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Bring your Best CMS Field Trip Finds to the May Meeting for Display!

All, we will be reviewing this year's field trip guide and schedule at our May 3rd meeting and myself and others have worked to line up a number of field trips this year we hope you'll find exciting. It includes a number of old favorites, a few new ones, a tour of the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine open pit operation, and two multi-day trips with multiple collecting opportunities: one in Wyoming over the long 4th of July weekend and one in November scheduled around the Socorro Mineral Symposium.

To get folks enthused about this year's field season please bring 2 to 3 of your favorite/best mineral, fossil, or gem specimens collected on a Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) field trip over the past several years. We'll have both display cases open and just ask you provide a label with the mineral name(s) and localities so folks know where specimens were collected.

Gary Rowe, CMS Field Trip Chair and Displays Co-Chair

President's Message

By Bruce G. Sales

Hello everyone. Spring has sprung, time has changed. The sun was shining and the birds were singing outside of my office. My snow dance is still working, it's supposed to snow this afternoon, but the forecast is for sunny and warm for the field trip on Saturday.

We have a field trip scheduled for the 27th of April to North Table Mountain in Golden; this is a joint trip with the Flatirons Mineral Club. Bring hammers, chisels, buckets, or boxes and something to wrap delicate specimens in. Also bring water, sunscreen and a hat; there is no shade at the collecting site. Only carry up the hill that what you wish to carry down the hill, plus specimens.

We have several positions that need to be filled. We need to find someone to take over Displays, both Gary Rowe and I have full plates and really could use some help with this task. Gary is also searching for someone to assist with planning and coordinating field trips, one of our major recurring annual events. If you have any questions and/or are interested in filling any of these important functions, please contact me or any board member for more information.

This month, we do not have a presentation, as we will be using that time to decide which field trips to attend this year. We have some great field trips planned for this year.

The Crystallography 101 articles will resume in the September 2013 newsletter.

I want to remind the membership that the Annual Silent Auction will be held on the 4th of May, at Holy Shepard Lutheran Church, 920 Kipling Street in Lakewood. I hope to see all of you there. Bring your specimens to sell, bid often on items that want to go home with you and have a great time at our biggest fundraising event of the year.

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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 Colorado Federation of Gem and Mineral Societies, 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 \$5.00.

ANNUAL EVENTS: Yearly activities include a silent auction of minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, equipment and other items related to our interests; participation in the Colorado Contin-tail, the largest mineral swap show in Colorado; participation as a member of the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council in sponsoring the largest gem and mineral show in Colorado; and the Founder's Day dinner.

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 in July, 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 24th of the month prior to publication. All correspondence to Mineral Minutes should be sent to Editor, P.O. Box 280755, Lakewood, Colorado 80228-0755 or by email to brenzikofer@yahoo.com.

"MAY 04, 2013"

It's almost here!

CMS will have its annual silent auction of mineral hobby items on May 4th 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.

A special invitation is extended to non-CMS members to participate in this auction as sellers and buyers. All sellers are requested to pre-register by phoning Leslie Osgood at 303-986-4488. Sellers can get extra copies of bidding slips at the end of this newsletter or on our club website at www.coloradomineralsociety.org

Our auction committee reserves the right to screen materials sold and to limit sales to three flats of material."

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER

- * A set up team
- * Table clearers & movers
- * Verbal Auction help
- * Cashiers
- * Back room help
- * Raffle helper
- * Check-in help
- * Food service help
- * Clean up
- * General help



Please make sure you sign the volunteer sheet at any of our meetings or phone me (Rich). Whether you can help for an hour or the whole auction, we need all the help and FUN we can get.

Do you have any questions about Volunteering? Please call Rich Nelson.

Submitted by Rich Nelson

The Colorado Mineral Society's Mineral Auction Saturday - May 4, 2013

**Holy Shepard Lutheran Church
920 Kipling Street
Lakewood, Colorado**



**Silent Auction from 11:00am to 3:00pm
Verbal Auction at 1:00pm**

See Page 4 for more info

Verbal Auction Donation Thank You

I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to everyone who donated to this year's verbal auction. These donations are 100% contribution to the club with all proceeds going to promote mineral education. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! You will be acknowledged individually in next season's newsletters, but wanted to also acknowledge you as a collective. We have some wonderful specimens this year that will be up on the auction block at the annual CMS action on May 4. A welcome invitation to you all to come and participate in the bidding! Do not miss the opportunity!!

Submitted by Debbie Kalscheur

CMS 75th Anniversary Items

CMS 75th anniversary items will be for sale at the May CMS meeting.



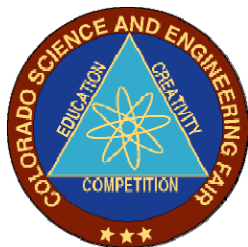
**Patch \$2.50 Rocky Pin \$3.00
Mineral Bag \$.20 cents**



If you have not received your 75th Anniversary pin, it will be available at the May meeting.

2013 SCIENCE FAIR REPORT

By Jerry Kiefer



On Thursday, April 11th, five members of the Colorado Mineral Society had the pleasure of serving as judges for the Fifty-Eighth Annual Colorado Science and Engineering Fair, held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. CMS is one of a number of organizations that provide special awards for the competition that brings together interesting displays representing the research projects of middle school, junior and senior high school students from throughout the state. CMS is the only private organization that has presented a special award during the entire 58-year history of the state science fair. Lee Brown, Bruce Geller, Craig Hazelton, Ray Horton, and Jerry Kiefer reviewed those that had an Earth Science

theme, and then interviewed the student researchers. After difficult deliberation, they chose the following as deserving of recognition by CMS:

Junior Division, First Place: Melody Shellman, 8th Grade, Cherry Creek Challenge School, Denver. The title of Melody's project: "Can Fracking Cause Earthquakes? Investigating the Possible Effects of Fracking Fluids on Earthquakes."

Junior Division, Second Place: Joe Pope, 6th Grade, St. Columba Catholic School, Durango. The title of Joe's project: "Got Oil? A Study of Oil Absorption in Rocks."

Senior Division, First Place: Brisha Wakasugi, 12th Grade, Alamosa High School, Alamosa. The title of Brisha's project: "The Minnie Lynch: A Comparative Study in the Affects of Parent Material on Water Quality in Ephemera." Brisha was also the CMS Senior Division First Place winner in 2012.

Senior Division, Second Place: Jacob Nichols, 11th Grade, Brush High School, Brush. The title of Jacob's project: "A Two-Dimensional Investigation of Hydraulic Fracturing Principles."

Each of the winners received a copy of Roadside Geology of Colorado and a check: \$50 for the First Place winners and \$35 for the Second Place winners. Each also received a Certificate of Achievement and mineral specimens from the Colorado Mineral Society and from the Flatirons Mineral Club.

This is an enjoyable project for the judges. We are always amazed at the talent we see in these young people. If you would like to see any or all of the project abstracts, please get in touch with Jerry Kiefer (jerrykiefer@comcast.net). Any CMS member who would like to participate in the experience next year should make one of this year's judges aware of your interest.

Update on Ed Raines' Mineral Identification Course

The 10 openings for the Mineral Identification course have now been filled. Those still interested are welcome to be added to the waiting list as the summer tends to result in change of plans and class positions may open up. Please contact Debbie Kalscheur (303) 200-0260 if you are interested.

I will be contacting those who have signed up to confirm your participation. I spoke with Ed Raines and he would like to start the class in September, which would be before our first meeting. As a reminder the club picks up half of the cost of the course with the student/pair being responsible for the other half which is \$75 individual cost. Payment will be due to Debbie Kalscheur by June 30th for the September start. Please make checks out to the Colorado Mineral Society.

I will confirm the start date with Ed Raines prior to the May meeting. It appears that Monday nights work for all who signed up, so I will likely suggest that weeknight. We will need to confirm emails for each of you who have signed up [including those on the wait list]. That will likely be the easiest way to deliver group communication.


Being an alumnus of the course, I am excited for each of you to have this opportunity to learn from Ed. He is an excellent instructor of mineralogy and I have no doubt you will learn a great deal that will enhance your enjoyment of mineralogy and rock hounding alike. Happy studying!

Submitted by Debbie Kalscheur



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New CMS Members - First Listing

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 Jamie Harvey and Brian Busse, Jr.
 Fraser and Christy Payne

New Members - Second Listing

Alex Kuzcun
 John and Melinda Thompson

April 5th Raffle News

The raffle was again filled with some great specimens and your continued support of this endeavor allows the proceeds to be spent on CMS education, the purchase of library materials, and the state science fair awards. The retail value of the evenings donations were \$192 bringing a total of \$111 into the raffle account. The phantom quartz specimen (\$23) donated **anonymously**, was won by *Phyllis Bray*. There were three specimens that were equally popular and brought \$21 apiece *Karen Heckman's* ticket was drawn for the Boulder Opal pendent and was donated by **Orca Gems**, the amethyst specimen donated by **Porter Minerals International**, was won by *Bob Heckman*, and the aeschynite-(Y) specimen donated by **Buckskin Booksellers**, was won by *Susie Ramey*. The pyrite cube specimen from North Carolina (\$13) donated by **Dick Owens** was won by that lucky *Jesse DeOllos*. Last but not least, the calcite specimen (\$12) donated from the **Carolyn Johnson collection**, was won by Mary Schons.

Thank you to those who donated these great specimens, it's a treat to watch when a winner realizes his or her ticket is called!!!

Thanks go to Amber Brenzikofer and Heckman's granddaughter for helping with the raffle.

Congratulations to all our lucky winners.

Submitted by Eva Siemonsma, CMS Raffle Manager

Richard Owens

Carolyn Johnson

It's Time Again for Another Thrilling Chapter from the Life and Times of a Tow Truck Driving Rockhound

by Eric Hedricks

Greetings to all out there in newsletter land, I hope this finds you all doing well. Things have been busy, busy, busy up here on the hill. The calendar says it is spring, but up here it is still a lot like winter. It has been snowing almost every day for the last two weeks. With all that snow comes all the problems that go with it, people crashing or sliding off the roads or their driveways. I have been working an average of twelve to fourteen hour days and my rather large rear end is dragging. We got a short break in the weather last weekend and I took some time for myself and went to the ranch to work and go do some digging. My sister Julie and I went to the Topaz claim on Saturday to walk the boundary and see what we could find. I came out with about twenty nice little cutters, a few of them with a very nice blue tint to them. On the way back to the ranch we stopped on the road to pick up some yard rock for the landscaping. I was standing in the road when a Jeep came around the corner and stopped. It was Bob Hembre, John Schmidt, and a mystery person in the back seat. They had been doing the same thing we were doing, checking out there claims, and stopped to say hi. It was good to see them since I had not seen them for months. Sunday, I picked up more rock and worked on dry stacking a culvert on one of the really messed up roads at the ranch. I did more on the roads and dry stack on Monday morning, but it turned cold and I stopped working and headed for home. By the time I got to Pine Junction it was snowing hard and there was about six inches on the road.

"Prospectors" is looking good on the Weather Channel. The day of our last meeting, I attended a meeting with the other claim holders and High Noon Productions to discuss the possibility of a second season. I received some mixed opinions of the show at the last CMS meeting. Most people thought the show looked good and was worth watching, but some were concerned that it might bring more people out into the woods looking for rocks and they thought that would be a bad thing. Is that not what the CMS is all about, promoting the mineral collecting hobby? We have another meeting on the Prospectors show on the 22nd in Colorado Springs and I will be there.

Are you all ready for the big AUCTION on the 4th of May? I will be packing my collection and I will be setting things aside for the auction. It's always a lot of fun and I really can't wait. Our friend and fellow member, Ray Horton, told me at the April meeting that he will not be attending the auction this year. He will instead be on the freedom flight to Washington, DC to visit the Korean War Memorial. In case some of you did not know, our friend Ray is a decorated Korean War Veteran and I am proud to call him my friend. I was lucky enough to be able to attend a ceremony a few years back where Brigadier General Sal Velano presented Ray with five decorations for his service. We will miss you at the auction Ray, but you can't pass up a chance like this just to bid on some rocks. Anyway, I think that about covers it for this month. Until the next article, stay safe out there and keep on rocken!



Crystallography 101

By Bruce G. Sales

To be continued this fall.



Amethyst

COMMUNITY PAGE

GEOdyssey's ANNUAL HOME SALE

Saturday, June 15, 2013, 9 am to 3 pm

15339 West Ellsworth Drive, Golden, CO 80401

(ph: 303-279-5504)

We are WAY overstocked (seems to be an on-going problem)! Help us reduce our inventory at our annual mineral and fossil "garage sale." A wide variety of individual specimens and low-priced flats will be available. All specimens are a minimum of 10% off, with bigger discounts for volume purchases. You can check out some representative specimens on our web site, www.geodysey-rocks.com. We'll have several new flats of specimens priced at 25% and 50% off. Drinks and snacks provided.

Directions: from west 6th Avenue, exit onto Indiana Street and go south on Indiana. Drive into Mesa View Estates. Turn right at the first street (McIntyre Circle) and right at the next street (Ellsworth Drive). We are about midway down the street on the left.

Pat Tucci
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The CMS annual dues were due on January 1, 2013. You can pay in two ways:

1. Send a check made out to "Colorado Mineral Society" or "CMS" to P.O. Box 280755, Lakewood, Colorado 80228. Please do not send cash through the mail. A membership card will be mailed or emailed back to you. If you are not a member and want to join CMS, fill out an application form that can be found on the CMS website and send with your check.
2. Pay with cash or check at the CMS general meetings the first Friday of each month. Look for the Membership Chairperson to obtain a receipt and membership card.
3. If you are not a member, but want to participate in the field trips this summer, you need to become a member due to insurance requirements. You can print off a membership form from the CMS website, fill it out, and give your application form and money to the trip leader the day of the field trip.



CMS Membership Fees:

Family: \$16 per year

Single: \$14 per year

Senior (single or family): \$12 per year

Junior: \$12 per year

Remember you can receive color electronic and/or black and white hardcopies of Mineral Minutes. However, CMS is trying to be "green" and cut back on paper copies, so please indicate if it is OK to send you an electronic copy only. Also, make sure to give us your updated email address so you can continue to get the newsletter and other important CMS updates.

CMS Meeting Notes for April 5, 2013

Attendance:

Adults – 92

Children – 11

General Announcements:

Bruce Sales, CMS president opens meeting with general announcements & acknowledged new members and all new visitors

1. May Auction updates:

- CMS Auction will be on May 4, 2013 at Holy Shepard Lutheran Church at 920 Kipling St. from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- See Leslie Osgood for a seller's number or a buyer's number.
- Volunteers needed, sign up with Rich Nelson.

2. Denver Show updates:

- Bill Jones asked for volunteers for the Denver show and passed around a sign-up sheet.
- Denver Show theme for 2013 will be "Tourmaline".

3. Debbie updated CMS members with an updated for the "Mineral Identification Class" with Ed Raines:

- CMS will pay half of the fees for the class, and CMS members are responsible for the other half of the fees. Any questions, contact Debbie

4. Gary announced that the field trip guide will be ready for the May meeting. He was looking for a few more field trip leaders.

Presentations:

Bruce Sales did a presentation on Crystallography

Craig Hazelton, Viola Padilla, and Sandra Gonzales did a presentation on their recent trip to Africa

A special thanks to the Craig, Viola, and Sandra on their lively and entertaining presentation!

Door Price Winners:

Star Edwards

Ben Waltzer

Lee Brown

Gary Gillaspie

Diana Stockmar

Dorothy Horton

Robbie Briscoe

Susan Duncanson

Donna Roberts

Will Nelson

Submitted by Sandra Gonzales



CMS Board Meeting Notes for April 16, 2013

Attendees: Bruce Sales, Eva Siemonsma, Debbie Kalscheur, Amber Brenzikofer, Leslie Osgood, Gary Rowe, Cara Reynolds, Bill Jones, Sandra Gonzales

Old Business:

CMS Business Card Proposal:

- Debbie Kalscheur presented the final business card draft.
- Pricing quotes for printing will be obtained by Leslie, Sandra, and Debbie and submitted to board for vote approval, via internet in order to meet printing deadline
- Business cards will be ready for the May meeting and will be distributed to CMS members.

Denver Show Update:

- Bill Jones presented updates from the Denver Show Committee.
- A show packet with forms need to be filled out and returned to secure 2 club displays.
- Bill will be contacting Dale regarding grab bags for the show.
- Bill obtained donations (copper) for the grab bags
- Needing more volunteers for the show.

CMS Auction Update:

- Debbie will be attending the April mineral show to solicit mineral donations for the verbal action .
- All volunteers for the auction need to meet at 9am.

Mineral Identification Class

- 10 CMS members have signed up for the class, with 1 alternate if any cancellations.
- Class dates will be in September- All fees need to be paid prior to the first class.

Junior Rockhounding Class

- Lewis Reynolds will be taking over the Junior rockhounding class in October.
- There will be some changes in the class curriculum, per recommendations of Laurie Lamb who has done an excellent job for the last few years educating our junior rockhounters.
- Lewis will be instituting a new rockhounding badge program.
- It has been a challenge to educate a wide spectrum of ages in the program, but because of Laurie's dedication, our junior rockhounters have continued to leap and prosper from her instruction.

Money Clips for Christmas Carolers:

- Eva continues to work on money clips.

New Business:

- Bruce & Debbie are working on guest speakers & mineral displays for 2013-2014.
- Cara will be finalizing the membership directory and will send in for printing.
- There are 150 members paid to date.
- The board approved 125 field trip guides to be printed.
- Board members will be setting up early for the May meeting. Anyone interested in helping with set up and take down, your help is appreciated.
- Gary reported on field trips for the 2013-2014 season.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Notes Submitted by Sandra Gonzales

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CMS Silent Auction Buyer's Receipt	
Item Description:	
FINAL BID	\$

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<i>Item Description:</i>	
FINAL BID	\$

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular CMS Meeting - May

Date: May 3, 2013 Time: 7:30pm

Place: St. Paul's Church, Lakewood

(Get Your Field Trip Guide)

CMS is part of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The RMFMS Newsletter can be found at www.rmfmts.org and the AFMS Newsletter can be found at www.amfed.org. Check them out!!!!!!

If the Metro Denver area declares the roads on accident alert during a snowfall on meeting night, consider the CMS general meeting canceled.

<http://www.coloradomineralsociety.org>