



# Colorado Mineral Society

# Mineral Minutes



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## CMS May 6th Field Trip Meeting

The most popular Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) meeting each year is the May meeting scheduled for **Friday, May 6th at 7:30pm** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Garrison in Lakewood. Members that come to the meeting will receive a hardcopy of the *2016 CMS Field Trip Guide* and a hardcopy of the *2016 CMS Membership Directory*. Amber Brenzikofer will email out the Field Trip Guide and Membership Directory later that evening after the meeting to current CMS members. For those members who cannot attend the May 6th meeting, contact Amber (editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com) if you want a black and white hardcopy of the trip guide and directory mailed to you.

The main objectives of the May meeting are to go over each of the field trips scheduled for this year and to provide sign-up sheets for the trips. This is also a good opportunity to ask field trip leaders questions. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the basement of the church at the end of the meeting, which will allow plenty of room to maneuver around the tables. For members who cannot attend the meeting, you can contact the field trip leaders identified in the Field Trip Guide to sign up for trips.

This is a reminder that you have to be a member of CMS to attend a field trip due to RMFMS insurance requirements. If you have not paid your 2016 dues or want to join CMS, there will be a membership table set up at the May meeting. You can also pay the dues at your first field trip.

**A Head's Up!** For Memorial Weekend, CMS will be going to the Celestite Queen Mine and Yellowcat in Utah from May 28-30. Hotel and camping grounds are available in Green River, Utah but are filling up fast because of the holiday.

## President's Message

by John W. Smith

Well folks, we are about to start field trip season so this will be the last newsletter until later this summer. I will keep my comments for now brief.

Keeping with the "theme" for the month I want to say a little about field trip etiquette. First of all – have fun.

Next, listen to the trip leader(s). They have been to the site you are visiting before and are aware of various safety concerns and the best way to have a successful hunt.

Next, respect the collecting site and the rules laid down by the claim owners. After all, collecting at a site is a privilege – NOT a right. You can be barred as an individual from ever coming back to a site and can even get the club barred completely if you do not have the proper respect. Remember to fill in your holes and pack out your trash.

Next, take to heart the safety concerns expressed by the trip leaders and what is contained in the trip description that is provided by the club. For example, at the North Table Mountain trip on April 23rd, a baby rattlesnake was found in the collecting area. Fortunately, it was relocated without incident. Be prepared for the site conditions and bring plenty of water to drink.

Next, be considerate to the leader of the trip. If you sign-up to attend a trip, make every effort to be there. If something comes up and you cannot attend, let the leader know as soon as possible so they can fill your slot on an attendance "limited" trip or will not be looking for you at the rally point.

Finally, did I mention to have FUN!!!!!!

Good hunting and hope to see all of your great finds at the September meeting.

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## COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

2016

President: John W. Smith

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**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. Displays are set up by members about one-half hour before meetings. Specimens may be available for sale and trade.

**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. Additional meeting times, if necessary, may be called by the President or any three members of the board and will be announced at the general or board meetings.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all persons who agree to abide by Society rules and rules of the Federations. Annual fees: \$16.00 for a Family or Newsletter Membership, \$14.00 for a Single Membership, \$12.00 for a Senior Membership (single or family over 65), and \$12.00 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 in the Colorado Contintail, the largest mineral swap show in Colorado; participation as a member of the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council in sponsoring the largest gem and mineral show in Colorado; 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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Deadline for publication is the 20th of the month prior to publication. All correspondence to Mineral Minutes should be sent to Amber Brenzikofer, Editor, P.O. Box 280755, Lakewood, Colorado 80228-0755 or by email to:

[editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com)



# Colorado Mineral Society's Silent and Verbal Auction

## *Saturday - May 7, 2016*

**Minerals, fossils, faceted stones, lapidary pieces, books,  
jewelry, and fluorescent minerals**

- ✚ Door prizes every half hour, raffle at 2:45pm
- ✚ Special verbal auction at 1:00pm of museum quality specimens donated by special dealers
- ✚ Abundant parking, refreshments, and easy handicap access
- ✚ A few auction tables reserved for only children to bid on

**Location:** Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
920 Kipling Street (3 blocks north of West 6th Ave.)  
Lakewood, Colorado 80215

**Time:** 11:00am to 2:45pm  
Checkout will begin at 2:45pm (Cash or Check Only)

**\*\*A special invitation is extended to non-CMS members to participate in this auction as sellers and buyers\*\***

Limit of sales to three flats of materials. Sellers can get copies of bidding slips on our club website (fillable and printable pdf file):

**[www.coloradomineralsociety.org](http://www.coloradomineralsociety.org)**

Checkout will be by bidder number, lowest number first, so contact Leslie Osgood at 303-986-4488 for a bidder number and/or seller letter

Any questions about the auction should be directed to Howie Houk by phone at 303-237-7072 or by email at [jhhouk@msn.com](mailto:jhhouk@msn.com)



May 7th Auction  
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 AM to 2:45 PM **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!

**A big thank you to everyone who donated quality specimens for the verbal and silent auction!! This is CMS's main fund-raising event.**

Bid slips are located on the last page of this newsletter. The website version of the forms can be filled in and printed electronically. Sellers, be sure to include a minimum value on the bid forms.

### CMS's FIRST OFFICAL 2016 FIELD TRIP

The CMS field trip to the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum on March 19th kicked off our 2016 field trip season in fine fashion. Approximately 25 members were given a private tour of the museum by Dr. Bruce Geller (kneeling in the photo), the museum's curator and also a CMS member. No matter how many times you have been to the museum, new exhibits each year keep you coming back for more. Thanks Bruce for making it an enjoyable afternoon!  
*Submitted by Amber Brenzikofer*





## CMS Junior Rockhounds No May Program

The CMS Junior Rockhounds will not be meeting in May because the business of introducing and signing up for this summer's CMS field trips will require the full evening. Junior Rockhounds and their parents are nevertheless encouraged to attend the regular meeting and to participate in one or more of the upcoming field trips.

This summer CMS is organizing or participating in field trips especially suited for our junior members! Consider the trip to Elizabeth / Elbert County on May 14th and the trip to Red Feather Lakes on August 20th to be led by the CMS Junior Rockhounds Program Coordinator Lewis Reynolds. Also look for our joint trips with the Denver Gem & Mineral Guild's Golden Diggers (youth program) led by their leader Mary Lou Mobley. In addition to spending time in the dirt collecting minerals and fossils, these field trips will offer more education about the local geology and more guidance on finding specimens.

As parents or guardians and their junior rockhounds plan their summer collecting trips, two recommendations are offered. First, join trips to collect the types of specimens for which you may already have a strong passion (some examples of favorites include pyrite, barite, amazonite and smoky quartz, topaz, and amethyst). Second, it is educationally valuable to participate in a number of trips covering different geological environments (say, petrified wood from sedimentary rocks, quartz crystals from igneous rocks, and almandine garnets from metamorphic rocks). The field trip leaders have good experience with their areas, so be sure to talk with them about your interests and concerns.

With best wishes for an enjoyable and safe collecting season,

*Lewis Reynolds, Coordinator*



## 2016 CMS Education Program Update

*by Debbie Kalscheur, Second Vice-President-Education*

The Gem course was conducted in April of this year. A big thank you to Star Edwards for teaching the class, Colorado School of Mines for hosting it, and for all those who participated! Photos of the class are on Page 6.

For all those who expressed interest in the Mineral Identification Course for this Fall, we may have enough interest for the course. Since May is the last scheduled meeting prior to the start of the class in late Sept., we are asking that all those who would like to secure a spot in the class, bring their checkbooks to the May meeting. The cost to students is usually \$75, but depending on meeting place, we may need to add on the cost of venue. We should have final anticipated cost by time of the meeting.

### **Mineral Identification Course – Fall 2016 (10 lectures)**

This course is a popular course that has been offered several times to CMS members in recent years. In this course, you will receive hands-on experience with mineral identification techniques along with gaining an understanding of basic Crystallography and the 6 core crystal systems. Participants will be issued microscopes and flats of minerals for use during the class. This course is designed to establish a working base of knowledge that students will be able to use in the field or at the shows to identify minerals and mineral associations. This is a great course for those who are fairly new to the mineral world or who just want to expand their skills in accurately identifying rocks and minerals. The course culminates in a test on the last day of course for purposes of measuring your confidence in what you have learned.

This class is taught by Ed Raines, Colorado School of Mines (CSM). It meets for 10 weeks at the CMS Geology Museum in the classroom across from the Geology Museum entrance and generally is held on a Monday or Wednesday – although the weekday can be flexible depending on the needs of the class.

The 2015 cost of course was \$150/person with CMS and the student contributing \$75 each, but may increase if we need to find a new venue. You may sign up as a couple (single student course) if you live at the same address and are willing to share all class materials. The class can accommodate 10 people ages 13 and up. All students under age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Debbie Kalscheur with any questions: ([kalscheur2004@yahoo.com](mailto:kalscheur2004@yahoo.com)).

## CMS New Members

### First Listing

- Karen and Michael Frost
- Renee Kai
- Joanna and Jim Morsicato
- Kelly Nuccio

### Second Listing

- Toni Anthony
- Louise Bloch
- Loni Cole
- Dave and Martha Glasser
- William and Trudy Jackson
- Kelly Kehoe
- Mike and Elizabeth Kempe & family
- Nam and Kay Lee
- Chandra McDonald and Megan Hale
- Doug Osborn & family
- Laurence Parmentier and Laird Reeds
- Miranda Sparks and Logan Longolz
- Betsy Talaat

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

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

At this year's Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) annual convention in Wichita, Kansas on April 22-24<sup>th</sup>, several CMS members won awards for newsletter articles that were submitted by the editor to the RMFMS newsletter contest. Congratulations and ribbons go to:

- ✓ **Lewis Reynolds, 2nd Place** Written Features, "CMS 2015-2016 Junior Rockhounds Program" from the August 2015 newsletter
- ✓ **Pat Tucci & Zelda Bailey, 2nd Place**, Photo Articles, "Morocco Mineral and Fossil Tour" from the March 2015 newsletter

The ribbons will be presented at the May general meeting. The articles from the top three RMFMS winners in each category are entered into the AFMS newsletter contest that will occur later this year. Go to the RMFMS website for additional info on the contest and entry requirements for articles.

## April 1st Raffle News

**Thank you to those who donated these great specimens, the raffle would not be a success without you!!!** April's tickets sold were \$288, with the retail value of \$174. These funds are spent on CMS education, the purchase of library materials, and the state science fair awards. The most popular specimen was the quartz (\$84) donated by **Marty Zinn** and won by *Bonnie Smith*. *Bobbie Manning* won the wulfenite specimen (\$49) that was donated by **Self-A-Ware Minerals**. *Ian Duncanson* won the calcite and fluorite specimen (\$48) that was donated from the **Charles Spletz Collection**. The fossil (oyster shells, sea critters, and crynoids) specimen (\$42) donated by **Richard Owens** was won by a very elated *Christina Taylor* who is a teacher. A lucky *Aaron Cross* won the pyrite specimen (\$38) donated by **Rocky Mountain Gems and Minerals**. *Deanna MacKenna's* ticket won the microcline specimen (\$27) that was donated by **GEOdyssey**.

Thanks Jennifer Knies and Lesley Sebol for helping with the raffle. Congratulations to all our lucky winners.

*Submitted by Eva Siemonsma, CMS Raffle Manager*

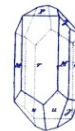
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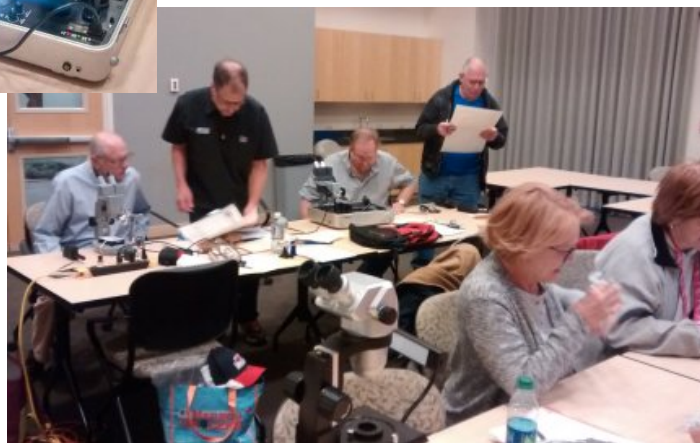


## CMS Gemology Identification Class

The gemology ID class that was offered in April was a huge success. Photos from the class are provided below. Thanks to the 15 participants that attended. Special thanks goes to the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum for letting CMS use their classroom.



Because of the amount of interest in this class, CMS will look at offering additional gemology identification classes in the future. Send Debbie Kalscheur an email ([kalscheur2004@yahoo.com](mailto:kalscheur2004@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in taking this class or any other classes so we can start to plan for the future. Suggestions on other classes or topics are also welcome.



### Class Feedback Received by Email

*Debbie: The set of four Gem Identification Classes ended yesterday evening. It was a great success. Students worked in various groups and we all helped each other along enjoying each other's company. Star was great. She knew her subject thoroughly and taught us a lot. There were ample supplies for everyone, plus we shared our own equipment. We all succeeded in identifying unknown gem stones. I would recommend this class to anyone interested in the subject. We students had a variety of knowledge and skills, and all felt comfortable in the pleasant setting Star presented. Yours truly, Marcus Lieberman*

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

**Saturday, June 18, 2016, 9 am to 3 pm**  
**15339 West Ellsworth Drive, Golden, CO 80401 (ph: 303-279-5504)**

Help us reduce our inventory at our annual mineral and fossil "garage sale". Lots of new mineral and fossil specimens from around the world, including some from Namibia, China, Mexico, a selection of vertebrate fossils, and large fossil fish. Bigger price reductions this year, so all specimens are a minimum of **20% off**, with larger discounts for volume purchases. We'll have many new specimens priced at 50% off. Drinks and snacks provided while you relax on our shaded patio. You can check out some representative specimens on our web site, [www.geodyssey-rocks.com](http://www.geodyssey-rocks.com).

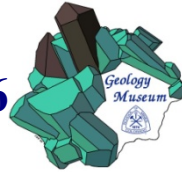
Directions: from West 6th Avenue, exit onto Indiana Street and go south on Indiana. Drive into Mesa View Estates. Turn right at the first street (McIntyre Circle) and right at the next street (Ellsworth Drive). We are about midway down the street on the left.

*Announcing a Dazzling  
Mineral, Fossil, and Book Sale*  
**CSM Geology Museum**

1310 Maple Street, Golden, CO



**Saturday and Sunday,  
April 30 and May 1, 2016  
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.**



Hundreds of minerals, fossils, books, maps, etc. Prices vary by item or box. Most prices will be reduced throughout the event.

**Information: 303-273-3815**

WANTED

**Mineral Specimen from Buffalo Boy  
Mine Silverton Colorado**

A quick note to mineral colleagues:

I moved to Colorado 40 years ago for the mountains, mines, jeep trails and ghost towns and near immediately fell in love with the mining area around Silverton. I had planned to live there during the summer and prospect. Two major auto accidents and other medical problems later, and I've not been able to return to Silverton since 1980. To me the mines down there are my personal most important place on earth. My only way to stay in touch is collecting minerals from that specific area. Long to short I found a small piece at the recent April 15 Denver mineral show, from the Buffalo Boy mine - pyrrargyrite on some white material, which I had intended to purchase. I drove back to the show a 2nd time in a bad snow storm, actually having a panic attack on the way, only to find out the piece had been sold.

If any of you purchased or know who did, the Buffalo Boy mine piece from Peter at Enchanted Rock Garden in the ballroom and would consider selling it to me (I would pay you extra) or possibly trading, I would be MOST grateful. I'm mostly a locality collector and thus my interest in that mine. I offer my thanks in advance to anyone who could help. Please call Bruce (303) 936-8752 or (720) 285-6284.

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**CMS Membership Dues Reminder**

CMS memberships run from January 1st to December 31st. You can pay your dues in three ways:

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. Cards will be mailed to you.
3. Fill out a membership form and bring cash or check to a field trip to receive a temporary membership card.

**CMS Membership Fees:**

Family: \$16 per year

Single: \$14 per year

Senior 65+ (single or family): \$12 per year

Junior (<12 years old): \$12 per year

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. A new membership form is located on the CMS website at [www.coloradomineralsociety.com](http://www.coloradomineralsociety.com).

If you ordered a name badge, they will be available at the general meetings to pick up. Alternative methods of delivery for name badges may be available, so contact Cara Reynolds or Amber Brenzikofer to coordinate.



## Denver Gem & Mineral Show Mini Report May 2016

The Denver Gem & Mineral Show for 2016 will be here before you know it. Remember the dates are September 16 - 18, 2016 and the theme is "Minerals of Africa". The location is the Denver Mart, I-25 and 58th Avenue (Exit 215 on I-25). Thanks to Publicity Chair, Gloria Staebler, handsome flyers and postcards are available featuring exquisite specimens of tanzanite and diopside. The show is always a fantastic event for all of us gem, mineral and fossil hobbyists and collectors. Every club member should be a part of it.

Here is information concerning the last two competitions at the show - the Richard M. Pearl Trophy and the Club Prospector Trophy.

The Richard M. Pearl Trophy is awarded to the exhibitor of the best crystallized mineral specimen entered in the competition. The trophy is given in honor of Professor Richard M. Pearl, a longtime Colorado resident, who was instrumental in organizing both the American Federation and the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and was past President of both. He was the second "Certified Gemologist" recognized by the American Gem Society, as well as the author of many books on Colorado geology and mineralogy. The competition is open to all exhibitors. Entries may be any crystallized mineral, thumbnail or larger, from any locality. The exhibitor must own the specimen. Quality, on a worldwide basis, will be the only criterion by which each mineral specimen will be judged. The exhibitor is limited to three entries for this trophy in a given year. A specimen is eligible to win this trophy only once. An exhibitor shall not be eligible to enter this competition for two years following receipt of the Pearl Trophy. Specimens entered in this category will be placed in special group cases provided by the Denver Show Committee and may not be part of a regular competitive or non-competitive display nor in any other special competition, such as the Species Competition. The deadline for entry is August 31, 2016.

The Club Prospector Trophy is open to any member club of the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council. A club is eligible to enter up to three specimens collected after September 17, 2015 on club-sponsored field trips in their exhibit. When the club installs its exhibit case on set-up Thursday, the club representative will designate the three specimens to be judged to the Judging Chair or designee. The Judging Committee will then number the designated specimens (1 through 3) in the same direction in all the entered cases. An aggregate entry, such as a vial of gold dust, or a group of loose topaz crystals would not constitute an eligible entry. A gold nugget or a single topaz crystal, or group of crystals on a single matrix, would be eligible. The specimens will be displayed in a standard Denver showcase with supporting information about the field trips. Maps, pictures, drawings, etc. can be used to make an attractive case that would be of interest to viewers. One third of the case score will be on showmanship as defined in the AFMS Rules. The other two thirds of the case score will be double the highest score from among the three quality scores awarded to the specimens. AFMS Showmanship Rules for minerals refer to the ability of the exhibitor to use the material exhibited, the background material, lighting, arrangement, and labeling features (such as size, neatness, etc.) to create a display which will attract and hold the interest of the viewer upon the specimens exhibited. The deadline for entry is Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

For complete information on these competitions, see the show website [www.denvermineralshow.com](http://www.denvermineralshow.com). Anyone with questions about these competitions may contact the Judging Chair, Larry Havens at 303-757-6577 or [lwrnchavens@comcast.net](mailto:lwrnchavens@comcast.net).

I hope that club members are perusing and signing up on the volunteer sheets for the show. Some 400 plus volunteers are needed to put on the show and we really cannot put on the show without them. Please feel free to contact the Show Chair, Lesley Sebol, at 720-999-1372 or [lsebol@yahoo.com](mailto:lsebol@yahoo.com) if you have ideas or questions about the show. You may also contact the undersigned at 303-423-2923 or [jrknoshaug@comcast.net](mailto:jrknoshaug@comcast.net) if you have ideas for future mini reports. Thanks for your interest.

*Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Show Secretary*

### Rocky Mountain Federation News

The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) is made up of 82 clubs representing 13 Western states. CMS is a member of RMFMS. The Rocky Mountain Federation News is published monthly and is located at [www.rmfm.org](http://www.rmfm.org).



### A.F.M.S Newsletter

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) 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>.







## Dan's Used Rocks

Annual Open House & Mineral Sale

Saturday, May 21, 2016

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

12296 W. Mississippi Ave.

Lakewood, CO 80228

H: 303-986-3647 C: 303-437-9643

email: dansrocks@comcast.net

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### CMS General Meeting on April 1st, 2016

John Smith, the CMS President, opened with introductions and asked if there were any new members or visitors to introduce themselves.

John mentioned that the May Auction is coming up and we need volunteers, an auction sign-up sheet will be passed around, so please sign up. Denver Gem and Mineral Show sign-up sheets will also be circulating and volunteers are needed from all the clubs, please sign up.

Committee member positions that are still opened: Display Chair, Junior Rockhound Assistant.

Bruce Geller announced the Pegmatite Symposium July 15-19. If you want to participate you can either join the Friends of CSM Geology Museum or Friends of Mineralogy. This should be a great event.

Colorado School of Mines (CSM) Geology Museum will have their giant garage sale on April 30-May 1 at the museum. Friends members get to view the material on Friday at 4pm.

Gary Rowe briefly talked about the field trips for the summer which will include several out of state trips. All the trips will be presented at the May meeting. There will be an April field trip to North Table Mountain (flyer distributed).

Debbie Kalscheur mentioned that there are 2 educational classes being offered this year: 1. Gem identification class by Star Edwards with 4 classes starting April 4th, which is full; and 2. Ed Raines 10 week mineral identification class to be held this fall, \$75 fee and CMS matches the additional \$75 fee.

Eva Siemonsma gave a brief Treasurer's report. If you have any questions about the report, see Eva. Eva also identified all the people who donated for the raffle.

Cara Reynolds presented a revision to the CMS By-Laws for the definition of a family membership. After several motions and discussions, the revision was approved by a majority of CMS members.

Amber Brenzikofer asked for written articles, field trip reports, poems, and cartoons for the newsletter.

Howie Houk, Auction chair made a few announcements: Auction is May 7, 2016 at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church on Kipling in Lakewood. We need volunteers for security, set up, and break down. Seller can sell 3 flats of materials. Get your bidder number so you can be one of the first to check out.

Guest Speaker: Harold Taylor - Burgess Shale Fossils in British Columbia

Raffle drawing held. See Page 5 of April newsletter for winners.

Congratulations to the door prize winners (names were unavailable).

*Notes taken by Sandra Gonzales, Secretary*

## CMS Board Meeting on April 12, 2016

Attendees: Gary Rowe, Debbie Kalscheur, Bruce Sales, Cara Reynolds, Amber Brenzikofer, Leslie Osgood, Howie Houk

### Old News:

- Defining family for membership. Cara Reynolds presented a revision to the by-laws for the definition of a family membership, which was approved by a majority of CMS members at the April general meeting. Issue was tabled until the October Board meeting to issue the revised by-laws.
- Appointed positions open, make an announcement at next general meeting: secretary, junior rockhound assistant, and display chairperson.
- Education - Debbie Kalscheur reported on educational opportunities  
The gemology class taught by Star Edwards started on April 4th (4 classes). The class is full (15 people). Eleven people have already signed up for Ed Raines Mineral ID class this fall, will continue to take names at the May general meeting and start accepting checks to confirm spot. The classes will start around the third weekend of September, but still locking in dates.
- May Auction will be on May 7, 2016, church is open at 9am for setup. We need to be out of the facility by 4:30pm. Amber will prepare a flyer to be distributed at Rocky Mountain Gem and Mineral April Show. She also sent the auction flyers to other rock clubs for publications in their newsletters.
- Field Trips: Gary Rowe reported that the field trip committee met to firm up field trips, still waiting to finalize dates and field trip leaders. The field trip guide will be ready to go to the printer by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### New Business:

Auction: Debbie Kalscheur reported that the selection of donations for the May verbal auction pieces will occur April 22<sup>nd</sup> with several CMS members. She will be getting donations at the April Rocky Mountain Gems and Mineral Spring Show this weekend.

Denver Show: Gary Rowe has the form to fill out for the CMS Prospectors case entry. Bruce Sales distributed the new Denver Show small poster and will get copies of posters, postcards, and stickers to hand out at the May general meeting. CMS needs additional Denver Show grab bags, so put a notice out to the club. Drawing for sewing machine will be in October.

May General Meeting: Gary will check with the church about additional folding chairs. There seems to be a set missing from the basement. Get there early (6pm) to help set up.

Newsletter: Amber Brenzikofer reported that the deadline for newsletter is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Treasurer's report: Amber reported for Eva Siemonsma:

- 1st Quarter Colorado Sales Taxes Reported and Paid
- 1st Quarter Raffle Report Filed
- RMFMS Certificate of Insurance requested and received

As of March 31, 2016 Treasurer Report:	
CMS Income 10/1/15-3/31/16	\$3,018.54
CMS Raffle income	\$983.04
CMS Expenses 10/1/15-3/31/16	\$3,699.07
Net Diff:	\$302.51
See treasurers detail at the next meeting.	

Membership: Cara Reynolds reported that she is working on the 2016 Membership Directory and field trip leader's packets. Directory will be ready to go to the printers by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. As of last month, there are 270 membership units in CMS, which includes 470 individual members (401 adults and 69 children). She read the names from new membership applications to the Board. She also will produce by this fall a database report of membership interests for possible volunteers.

Meeting Adjourned.

*Notes taken by Amber Brenzikofer for Sandra Gonzales, Secretary*







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### Calendar of Events

**May 6th, CMS May General Meeting** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm

**May 7th, CMS Annual Auction** at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lakewood, 11am-2:45pm

**Reminder: No CMS General Meetings in June, July, August, and September**



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