



Colorado Mineral Society Mineral Minutes



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President's Message

by Debbie Kalscheur

Summer dig season in full bloom. Join us for CMS Founder's Day Picnic September 8th

I would like to offer a warm welcome to our new members that joined the Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) over the Summer. I think you will find that the club offers some interesting experiences and opportunities! I encourage you to plan on coming to the CMS general meetings that happen every first Friday of the month from October through May. We have some interesting speakers lined up!

I would also like to give a big shout out and 1,000 thanks to the Field Trip Leaders who make the impressive list of CMS field trips possible. You are an amazing group of people and on behalf of the Club, I appreciate your willingness to share your passion and knowledge of the various mineral localities visited on the trips. And of course, a big Thank You to Gary Rowe who continues to be the driving organizational force to getting these trips together year after year.

Please mark September 8th on your calendars for the annual CMS Founder's Day Picnic. This is our summer gathering where we share stories from our adventures in the field and review the best mineral specimens found on CMS trips in the last year. Please take a moment and bring your most special finds. It is at the picnic that the best of the specimens will be selected for the CMS Prospector's at the Denver Show. CMS has historically done quite well in this competition and we want to keep the streak going! If you can't attend September 8th but have specimens that you would like to have considered, please reach out to Gary, Amber, or myself and we will arrange to have them picked up. You will also have a chance to sign up to volunteer at the Denver Show in September [13-16] if you have not already done so. Mark your calendars! We do need volunteers and those who sign in as volunteers get into the Denver show for free.

If you have not already taken the Beginner Wire Wrapping class, you will have the opportunity at the Denver Show [open to the public] as well as in the Fall, likely first two weeks in November with CMS. See the October newsletter for more details on the Fall classes.

Stay safe out there everyone! Hope to see you all at the CMS Founder's Day picnic and/or the Denver Show in September.

Keep looking down. There is treasure at your feet!

Next CMS General Meeting October 5, 2018

The next CMS general meeting will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm-9pm. If you ordered CMS T-shirts and did not pick them up in May, they will be available for pickup. If you need to make arrangement for pickup of shirts at another time, please contact Amber Brenzikofer at editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com. CMS also purchased additional T-shirts to sell if you did not get a chance to order.

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CMS Founders Day Picnic

Saturday, September 8th Noon to ~ 3:00 pm

- Purpose:**
- (1) Have fun and show off finds from this year's field trips
 - (2) Select specimens for the CMS Prospector's Case at the Denver Show
 - (3) Solicit mineral specimens from Mexico for the CMS club table case at the Denver Show
 - (4) Recruit additional volunteers for the CMS club table and the Denver Show

Place and Time: Fellowship Hall at St Paul's Episcopal Church (our regular meeting location) at 10th and Garrison in Lakewood

What to bring (food): All attendees should bring a dish for sharing (appetizer, hamburger or hot dog buns, salad, side dish, or dessert) and whatever meat (hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, steak, etc.) they wish to grill. We will have a barbecue fired up and ready to go and the hospitality committee will provide drinks and condiments.

What to bring (mineral specimens): We will have a number of tables and our two display cases set up and encourage all members to bring the best specimens they collected on a 2018 CMS field trips to the meeting (including the Utah Topaz Mountain trip last September). We'd also request that field trip leaders with knowledge of high-quality specimens please follow up with the folks who collected them to get them to the picnic so they can be included as potential Prospector Case entries. Or if they can't bring them make arrangements to get them to the picnic in the event the finder can't attend the picnic. We request that you bring labels identifying your specimens and the locality they are from (no names of collectors, please).

We will have a vote and the top 8-10 vote getters will be selected for display in the CMS Prospector's Case entry. The Exhibit Committee Chairs will count the votes and will have the ability to nominate additional specimens for display in the case. We will collect the specimens, catalog them on a chain of custody form, and retain them for display in the case at the Denver Gem and Mineral Show Sept 14-16.

What to bring (agate specimens): The theme of the Denver Show this year is minerals from Mexico so we are asking members willing to exhibit their specimens in our club case to bring them to the Founder's Day picnic where we will select the best specimens and include them in the CMS display case. We will catalog all specimens on a chain of custody form and return them to their owners either at the end of the Denver Show when we are taking down the case or at the October 5th CMS general meeting.

We will circulate sign up sheets for people to volunteer at the CMS club table or for various positions needed to support operation of the Denver Show. The latter includes security, admissions, display set up and take down, and other positions. You only need to volunteer for one shift at the show and you get free admission.

Last, we will also have a **mineral/geology quiz with prizes** for correct answers. **Bruce Geller has requested you bring your cell phone to the picnic for the mineral quiz.** The Founder's Day picnic is a great time to socialize with fellow CMS members, compare specimens, and determine bragging rights for the best finds with your fellow members prior to the Denver Gem and Mineral Show. We hope to see everyone there!



Submitted by Gary Rowe



Specimens chosen for the Prospectors case in 2017. Photos by Amber Brenzikofer.



May 2018 Raffle News

Submitted by Eva Siemonsma, CMS Raffle Manager

Raffle ticket sales on May 4th totaled a whopping \$500 with a total retail value of \$636. **This raffle ticket sales was the largest in CMS history thanks to all the participants and donators.** The most popular item was the blue spinel specimen from Madagascar donated by **John Garwow** (\$149). The lucky winner was a smiling *Robert Boehm*. The second most popular specimen was the amazonite, albite (\$117), donated from the **Lee Barnett of Sterling Collection**, it was won by the lucky *John Smith*! *John Smith* won again, a specimen of pyrite on rhyolite, from South Mineral Creek, CO (\$69) which was donated by **Robert Stoufer**. **Craig Hazelton** donated a beautiful phenakite specimen from Mt. Antero, CO (\$69). This was won by *Beth Shaw-Randolph*.. **Gloria Staebler, Lithos Book Shop** donated a signed copy of Antero Aquamarine (\$49), the lucky winner was *Greg Wilson*. Last, but not least, *John Smith*, a three-time winner at this raffle, won the amethyst scepter specimen from the Fat Jack Mine in AZ (\$47) that was donated by **John Garsow**.

The auction raffle ticket sales on May 5th amounted to \$173, with the retail value of \$215. The most popular item was the native copper, from the Hecla Mine, Calumet, MI donated from the **Charles Spletz Collection** and won by *Marylou Mobley*. The second raffle item was a black light donated by **John Smith** and won by *Nick North*. The rest of the specimens were donated anonymously, we thank you, you know who you are. The lab grown pruskite (\$18) was won by *Teresa Westhoven*. The amethyst gemstone tree (\$14) was won by *Jeff Brown*. The lab grown quartz crystal (\$9) was won by *Grace Lynn Harmon*. And lastly, the quartz covered fluorite specimen (\$4) was won by *Thomas Trapl*.

Congratulations to all our lucky winners, especially our lucky triple winner on Friday night!!

The raffle proceeds are spent on CMS education, the purchase of library materials, and the state science fair awards.

Thanks John Kleber, Hunter Kokkinen, and Calliope Stott for helping with the raffles.

Submitted by Eva Siemonsma, CMS Raffle Manager.

CMS New Members

First Listing

Alan and Ariana Blaher & family
Byron Blailock
Nathan and Hannah Bouchillon
Elizabeth Bryant
Cobus and Sharon Burger & family
Adam Corcoran
Andrea and Robert Daihl & family
Andrew Doden
Keith Dvorsky
Holly Eck
Kim Gower
Roland and Rebekah Guerra
Christopher and Christena Kolakowski
& family
Brad Krueger and Logan Person
Bradley LaFary
Rachel Lee
Darlene Loflin & family
Jim and Shery McCarty

First Listing (cont)

Kevin and Tracy McGarey
Tom Miller
Taylor Moya and Matthew Guittar
Jonathan Papes
Shawn Parker
Jason Pike
Kenneth and Eileen Pike
Sarah Pletcher & family
Paul Prijatel
Dan Reisig
Joe Roberts
John and Allison Sapuppo & family
Eric and Taun Shortridge & family
Alex Smetana
Michael Souer
Hunter Tolbert
Chris Werth
Michael Wood

Second Listing

Bertha Adamson
Landon Blaher
Lisa Horvath
Daniel and Joanna Danicka
& family
Chad Nordahl
Roxanna Safipour
Johanna and Zachary Smith

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

CMS Junior Rockhound Program

by MistyAnn Bateman, Junior Rockhound Coordinator



We will reconvene the Junior Rockhound program at the October 5th general meeting.

A Call to All Junior Rockhounds

I have a challenge for all my junior rockhounds. When we meet in October, bring your favorite specimen for a show and tell. You can also bring photos, drawings, or a story to go with it. We will be displaying them for the club members at the general meeting. Make sure to include a label with the name of specimen (if you know it) and location where it was found. If you don't know what your specimen is, there are lots of people at the meeting who can help to identify it.

Inspirational Story

by Susanne Peach

I had something very special happen on one of the CMS/Guild field trips this summer. Thought I'd share it.

I was on the Butterfield Ranch Junior's trip this summer. I had spent the morning helping kids with equipment, finding crystals, assisting some parents with bandaids, etc. Which was great as that was my job as an assistant leader for the Juniors and I was happy to do it.

Three hours into the dig a young boy named Heath came up to me all excited. He held out his hand and said "Look at this quartz point we just found!"

I told him that was a phenomenal find and well done!

He said "We found 35 points!" I told him that was incredible!

Heath then said "How many did you find?"

Ummm. "I said none, but that's okay as I was helping you all find them."

The look I received was quite quizzical. He walked away.

But 10 minutes later he came back to me, held his hand out and said "This is for you." It was a beautiful, little quartz point. I told him thank you, but he found it and I couldn't possibly keep it. He insisted and then I realized he really, really wanted to share. So I happily accepted it and thanked him with tears in my eyes. There's no way he could have known I had had a terrible 24 hours leading up to this trip. His generosity made me forget everything bad. It also showed how well his parents are raising him, to be so generous and kind.

This is by far my favorite and most valuable crystal ever.



Rockhound Origins

by Debbie Kalscheur

Through the years, I have had the chance to talk with many of you either carpooling to a trip or while digging. The conversation sometimes drifted to personal stories of how the interest in rocks and minerals began. I think it would be great to share and document these stories because it is these stories that drew us to CMS and is the common glue that binds us. We are looking for rockhound origin stories from CMS members. Are you willing to share your story? Send your 500 word or less story to the following emails pres.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com and editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com. Please submit your stories only if you are willing to have them published. See past CMS newsletters starting in February 2018 for examples of origin stories.

Editor's Notes

Due to all the CMS field trips, work, family emergencies, Denver Show preparation, and life in general this summer, I am late in getting this summer edition of the newsletter published. The CMS May auction summary and acknowledgements for the verbal auction donations will occur in the October issue of the newsletter along with CMS Board meeting minutes from this summer. Just not enough room in this newsletter.

New newsletter header on Page 1. I would like to thank Ryan Roberts with designing a new header for the top of the newsletter. He is a graphic artist and was looking for a way to give back to the club.

Request for field trip reports and stories. I have been receiving field trip photos this summer. Thanks for submitting them to me or Gary Rowe and we will get some of them put on the CMS website. I would also like to publish some field trip stories, so if you have a funny or interesting field trip experience, please send them to me at editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com.

Request for articles. I am seeking technical articles for the newsletter, which can include rocks, minerals, mine history, field trip localities, etc. Deadlines for the newsletters are typically by the 24th of the month. Include photos (with proper credit) and maps with your article to add interest.

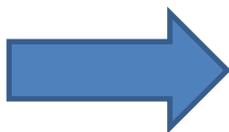
CMS Children's Birthdate Reminders. Membership has reported that new CMS members have not been putting their children's birthdays (month and year) on the membership forms. This information is required to be submitted to the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies yearly registration to obtain insurance. Adults do not need to put their birthdays on the forms. The membership chair, Leslie Osgood, may be reaching out to those members with children that have missing birthdays to help fill in the gaps.

Thanks!

Amber Brenzikofer, Editor

CMS Membership Dues

A membership form is located on the CMS website at www.coloradomineralsociety.com.



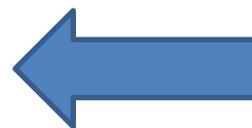
CMS Membership Dues:

Family: \$20 per year

Single: \$18 per year

Senior 65+ (single or family): \$15 per year

Junior (<12 years old): \$15 per year



CMS memberships run from January 1st to December 31st. Here are ways to pay your dues:

1. Pay with cash or check at the general meetings the first Friday of each month from October through May. Look for the Membership Chairperson to obtain a receipt and membership card.
2. Send a check made out to "Colorado Mineral Society" or "CMS" to P.O. Box 280755, Lakewood, Colorado 80228-0755. Please do not send cash through the mail. Membership cards will be mailed to you.

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



Rocky Mountain Federation News
www.rmfm.org



A.F.M.S Newsletter
<http://www.amfed.org/news/default.htm>

The Original
DENVER
GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Sept 14 – 16, 2018
DENVER MART

\$5,000 GOLD GIVEAWAY!
& the famous Mr. Bones

Joshua struck gold at the
2017 show.
Ryan White photo.



Hemimorphite on calcite, 4.1 cm tall
Santo Domingo Mine, Chihuahua, Mexico
Spritzer collection, Jeff Scovill photo

MINERALS OF MEXICO

For tickets and information visit www.denvermineralshow.com

The Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes.

*Tokens found in the Gold Prospectors of Colorado panning tables can be exchanged for gold nuggets, which will be distributed at the sole discretion of the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council. Gold Panning is available exclusively to and is free for children 12 and under. Limit of one token/nugget per child. Tokens must be exchanged prior to the close of the show on Sunday, Sept 16, 2018. See website for details.

Denver Gem & Mineral Show Mini Report August 2018

I hope you have made all your plans for the Denver Gem & Mineral Show because the show is just around the corner. The show takes place September 14 - 16, 2018 at the Denver Mart, 451 E. 58th Avenue (I-25 and 58th Avenue, exit 215). The theme for the show is "Minerals of Mexico". The Show Chair is Lesley Sebol, lesleysebol@gmail.com or 720.999.1372. The show is always a fabulous exciting event and this year will be no exception.



Publicity Chair Gloria Staebler has been working on innovative ways to publicize the show. For instance, she will be producing a weekly e-newsletter with news of the show and will produce one each week until show time. This newsletter will be emailed to the almost 6,000 persons in the database developed over several years. All club members are invited to participate in the efforts to engage a larger community interested in and supporting the show. You may sign up for the e-newsletter at this link: <http://eepurl.com/dB6ykH>. It is very easy to do. Once you sign up, you will receive a welcome email and a link to the first e-newsletter. I have signed up and already seen the first e-newsletter. It is very informative and artfully created. As an additional enticement, each week that you are on the list you will be entered into the drawing for VIP passes, gift certificates to be used with the show's dealers, and other prizes. So don't delay! Take advantage of this opportunity! The newsletters may highlight some feature of the show that you did not know about. And one lucky person has already won a \$100 gift certificate with a show dealer.

REMEMBER THE \$5,000 GOLD GIVEAWAY IS BACK FOR CHILDREN 12 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER!

This activity at the show last year proved to be very popular. So it is being repeated this year. The gold panning troughs will be salted again with numbered tokens. Children 12 and under are eligible to pan for these tokens. When a child finds one, he or she may exchange it for the corresponding gold nugget (see poster on previous page). There is a limit of one token/gold nugget per child. Since I spent a lot of time last year in the club area next to the gold panning activity, I can tell you the gold panning was humming with hopeful children panning for those tokens. And many were successful!

Denver Gem & Mineral Show Mini Report September 2018

It's show time!! Yes, that's right. Set up for the Denver Gem & Mineral Show happens next week! Are you ready? Set up begins on Wednesday, September 12th at 9 a.m. in the morning. Do you have all your stuff prepared? Have you completed your labels and the finishing touches on your exhibit? On your club's exhibit? Maybe you are entering a competitive exhibit or a specimen in the species competition. Have you inventoried your collection so you know what you will be searching to purchase at the show? Are you volunteering in some way for the show? Maybe you are helping to set up on Wednesday, selling or taking tickets during the show, walking security detail, selling grab bags, checking in volunteers, serving snacks and beverages in the hospitality room, assisting with exhibits, working in your club's booth, checking in dealers, or helping to tear down the show. There are so many ways in which club members can volunteer at the show. There is sure to be one that fits your talents. A list of all the volunteer positions and the contact person is attached. Please, please, please, we need your help!!

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Please be sure to advertise the show among your friends and relatives. There are several postcards and flyers which can be used for that purpose. In addition, if you received the e-newsletter, you can forward it to any interested persons. The e-newsletter contains much impressive information about the show. If you did not receive a copy of the first e-newsletter, let me know at jrknoshaug@comcast.net and I will forward it to you. The August mini report explained how to sign up for the e-newsletters. You can do it easily at <http://eepurl.com/dB6ykH>.

So this is it!! It's your show folks! Let's make it the greatest!

Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Show Secretary

DENVER GEM AND MINERAL SHOW JOBS

We need help!! The following is a list of jobs that need volunteers. Read them over and sign up for the job(s) that you would like to do. This show is all volunteers. No one is paid. Please come by and join us. You can meet new people and receive free admission by volunteering. Sign up sheets will be available at your club meetings. The chair person for each committee is listed. Call or email if you have questions about the job.

WORK ANYWHERE: Check this box if you want to volunteer but are not sure what you want to do. The different committee chairpersons will contact you to talk about how you can help.

CLUB BOOTH: Your own club will have a booth and will need to have someone demonstrating or answering questions. You can recruit new members this way. See your club chairman for details of what your club is planning.

SECURITY: Chair Amber Brenzikofer, 720.480.5234 or amberbrenzikofer@gmail.com. The main job is to patrol the show floor and the parking lots. Security t-shirts and walkie-talkies are provided. Security volunteers do not attempt to apprehend suspected shoplifters, but radio back to the security head. Volunteers are asked for 4-hour shifts at a time. Other security at the show is provided by the Mart and contracted by the Show Committee.

CLERKS TO ASSIST JUDGING: Chair Larry Havens 303.757.6577 or lwrnchavens@comcast.net. Clerks are needed to assist with judging during the show. These individuals must be willing to work with a team of judges throughout Friday and be able to neatly and accurately record judge's comments. This is a good place to learn first-hand the rules and protocol of judging.

HOSPITALITY: Chairs Kevin and KC Larsen, 303.429.6976 or mail@klarsens.net. Need volunteers every day to serve coffee and tea, donuts and snacks to the volunteers and dealers.

GRAB BAGS, PINS, POSTERS SALES AREA: Chair George Daggett, 303.453.9651 or geoddaggett@hotmail.com. This job is sales of grab bags, posters, and pins and is fun because you work mostly with kids. Many volunteers are needed on Friday morning when the school children are at the show.

ADMISSIONS: Chair Kathy Honda 303.556.4498 or email katherine.honda@ucdenver.edu. These are sitting jobs for hand-stampers, ticket-takers and ticket-sellers (need cash handling experience making change and working fast when the crowds arrive).

EXHIBITS : Chair Larry Havens 303.757.6577 or lwrnchavens@comcast.net. Volunteers are needed Thursday to assist the exhibitors as they register and set up their cases. Help is needed in cleaning the glass window in the cases each day for fingerprints, etc.

DEALER CHECK IN: Regina Aumente 505.867.0423 or raumente@aol.com
Workers needed Thursday through Sunday. Minimal Typing required.

VOLUNTEER CHECK IN: Chair Anita Colin 720.556.9889 or anitacolin@hotmail.com Job is Wednesday through Sunday, checking in volunteers and giving out badges. This is a sitting job.

SHOW SET UP: Linda Burns, 303.263.0391 or burns.henley@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to set up Wednesday from about 9:00 a.m. until the setup is finished. We will be cutting plastic, skirting tables, assembling exhibit cases, etc.

SHOW TAKE DOWN: Chair Dan Wray 303.922.0905 or Daniel_Wray@comcast.net . Volunteers are needed Sunday after 5 p.m. Strip tables, take down cases, pack away risers, cases, etc.

SCHOOLS: Chair Judy Knoshaug 303.423.2923 or jrknoshaug@comcast.net. Help with the school kids, give them a brief talk about the show, and guide them into the show entrance. Friday morning from about 8:30 a.m. to noon.



RMGM Promotions Presents

The Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show

September 7 – 15th, 2018

Crowne Plaza DIA, 15500 E. 40th Ave., Denver, CO 80239
(Northeast corner of I-70 and Chambers Rd.)

Hours Monday – Saturday Wholesale 9AM-6PM – Retail 10 AM-6PM
Sunday 10AM-6PM

Closing Day Saturday September 15, 2018 10AM-4PM



Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry & More

180 Retail & Wholesale Vendors

Free Show – Free Parking

Mineral Drawings

Guest Speakers

**\$100 Show Vendor
Voucher Giveaways
every hour on opening day
10:00AM – 4:00PM
You need to be present to win**



Jeff Scovill Photo
Great Basin Minerals
Gold, Round Mountain Mine
Nye County, Nevada

Visit our website at
www.ColoradoMineralandFossilShows.com
for more information and alternate routes to the show

Join us for our Lecture Series
Monday September 10, 2018
in the Aspen Room

11:00 AM
Dr. Karen Wenrich, PhD



**“The Sweet Home Mine
From Silver to Rhodochrosite”**

1:00 PM
**Scott Kleine
Great Basin Minerals
Booth 1**



**“California Dreaming
Mining the World’s
Finest Fresnoite!”**



2:00 PM
**Neal L. Larson
Larson Paleontology Unlimited
Booth 75**

**“The Mutant Ammonites
Nostoceratidae, a Family of Mutants”**

3:00 PM
**Thomas Nagin
Crystal Springs Mining & Jewelry Co.
Steamboat Ballroom 153**

**“Mineral Explorers Video Program
Exploring in the Andes for Minerals”**

Q & A at the end of the video
<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/mineralexplorersseason2>
Mineral Explorers, an unscripted reality series
created for Public Television



4:00 PM
Ron Hranac
**“Meteorites:
A Collector’s Perspective”**



Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum
Open House
Wednesday, September 12th

Welcome to the 2018 Open House at the Colorado School of Mines for the Denver Gem and Mineral Show.

We are very excited to **introduce our new Executive Director and Operations Manager**, showcase our accomplishments over the last year, and to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

Our event will be from 6:00-9:00pm on September 12th at the Museum: 1310 Maple St, Golden, Colorado 80401.

We hope to see you there!

Save the Date
CSM Geology Museum Fall Book and Mineral Sale
Saturday, October 20th

IT'S BACK! The format is now a one day sale from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm.

Members of the "Friends of the CSM Geology Museum" can come early from 8:00 - 11:00 am. So, drop by and become a member to get in up to three hours early AND a 20% discount.

We'll be posting pictures on our Facebook page as we are getting things ready. So, stay tuned for more info!



COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

2018

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

Appointed Board Members - Committee Chairpersons

Annual Auction: Ben Geller
Auction Co-Chair: Rob Deschambault
Door Prizes-Guests: Cindy and Paul Hatfield
Library: Kevin Atwater
Display Chair: Chris Keilman
Membership: Leslie Osgood
Field Trip Leader: Gary Rowe
Field Trip Leader Co-Chair: Nels Grevstad
Nominations: John Smith

Grab Bags: **Open**

Publications: Amber Brenzikofer

Historian: Amber Brenzikofer

Jr Rockhound Coordinator: MistyAnn Bateman

Jr Rockhound Assistants: Joanna Morsicato/Wendy Carley

Hospitality: Star Edwards

Donations: **Open**

Web Master: Julio Edwards

coloradomineralsociety@comcast.net

Representatives (Board Members)

Denver Council Trustee: Debbie Kalscheur

Denver Show Rep: Amber Brenzikofer

COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY (CMS) was founded in 1936 by a group of distinguished individuals within the mineralogical field. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit, educational organization in 1948. The Society is affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, a founding member of each group.

PURPOSE: To promote the study of minerals and other geologic materials, to encourage mineral collecting as a hobby and to conduct public meetings, lectures, and field trips, and to engage in all activities which relate to said purposes of the organization.

MEETINGS: General membership meetings start at 7:30 PM on the first Friday of each month, October through May, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at 10th and Garrison in Lakewood, CO. **Visitors** and **Guests** are welcome.

BOARD MEETINGS: The board members meet once a month to complete the executive business and affairs of the Society. Meetings will start at 7:00 PM usually the third Tuesday of each month.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all persons who agree to abide by Society rules and rules of the Federations. Annual fees effective January 1, 2018: \$20.00 for a Family, \$18.00 for a Single Membership, \$15.00 for a Senior Membership (single or family over 65), and \$15.00 for junior members under the age of 18 who are not included in a family. Name badges are available for a one-time fee of \$7.50.



ANNUAL EVENTS: Yearly activities include a silent auction of minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, equipment and other items related to our interests; participation as a member of the Denver Greater Gem and Mineral Council and the original Denver Gem and Mineral Show; and the Founder's Day celebration.

FIELD TRIPS: The Society sponsors several field trips from Spring through Fall for the purpose of collecting minerals, crystals, and fossils. These trips are one-day, two-day, and occasionally several-day adventures. A field trip guide is published each year in May.

NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES: CMS has a proud history of promoting the education and pure enjoyment of the mineralogical world. At the very heart of its existence are the many volunteers and contributors who spend their time and efforts in direct support of the club's mission. The CMS official newsletter **MINERAL MINUTES** is published monthly during the active meeting season (October through May) and a summer edition, and is the primary way the club's activities and mission are communicated to its members and prospective members. On that basis, the Board of Directors would like to offer the following content guidelines for CMS newsletter contributions:

- Formal announcements concerning club business and/or membership
- Information around mineral-related education opportunities or fundraising activities
- Stories or history that concentrate on the edifying aspects of mineral collection and education
- Sharing of personal mineral-related experience from field trips or other related adventures serving an educational purpose
- Announcements of volunteer/leadership opportunities for the club or club representation
- Worthy news events or discoveries related to mineralogy or geology that align to club's core interests
- Appropriate announcements regarding mineral shows, one-time mineral related events, mineral auctions, sale of private collections and/or equipment, etc.
- Information around relevant donations and/or gifts made available to the club or club members

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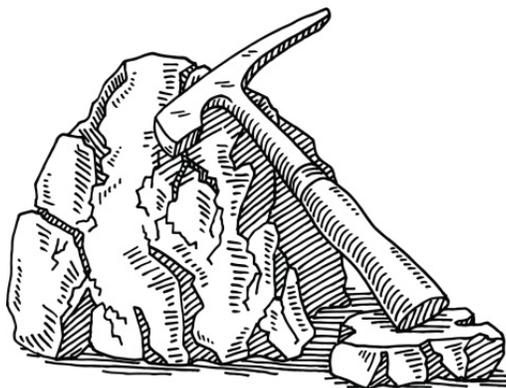
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September 8, 2018, CMS Picnic at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 12am-3pm

October 5, 2018, CMS General Meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm-9pm

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