting night, consider the CMS meeting canceled.

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