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This is a Front Page Important News Alert!

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

NOW!

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

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

This is an extremely important job for our auction and there are people to help you with this. Please step forward as time is running out as our auction will be coming soon.

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

The Return Of The Tow Truck Driving Rockhound

Well, spring has sprung, or at least that's what the calendar says. I was in Alma today and it was snowing to beat the band. But it looks as though a long, long winter is coming to an end. As you might know I started the winter unemployed. Then I got my job back. And now I have the lead driver position with four drivers working under me. So things are looking up.

But this is not supposed to be about towing, this is supposed to be about rocks and minerals. Just because it has been cold and snowing does not mean that I have not been picking up rocks. On the contrary, I have picked up more rock this winter than some of you have in your garage, and that's a lot of rock. Most of what I have picked up has been Granite, and I have been hanging it on the inside wall of the 90 year old staff cabin at the ranch. The natural stone on the inside of the old log cabin looks really good, and very rustic. And that is exactly what I was told they wanted. When I am done on the inside, I'm moving outside to do a half wall, and after that another half wall on another building. Gathering all this rock has kind of given me a good idea of where I might want to dig later when I get some time.

While gathering rock for our work, Julie picked up a very nice piece of very clear Quartz. After John Rhodes talk at our last meeting I was inspired to try and do something with this piece. So at some point soon, I will be moving my equipment down to the ranch to cut this rather large stone. I will let you know how things work out. That's about it for this month, stay safe out there and I'll see you all at the next meeting, until then, keep on rockin'.





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Save The Date

The Colorado Mineral Society 75th Anniversary Banquet

Sunday October 2, 2011

Mount Vernon Country Club
1 PM – 4PM

RSVP by May 6th

Lunch prices are currently being negotiated– price will be announced at April meeting

Money will be collected at the April & May CMS meetings

Any questions can be directed to rockygems@comcast.net

Or call: Sandra Gonzales – 303-758-1939

Viola Padilla- 303-757-1531

More information on the 75th CMS anniversary activities will be announced at the April & May CMS meetings

Unclaimed name badges.

Kellin Goodin
Katie Hindman
Karen Wells
Susan Hands
Jason Sullivan
Dave Eckhardt
Fred Ceconi
Peter Montgomery

David Kantor
David Murray
Lenora Murray
Pat Pittman
Sally Bishop

Please see Cara Reynolds at the Membership table to pick yours up.



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Stamps Committee

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

Colorado

Mineral & Fossil Show - Spring

Holiday Inn-Denver Central, 4849 Bannock St. (where I-25 meets I-70)
April 22 - 24, 2011

70 top quality mineral & fossil dealers
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Show Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5




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

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CMS Board meeting notes March 14, 2011

By Gary Rowe

Attendees: Daryl Lamb, Norm Hyndman, Bruce Sales, Eva, Cara Reynolds, Leslie Osgood, Gary Rowe, Jeff Self and Donna Ware.

Old Business:

- 1) Still need registrar for the May 7 auction.
CRITICAL!
- 2) Cara will experiment with Access to see if we can produce formatted directory due by April board meeting.
- 3) Reviewed proposals from Debbie Kalscheur, Sandra Gonzales, and Viola Padilla

New Business

- 1) CMS Auction-Volunteers needed for May 7. We need to schedule a volunteer meeting and line up volunteers via e-mail blast and through Newsletter. Board discussed distribution of CMS auction flyers to local rock shops, and CSM museum,
- 2) Denver Show Committee-Daryl received Denver Show Committee packet. We will distribute volunteer signup sheet at April general meeting and call for volunteers in April newsletter. We will submit application for main floor case for our 75th Anniversary display case. Gary will give this form to Martin Hannu at the March 16 Denver Council meeting. Gary will provide copies of last year's forms to Daryl for submission.
- 3) Cara Reynolds-Discussed disposal of a number materials accumulated by past membership chairs including (1) extra 2009 directories (saved a few for historical archive), (2) approximately 150 50th anniversary patches and pins. Sandra Gonzales will take those for potential use in 75th anniversary celebration (3) and a request to review two boxes of membership paperwork and discard materials no longer needed. Eva motioned that Cara be allowed to dispose of material no longer needed. Bruce

Sales seconded and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

- 4) Board discussed possibility of moving to larger facility to address overcrowding at recent meetings. Decision is to rearrange seating, use fewer tables, and reserve those tables for our elderly or handicapped members who need a chair and a table. The Board agreed to re-evaluate the need to move after the April and May meetings. Possible alternate facilities discussed by Board include Green Mountain United Methodist Church and Golden United Methodist Church.
- 5) 75th Anniversary Committee report. Sandra Gonzales provided report on potential facilities and dates and presented recommendation that Mt. Vernon Country Club be selected and that a luncheon be hosted there from 1:00-4:00 pm on Sunday October 2nd. Norm Hyndman motioned that we go with Mt. Vernon on Sunday October 2nd; Eva seconded and board approved the motion. Additional recommendations provided by the Committee included:
 - Creation of a "Save the Date" post card for CMS members for the Club 75th anniversary
 - Put "Save the Date" message in CMS newsletter which summarizes planned events
 - RSVP by May 7 meeting to get initial attendance count and collect money.
 - Formation of several committees to plan and execute 75th anniversary events.
 - Sandra and Debbie will describe events and solicit volunteers at April meeting.
- 6) Jeff looked for someone else to take care of club case and transport them to and from meetings until more secure storage can be located.
- 7) Deadline for articles for April newsletter is March 21st.
- 8) Next Board meeting is Tuesday April 19. Thanks again to Leslie for hosting us.



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Geological Notes From Around our Realm

North Jeffco Gem and Mineral Club Silent Auction will be held on Friday April 8 at the Apex Community Recreation Center at 6842 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada. Setup at 5:30 PM and Auction begins at 6:45 PM. Contact Ron Knoshaug @ 303-423-2923 or jrknoshaug@comcast.net for more information.

The Mile Hi Mineral Club (RAMS) will be doing a field trip to the Book Cliffs area just outside Grand Junction, CO the weekend of May 7-8 for barite and calcite crystals. Please contact Ron Knoshaug @ 303-423-2923 or jrknoshaug@comcast.net if you are interested in attending or for further information. Note that the site is inaccessible if it rains so if forecast is for precipitation then the trip will be canceled. Hence please provide your contact information to Ron and he will let you know a day or two before the trip if it looks like it will be canceled

A Club E-Mail

I am a student intern with the Greeley Senior Activity Center. I am currently helping the Lapidary students find a grant to replace worn equipment. They have a few machine but need at least one more because students wait around until others are done using the equipment they need. There is also a need for more blades as they wear down quickly. If there are not grants available through the State society, where could I find more available grant information.

Thanks
Cayla Maneotis
cmaneotis@gmail.com

Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society Second Annual Silent Auction and Bake Sale

April 23, 2011 10 AM to 2 PM
At the WMMI
225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156A)
Colorado Springs CO

This is across from the North entrance to the Air Force Academy.

Standard admission to the Western Mining Museum applies. CSMS members and other WMMI supporting clubs admitted free. It's \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, \$4 for children 3-12 and kids under 3 free. The Mining museum hours are 9 AM. to 4 PM. Monday - Saturday. Daily Guided tours at 10 AM. and 1 PM (included in admission).

DENVER GEM & MINERAL SHOW MINI REPORT MARCH 2011

Don't think the Denver Gem & Mineral Show is far off into the future because by the time you read this it will be only a few short months away. Remember the dates – September 16 – 18, 2011. The theme is Minerals of Russia. This theme should prove to be an exciting one. Because of it some special things are being planned for the show in terms of exhibits and publicity. Watch for further details to be revealed as the show approaches. The flyers and small posters are available. Use them to publicize the show.

Now is the time for you to begin planning what you will do at the show. There is a spot for everyone. It takes over 400 volunteers to put on the show so we need all of you. The volunteer signup sheets should be circulating at your club meetings. There are many jobs available; most are easy and some are sitting jobs. Each one has a description so you know what each entails. Please do volunteer to help the show. The show is such a wonderful event for our mineral and fossil hobby. There is so much to see, do, learn, and experience at the show.

If you enjoy the show, why not consider joining the Show Committee so you can help plan the show. We can find a spot for you. There are many positions that need assistants. Each club has members on the Show Committee. Talk to one of the members from your club. We would welcome you. The Committee meets each month except December, February and July at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Knoshaug, Secretary



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“MAY 7, 2011”

Please put this date on your calendar

The Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) will have its annual silent auction of mineral hobby items on May 7th at the Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 920 Kipling, 3 blocks north of 6th Avenue in Lakewood, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Admission is free. The auction features reasonably priced minerals, fossils, faceted stones, lapidary equipment, books, and jewelry to the general public. A unique aspect of this auction is the ability for visitors to view and bid on fluorescent minerals in a special ultraviolet powered Fluorescent Room! There are door prizes every half hour, and a special verbal auction at 1:00 P.M. of museum quality specimens donated by special dealers. There is abundant parking, refreshments, and easy handicap access without any stairs. As always, the club will have a few auction tables reserved for only children to bid on.

One more Reminder!

Volunteer for your club!!

**It won't be anyone's club
unless you volunteer!!**

The May Auction needs

YOU!



March Raffle News:

The total retail value of March's raffle items were \$80 and brought in \$117.00 for education and science fair endeavors! **Your support is amazing!!!** The top item, won by *Dale Block*, was a pry bar (\$40), donated by **Bob Aussprung**. *Sue Lemieux* won an adamite specimen (\$27), from the **Carolyn Johnson** collection. *Cletus King*, won a pyrite specimen (\$16), from the **Judith Holmes** collection. *Craig Hazelton*, a lucky person winning two in one night - won a calcite specimen (\$14), from the **Carolyn Johnson** collection and a calcite specimen, (\$11), from the **Judith Holmes** collection. Lastly, *Mark Danuser* won the calcite & fluorite specimen (\$10), from the **Carolyn Johnson** collection.

Thanks go to Bill Jones and Kuyper Reynolds for helping with the raffle.

Congratulations to all our lucky winners.

Submitted by Eva,
CMS Raffle Manager.

Bob Aussprung

Judith Holmes

Carolyn Johnson



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Colorado Mineral Society News Letter New Member Notifications

By Cara Reynolds

Second Listing of New Members for Newsletter

Felix J. & Sarah Beall
Robert (Bob) Berry
Natalie & Robert Briscoe
Jerry Davidson
Greg & Elizabeth Davis
Dannaic (Dee) & Joe Horak
John Rowe

First Listing of New Members for Newsletter

Amber & Russ Ault
Veronica Bartlett
MistyAnn Bateman
Sally Bishop
Judy Blakemore
Adam Blanning & Lauren Frey
G. Scott Braley
Cynthia Bray & Chad Colclasure
Amber Brenzikofer
Julian Crawford
Paul & Nancy Crowell
Nolan Davis
Paula & Jim Dodds
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Gail Dubis
Greg & Laura Fawley
Courtney Fawley
Richard Galaty
Mark & Christine Gillaspie
Gary Gillaspie
Kellin Goodin
Bill & Laura Gunderson
Shawn V. Hall
Katie Hindman
Joe & Christina Kafka
James Mahony
Mario & April Marrujo
Valerie Meyer
Shannon Mundell & Adam Schaible
Roxanne Nelson
Michaela Obrien

Cory Olin
Adam & Stephanie Ostrow
Alex Parise & Sarah Walters
Ron & Marilyn Pearson
Roger & Pat Pittman
Augustus & Phyllis Posey
Terry Pyson
Alan & Mary Ragins
Svetlana & Roy Railsback
Markus & Eva Raschke
Donna Roberts
Richard Schattner
Jamie Seeley & Karim Abuzaid
Greg & Karen Stanek
Eckhard D. Stuart
David & Joan Tinkelman
Bernie & Heidi Van Senas
Johnny Walker
Lynette & Fred Warren
Karen Wells
Chuck & Gaylyn White
Greg Wilson

Welcome New Members

Amber & Russ Ault
Veronica Bartlett
Sally Bishop
Jessica & Tony Blackburn
Adam Blanning & Lauren Frey
Gail Dubis
Trisha Morrow
Ron & Marilyn Pearson
Augustus & Phyllis Posey
Don Pihoda
Donna Roberts
Jamie Seeley & Karim Abuzaid
Tom & Rita Sullivan
Chuck & Gaylyn White

We
Are Several
Months Behind
On Our
Membership
Lists.
We
Apologize
For
The Delay.



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Attention all Rockhounds

The New Mexico State Parks Division (NMSPD) has proposed to disallow rockhounding in Rockhound State Park near Deming, New Mexico. Rockhound State Park is best known for its fantastic thundereggs, some with multicolored agate in addition to well-formed quartz crystals. Also scattered about the park are rocks and minerals of volcanic and hydrothermal origin; including quartz, chalcedony, agate, common opal and banded and brecciated rhyolite. The 1,100 acre park was established in 1966 as the first in the United States that allowed collecting of rocks and minerals for personal use. Pictures of the park and some rocks collected there may be seen on the following web <http://www.mcrocks.com/ft09-1/StreeterApril09Page2.html>

The NMSPD's proposed plan may be read at the following web site <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/documents/RockhoundPMPPublicReviewDraftMarch2011.pdf> But, to save you time, the following is the pertinent part of the plan about rockhounding:

Rockhound State Park was originally established as a destination for rock collectors. At the time, in 1966, rock collecting was a popular pastime. Visitors were encouraged to visit the Park in order to collect rocks, and were allowed to take home up to 15 pounds of rocks.

Today the Division promotes a respect for the natural environment through interpretive and educational programs. Not only does rock collecting in a public park contradict the principle of natural resource protection.

There is only one state park in the United States that permits rock collecting: Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas, which has a 38-acre plowed field set aside for collecting. Nearly all municipal, state, and national parks prohibit the removal of natural artifacts from parks. The practice of rock collecting at the Park would need to comply with NMSA 1978, Section 16-2-32:

"A person who commits any of the following acts is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978:

A. cut, break, injure, destroy, take or remove a tree, shrub, timber, plant or natural object in any state park and recreation area, except in areas designated by the secretary and permitted by regulations adopted by the secretary, such regulations shall only permit the removal of a tree, shrub, timber, plant or natural object for scientific study or for non-commercial use by an individual as a souvenir, the quantity of material authorized for removal from any area shall be strictly regulated by park personnel in order to minimize resource damage."

If the Division were to continue to allow the public to collect rocks at the Park, the EMNRD Cabinet Secretary would designate a

specific area and adopt rules pertaining to the collecting of rocks on Park property (such as the amount and location).

The once popular hobby of rock collecting has declined significantly since the 1960s. There are local businesses that cater to rock collectors and can guide or direct them to similar opportunities outside of the Park. Safety is also a concern with the public collecting rocks in the Park, as there are steep and unstable slopes that are becoming more hazardous as the collecting alters the stability of the hillside. There is also a concern that some visitors may go beyond the Park boundaries in their quest for rocks.

Park staff has already begun the transition away from rock collecting and will need to educate the public about the need to respect the natural resources. One crucial step is to modify all Park information (signage, brochures, website), so that this activity is no longer encouraged. All materials need to state that it is a prohibited activity. The namesake theme can continue through educational programs and interpretive information about the rocks that occur in the Park and the geology of the region.

Revise written materials by removing all mention of rock collecting and add a reference to the state statute which prohibits rock collecting on Park property.

Written and oral comments on the plan will be accepted. Comment letters can be dropped off at the park; mailed to **P.O. Box 1147, Santa Fe, NM 87505**; e-mailed to nmparks@state.nm.us or faxed to **(505) 476-3361**.

PLEASE, everyone reading this message, email, snail mail or fax a written comment in opposition to the proposed plan to discontinue rockhounding in Rockhound State Park. You have until April 18, 2011 to make comment, so please get on it today.

Let's show the NMSPD personnel that rockhounding has not declined since the 1960s and the park should remain true to its namesake. Also, all you club members and officers out there, please let everyone in your club know about this by mass email so we can get all rockhounds throughout this country engaged in the battle to save yet another of our fleeting freedoms. This may be in far away New Mexico now, but in your backyard tomorrow.

PLEASE HELP NOW BECAUSE THERE IS NO TIME TO WAIT!

Mike Streeter
SFMS North Carolina Director
www.McRocks.com



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

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

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

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

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

June 24, 25 & 26 The Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society annual show at the Academy Hotel ,
8110 N. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO - Exit 150 from I-25

See inside for more Rock hound activities

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