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President's Message - Rockhound Origins

by Debbie Kalscheur

Hello again everyone! Through the years, I have had the chance to talk with many of you either carpooling to a trip or while digging. The conversation sometimes drifted to personal stories of how the interest in rocks and minerals began. I think it would be great to share and document these stories because it is these stories that drew us to the Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) and is the common glue that binds us. I will begin by sharing mine.

My rockhound origins began at an early age, but not in the traditional sense. I was born and raised on a dairy farm in SE Wisconsin, the youngest of 5 children. Each Spring, my whole family would walk the fields after the first plowing, picking up rocks that were working up through the soil. The rocks were destined to wreak havoc with the field equipment and the young crops struggling to grow unless they were removed. I was not the most efficient worker as I was looking for the "pretty rocks". While the big, gray, ugly rocks went onto the wagon to be piled elsewhere, the small quartz varieties always went in my pocket. Once back at the farm, I would empty my pockets and my mom and I would admire the variety of colors and shapes.

During my 20's, I was a prolific hiker and would pick up rocks, sometimes big ones, while hiking different mountains. One time, a fellow hiker played a prank on me and packed rocks into my backpack. I hiked all day and since we had just resupplied, never questioned the added weight. When I found the rocks later that night, everyone laughed. I smiled and asked for rocks with more color the next time. What it proved to me, though, was that I could put a rock or two in my backpack in the future and be A.O.K!

After moving to Denver in my early 30's, I joined the Colorado Mountain Club and continued my hiking and mountaineering in Colorado. A friend of mine got me into beading and jewelry making. We started a jewelry business and I was drawn to using natural stone beads when making necklaces and earrings. I went to my first Denver Show in 2004 and there, was introduced to the wonderful world of rocks and minerals. So much to learn! That first show was overwhelming! I found CMS shortly after and that is really when I began my "formal" education. I have learned so much from Gary Rowe, Jeff Self and Donna Ware, Bruce Geller, and so many others through the CMS meetings, the field trips, the education classes as well as through the friendships I have made with so many of you. I am so grateful for my journey!

Are you willing to share your story? It might have been a while since you thought about it, but I encourage you to take a bit of time and write down your thoughts. Send your 500 word or less story to the following emails [pres.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com or editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com]. Please submit your stories only if you are willing to have them published. I look forward to hearing your particular story and hope you are willing to take a bit of time to reflect and share. Happy writing!

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Please Note: the new email published in the January newsletter for CMS president is incorrect. The email has now been created and is active – pres.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com.



CMS New Members

First Listing

Craig and Megan Ackley & family
Joshua Rose and Christina Brady &
family
Craig Steffen

Second Listing

Shannon Walsh and Stephen Wilkins
& family
Victoria Rieck

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

Next CMS General Meeting and Presentation February 2, 2018

The next CMS general meeting will include a presentation by Gary Rowe on the basic properties of mineral fluorescence. We will have several interactive displays set up of fluorescent minerals. In addition, a display case will be set up for those students who attended the December and January jewelry wire wrapping class to show off their beautiful pendants. Please join us for an entertaining evening.

Guests and visitors are welcome at the general meetings. The meeting starts at 7:30pm at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Garrison in Lakewood.

Rocky Mountain Federation News

www.rmfm.org



A.F.M.S Newsletter

<http://www.amfed.org/news/default.htm>



CMS Junior Rockhounds February Program

Topic: *Fluorescent Minerals*

Presenter: *Ben Geller*

Overview: We will explore the world of fluorescent minerals including displays for long wave and short wave minerals. Thanks to Boyd Cook for helping put together the displays and lights.

Parents are invited to attend the Junior Rockhound Program with their children. Although the youth do not need any supplies for this meeting, a pencil or pen and a notebook may be helpful for taking notes.

January 5, 2018 Raffle News

Another great raffle - January's ticket sales amounted to \$215, with the retail value of \$156. The overwhelmingly popular specimen was the fluorite from Illinois (\$110) was donated by **Ken & Mary Black from the Lee Barnett Collection** and won by a smiling *Bruce Geller*. The selenite gypsum rose specimen from Gdahuila, Mexico (\$37) donated by **Marcus Lieberman** was won by *Adrian Saunders*. The wulfanite specimen (\$26) donated by **Jeff Self and Donna Ware, Self A Ware Minerals** was won by *James Mahony*. *MistyAnn Bateman* won the mangano calcite specimen from Peru (\$21) that was donated by **Sandra Gonzales - Rocky Mountain Gems**. The labradorite cab (\$11) donated by **Pat Tucci and Zeldia Bailey** was won by *Deanna Mackenna*. Last but not least, *Dave Glaser* won the vranophane in andesite specimen (\$10) that was donated from the **Charles Spletz Collection**.

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

Thanks John Kleber and Cailin Bateman for helping with the raffle.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners!!!!

Submitted by Eva Siemonsma, CMS Raffle Manager

CMS Education Update

by Debbie Kalscheur



CMS January Wire Wrap Class Picture



CMS January Class Student Projects – the Opal Pendant

It's a Wrap!

Both the December and January Wire Wrap classes are now complete. What an amazing experience for all! Susan, our wire wrapping guru, led the January class through both basic and more advanced techniques. Pictured to the right are some of the student projects from the January class. Aren't they remarkable?

Reminder to all December and January class alumni, we are planning to have a display for all your marvelous class projects at the CMS February general meeting. Please plan on coming and bringing/showing off your creations!

For those of you who didn't think you could do this, think again! Susan does a great job stepping everyone through the process. I did not see one student who did not love what they created. For those not signed up for the February class, but are still interested in giving wire wrapping a try, please sign up for the May course. See below for details.

Susan will be attending the February CMS meeting and will have physical samples of the upcoming project pendants, samples of your materials kit as well as samples of the hand tools to be used in class. Please feel free to stop by, ask her questions and take a close up look at what's coming next. It's a fun time and a timeless art form!

February Basic Wire Wrapping Class is Confirmed!

The February class is confirmed and is sold out. Those of you who are confirmed should have already received a confirmation email with all the class details. If you think you are signed up for the class, but did not receive the confirmation email, please reach out to Debbie Kalscheur [pres.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com].

The class will be held February 19th and 26th at St. Paul's Church where the general CMS monthly meetings are held. All confirmed students are encouraged to review the information and consider purchasing the basic tools. Details and instructions are included in your confirmation email.



Denny's Creations – he finds, cuts, polishes, and now wraps!



CMS Education Update (continued)

CMS May Offering of the Basic Wire Wrapping Course

Because not all members who were hoping to take the Basic Wire Wrapping course has had the opportunity to take it, the CMS Board has approved funding for one more class tentatively scheduled for May 14th and 21st. This class will be the same curriculum as the December and February classes. The project piece is a wire wrapped cabochon pendant. You will learn traditional wire wrapping techniques, including how to create a clean and professional bale, how to create elegant design, how to measure around a stone and all about the hand tools needed to do this wonderful art. The project kit that comes with tuition includes the materials needed to make the pendant with copper wire and contains extra wire so you can make more pendants at home after class using your own stones! Printed and digital patterns are also included with tuition. Students may purchase sterling silver wire for an additional \$15. Please bring a check or cash to class for the sterling wires. You will still get the full copper kit with tuition. Please indicate that you would like to purchase silver wire when you sign up and pay for the class.

Other class details are below:

Class Dates/Times: May 14 and 21, from 6:30 pm to around 9 pm

Place: St. Paul's Church – Parish Hall

Student Cost: \$30/person [the remaining \$30 tuition picked up by CMS]

Minimum Age: 12 [must be accompanied by an adult]

Min/Max Students: Min, 10 / Max, 15

Other stipulations: Must be CMS member to take this class



Sign up for the class will begin at the February CMS General Meeting. Please bring a check for \$30 made out to CMS to reserve a spot. Please note that we cannot guarantee you a spot in the class until payment is received. If you have any interest in taking this class, please plan on signing up and reserving your spot! It is an opportunity to learn how to protect and wear some of the amazing rocks we find in the field. All CMS members are welcome!



Proposed class project for the March 12 and 19 Advanced Wire Wrap Class. Project will build on round wires, coils and beads. The pendant is designed to be reversible.

CMS Education Update (continued)

Advanced Wire Wrapping Class to be Offered in March!

Several members who had taken one or more of the wire wrap classes asked if another advanced class would be offered. Although the CMS budget for Spring classes has been spent, Susan has graciously offered to hold an advanced class for those who are interested at a reduced price.

Project Description

The March project will teach a doubled coiled and beaded, reversible pendant wrap, using graduated round beads to be added by choice or not. Students will learn a new bale setting for drilled stones, they will learn how to create single and double decorative coils, and how to mix round wire sizes in design. We will be blending 28, 22, 20 and 18 gauge wires to give a new wire experience. Susan will also be demonstrating how to use a hand drill to create coils and twist wires.

The March kit will include all the materials needed for students to create a completed pendant in class, extra wire to make more pendants at home after class, and printed/digital documentation.

Class Dates/Times:	March 12 th and 19 th , from 6:30 pm to around 9 pm
Place:	St. Paul's Church – Parish Hall
Student Cost:	\$50/person
Supplies:	Kit provided, can upgrade wire to silver for an additional \$15
Tools:	Some will be provided to share, but bring your own if you have them

Class size will be limited to the first 15 people who sign up. Minimum to conduct the class is 10.

Sign up for the class will begin at the February CMS General Meeting. Please bring a check for \$50 made out to Susan Gardner to reserve a spot. If you are unable to make the February meeting, but would like to take the class, please make arrangements for submitting the check through either Debbie Kalscheur or Susan Gardner [pres.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com or izzygumbo@gmail.com].

Please note that tuition refunds will be given if a replacement can be found prior to the first class. If something comes up that you cannot attend, please notify Debbie or Susan as soon as possible.

Quick Note of Appreciation

I wanted to offer a quick note of appreciation to our Wire Wrap Instructor, Susan Gardner. Susan is an amazing teacher as evidenced by the incredible pendants produced by the students! There was clearly a pent-up demand for these classes! I have found it absolutely delightful to work with Susan. Susan must like us as well because she has joined our CMS family as a member. Welcome Susan!



GEOdyssey Update

Pat Tucci & Zelda Bailey

It's been almost 3 months since our move to Sedona, and we wanted to send along a progress report on our new lives here. Most of our time has been spent unpacking boxes and organizing the house. Pat's got his music studio put together, but Zelda's still working on getting her craft and jewelry area set up. Our guest rooms are now furnished, and we've already had friends stay with us. There hasn't been time to do any rock hounding, but we have been able to get out and enjoy a few of the many hiking trails that are in the area. The weather has been great, although very dry.

We've joined the Sedona Gem and Mineral Club and attended a couple of the meetings. They are a much smaller club than CMS, but they have an active field trip schedule and sponsor a show here in October. We've visited the local rock shops – there are 3, not including the numerous metaphysical shops that also sell crystals. If you are into the metaphysical stuff, Sedona's the place to be!

We are keeping GEOdyssey in business, and will be set up for our first show at the "Tucson New Mineral Show", one of the many going on in Tucson this month. The show is at 1102 West Grant Road, Tucson, AZ, east of I-10 at N. Flowing Wells Rd. The show is from Tuesday, January 30 - Monday, February 5, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (except on Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:00 am - 9:00 pm). We'll have a much smaller booth than we usually do, but we will have some great specimens for sale. We hope that you will stop by and say Hi if you are coming to Tucson.



The view from our deck.

Save the Date

CMS Silent and Verbal Auction

Saturday, May 5, 2018

CMS will have its annual silent auction of mineral hobby items on May 5th from 11:00am to 2:45pm, location to be determined. Admission is free. Checkout begins at 2:45pm (**cash or check only**). We need volunteers and a sign-up sheet will be available at the upcoming general meetings. 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 1:00pm 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.

Volunteers Needed:

- * Set up team
- * Food service help
- * Check-in help
- * Verbal Auction help
- * Table clearers & movers
- * Cashiers
- * Back room help
- * Clean up
- * General help
- * Raffle helper

Contact Ben Geller at
geller520@gmail.com
for more information.

Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council 2017 Approved Grant Requests

The Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council receives, evaluates and approves grant requests each year in the months of March and September. This report is a summary of the grants awarded in 2017 and is being sent to all eight, member clubs of the GDAGMC.

1. Friends of Dinosaur Ridge requested \$6,098.37 and received \$3,000.00. \$1,000.00 was awarded to offset expenses of Dinosaur Days. \$2,000.00 is to be used to fund stabilization of sandstone above Quarry #5 to protect numerous fossils that are a major stop for bus and walking tours. The \$3,098.37 request was to update and reprint copies of the Dinosaur Ridge Field Guide. The committee felt that since this Guide is sold, sale proceeds should offset the cost of publication. Total approved for 2017 - \$3,000.00
2. Western Interior Paleontological Society requested and received \$1,000.00 in support of the WIPS Museum Assist Program at USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum in Price, Utah.
3. Colorado School of Mines Mineral Museum requested funding for XRD software for mineral identification. Because they had yet to identify the specific software program and its actual cost in the March grant submission, the Council requested a resubmission with firm costs. This request was resubmitted asking for \$7,050.00 for the software and \$259.98 for an Ultra-wide Monitor. At the June meeting, the Council approved the grant to Mines for \$7,309.98.
4. The Fremont County Historical Society requested and received \$3,900.00 to fund the hauling and installation of geologically descriptive boulders along the Geology Time Trail of the Crossroads through Time – Heritage Park Project.
5. The Cripple Creek District Museum requested and received \$4,000.00 to fund the installation of LED lighting in 6 mineral display cases, the funds to be used for the hardware and professional, electrical services.

Each of the eight clubs of the GDAGMC may receive \$250.00 each year to help defray the cost of its newsletter. Each club must have a representative present at all four Council meetings in the year to earn the full amount of the grant. A partial award is given should a club not be represented at all the meetings. The Newsletter Grant money paid to clubs for 2016 attendance in 2017 was \$2,000.00.

Total grant money awarded in 2017 was **\$21,209.98**. All grants were funded by proceeds from the 2016 Denver Gem & Mineral Show put on by the 8 clubs. The entire show is put on by volunteers! Please step up and be one of your club's volunteers in 2018.

Council Officers for 2018

President pro-tem: Dale Gann Vice-president: vacant
Secretary: Larry Havens Treasurer: Maxine Sheel

Respectfully submitted, Larry Havens, Secretary



AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

by Richard D. Jaeger

I am the Rocky Mountain Federation Regional Chairman for the AFMS Endowment Fund. Cheryl Neary, a member of the Eastern Federation, is the AFMS Endowment Fund Chair.

Basically, this is a raffle drawing with tickets being sold at \$5 each or five tickets for \$20.

People from around the American Federation donate prizes for the raffle – they may be jewelry, crystal, mineral, fossils, books, or other items, the value of which range generally from \$75 to \$200. The drawing will be handled so that there is at least one winner from each of the seven regional federations; last year we had I believe three winners from the Rocky Mountain Federation.

A number of donations have been made so far and can be viewed on the American Federation Website <amfed.org>. When you go to that site, click on ‘Home’, then on ‘Endowment Fund’ on the left side, then on ‘2018’ on the left side. You will see that some truly beautiful items have been donated and there will be more to come; generally, there are about 30 or more items.

This is a major way to financially support the American Federation’s efforts on behalf of our hobby. Currently the funds go towards the Junior Rockhound Program, Judges Training, and preparing Programs for distribution to Regional Federations which can be used by individual clubs. Over \$5,000 was raised last year. Cheryl requests that the checks be sent to the regional chairs so that we may issue tickets and have a record of who has entered. Checks should be made payable to the “AFMS Endowment Fund”. We then forward those checks to Pat LaRue, the AFMS Treasurer. I will fill out the proper number of tickets for each contribution, send the stubs to the donating individual, and get the tickets to the AFMS Show in Raleigh, North Carolina in April to be put into the RMFMS bag. There will be at least one general prize ticket, maybe two or three, drawn from each of the bags for the seven regional federations. After that, all tickets will be dumped into one bag, and further drawings will take place until all the prizes have been awarded.

I hope that many of you will participate and hopefully be winners in North Carolina; you need not be present to win. I would also be happy to accept any donated prizes for the raffle or they could be sent directly to Cheryl Neary; the more prizes, the more winners, and hopefully, more money raised. I have donated a framed fossil fish specimen myself. My contact information is provided below. Please share this information with your club members and thanks for your consideration.

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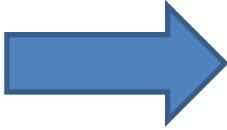


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CMS Membership Dues Increase for 2018

CMS membership dues increased starting January 1, 2018. A new membership form is located on the CMS website at www.coloradomineralsociety.com.



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. Here are ways to pay your dues:

1. Pay with cash or check at the general meetings the first Friday of each month from October through May. Look for the Membership Chairperson to obtain a receipt and membership card.
2. 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.

Also, due to RMFMS insurance and liability purposes, we need to know the month and year of your children's birthdays, so please provide this information when you renew your membership. The children's information will not be published. If you ordered a name badge, they will be available at the general meetings to pick up.

CMS General Meeting on January 5, 2018

Debbie Kalscheur, CMS President, opened the meeting with greeting all new members and visitors.

Attendance: 76 adults and 7 children/teens

General Announcements

Debbie Kalscheur talked about the upcoming wire wrapping courses that will be available to CMS members and made a request for additional education suggestions.

Eva Siemonsma and Loni Cole gave a summary of the club's financials.

Melanie Dies read the new member names to the group and took membership renewals with the help of Leslie Osgood.

Amber Brenzikofer reported on Denver Show Committee update and started a volunteer list for the September show. She also sold the Denver Show 50th Anniversary books that CMS had recently purchased from the Denver Show Council.

Bruce Sales updated the group on the Denver Show Council activities.

Ben Geller talked about the upcoming CMS May Auction

Door Prize Winners:

Wendy Carley

Tom Henderson

Robert Burroughs

Jack Sliemers

Susan ?

Donna Ware

Raffle (see Raffle news in this newsletter)

Presentation: Mark Jacobson gave a presentation on Colorado Pegmatites

Meeting adjourned

Notes taken by Amber Brenzikofer for the Secretary

Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting on January 16, 2018

Attendance: Debbie Kalscheur, Gary Rowe, Ben Geller, Aaron Cross, Loni Cole, Eva Siemonsma, Chris Keilman, Bruce Sales, Leslie Osgood, John Smith, and Amber Brenzikofer

Call to Order – Debbie Kalscheur, President at 7:04pm

Old Business:

Review of Board-Appointed Committee Chairs

Recently Appointed

Jr Rockhound Chair & Assistants – MistyAnn Bateman, Joanna Morsicato, and Wendy Carley

Display Chair – Chris Keilman

Membership – Melanie Dies

Open or Planned to Become Open

Greeters- Cindy and Paul will remain through May. Looking for successor to assist, then take over.

Hospitality – Looking for a successor to assist and eventually take over.

Donations – Looking for a full-time, permanent chair. John Smith will serve as interim chair. Looking for one central person with assistants.

Legislative Review Chair – Looking for someone who can research regulatory changes that may affect the rockhounding community and report to the Board.

Club Assets:

Need to get Eva and Loni lists as soon as possible. Need a process for transferring inventory based on position/committee.

Denver Show 50th Anniversary Books:

Amber purchased 50 books from the Denver Council to sell to CMS members.

Ratified Board vote to sell books to CMS members for \$6 and CMS pays the tax.

New Business:

Auction Report – Ben Geller has been researching optional auction site locations. Lakeview Event Center was not an option.

Ben will print 250 flyers for distribution. We will advertise on Facebook, Mindat, Hub, and Meetup.

Treasurer's Report – Eva Siemonsma handed out the treasurer's report. She is wrapping up her files to transfer to Loni Cole.

Raffle Report – Eva also reported on raffle money that is available for educational purposes.

Membership Report – no report available.

Education – Debbie Kalscheur reported that due to the success of the two wire wrapping classes, a third wire-wrapping class was added in February and is full. There is enough interest in offering a fourth beginner class in March or May. A motion was made and approved to add a fourth beginners class that CMS will pay half the cost. An option would be to have an advanced class in March for those attendees of the February beginners class, but the participants would have to pay the full class rate. The December and January wire wrapping classes will showcase their pendants in a display case at the February CMS general meeting.

Displays – Chris Keilman has taken over displays and was instructed on the responsibilities.

Junior Rockhound Program Report – Amber reported for MistyAnn Bateman that the upcoming programs will be:

February: Fluorescent minerals – Ben Geller has offered to teach the class

March: Jewelry making – Wendy Carley and Greg Wilson will teach the class

April: Field safety – need someone to lead class

Need to identify topics and teachers for next fall (no junior program in May because of field trip sign-ups)

Denver Council Report – Bruce Sales reported that the next Council meeting is in March. Trustee vote is needed concerning repairing two of the fluorescent display cases that were loaned to a club and damaged. It will cost \$700 to repair the cases.

All Board members present voted yes for paying the repairs except for one no vote. It was suggested that in the future, there be a contract when borrowing equipment/cases that result in the club paying for any necessary repairs/replacements.

Denver Show Committee Report – Amber Brenzikofer reported on the last Denver Show Committee meeting.

Newsletter Deadline is January 24th

CMS T-shirts and hats: Eva and Amber are working on t-shirts and hats. We need a new logo for the hats because the small CMS patch does not fit. Chris Keilman volunteered to come up with a new logo and bring it back to the board.

Next scheduled CMS Board Meeting: February 20, 2018 7:00pm Location: TBD

Meet adjourned at 9:20pm.

Notes taken by Aaron Cross and Amber Brenzikofer

COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

2018

President: Debbie Kalscheur
First VP-Programs: Gary Rowe
Second VP-Education: Ben Geller
Secretary: Aaron Cross
Treasurer: Loni Cole

Appointed Board Members - Committee Chairpersons

Annual Auction: Ben Geller
Auction Co-Chair: Rob Deschambault
Door Prizes-Guests: Cindy and Paul Hatfield
Library: Kevin Atwater
Display Chair: Chris Keilman
Membership: Cara Reynolds
Field Trip Leader: Gary Rowe
Field Trip Leader Co-Chair: Nels Grevstad
Nominations: Bruce Sales
Grab Bags: Marchelle Carlton
Publications: Amber Brenzikofer
Historian: Amber Brenzikofer
Jr Rockhound Coordinator: MistyAnn Bateman
Jr Rockhound Assistants: Joanna Morsicato/Wendy Carley
Hospitality: Star Edwards
Donations: John Smith (interim)
Web Master: Julio Edwards



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Representatives (Board Members)

Denver Council Trustee: Bruce Sales
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 effective January 1, 2018: \$20.00 for a Family, \$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

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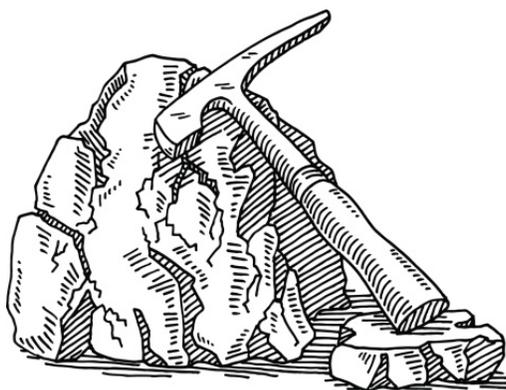


Calendar of Events

February 2, 2018, CMS February Meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm

March 2, 2018, CMS March Meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm

Note: If the City of Lakewood is on accident alert due to winter driving conditions, the general meeting will be canceled. Check the website and your email for confirmation on any meeting cancelations.



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