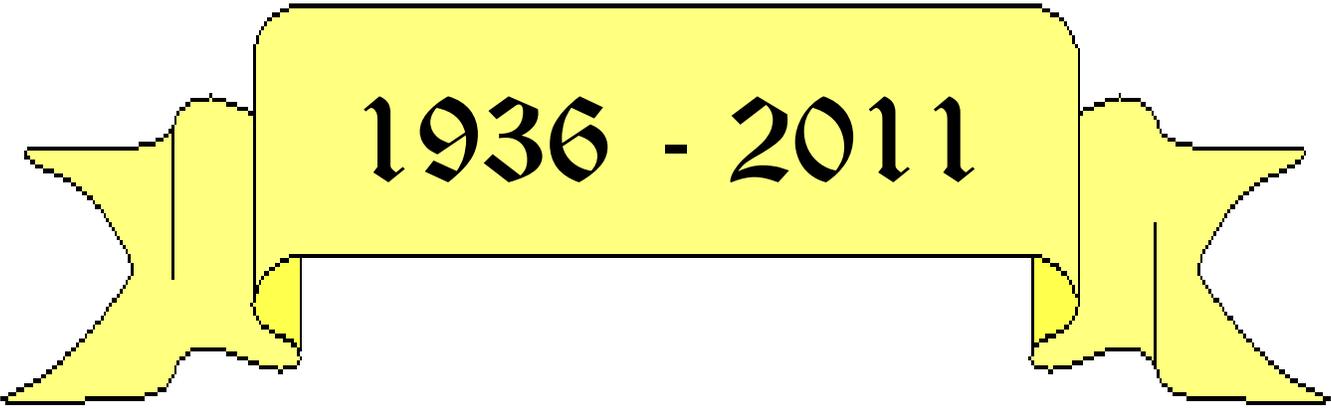


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## *Christmas Holiday Pot Luck Party*

This is our 75th Christmas Party! Come!

Help celebrate the season with good company, fun things to do,  
good food and contests.

We need volunteers to help us make this a successful party.

Here are some of the activities we are planning and need all to pitch in .

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Gift Exchange - Bring a rock related gift (approximately \$10), then you will receive a gift.

Cake Steal - we need cakes for our cake table. Tickets will be \$1.00 for a chance to win one.

Silent Mini Auction - bring any rock related gift items that you would like to sell for gift giving for the buyers.

Mineral Challenges - one challenge for the professional rock hounds and one for the amateurs.

Display cases - bring your red and green rocks, minerals or gems or a combination of both colors for the cases.

A group of people will be there to sing for us with holiday music.

Bring your favorite party Pot Luck food! We will have a plate of meats, cheeses, rolls and condiments for the making of the holiday sandwich.

We could quite possibly have a visitor from the North, farther than Point Barrow, and this visitor doesn't need the Ice truckers to drive him down here.

We always like to say "Thank You" to the Church for hosting us every year by bringing a new hat, mittens, gloves or scarf to hang on the church's mitten tree they set up in the hall. With all of this activity going on, we need everyone who can, come to the church on December 2, at 6:00 PM to set up and decorate the tables, bring your cakes in, help with the food and decorate the tree. **The party will start at 7:00 PM.** Then after the party, we need to get everything back together even better than we found it when we came in.



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## Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting

Minutes – October 18, 2011,

*By Sandra Gonzales*

Attendance: Cara Reynolds , Eva, Daryl Lamb,  
Leslie Osgood, Bruce Sales , Sandra Gonzales  
Meeting Called to Order  
New Business:

Norm is currently setting up guest speakers to present at the CMS meeting for January, February, March, April & May.

The Panel Speakers will most likely be re-scheduled for The March meeting, since we ran out of time at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet – Norm will coordinate with Amber

Cara- CMS Brochures were re-done, with new updates, corrections with a new format – Printing looks better

Cara has acquired a great amount of brochures from all the shows and will use them to give to new members.

Cara has requested that we put together a committee to help design brochure and a revision of a new member packet

We need to print new brochures – need volunteers to redesign the brochures

Cara will bring in an example with an electronic version and present it to the board

Leslie will call Staples for brochure pricing since we have a relationship for printing for many years

Cara had suggested archiving old news letters on the website, for possibly the last 2 years

Leslie will contact Julio regarding archived newsletters to see if this is realistic

Sandra made a motion to have the board approve the purchase of 1,000 mineral bags to be sold for 8 bags for a

\$1.00, which would include tax – The board approved the motion and will pay any taxes accrued from the bags. ‘

All the bags will have Rocky stamped on one side, and will be sold through the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee for now.

Sandra has agreed to keep a record of all purchases and report to Eva

Eva has reinforced the state law that no children can purchase raffle tickets

Application for Bingo Raffles License – Board members can't buy or win tickets if they are selling the raffle tickets.

All board members are responsible for legal ramification if they do not follow the policies of the Bingo Raffle License

Club meeting on Good Friday needs to be rescheduled at Clements Community Center. Daryl will call and set up meeting location and report back to the board. It was brought up that the club needs to rent a screen if needed.

The treasurer's books for 2009 are currently being audited

The CMS general meeting for December will be at 7:00 with the Christmas Party to follow.

Leslie will update the newsletter with details of the Christmas Party

Entertainment – Denver Waldorf school

Sandra will ask Craig Hazelton if he can make 3 money clips for the Christmas Party for the boys of the choir. Once Craig has agreed to make the money clips, the board will,approve the prices

Newsletter is due the 26<sup>th</sup> of October

Meeting adjourned



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## NOTIFICATION OF OFFICER NOMINATIONS FROM GREATER DENVER AREA GEM & MINERAL COUNCIL

Dear Gem, Mineral and Fossil Clubs:

The by-laws of the Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council require the Council to notify all member organizations of the nominating committee's nominations for Council officers. The nominating committee submitted their slate of nominations for officers in 2012 at the September 28, 2011 Council meeting. The Council by-laws require this information be communicated to all clubs no less than 30 days prior to the election. The election will be held November 16, 2011.

Nominating Committee Report:

President: Jim Hooten  
Vice-President: Cynthia Mahnken  
Secretary: Sharon Hannu  
Treasurer: Tom Reilly, Bob Berry

There were no nominations from the floor at the September 28, 2011 Council meeting: Nominations will be accepted from club members, provided the nominee has accepted the nomination. Club members can give nominations to their organization's

Council Trustee no later than November 1, 2011.

### COUNCIL TRUSTEES:

CMS : Gary Rowe  
Flatirons: Carl Bird  
FM: Jim Hurlbut  
Guild: Roger Bennett  
Littleton: Keith Sheel  
NorthJeffco: Judy Knoshaug  
RAMS: Ron Knoshaug  
WIPS: Jordan Sawdo

Respectfully submitted: Janie Bennett,  
Council Secretary

Note from your editor: Yes this is a little late! I hope you are happy with all the nominees, because it is too late to do anything about it. The papers were too full the last 2 times to get this in, but at least you know who our new Denver Gem & Mineral people are.





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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, greetings fellow rock hounds. Things got really busy around these parts and I missed my deadline for last months newsletter. Then I missed the November meeting. I have been taking advantage of the relatively nice weather to finish out as much of my rock work as I can get in before the snowballs fly. I got my south and west walls done just two days before the last snowstorm. I packed up all my mortar and tools on the outside and moved indoors. I am using all my lapidary skills in my work on a mosaic star for the fireplace. It's all looking good and should be finished by next spring. This last weekend I let the rock work slide and helped Julie get a coat of primer on the building while we had a few nicer days. Then I went over to Earl's place and laid a marble counter top. Building with rock is not the same as lapidary work but you do use some of the same principles. The tile saws are the same blade but most of them cut from the top instead of the bottom.

That's what I have been doing on my days off, but four days a week I am still toying. At night I have been cutting. I was digging through some of my cutting rough and found a bag with about six pounds of Four Peaks Amethyst. I love that stuff, it has a very unique color, purple with a red tint. I have popped out some nice pieces in the last few weeks. I need to come up with the dough to get a new bearing for my Pixie, it still works but it makes a lot of noise. I have made and donated a couple of pieces for the Ramah fundraiser on December 11. I set a 13mm Smoky Quartz, and a 12mm Topaz, six rayed star cuts, I cut material from the

ranch in Sterling. They should bring in a few bucks. I still don't understand why I cannot sell the stuff I make, but when I donate the same stuff, it sells like hot cakes and makes whoever sells it a ton of dough. I guess as long as it is for a good cause, it's okay.

I guess that's about it for now. Have a great Thanksgiving, and I hope to see you all at the big Holiday wing-ding on December 2nd. Until then stay safe out there and keep on rocken.



I hope you all got a chance to be at the last month meeting. Our guest speakers, Beth & Bill Sagstetter, were absolutely wonderful. My only regret was that my dad was not there to hear the talk with me. He was always interested in mining. When he was a child, his family traveled all over searching for work as many did during the depression of the late twenties and early thirties. His family ended up in Bisbee Arizona, where his dad worked for a time in a mine. When he graduated from Bisbee High School, the diplomas were made out of copper.

My dad made wooden toys for my kids, of mining equipment. We still have the wooden stamp mill made with wood sewing spools and the stamps move up and down with a hand crank on the side. He also made a little mining car complete with tracks and pyrite in it.

Beth and Bill Sagstetter complimented each other as they unraveled some of the old mining camp mysteries. I really enjoyed seeing the mining buildings clinging to the side of the mountain and thought how neat that would be to fix it all up and live way up there. The bunk beds in the cabin were also very fancy with all the scroll work on the corners. I am now reading the book and savoring every chapter.

*By your editor*



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Pete Modreski News:

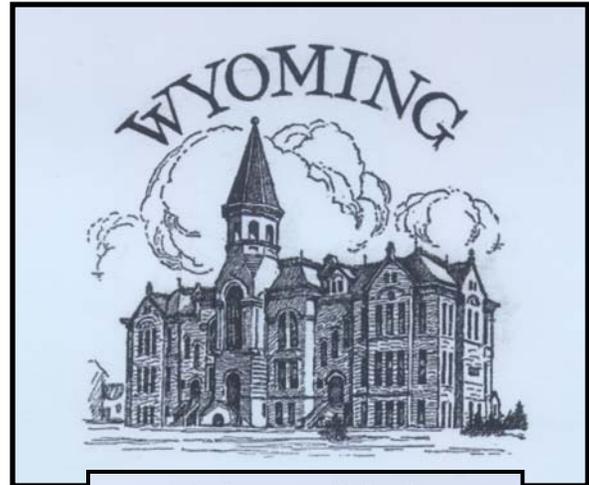
**Fri., Dec. 2,** the CSM - SEG Student Chapter Mini-Symposium on Rare Earth Element Geology, 10:00 AM - 2:45 PM at the Ben Parker Student Center, Ballroom A, Colorado School of Mines, is filled to capacity (125 people) and is now **closed** to additional registrants; there is a waiting list for cancellations.

**Sat-Sun., Dec. 3-4,** mineral dealer David Bunk will hold his annual winter open house and half-price sale of mineral specimens at his shop & warehouse, at 1441 W. 46th Ave., Unit #8, Denver CO 80211 (east of Pecos St., south of I-70); 10-6 Sat., 11-5 Sun.; all are welcome. "Feel free to bring a friend and spread the word." For more info or directions call 303-477-6897.

**Fri.-Sat.-Sun., Dec. 9-11, Flatirons Mineral Club Show,** Boulder County Fairgrounds, Main Exhibits Building, at Hover Road & Nelson Road, Longmont, CO; 10-6 Fri., 9-5 Sat., 10-5 Sun.; for full info see <http://bcn.boulder.co.us/community/fmc/fmcshow.htm>. At this show, Pete Modreski of the USGS will be giving a slide show on "Colorado Diamonds" at 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

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*The University of Wyoming  
Announces that  
John William Schmidt  
Is a candidate for the degree of  
Bachelor of Science  
In  
Geology  
at the  
Commencement Exercises  
Friday December second  
Two thousand eleven  
Four o'clock in the afternoon  
Arts and Sciences Auditorium  
Laramie, Wyoming*

Dale and Kim Schmidt would like us all to know that one of our very own CSM kids has now graduated with a degree in Geology. Congratulations John!





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## National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame Inductees

*By Steve Weinberger  
AFMS Newsletter-November 2011*

The National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame was founded in 1987 by June Culp Zeitner to recognize excellence in the earth sciences by inducting one or more persons each year in six categories: Minerals, Fossils, Metal Craft, Lapidary, Education and Tribute (Deceased). At this time we have inductees representing 44 states. All of the inductees are experts in their fields. Many of them have published several books and most of them have been active in community service.

The Hall of Fame is housed in the Pioneer Auto Show at Murdo, SD and features numerous gems, minerals and fossils from the collection of June Culp Zeitner and other HOF inductees as well as photographs of each inductee. As you head east or west on I-90, just watch for the looooooong green car at the Murdo, SD exit.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the inductees of the "class of 2011".

### **Lapidary - Harold Smith - North Carolina**

A retired professor of biochemistry and award winning faceter, he served on the SFMS Uniform Rules Committee and taught faceting at both the SFMS William Holland and Wildacres workshops.

### **Minerals - George Rapp - Minnesota**

Professor of geology at the Univ. of Minnesota and AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honorary Recipient, Dr. Rapp is the author of 11 books including the Encyclopedia of Minerals (with Roberts) as well as many scientific papers.

### **Education - Harold Brady- North Dakota**

A life-long rockhound, Harold was responsible for urging the state legislature to name a state fossil, and even in his 90's continues to teach classes and give presentations for his club, and always works at the club show of which he was the first organizer.

### **Tribute - Jack Nelson - Maryland**

Jack was a well known gold panner, micromounter and lapidary. His patience at looking at the black sands found in gold panning, led to the discovery of cubic garnets in the sands. He loved writing and leading field trips, especially for children and often shared his "finds" with others.

To see a complete list of all inductees or learn how to nominate someone for consideration visit [www.rockhoundhalloffame](http://www.rockhoundhalloffame)

**Okay Colorado!!! Where are our inductees??**



## Conservation & Legislation News

*by John Martin, AFMS Chair  
AFMS Newsletter-November 2011*

### Status of Legislation Affecting Rockhounding on Public Lands

The following legislation before congress may have a direct or indirect affect on Rockhounding on Public Lands held in trust for the American People and managed by the BLM and/or USFS. As of September 1, 2011 these proposed bills are all held in committee and are being reviewed by these committees. No action has been completed since their introductions.

H.R. 758: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act - 23 cosponsors

H.R. 1581: Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011 - 31 Cosponsors

S. 1087: Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011 - 5 cosponsors

S. 138: California Desert Protection Act of 2011 - No cosponsors

S. 268: Forest Jobs and Recreation Act of 2011 - 1 cosponsor

H.R. 1990: Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2011 - No cosponsors

S. 1475: Nellis Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Act of 2011 - No cosponsors

The full text and the current status of this pending legislation, that may have an affect on Rockhounding or collecting site access, may be found on the American Lands Access Association's website. [www.amlands.org/6652/index.html](http://www.amlands.org/6652/index.html)

For more information on Parks, recreation areas and trails see the following website:

[www.govtrack.us/congress/subjects.xpd?type=crs&term=Parks,%20recreation%20areas,%20trails](http://www.govtrack.us/congress/subjects.xpd?type=crs&term=Parks,%20recreation%20areas,%20trails)

The committee has not received any requests for investigations or concerns of conservation or legislation from any of the regional federations



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Bruce Sales – Announced that we need volunteers to with bringing minerals specimens for the mineral display

- Volunteers for mineral displays  
January – Dan Wray  
February-Jerry Kiefer  
March – Sandra Gonzales

Announced that there are 9 Raffles every year so every one's participation is appreciated

- Bring Red & Green Minerals for Christmas Party

Needing help for minerals displays

Life time members will be speaking possibly in March

Membership – Membership dues need to be paid for 2011

- Leslie – Christmas Update:  
Cake Walk- Need about 10 cakes  
Gift exchange – Bring a \$10 gift to share  
Silent Auction - Bring Christmas items to be auctioned  
Need Volunteers to help set up at 6:00  
Mitten Hats & Gloves tree – Bring nes winter scarves and gloves

Sandra Gonzales gave a brief update regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary events

- Memorabilia items are currently being selected for the 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration such as patch, pins, t-shirts, etc.... More information to come in the next few months
- Bruce Geller has announced that he is willing to give a tour to CMS members of the School of Mines Mineral Museum – A date needs to be set up in the next few months

GUEST Speakers – The Mining Camps Speak  
Given by Bill & Beth Sagstetter

CMS Member attendance: 72 adults plus 9 kids

## Door Prize Winners:

### Adults

Bob Burroughs – Calcite  
Bill Jones – Fluorite  
Dale Gann – Opal  
Natalie Briscor – Quartz (Mount Antero)  
Karen Heckman – Rosasite  
Antoinette Jackson – Black Tourmaline  
Cheryl Harrison – Black Tourmaline

### Kids

Tatum Heckman Acanthite  
Rigel Reynolds – Black Tourmaline  
Trevor Smith – Phenacite  
Emma Morrow – Topaz  
Katie Hind man- Barite on Goethite  
Faith Scenary – Topaz  
Kipper Reynolds – Calcite



## Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting

Minutes – November 15, 2011

*By Sandra Gonzales*

Attendance: Daryl Lamb, Bruce Sales, Sandra Gonzales, Leslie Osgood

Old Business

Contacted the Clement Center and reserved a room for April 6<sup>th</sup> \$120.00

New Business

- Sandra Gonzales will continue in the Secretary Position for 2011-2012
- Norm will continue as Vice President Position for 2011-2012
- Cara requested help for CMS membership for December, but the board decided because of all the activities at the December Christmas Party that no one will collect CMS memberships at this meeting. Memberships will be collected in January
- Christmas Party: Leslie will send an update on the Christmas Party in the November newsletter
- A visitor from the North will be appearing
- Red & Green Minerals for the display cabinets
- Cake Steal- bring a cake
- Gary will attend the Denver Council Meeting tomorrow night
- Sandra ask board approval to develop pictures from the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. The board approved to print pictures and not to exceed \$40.
- Sandra presented final pricing for Pins & Patches. Daryl asked Sandra to send final pricing via email to get final approval from board.

Deadline for Newsletter – November 22<sup>nd</sup>



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## Up Coming Events:

December 2, 2011 CMS Christmas Holiday Party @ St. Paul's church at 7:00 PM note time change  
December 3-4, 2011 Annual Dave Bunk Winter Warehouse Sale 10 AM to 6 PM Saturday, 11 AM to 5 PM Sunday  
December 9-11, 2011 Flatirons Mineral Club Show at Boulder Fairgrounds. See page 7 for details.

DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE REALLY DUE! DUES ARE DUE NOW!

<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 cancelled.

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