



# Colorado Mineral Society Mineral Minutes



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## President's Message

by Debbie Kalscheur

### *Passing the Torch / Thank you*

As we look to the New Year and to the dawning of the 2020's, we also welcome a new President to Colorado Mineral Society (CMS). At the December meeting, Amber Brenzikofer was unanimously elected as the next President. Amber has been a member of CMS for 10 years and has been a key contributor from the moment she "landed". For those of you who have had the pleasure of being in the field with her, you know that she always comes packed with pretty much anything that could be needed and she freely shares. Amber is well-prepared to take over the helm as she has previously served as President of various organizations, including Friends of Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum in Golden. I could not be happier to be passing the torch to Amber. Congratulations, Amber!

I would also like to congratulate Mark Leatherman for being elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Mark is a long-time educator in the Science field and winner of the Professional Mineral Identification challenge at this year's CMS Christmas party. He will be helping to guide and execute the education programs at CMS. I am excited for Mark to bring his substantial knowledge and experience to the role. Education is the cornerstone purpose of CMS and there is a great deal of opportunity to expand and refine the offerings. Congratulations to Ben Geller for his election to the role of Secretary. Ben has served as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for the last 2 years. Thanks, Ben! Thanks also goes to Loni for continuing on in the role of Treasurer. Please note that the role of 1<sup>st</sup> VP remains unfilled. If you have any interest or know someone who may, please reach out to Amber, me, or any Board member.

A huge thank you to Gary Rowe as he completes well over a decade of being an officer of CMS. He will remain as a significant contributor and has no intention of disappearing, but the time has come to find the successors to his formal roles. Thank you, Gary for all you have done [and continue to do] for the club over the many years! Since this will be my last president's message, I would like to also thank all of the Committee chairpersons for all they do. The club would not be able to be what it is without you!

As I reflect on the past two years as the CMS President, I feel we have accomplished a great deal. We began to modernize some of the processes and have taken the time to assess current trends and how to best take advantage of them or at the minimum, survive them. This has all been documented in the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the CMS Strategy that, as promised, will be discussed at the January general meeting. In the November and December newsletters, sections of the Strategy were published including the current situation assessment (SWOT), club vision/mission/values and the value definitions. In this newsletter, you will find the "areas of focus" where CMS resources would be directed over the next 3-5 years. Also included are the prioritized initiatives within each area that the club may choose to take on.

Please take a few minutes to review what has already been published prior to attending the January meeting. In lieu of a speaker, the CMS Strategy Development Committee will be presenting the key sections of the strategy and will be asking for your input/feedback, concentrating on the areas of focus and which initiatives to tackle first.

And finally, I want to thank you all for the honor of being President of the club for these past two years. CMS will always be a special organization to me. Happy 2020! Hope to see you at the January meeting.

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## CMS General Meeting Friday, January 3, 2020

7:30pm-9:30pm

St. Paul Episcopal Church in Lakewood  
(10th and Garrison)

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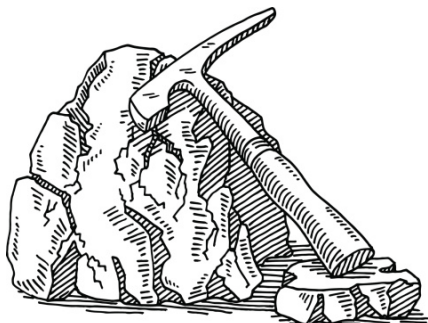
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## January 2020 Junior Rockhound Program

by  
MistyAnn Bateman  
Junior Rockhound Program Chair

At the January 3<sup>rd</sup> CMS meeting, the junior rockhounds will be looking at what different kinds of rocks and minerals there are and how similar or different they are from each other. Bring a rock of your own to share with the class.

The junior rockhound program occurs at the beginning of the CMS general meeting during the business portion of the meeting. Parents are encouraged to attend the program with their children to learn more about the program and learn more about rocks..



## CMS Officer Election

Officer elections were held at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party. The new 2020 CMS Officers include:

- ❖ President: Amber Brenzikofer
- ❖ First Vice President - Programs: **OPEN**
- ❖ Second Vice President - Education: Mark Leatherman
- ❖ Secretary: Ben Geller
- ❖ Treasurer: Loni Cole

We are still looking for a First Vice President who is responsible for identifying and scheduling programs for the CMS general meetings.

There are open appointed Board member positions available. Please contact a Board member if you have an interest. Available positions in 2020 include:

- Field Trip Coordinator
- Technology Chairperson and Assistant
- Newsletter Editor and Assistant
- Donations Chairperson and Assistant
- Historian Assistant
- Annual Auction Chairperson
- Grab Bag Coordinator

## Wanted Newsletter Editor

by Amber Brenzikofer, Editor

Since I am taking over as President of CMS, I need to pass the torch of editing the newsletter. I will still be involved with the newsletter and am looking for someone who can compile the information, format a newsletter, do research as needed, compile photos of events and field trips, and attend CMS Board meetings each month. I spend on average about 4 hours per month creating the newsletter and 2 hours per month attending the Board meetings (not necessary), so it is not a huge time commitment.

Other perks of being the newsletter editor is getting access to other club newsletters across Colorado and surrounding states, submitting newsletters and articles to the annual Rocky Mountain Federation newsletter competition and American Federation newsletter competition with the possibility of winning awards for new editor, best newsletter, article writers, and other categories. Please contact me for more information if interested.

## December 6, 2019 Raffle News

December's ticket sales amounted to \$145, with the retail value of \$172. **The raffle is successful because of your continued participation - thank you. Thanks to the dealers for the donations of these great specimens.**

The tourmaline specimen from the Himalaya Mine, California (\$37), donated by **Golden State Gem & Mineral**, was won by *Gary Nordstrom*. The roselite specimen from Morocco (\$29) donated **anonymously - thank you!!**, was won by *John Salvino*. The next two specimens were equally popular: one was the brucite (\$22), donated by **Donald K. Olson & Associates**, was won by *Jim Hall* the second one was the chalcocite with malachite & azurite replacing wood from the Nacimiento Mine, New Mexico (\$22), donated from the **Charles Spletz Collection**. **Ken & Mary Black** donated the aurichalcite specimen from Mexico that was won by *Phyllis Bray*. Last but not least was the inesite specimen from N'Chwaning, South Africa (\$15) donated **anonymously - thank you!!**, and won by *Don Bray*-lucky family winning two in one night.

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

Thanks John Kleber and Viola Padilla for helping with the raffle. *Congratulations to all the lucky winners!!!!*

Submitted by Eva Siemonsma, CMS Raffle Manager.

Charles Spletz  
Collection

Lee Barnett Collection  
(Ken and Mary Black)



**Golden State Gem & Mineral**

Website: [goldenstategemmineral.com](http://goldenstategemmineral.com)



Website: [www.donaldkolsonandassociates.com/](http://www.donaldkolsonandassociates.com/)

## WELCOME!!

### New CMS Members

#### First Listing

Eric & Jeong Hee Enger  
Kelly Husted & Eric Fontinelle  
Michelle Pallis

#### Second Listing

Hoyt Sutphin  
Dwight and Deborah Hall  
Gary Nordstrom and Kathy Torline

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





# CMS Holiday Party Recap

Note from the desk of Eva Siemonsma  
(photos by Amber Brenzikofer)

I am hoping you all had a wonderful Christmas and are enjoying a happy and healthy New Year. I want to express my appreciation for all who participated in the Holiday party, especially the set up and clean up, they are dull and tedious jobs, but the tasks are reduced with so many hands pitching in. Thanks Susan Duncanson for managing the table decorations with help from Adriana Cozzi and Wendy Carley. The results of the decorations - the hall looked very festive!

St. Paul's Episcopal Church was the setting for this year's Holiday Party in December.

The hall was set up in record time thanks to Gary Rowe's direction. Officers were elected for the 2020 year. The potluck was wonderful with all the delicious food! Thanks Star Edwards for managing the kitchen and the cleanup. The mitten and hat tree were decorated with lots of colorful goods.



The Pomona High School instrumental trio, directed by Amanda Singer, entertained us with holiday music. A heartfelt thanks goes to Leslie Osgood for making the earrings that were given to the young women who performed.

Thanks to **"Santa"** for his presence and after much coxing, received the young people and gave them a sack of 'rocks' (not coal though) and candy. Thanks Bill Carlton, your contribution was much appreciated. Thanks Gary Rowe, Kevin Atwater, Cindy & Paul Hatfield, for graciously donating the specimens for



the bags. Specimens from the Carolyn Johnson collection and Ken & Mary Black collection were also appreciated.



The cake steal was again a fun time. I think Jeff Self's number was chosen for the last cake selection again this year. He did steal 'that' cake :). The cake steal generated \$63 towards the general fund – thanks go to all those who brought the goodies for this event. Thanks Leslie Osgood for running the cake steal.



Thanks Pete Modreski for putting the professional mineral challenge together. It was fun and challenging - I heard. The winners were - Mark Leatherman 1st place, Ben Geller 2nd place, and Gary Rowe 3rd place. Prizes were donated by Dale Block, Pat Tucci & Zelda Bailey, and John Jazek Collection.

Thanks Jeff Self and Donna Ware for putting the amateur mineral challenge together. There were some great challenges for us amateurs - 5 way tie - wow. The winners were - Greg Wilson 1st place, Don Bray 2nd place, and Chris Keilman 3rd place (who guessed the tipping count of right answers). Prizes were donated by Pat Tucci & Zelda Bailey, John Jazek Collection, Daryl & Lori Lamb.

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## CMS Holiday Party Recap (continued)



Thanks Jack Sliemers for putting the Kids Mineral Challenge together. Junior winner was Tallia Heckman - great job taking the challenge!!! Junior prizes were donated by Dale Block, Pat Tucci & Zelda Bailey, John Shepie.

Thanks to John Kleber for running the Raffle and Viola Padilla for selecting winners. The raffle was a great success and the winners were delighted that their ticket were chosen.

The food was outstanding – everyone deserves a special ‘great job’ for contributing.



Happy  
New  
Year



*Thanks to all the other elves I forgot to mention, the party would not have been a success without everyone helping and participating. Based on the noise level throughout the evening, it appeared that all who attended were enjoying themselves. We do have a great club with great members!*



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### Rocky Mountain Federation News

The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) is made up of 78 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](http://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>.

# CMS Strategy Corner – Areas of Focus & Initiatives

(Edition 1)

In the November 2019 newsletter, we published the section of the CMS Strategy that summarizes the current state of CMS, identifying its current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. In the December 2019 newsletter, we published the foundational elements of the CMS strategy including vision, mission, and values. The foundation serves as the “compass” of the club, or in general, it’s purpose in the most idealized sense.

After working to distill the essence of what the club is about [the foundation] and comparing that against the club’s SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats), the CMS Strategy Development Committee identified the key areas of focus where club resources are needed most in the next 3 to 5 years. The Committee also brainstormed initiatives within each area of focus that would help support the club’s stated vision and mission. Shown below are the areas of focus along with a set of prioritized initiatives that made the most sense to the Committee to tackle first. What do you think? Are there initiatives listed here that you would be excited to be part of? Are there initiatives you are excited to lead or support relevant to the key areas of focus that are not listed?

We are interested in your thoughts and input. At the January general meeting, the Committee will be presenting the key components of the Strategy that have been published. The plan is to quickly go over the SWOT and vision/mission/values, but then focus most of the discussion and member feedback on the initiatives and the ways in which the club should invest over the coming years.

Please note that what has been published is the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the CMS Strategy. Notes will be taken on feedback from members that will then be considered during the regular updates to the Strategy.



Areas of Focus	Drivers	Initiatives/Investments
Enriching Experiences / Education	Sustainability/ Vision-Mission/ Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Forum (Communities)</li> <li>Mineral 360</li> <li>Community Outreach</li> </ul>
Membership Development	Diversity/ Vision-Mission/ Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Member Committee</li> <li>Leadership Development</li> <li>Volunteer Engagement</li> </ul>
Youth	Sustainability/ Community/ Vision/Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Program Development</li> <li>Community Outreach</li> </ul>
Expanded Revenue Streams	Sustainability/ CMS Scope/ Legacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estate Donations Program</li> <li>Grants/Fundraising</li> </ul>
Technology	Efficiency/ Convenience/ CMS Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enterprise IT</li> <li>Social Media / Marketing</li> <li>Remote participation</li> </ul>
Legacy	Engagement/ Sustainability Legacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lifetime Member Program</li> <li>CMS History Book</li> <li>Recognition Programs</li> <li>Living Legacy Program</li> </ul>





## News from Pat and Zelda

If you are planning to attend the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, please stop by our booth (GEOdyssey, LLC Booth #223). Show us your club badge or tell us that you are a CMS club member for a 20% discount.

Tucson Convention Center, 260 South Church Avenue, Tucson, AZ  
February 13-16, 2020

We'll be featuring many of our newest acquisitions, including a selection of specimens from Arizona and Mexico from a collection that we acquired last year, some new zeolite minerals, and a new selection of trilobites from Utah, Morocco, and other locations. As always, we'll have good-quality specimens from the US and around the world at affordable prices. You can preview some of our specimens on our website ([www.geodyssey-rocks.com](http://www.geodyssey-rocks.com)). We look forward to seeing you there. Pat Tucci & Zelda Bailey

## Colorado Mineral Society General Meeting on December 6, 2019

Call to Order – Debbie Kalscheur, President at 6:30pm

### **General Announcements:**

Debbie welcomed visitors and new members.

Nominations were requested for 2020 Executive Officers. Election for Officers were held with unanimous votes for Amber Brenzikofer as President, Mark Leatherman as Second Vice President, Ben Geller as Secretary, and Loni Cole as Treasurer. No nominations were received for First Vice President, so that position will remain open until filled by Board.

Debbie indicated that there were numerous chairperson positions available for 2020, including field trip leader, technology leader, auction chair, and newsletter editor.

### **Christmas Holiday Party/Potluck**

Eva Siemonsma gave a rundown of the events for the Christmas party, including the evening's entertainment by an instrumental high school trio, cake steal, and mineral challenges.

Raffle was held.

Next CMS general meeting is January 3, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

*Notes taken by Amber Brenzikofer*

## CMS 2020 Membership Dues – Time to Renew

A membership form with a renewal checkbox is located on the CMS website at [www.coloradomineralsociety.com](http://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 or by other arrangements.

## Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting on December 17, 2019

Attendees: Debbie Kalscheur, Ben Geller, Loni Cole, Eva Siemonsma, Alice Gemmell, Leslie Osgood, Amber Brenzikofer

There was a call to start the meeting at 7:02 pm

### **Transitions / Open Positions**

- Mark Leatherman has been elected to Board as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Jonathan Papers has volunteered for Greeter/Door Prize Chair
- There was a discussion of transition plans between outgoing board members and incoming board members and getting the new board members up to speed
- Still need a field trip leader, options were discussed including maintaining the past field trip committee
- Discussed the need for a technology chairperson and committee that is needed to meet in order to fulfill part of the CMS strategy
- Alice Gemmell submitted her resignation as donation chair, the Board expressed appreciation for all the work Alice has done.

### **Items for Board Approval/Special Topics**

- The Board discussed the February general meeting and having a grab-bag-stuffing party with teams of 12 or 13 people to fill 500 or 1000 grab bags. *A motion was made and approved to put CMS business cards in the grab bags.*
- The board discussed revising the membership form for the fall of 2020, introducing the new form in the summer of 2020, at which point the board will have looked into newsletter publishing and mailing costs that may be passed on to members who want a hardcopy newsletter.
- Membership engagement was discussed and the need for a Welcoming Committee.
- CMS received a rock and mineral donation from Jerry and Rita Keifer
- The January general meeting will be used to roll out the CMS Strategy Development initiative.
- The Board discussed the possibility of using the April general meeting as a Lifetime Member appreciation party and possibly putting together a panel similar to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary panel.

### **Officer/Committee Reports**

- The Treasurer discussed the 2018-2019 year-end financials and the current net worth of the club. The RMFMS dues have been paid. .
- Donations Chair noted that there were several incoming donation, and one continuous donation.
- Three new CMS memberships were by the Membership Chair.
- Suggestions of a memorial for Jerry Kiefer were discussed and approved for a donation to Aims Community College: Kiefer Library in Greeley
- There was a nice summary of the Christmas party from Eva including an inventory of Santa Bags remaining
- Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church is confirmed for the Auction in May 2020
- Raffle Chair discussed quarterly and yearly raffle income to be spent on Education activities
- The Denver Council did not approve the 2020 budget for the Denver Show; however, it will be approved at their next meeting. - Officer elections were held and everyone is renewing for another year.
- A deadline was set for reviewing the board minutes and the preparing the Newsletter

### **Other Topics - Inform**

Next CMS Board Meeting: January 21, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

*Meeting Minutes taken by Ben Geller, Secretary*



COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS  
2020

President: Amber Brenzikofer  
First VP-Programs: **OPEN**  
Second VP-Education: Mark Leatherman  
Secretary: Ben Geller  
Treasurer: Loni Cole

**Appointed Board Members - Committee Chairpersons**

Annual Auction: **OPEN**  
Door Prizes-Guests: Jonathan Papes  
Library: Kevin Atwater  
Display Chair: Chris Keilman  
Membership: Leslie Osgood  
Field Trip Leader: **OPEN**  
Field Trip Leader Co-Chair: Nels Grevstad  
Nominations: Debbie Kalscheur  
Grab Bags Coordinator: **OPEN**  
Publications: **OPEN**  
Historian: Amber Brenzikofer  
Jr Rockhound Coordinator: MistyAnn Batemar  
Jr Rockhound Assistants: Joanna Morsicato/Wendy Carley  
Hospitality: Star Edwards  
Donations: **OPEN**  
Technology Leader: **OPEN**  
Web Master: Julio Edwards



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**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 are: \$20.00 for a Family living at the same household, \$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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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:

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## FIRST CLASS MAIL



### Calendar of Events

**January 3, 2020, CMS General Meeting** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm-9:30pm

**February 7, 2020, CMS General Meeting** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm-9:30pm

**March 6, 2020, CMS General Meeting** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm-9:30pm

*\*Note, if Lakewood is on accident alert, the meeting may be canceled. Look at email and the CMS website for confirmation.*



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