Searching for barite in a arroyo in Pawnee National Grassland



Benefits of Membership

As a member of the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council, CMS participates in sponsoring the annual Denver Gem and Mineral Show, The largest gem and mineral show in Colorado. The show takes place each September at the Denver Merchandise Mart (451 East 58th Avenue, from I-25 take exit 215 and go east). The Society also mans a booth at the show, provides information about CMS and the benefits of membership.

By joining CMS, you will be able to enjoy these activities and at the same time learn many different things. It's EDUCATIONAL! It's FUN! Be our guest at one of the meetings.

Mineral Minutes

From October through May, our monthly bulletin, "Mineral Minutes", keeps us informed of events, future meetings, and other activities of our Society. It also contains educational information related to our hobby. The Minutes are received by the paid members of the Society. Address Correction Required

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Your invitation to membership in the Colorado Mineral Society

The Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) is an incorporated, nonprofit, educational organization founded in 1936 for the purpose of promoting greater interest among laymen in minerals and geologic materials. It is also Colorado's oldest mineral society.

Experts, beginners, amateurs and professionals – ALL who are interested in ores, rocks, minerals, crystals, gems and fossils, the study or collecting of them as well as the cutting and polishing of gemmy materials, are welcome to join the Colorado Mineral Society.

You are invited to apply for membership, join us at our meetings, and participate in our other year-round activities.



MEETINGS

We meet at **7:30 p.m.** on the **first Friday** of each month, **October through May**, in the meeting room of **Saint Paul's Episcopal Church**, Located at the corner of **10th Avenue and Garrison Street** in Lake wood, Colorado. Before the meeting, you have an opportunity to view displays of specimens collected by other members and to purchase the materials of local dealers. We start off the meeting by taking care of club business and making announcements. We then break for coffee, punch, and other snacks as well as some socializing. Finally, we have the highlight of the evening: an informative and (hopefully) entertaining presentation related to our common interests.

During the business session of the meeting, we have a separate educational assembly for children, where they can have some fun while learning about rocks and minerals. The meeting usually ends by 10:00 p.m.



Location of the next CMS meeting (near 10th and Garrison in Lakewood, Colorado)



Finishing up a day of collecting at North Table Mountain for zeolite minerals, including analcime, chabazite and thompsonite and calcite.

FIELD TRIPS

"Field Season" is the crowning event of our year! From spring until early fall, Society members lead many field trips to mineral and fossil collecting sites in Colorado and surrounding states. Most trips are within easy driving distance of Denver. The trip leaders are always ready to show beginners how and where to collect the best specimens.

The term "rockhound" refers to amateur and professional field collectors of ores, rocks, minerals, crystals, gems and fossils.



Here are smoky quartz specimens found on a field trip to Crystal Peak, Colorado

SOCIAL ASPECTS

While the emphasis of the Society is on mineral and fossil collecting, CMS also sponsors other activities that afford its members opportunities to make new friends with similar interest. This is especially true of our annual social events, all of which are enjoyable and promote the Society's traditions.

In late September, we hold our Founder's Day Picnic, a potluck. In December, our general membership meeting features a special seasonal program and a visit from Santa, an event for children of all ages!

During the year, we conduct our Silent Auction, the largest of its kind in Colorado. Members, guest, and friends are invited to buy and sell minerals, fossil, and other hobbyrelated materials.

In August, CMS members participate in the Colorado Contintail, which is the largest rockhound swap meet in the state. This gathering is sponsored by the Colorado Federation of Gem and Mineral Societies and is held at the Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds. Our Society also leads several field trips to nearby collecting localities during the weekend of the swap meet.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

So why not join today?

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