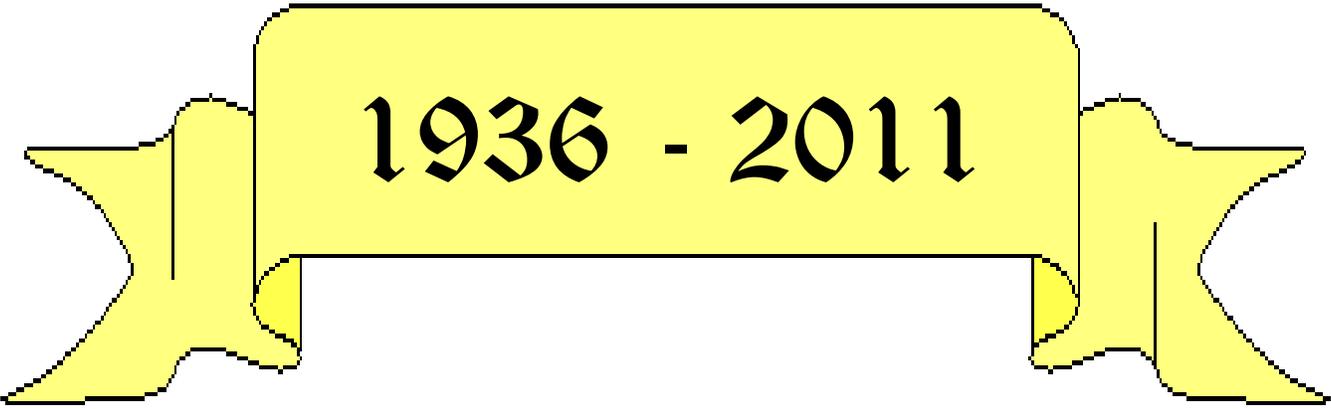


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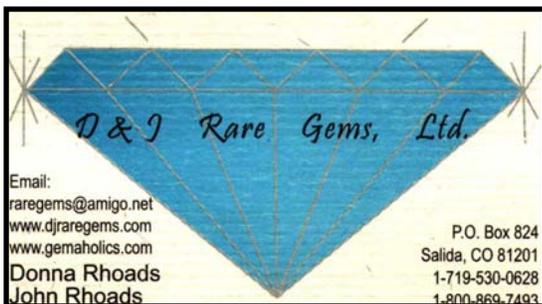
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President's Message

By Daryl Lamb

Hello everyone. After a mild January, winter has returned to our area with cold winds and snow. In addition to the wintry weather, February also brings us the Tucson Gem & Mineral show. Several of our club members are attending this year's show, and when they return, we'll get an update on the show's interesting news and events.

Our next club meeting is on Friday, March 4th at 7:30 PM at our usual location – St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the corner of Garrison and 10th in Lakewood. This month's program will feature Mr. John Rhoads of D&J Rare Gems. John's presentation is titled "Collecting and Cutting North American Gems". John will present a series of slides showing some of the gem minerals he has collected at various locations and many of the gemstones that he has cut from these specimens. This presentation should be particularly interesting to those club members interested in gemstones and lapidary. Kudos to Norm Hyndman, our 1st Vice President, for arranging this very interesting presentation.



Please join us on Friday the 4th for another enjoyable evening with the Colorado Mineral Society – Colorado's oldest gem and mineral club - celebrating our 75th anniversary!

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ALL CMS MEMBERSHIPS
NEED TO BE PAID BY THE
APRIL FIRST MEETING
TO BE POSTED IN THE
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY.**

COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY

In response to a long felt need and the item appearing in the September issue of *The Mineralogist* magazine, Colorado is to be represented with a mineral society.

Richard M. Pearl, 749 Sixteenth Street, Boulder, Colorado, has volunteered to act as a temporary secretary. Readers of *The Mineralogist* residing in Colorado and interested in a state society are requested to get in touch with him. Mr. Pearl while residing in Michigan was a charter member of the prominent *Michigan Mineralogical Society*.

Mr. Chester R. Howard, 1901 E. Colfax Avenue, Denver, has also volunteered to aid in founding a mineral society in Colorado.

Colorado has long been recognized as one of the leading mining states in the Union, hence a mineral society there will have an excellent field for activities.

From "The Mineralogist" Donna Ware collection

Hospitality needs your help!

Please bring a treat to share or be sure to donate a dollar or two in the can at the head of the line.



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CMS General Meeting Notes: February 4, 2011

By Star Edwards

Daryl opened the meeting with announcements.

1. We are celebrating our 75th anniversary, as we were founded in October of 1936.
2. No childrens program tonight – next month Laurie Lamb has new ideas for projects
3. Hospitality – Jennifer and Mike Sennary deserve a big thanks for bringing and preparing all of our snacks. Please donate or bring food if you can. It helps to defray the cost.
4. Jerry Kiefer needs volunteers for the Science fair up at Colorado State University on April 7, 2011.
5. Bill Hutcheson described the display cases, one with Bruce Sales wood working with malachite and azurite infused in the knots of the wood. The other case held citrine from the Hayman fire burn area that Bill had dug up and cut some of them, just finishing one that day.
6. Bob and Karen Heckman were celebrating their birthdays this coming Sunday.
7. Bruce Sales asked the club for any ideas for educational project/classes. He also offered members, custom made cabinets for their mineral collections.
8. Eva presented the treasurer's report to the board and had it printed in the newsletter for the club to read. She then announced the raffle items up for ticket buying.
9. Cara announced new members: Gale Dubus; Ron and Marilyn Kersten. A plea went out to pick up your name tags if you ordered one!
10. School of Mines book sale will be starting February 21 and ends on Friday the 25th.
11. Eva would like to know how many members would like green CMS vests.
12. Donna Ware bought a microscope that works on a computer through the USB port on a computer. She purchased this at the Tucson show. Anyone interested in one, see Donna.
13. Thank you to Bruce Sales, Dreamtime and Jeff & Donna for door prizes. Our winners were: Susan Ducanson; Bob Burroughs; Bill Ramey; Bob Jordan; Paul Ralston; Merlin Schreffler; Sue Le-

- mieux; Steve Major; Amber Brenzikofer; Sue Meyer; Todd Reynolds; Dale & Virginia Block
14. 76 adults and 5 kids came to tonight's meeting to watch the "Brazilian Connection" video, provided by Jeff Self and Donna Ware. One of the main Mineral dealers in the video is one of our donors, Carlos Vasconcelos

Board Meeting Notes, February 15, 2011

By Sandra Gonzales

Attendance:

Eva, Bruce Sales, Leslie Osgood, Cara Reynolds: Special Committee Chairs for CMS 75th celebration, Debra Kalscheur, Sandra Gonzales, Viola Paddilla

Eva, CMS Treasure announced that she filed the 990N in February 2011 for the Colorado Mineral Society.

Rich Nelson - needs a volunteer for CMS auction registration - Have Daryl Lamb announce at March meeting. Auction Flyer draft is due by February 22, 2011 and final approval by the board will be March 6th.

Cara Reynolds - Membership - All CMS memberships need to be paid by April 1st in order to make the deadline to be posted in the membership directory. Any corrections that need to be made also need to be in by April 1st. Membership directory will be distributed at the May 6th meeting. - Needs to be announced at the March meeting. Members will be informed through the newsletter when their name tags arrive.

Debra Kalscheur presented a 75th CMS anniversary proposal to the board. The board members reviewed the proposal and gave feedback on proposal and generated ideas to add to the celebration. Debra will send out a final draft to the board members and other members who will help in the implementation of the proposed ideas for the 75th anniversary celebration.



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Hayward Annual Mineral Sale

March 19-20
Saturday and Sunday
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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Colorado and world wide
crystal specimens

Stamps Committee

Save your used postage stamps! The purpose of collecting used postage stamps is for the unfortunate ones that need dialysis and other required medical needs. So, please cut them off the envelope, leaving a small margin around the stamp, and give them to Eva at our monthly meetings. She will deliver them to the national stamp chairperson.

Over the years, CMS has enjoyed many beautiful mineral specimens donated from dealers at some of the shows around Denver, Tucson and others. Shown below are business cards for some of these dealers. Most of them will be represented in the upcoming Colorado Mineral And Fossil Spring Show at the Holiday Inn-Denver Central at 48th and I-25.

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Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, Oroville, CA
is pleased to announce the
Third Annual World Rock Tumbling Championship

It's time to challenge the champions! The Third Annual Rock Tumbling contest is open to everyone, any age, worldwide, who enjoys tumbling rocks and wants a shot at being the best in the world. Here's how: Send in a completed application (below) with a \$40.00 entry fee postmarked no later than May 6, 2011.

Nevada Royal Jasper mine owner, Randy Messer, has agreed to provide the contest material this year. Each contestant will receive almost 4 pounds of rough sent USPS Priority Mail by the end of May. Contestants will have over three months to tumble the rock in a rotary or vibratory tumbler and mail a half-pound (1/2 lb) of the best pieces for judging. The entries must be received no later than September 23, 2011. Steve Hart, author of Modern Rock Tumbling, will evaluate each entry on the basis of smoothness, shape, shine and overall appeal. He will select the top five entries to be displayed at the FRLMS Rock and Gem Show held in Oroville, California the first week-end of October. Everyone attending the Rock and Gem show will examine the top five entries and cast a ballot for their favorite.

The top three popular vote winners will be announced following the show. 1st Place: \$250.00 2nd Place: \$100 3rd Place: \$50 Note to Rock and Gem clubs: Get your club noticed! Consider sponsoring a contestant from your club. This year we will include club affiliation when announcing the name of the winners! Also, this is a wonderful opportunity for your junior members to learn more about tumbling and competition. (FRLMS is actively seeking a source of tumbling rough for the 2012 contest. Please contact the club at the address below or through the website www.oroillerocks.com with suggestions.)

2011 Application Form

Name _____ Phone _____
USPS Mailing Address _____
City, State, Country, Zip _____
E-Mail Address _____ Name of Club: _____

Please mail applications with a check or money order by May 6th to:
FRLMS Contest Headquarters,
PO Box 2645,
Oroville CA 95965

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST YEAR'S WINNERS!
First place \$250 prize- Jim Miller of Bothell, WA
Second place \$100 prize - Tom Kuzia of Beacon Falls, CT
Third Place \$50 prize - Susan Oglebay of Ephrata, WA.

Rocky Mountain Federation News, March 2011 Betty Cain, Editor



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My Geologically Correct Sweater

Okay, I realize this is a mineral club and it needs real mineral things to read, but February is a short month and there is not much going on out there in the land of hard rock mining, so sorry to all of you mining people, here is a little bit of fluff. In 2006 my sister and I went to our favorite yarn shop, **Showers of Flowers**, and we were looking at knitting books. I saw a short sleeve sweater that had stripes on it, but the stripes were not all the way across the sweater like they should be. They were in sections or panels all across the front of this sweater. I exclaimed to my sister, "Look at that geologically correct sweater!" We studied it for a bit and then I decided it was too complicated for me at that time. I couldn't get it out of my mind though and years later, 2010 in fact, we were again at our favorite yarn shop, (we go there every time she visits me) she searched around the older issues of the magazine and found that geologically correct sweater. It looked like layers of earth on the panel, then the panel next to it had the layers in different places and it was like a slip fault where the two panels were knitted together.

Well, I bought the magazine this time and found a self-striping yarn called of all things, "earth". Of course, me with my seven projects going on at once, started this one and yes it does look like earthquake slip faults all across the back of the sweater. I am almost done with the back and will start the front soon. Gee, I hope I have enough yarn



Pete Modreski News:

Tues, Mar. 8, 10:30 a.m., USGS Rocky Mountain Area Seminar Series, **Last interglacial sea level and global warming: a lesson for the future?**, by Dan Muhs, USGS Denver. Building 25 Lecture Hall, Denver Federal Center. Park in the lot east of Bldg. 25 and use entrance E-14. ***Please check the news that week; the lecture will not take place and the Federal Government offices will be closed if a budget bill is not passed as of Mar. 4.***

Mar. 25-27, Fort Collins Rockhounds Club Gem and Mineral Show at The Ranch in the Thomas M. McKee 4-H building, Larimer County Fairgrounds, 5280 Arena Circle, at The Ranch/Budweiser Events Center, I-25 Exit 259 [new location for just this year; normally in downtown Fort Collins]. For more info see <http://www.fortcollinsrockhounds.org/gemAndMineralsHow.shtml>.

April 22-24, Colorado Mineral and Fossil Spring Show, Holiday Inn-Denver Central, 4849 Bannock St, Denver, CO 80216; free admission and parking. For more info see http://www.mzexpos.com/colorado_spring.htm

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“MAY 07, 2011”

Please put this date on your calendar

The Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) will have its annual silent auction of mineral hobby items on May 7th 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.

**WE NEED AN
AUCTION REGISTRAR VOLUNTEER
For our CMS May Auction**

This person is the holder of the Auction's buyers and sellers list. You will be able to create this list through the pre-registration process. Buyers and sellers will call you with their information and you will give them an ID for the auction. Next, on the day of the auction, you will sign up the Buyers and sellers who did not call in. Thank you notes are written to donors after the auction is over. So if you like to know what's happening and being at the front of the line. We need you.

Do you have any questions about Volunteering?
Please call Rich Nelson at (303-697-1574).

February Raffle News:

The October meeting raffle had some great items and brought in \$154.00 for education and science fair endeavors! Your support is amazing!!!

The total retail value of this month's raffle items was \$140. The top item, won by *Paul Ralston*, was auricalcite (\$40), from the **Carolyn Johnson** collection. Close behind was the faceted 10x12 m/m, 8 carat spinel (\$35), won by *Stan Horton*, cut and donated by **Bob Aussprung**. *Ray Horton*, won a staurolit in schist specimen (\$28), from the **Judith Holmes** collection. *Bill Ramey* won a dogtooth calcite specimen (\$22), from the **Carolyn Johnson** collection. A quartz specimen, (\$19), from the **Judith Holmes** collection, was won by *Roger Pittman*. Lastly, the lucky *Bill Ramey* came away with a pyrite specimen (\$10), donated by **Xtal**.

Thanks go to Bruce Sales helping with the February raffle.

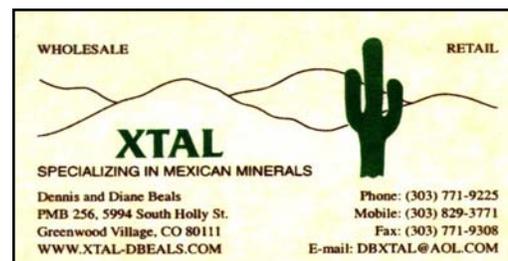
Congratulations to all our lucky winners.

Submitted by Eva,
CMS Raffle Manager.

Bob Aussprung

Judith Holmes

Carolyn Johnson





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CMS Members in Tucson with Friends



Viola, Jeff, Jason, Craig, & Donna



Club members Sandra Gonzales, Donna Ware & Jeff Self, Marge Regal, and friends from around the world.



Jeff Self, Bob Chavez, and Viola Padilla - Jeff and Donna had a display at the main show (T.G.M.S) on minerals from the San Juans and Leadville Colorado



Bruce Geller in booth with Adam Wright from Tasmania, showing Bruce, " Crocoites"

All Photos taken by Sandra Gonzales



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Up Coming Events: see page 7 for more information from Pete Modreki

March 4, Regular CMS meeting, St. Paul's church 10th & Garrison, 7:30 PM

March 25-27, Fort Collins Rockhounds Club Gem and Mineral Show

April 1, Regular CMS meeting, St. Paul's church 10th & Garrison, 7:30 PM

April 22-24, Colorado Mineral & Fossil Spring Show, Holiday Inn, 48th & I-25.

May 6, Field Trip Guides - CMS meeting, St. Paul's church 10th & Garrison, 7:30 PM

May 7, Annual CMS auction, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 920 Kipling Street

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