



Colorado Mineral Society

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President's Message

by John W. Smith

Greetings! With the Crawford, Nebraska fieldtrip complete, we mark the end of the 2017 fieldtrip season. From what I am told, it was a very successful one. Speaking for myself, I would like to see all the beautiful specimens that you capture in the field over the past year. Not just the ones collected on Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) fieldtrips, but everything collected in the field. Perhaps if a collecting site produces nice specimens and is not a location CMS has visited in the past, it could be considered for inclusion next year. So, bring some specimens that you personally collected the past year to the November 3rd general meeting to put in a display case.

We are planning to setup a second display case of the specimens from the Thomas Range, Utah trip at the November 3rd meeting. I was privileged to get a sneak-peak at some of those specimens and I must say they are spectacular. So, if you attended the Utah trip, please bring your specimens for show and tell. As a matter of fact, the presentation this month is going to be about that trip – see elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

Please make every effort to attend this month's meeting. One import topic that will be discussed is nominations for the upcoming election to be held in December. We will also be discussing the breaking news:

CMS is forced to suspend all youth activities that are part of the club as of January 2018 – details at 11:00

Shocking announcement isn't it! Well, the CMS youth program is at its 11th hour. For two years now, every time I stood at the front of the room during a meeting I have asked – no, wrong word – begged for volunteers to help fill the various committee chair positions, Youth Activities being one of them. As of this month's meeting, we do not have anyone to support the Junior Rockhound program and several other activities, so I will be discussing with the Board later in the month what needs to be done to close out that part of our activities offered to the membership.

How can this be prevented? We need all of you to seriously consider in what way you can help support club operations on a monthly basis. Step up and volunteer to work on the various committees. I have even put before the Board a proposal that instead of having only one chair for a committee have two "co-chairs" that share the responsibility. In the case of the youth activities, you could take turns planning and presenting a learning session for them. And remember – as I have said in the past, we will not throw you under the bus – the Board will be there for you anyway you need us to be.

There is no special skill set required to fill the various committee chairs except one "skill" in particular – that being

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Next CMS General Meeting Friday, November 3, 2017

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COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

2017

President: John W. Smith

First VP-Programs: Gary Rowe

Second VP-Education: Debbie Kalschauer

Secretary: Aaron Cross

Treasurer: Eva Siemonsma

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: **OPEN**

Membership: **OPEN ?**

Field Trip Leader: Gary Rowe

Field Trip Leader Co-Chair: Nels Grevstad

Nominations: Bruce Sales

Grab Bags: Marchelle Carlton

Editor: Amber Brenzikofer

Historian: Amber Brenzikofer

Scrapbook: Jennifer Knies

Jr Rockhound Coordinator: **OPEN**

Jr Rockhound Assistant: **OPEN**

Hospitality: Star Edwards

Donations: Debbie Kalschauer

Web Master: Julio Edwards

coloradomineralsociety@comcast.net



Representatives (Board Members)

Denver Council Rep: 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. 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 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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Deadline for publication is the 20th of the month prior to publication. All correspondence to Mineral Minutes or questions should be sent to Amber Brenzikofer, Editor, P.O. Box 280755, Lakewood, Colorado 80228-0755; phone: 720.480.5234; or by email to:

editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com

Next CMS General Meeting November 3, 2017

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For November, Robert Boehm will do a presentation on the CMS Thomas Range, Utah field trip that will include history of the area, photographs from the trip, and next year's new fee collecting areas that may be opening and can be added. In addition, a display case will be set up for field trip attendees to bring specimens that were found on this year's trip as well as past CMS field trips to the area.

See the President's message on Page 1 for details on a second display case and competition that will set up for personally-collected specimens from this past year from any site, not necessarily a CMS trip.

October 6, 2017 Raffle News

October's ticket sales amounted to \$181, with the retail value of \$187. The most popular specimen was the boulder opal, Australia (\$69), it was donated by **Sandy & Trudy Craig** and won by a very, very happy Ron Wankner. The faceted bi-colored quartz (\$44) donated by **Jack Sliemers** was won by *Lynn Overby*. The pyrite cube specimen (\$43) donated from **Daniel Ulibarri** was won by *Joanna Morsicato*. Believe it or not, *Bruce Sales* won the quartz w/copper minerals specimen (\$17) that was donated from the **Charles Spletz Collection Minerals**. The dendrites specimen (\$5) donated by **Pat Tucci and Zelda Baily** was won by *Dave Glaser*. Last but not least, *Dan Gillett* won the shark tooth (\$3) that was donated by **Richard Owens**.

Some very happy faces reveled that their ticket was drawn. 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 that mysterious young man for helping with the raffle. *Congratulations to all the lucky winners!!!!*

Submitted by Eva Siemonsma, CMS Raffle Manager



Save the Date!!

CMS Holiday Party

December 1, 2017

Starts at 6:30pm



President's Message (continued)

a willingness to apply yourself and learn. Heck – take me for example. I joined CMS about two and a half years ago, a very amateur rockhound to say the least but took on being President because it was needed and I was willing to try. I think you all know that I am the original “pretty rock man” with absolutely no formal background in geology but somehow it worked – perhaps a few potholes in the road but I think it worked. Didn't it?

Enough for now. Hope to see you November 3rd – and don't forget to bring your specimens. Tell you what – bring them in, put them in the display case we will set up but do not let me know who's is who's, and at break time I will pick the one that I think is the prettiest, and buy \$20 of raffle tickets of the winner's choice and give them to the winner. Good luck. Remember – my criteria for being pretty is colorful or very eye-catching in form.

CMS New Members

First Listing

Mark Coffey
Lisa Fowler
Ronnie and Vivian
George and Pam Schmitt
Kimberly Smith
Jessica Trovik
Jenny and Jeff Wilder & family

Welcome!

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

Second Listing

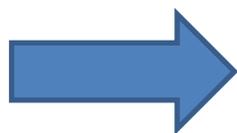
Ryan Aldrich
Luke Burroughs
Jason Evans
Tim and Eileen Hackett & family
Samuel Hays
Kent (Jr) and Patti Hedges
Ryan Hostetler
Rebecca Jehorek
Samuel Kingsbury
James and Kathy Kucera
Sierra Neblina
Chris and Mara Nelson & family
Keely Nolan
Shannon and Patrick Reilly & family
Crystal Sziklas and Jimmie Bonato
Alicia Todd and Eric Winkler
Wendie and Jeff Weber & family

CMS Membership Dues Increase for 2018

The CMS Board and a unanimous vote of CMS members who attended the October 6th general meeting approved a membership dues increase starting January 1, 2018. If you pay your 2018 membership dues prior to December 31, 2017 you will be grandfathered in under the old dues amounts. Starting January 1st, the new rate applies.

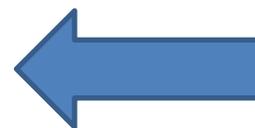
CMS Membership Dues Paid before December 31, 2017:

Family: \$16 per year
Single: \$14 per year
Senior 65+ (single or family): \$12 per year
Junior (<12 years old): \$12 per year



CMS Membership Dues Paid January 1, 2018 or later:

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.
3. Fill out a membership form and bring cash or check to a field trip to receive a temporary membership card. A new membership form is located on the CMS website at www.coloradomineralsociety.com.

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 Education Update

By Debbie Kalscheur



Good news! The CMS Education Committee is happy to announce a wire wrapping course to be held in December with another similar course in January. For those signing up for both, the second will continue to build on the skills attained in the first with a new project.

We are pleased that Susan Gardner, Owner/Designer/Creator of Perfectly Twisted Jewelry, will be our instructor for the wire wrapping classes. Susan has been creating jewelry for 12 years, teaching wire wrapping and creating jewelry full-time for the last 5 years. Her passion for the art is contagious and we are thrilled she is excited to share her passions [and skills] with CMS! Please check out her work at the following links:



PerfectlyTwisted

Handmade Wire Wrapped & Beaded Jewelry [Seller Shop](#)

2487 Sales | On Etsy since 2008

★★★★★ (511)

♡ Favorite shop (4944)



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<http://www.etsy.com/shop/PerfectlyTwisted>

<http://perfectlytwistedjewelry.blogspot.com/>

General details for this class: there is a minimum of 10 students per 2-week course and a maximum of 15. Minimum age to participate is 12 years old. All participants must be members of CMS as the course cost will be supplemented by the club. Students will pay \$30 per course (2 classes per course) with CMS paying the other half of the costs. Other class details are included in the description below.

The official sign-up for the December Wire-Wrap class will be at the CMS November meeting. Payment is required to hold a spot. Please plan to pay by check, made out to the Colorado Mineral Society. If you are interested in this course and would like to confirm your spot, please bring your checks to the Nov. 3rd meeting. If you cannot make the Nov. 3rd meeting, please email me at kalscheur2016@gmail.com and you can make arrangements to mail me the check. Spots will not be confirmed until payment is received by the CMS Education Committee. Please do not mail payments for this class to the general CMS P.O. Box address. The curriculums are listed on the next page.

CMS Education Update (continued)

Wire Wrap Course #1: Tradition Wire Wrap Pendant (\$30)

Date: **December 4th** (2.5 hours) 6:30 pm to 9 pm - Part 1, Basic Skills

Meeting Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lakewood (10th and Garrison) – classroom to be confirmed

1. Introduction to hand tools used in wire wrapping
2. Presentation of how to measure and prepare wires
3. Review of kit and class project (pendant)
4. Hands on: begin to wrap and get midway through class project

Date: **December 11th** (2.5 hours) 6:30 pm to 9 pm - Part 2, Completion of Pendant

Meeting Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lakewood (10th and Garrison)

**Please note: Students must bring back project from 1st class

5. Review of skills from previous class – answer questions
6. Introduction of the reversible bale – finishing techniques for pendant
7. Remaining instruction for completing pendant – some students may finish

Project kit:

Each student will receive a kit to be used for the class project (pendant) as part of the per student cost. Kit includes the following: 12 feet of 21-gage square copper wires, 6 feet of 21-gage half round copper wires, PDF Tutorial document for home reference, printed “short form” outline for classroom and home use, and 1 small cabochon. Students are welcome and encouraged to bring their own beautiful stone to wrap during class.

Please Note: if you are interested in upgrading your kit to sterling silver wire instead of copper, you may do so for an additional \$15. You will be asked upon signing up for class if you wish to upgrade. The additional \$15 will be collected first day of class. The sterling silver wire provided in the upgrade will be enough for 1 pendant – up to a 3 x 3-inch stone.

Tools:

Susan will provide access to 5 toolboxes to be shared during class time. Students who have their own tools or who are interested in purchasing tools prior to class are encouraged to bring them to class. If you have extra tools at home, please bring them to share. The following tools will be used in the class: flush cutters, round nose pliers (smooth surfaces), chain link pliers, nylon jaw pliers (optional). A tool list with purchase options will be provided to confirmed students.

Wire Wrap Course #2: Tradition Wire Wrap & Advanced Techniques (Pendant) (\$30)

Dates: **January 8th and 15th**

Meeting Location: St. Paul's in Lakewood (10th and Garrison) – classroom to be confirmed

Curriculum will be similar, but will also include advanced techniques for pendant making

Please Note: if you are interested in upgrading your kit to sterling silver wire instead of copper, you may do so for an additional \$15. You will be asked upon signing up for class if you wish to upgrade. The additional \$15 will be collected first day of class. The sterling silver wire provided in the upgrade will be enough for 1 pendant – up to a 3 x 3-inch stone.

There are many details here. We have many people who signed up as interested, so we are expecting that the course will fill quickly. If you have questions, please ask at the November club meeting or contact Debbie Kalscheur at kalscheur2016@gmail.com.

In Memorium - Jim Hurlbut

James Franklin Hurlbut “Jim”, 96, passed away in Denver on Monday, September 18, 2017. He was born in Antigo, Wisconsin to Miles and Evelyn Hurlbut and was preceded in death by his three brothers, Arthur, Ira, and George. Jim is survived by his wife Bette Jackson Hurlbut, 94, his children: Susan Bucknam, James B. Hurlbut & Pamela Newton, David Hurlbut & Mary Pellettier, Louise Hurlbut & Richard Caudle, and Bryan Hurlbut & Laura Hodgkinson, 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Jim received his private pilot’s license in 1941 then joined the US Navy as a pilot. He flew seaplanes in the Pacific theater during WWII carrying personnel and cargo between Alameda Naval base, Hawaii, Guam, Australia, and New Zealand. Jim remained in the Navy reserve for 16 years and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

In 1944 Jim met and married Bette, and when the war ended he returned to finish his degree in Physics at the University of Wisconsin. It was during this period that he began his life-long involvement with minerals. Jim managed several Los Alamos National Laboratories and USAF projects while working at the Denver Institute of Research in the early ‘50s. In 1956 Jim formed his own company which sold electronic instrumentation and process components. In 1964, he added a geophysical division that designed and manufactured geophysical instruments. Son David still operates this company.

While working on an advanced degree in Physics at the University of Denver in 1948, he joined the **Colorado Mineral Society (CMS)**, later becoming its president. Family weekends were usually spent rock hunting. In 1949 Jim led the party that attached the bronze plaque at the summit of Mount Antero to establish the Colorado Mineral Park.



Jim’s influence in the mineral world went well beyond his teaching into leadership at the highest levels. He taught “Rocks and Minerals of Colorado” as a continuing education course at the University of Colorado-Denver for 20 years and introduced hundreds of people to mineralogy. He served as President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) and received the AFMS Recognition Award in 2004 for his significant contributions as lecturer, contributor of scientific articles, and judge at numerous mineral competitions. Jim held other leadership roles in the Rocky Mountain Federation and the Friends of Mineralogy.

He was introduced to micromounting in 1956, and was hooked for life. Not only did he build an award-winning collection of his own, he had the rare opportunity to curate several of the famous collections housed at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS). In 2011, he was inducted into the Baltimore Mineral Society’s Micromounter’s Hall of Fame.

Jim volunteered for over 35 years at DMNS. He was involved in procuring and curating of five large micromount collections, and created another collection that numbers nearly 3000 specimens. He represented DMNS and presented papers on the DMNS mineral collections at International Mineral Museum Curator’s Association meetings all over the world (Pisa, Budapest, Toronto, London, and Dresden).

Jim was a member of the American Physical Society, the American Vacuum Society, the Electronics Representatives Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Mineralogical Society of England, the Russell Society of London, the Littleton Gem and Mineral Club, the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, the Friends of Mineralogy, the International Mineralogy Association, the Association of Mineral Professionals the Denver Art Museum, the Denver Jazz Club, and the Boulder Jazz Club.

Jim was also a jazz enthusiast interested in traditional and mainstream jazz. He played the clarinet and bass clarinet with the VFW marching band, the North Jefferson County Recreation District concert Band, the Boulder Jazz Club and occasionally sat in with the Your Father’s Mustache Band. One of the highlights of his playing was to be invited to play at the Sacramento Jazz Festival. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Denver Jazz Club Youth All Stars Band.

Jim loved a good joke, enjoyed sharing his passion for minerals, science, music, and going new places and meeting new people. He loved science and until his death kept up with the publications Science, Physics Today, American Mineralogist, the Mineralogical Record. Jim was interred at Fort Logan on September 25, 2017. A celebration of Jim’s life was held on October 21.

In Memorium - Jim Hurlbut (continued)

Donations in his name can be made to:

Denver Jazz Club Youth All Stars Jazz Band
on-line at <http://youthallstars.denverjazzclub.com/donate/>
or send a check in Jim's name payable to the DJC Youth
All-Stars to:

Ed Cannava, Director 6388 S. Dexter St.
Centennial, CO 80121

or

Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council, Inc.
Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Box 4
2001 Colorado Blvd.
Denver, CO 80205-5798

In Memorium – Leroy “ Lee” Brown

06/05/1935 – 10/21/2017

Leroy (Lee) Wallace Brown was born June 5, 1935 in Steamboat Springs and died at home Oct 21 in Northglenn, CO. The Brown Family moved to Denver in 1946 where Lee started school. He graduated from South High School in 1953 and enrolled at the Colorado School of Mines graduating in 1957 as a Mining Engineer. He enlisted in the US Army in 1958 serving with the United Corps of Engineers Combat Unit obtaining the rank of First Lieutenant in the Yukon Command, Alaska.



Lee returned to Denver in 1961 and was employed by the Public Service Company of Colorado (now Xcel Energy) where he worked for 32 years retiring in 1994. He served as a volunteer in many organizations and clubs most notable the Northglenn Historical Society and several Gem & Mineral Clubs, including the **Colorado Mineral Society**.

Lee is survived by wife Rosalie Nunez-Brown of Pueblo, sister Virginia Pingree, special niece Laurie Gablehouse, five children Linda, Becky, Nancy, Wendy, Kimberly, stepsons Rick and Marco, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his son Leslie and sister Marilyn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be sent to the Colorado School of Mines Foundation, visit giving.mines.edu/givingguide or by calling [303.273.3275](tel:303.273.3275). Services were October 26th and interment at Golden Cemetery.



Rocky Mountain Federation News

The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) is made up of 81 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.



A.F.M.S Newsletter

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (A.F.M.S) 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>.

Saturday, November 11, 2017
Littleton Gem & Mineral Club Silent Auction



Columbine Hills Church,
 9700 Old Coal Mine Avenue,
 Littleton, CO 80123

**Seller set up starts at 11 am, Silent auction starts at Noon,
 Verbal auction starts at 1 pm, Checkout starts at 3:30 pm**

Bring your minerals, gems, jewelry, fossils, books, and equipment to sell. Non-club members are limited to 2 flats. Club retains 20% commission. Payment is by cash or check only.

Email Lesley Sebol at Lesleysebol@gmail.com to pre-obtain a seller/buyer number or get it at the door.

GEM & MINERAL SHOW
NOVEMBER 17 -19, 2017
 Jefferson County Fairgrounds



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Sponsored by Denver Area Mineral Dealers

Denver Area Mineral Dealers Annual Gem & Mineral Show

November 17-19, 2017

Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Halls
 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO

Hours: Fri. 10 AM - 5 PM, Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM
 Sun. 11 AM - 4 PM

Gems, Jewelry, Carvings, Books
 Minerals, Fossils, Lapidary

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| Cut Edge Gems | Morocco's Fossils |
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| Dan's Used Rocks | ORCA Gems |
| Earthstones-The Solitaire | Phantom Minerals |
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Information: 303-993-6685, 303-986-3647, 303-660-9564

CMS General Meeting on October 6, 2017

John Smith, CMS President, opened the meeting with greeting all new members and visitors.

Attendance: 45 adults and 4 children

General Announcements

John Smith indicated there are numerous CMS Board and Chairperson positions available.

Eva Siemonsma brought several boxes full of specimens, small plastic bags, and labels to send home with members to stuff the plastic bags and bring back next month.

Eva also gave the Treasurer's report. She also discussed the CMS Jewelry Guild who has jewelry for sale with proceeds to CMS (jewelry was displayed at meeting).

Debbie Kalschuer talked about the upcoming wire wrapping courses that will be available to CMS members and made a request for additional education suggestions. Debbie took names of those individuals who were interested in the wire wrapping classes.

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 Club Prospector case win, the display and specimens were set up at the meeting for those that did not see it at the Denver Show. She also reported on the passing of Jim Hurlbut and provided memorial service details.

By-laws update – John Smith presented the changes to the by-laws and asked for questions and input. Numerous suggestions were made to clarify the by-laws. After the discussion, a motion was made and seconded for acceptances of the by-laws, as amended at the meeting. There was a unanimous vote by the CMS members who attended the meeting to accept the amended by-laws.

Door Prize Winners (thanks to Cailin for drawing tickets):

Don Bray	Pam Schmitt
James Knoll	Ron Wankner
Jessica ?	Brenda Wray
Leslie Osgood	

Raffle (see Raffle news in this newsletter)

Meeting adjourned

Notes taken by Amber Brenzikofer for the Secretary

Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting October 17, 2017

Attendance: John Smith, Gary Rowe, Eva Siemonsma, Debra Kalscheur, Aaron Cross, Ben Geller, Bruce Sales, Leslie Osgood, Loni Cole, Sandra Gonzales, and Amber Brenzikofer

Call to Order – John Smith

Board-Appointed Positions Available for 2017:

- **Jr Rockhound Chair – Open (critical)**
Ben Geller will do the November general meeting junior rockhound class.
Need to split age groups and have different lessons for younger and older kids.
- Jr Rockhound Assistant - Open
- Display Chairperson: Open

Nominations for Executive Board:

Bruce Sales is leading the nominations for Executive Board positions for 2018, which will be voted on at the December meeting. Nominations received so far include Debbie Kalscheur for President, Ben Geller for Second Vice President, Aaron Cross for Secretary, and Loni Cole for Treasurer. Gary Rowe has agreed to run again for First Vice President.

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Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting October 17, 2017 (continued)

Grab Bag Committee:

Eva is collecting donated material and giving out to CMS members to fill small bags and add a label. The flats of material need to be given back to Eva.

Club Assets:

Inventory is ongoing and needs to be complete by November 3rd. Need to take pictures of valuable assets including jewelry.

By-laws Update:

Revised by-laws were approved as amended at the October 6th general meeting by unanimous vote of 45 CMS members attending the meeting.

Amber revised the by-laws and handed out final version at the Board meeting for Board members to take one more look for editorial content. Provide Amber any comments by October 25th so she can finalize the by-laws and send out with the next newsletter.

Storage Unit:

Amber will look into the cost of a 10'x10' storage unit to house all of CMS equipment and materials in one place.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report – Eva Siemonsma - The CMS fiscal year ended on September 30, Eva presented to the Board the end of the year financials. The Board approved the annual financial report. The church cost where the general meeting occurs will be going up next year.

Membership Report – Amber read the list of new members on behalf of the membership chair.

Field Trip – Gary Rowe – The Board approved a motion that for next year's field trips that require pre-paid fees, there will not be a refund if someone cannot go on the trip.

Education – Debbie Kalscheur – A wire wrapping class has been set up for 2 courses with two classes each that will be offered in December and January. Participants will pay half the course fee for each course and CMS will pay for the other half. 15 people max for each course. The Board approved by a majority vote (8 yes and 2 abstains) to fund the two courses \$1600 plus venue fees using education funds.

Auction Report – Ben Geller – Suggested that a succession plan be developed for the auction chairperson and volunteer leader positions.

Denver Council Report – Bruce Sales – Council meeting was October 11th. The Council purchased 7 new cases for the fluorescent room. The Council has 2 oak stand-alone cases for sale, Bruce will contact Joe Payne for details. On October 19th, Bruce Sales and Cheryl Harrison will review the show council's books for 2016. Each club takes turns reviewing the show council's books each year and this year is CMS's turn. Bruce will attend the November Council meeting and then John Smith, as past President, will take over in 2018 as Trustee with Gary Rowe as alternate.

Denver Show Committee Report – Amber Brenzikofer – Denver Show was a great success (she hopes). The show needs mineral judges as well as additional volunteers next year.

Newsletter Deadline – Amber Brenzikofer – **October 25, 2017**, Amber will do a 2018 calendar and send to the Board.

Other Business: Amber is exploring putting together another T-shirt order because many new members are asking for them. Will look at embroidered polos and hats as well.

After considerable discussion, the Board approved moving the raffle time to 8:30pm at the general meetings starting in 2018. The raffle will occur after the break and before the presentations.

Holiday Party December 1st – starts at 6:30pm with setup at 5:30pm, madrigal choir starts at 7:30pm, mineral quizzes (Gary will do professional one and Aaron will do kids and amateur ones), Leslie will schedule Santa, there will be a potluck, cake walk, give-a-gift/get-a-gift, and mitten tree.

Next scheduled CMS Board Meeting: **October 17, 2017 7:00pm**

Notes taken by Aaron Cross, Secretary and Amber Brenzikofer



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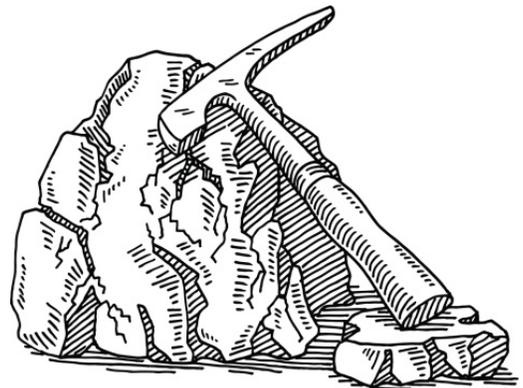
Calendar of Events

November 3, 2017, CMS November General Meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm

December 1, 2017, CMS December Holiday Party at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 6:30pm (**EARLIER**)

January 5th, 2018, CMS January 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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