



Colorado Mineral Society Mineral Minutes



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CMS May 6th Silent Auction

Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) will have its annual silent auction of mineral hobby items on May 6th at the Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 920 Kipling, 3 blocks north of 6th Avenue in Lakewood, from 11:00am to 2:45pm. Admission is free. Checkout begins at 2:45pm (**cash or check only**). More details on Page 3, bid slips on Page 11. Sellers can get bid slips on our club website at www.coloradomineralsociety.org. The website version of the forms can be filled in electronically.

Art and Mineral Workshop June 16th and 17th

The Friends of the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum (FCSMG) will be holding adult and kids only events for members and local mineral clubs. The Art & Mineral Workshop, Wine and Cheese Social Event will be June 16th and 17th at the CSM Geology Museum, featuring Fred Wilda, a famous mineral artist. On Friday, June 16th from 5:30pm-9pm, an **adults-only** workshop with wine and cheese will including learning to paint a beryl crystal from Fred Wilda (cost: \$100 per person).

On Saturday, June 17th 10am-3pm, a **kids-only** mineral and art workshop to learn to draw crystals (free for the first 30 kids to sign up, includes pizza).

Please RSVP To Sandra Gonzales at 720-425-3908 or SandraGonzales@rockygems.com. More info on page 7, additional artist information to be emailed.

Next CMS General Meeting May 5, 2017

The next CMS general meeting will include a discussion on all the field trips that will be offered this year. The meeting starts at 7:30pm at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Garrison in Lakewood.

The 2017 Field Trip Guides and 2017 Membership Directory's will be distributed at the meeting. Therefore, to attend the May meeting, everyone will need to be current members. You can pay your 2017 membership at the meeting, if needed. Field trip sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting, electronic copies of the field trip guide and membership directories will be sent out to current members by email on May 6th. You can sign up for field trips by contacting the field trip leaders listed in the field trip guide.

If you are listed as a new first-listing member in the newsletter (see Page 5 for this month's newsletter) and you come to the May CMS General Meeting, you will receive a free specimen donated by our generous members.

Memorial Weekend Field Trip Preview – There will be a field trip to the Celestite Queen claim and Yellow Cat on May 27-29. Because it is Memorial weekend you should get motel rooms in Green River, UT now. Camping is available on the Mine and at Yellow Cat.

Saturday, May 27th: Celestite claim. Take first exit off I-70 West into Green River, Utah. Meet at the Pilot Travel Center and leave from there at 9 A.M. The Celestite claim is southwest of Green River about 20 miles.

Sunday, May 28th: Yellow Cat. Meet at Yellow Cat exit off I-70 (exit 193) on south side of I-70 at 10am. Yellow Cat is between Grand Junction, Colorado and Green River, Utah.

Monday, May 29th. Open day.

More information on the trip will be in the field trip guide.

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COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS
2017

President: John W. Smith

First VP-Programs: Gary Rowe

Second VP-Education: Debbie Kalscheur

Secretary: Sandra Gonzales

Treasurer: Eva Siemonsma

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: **OPEN**

Membership: **OPEN**

Field Trip Leader: Gary Rowe

Field Trip Leader Co-Chair: Nels Grevstad

Nominations: Bruce Sales

Grab Bags: Marchelle Carlton

Editor: Amber Brenzikofer

Historian: Amber Brenzikofer

Scrapbook: Jennifer Knies

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Jr Rockhound Assistant: **OPEN**

Hospitality: Star Edwards

Donations: Debbie Kalscheur

Web Master: Julio Edwards

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Representatives (Board Members)

Denver Council Rep: Bruce Sales

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. 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 \$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:

editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com



Colorado Mineral Society's Silent and Verbal Auction

Saturday - May 6, 2017

**Minerals, fossils, faceted stones, lapidary pieces, books, jewelry,
and fluorescent minerals**

- + Door prizes every half hour, raffle at 2:45pm
- + Special verbal auction at 1:00pm of museum quality specimens donated by special dealers
- + Abundant parking, refreshments, and easy handicap access
- + A few auction tables reserved for only children to bid on

Location: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
920 Kipling Street (3 blocks north of West 6th Ave.)
Lakewood, Colorado 80215

Time: 11:00am to 2:45pm
Checkout will begin at 2:45pm (Cash or Check Only)

****A special invitation is extended to non-CMS members
to participate in this auction as sellers and buyers****

Limit of sales to three flats of materials. Sellers can get copies of bidding slips on our club website (fillable and printable pdf file):

www.coloradomineralsociety.org

Checkout will be by bidder number so contact Leslie Osgood at 303-986-4488 (leave a message) or osgood.castle@juno.com for a bidder number and/or seller letter.

Any questions about the auction should be directed to Ben Geller by phone at 303-550-5993 or by email at geller520@gmail.com



April 7, 2017 Raffle News

Another great raffle - April's ticket sales amounted to \$205, with the retail value of \$90. The most popular specimen was the crocoite (\$73), it was donated by **Ken & Mary Black from the Lee Barnett Collection** and won by a very, very happy John Smith. The quartz/pyrite specimen (\$33) donated by **Daryl & Lori Lamb** was won by a smiling Randy Leonard. The marcasite specimen (\$29) donated from the **Charles Spletz Collection Minerals** was won by Ric Hoerter. Bruce Sales won two at this raffle, the fluorite specimen (\$25) that was donated by **GEOdyssey, LLC** and the enargite specimen (\$23) that was donated by **Rocky Mountain Gems**. Last but not least, John Smith, second time winner tonight too, won the fluorite specimen (\$22) that was donated by **Paul Liu**.

Thank you for the donations of these great specimens, it is successful because of your participation. The proceeds are spent on CMS education, the purchase of library materials, and the state science fair awards.

Thanks John Kleber and Cara Reynolds for helping with the raffle.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners!!!!

Submitted by Eva Siemonsma, CMS Raffle Manager

**Ken and Mary Black
Lee Barnett Collection**

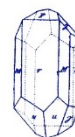
**Charles Spletz
Collection**

**Daryl and Lori
Lamb**

Paul Liu



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CMS New Members

First Listing

Donald & Gail Beamer
Melissa Hesse
Dwight & Karen Jessop
Geoff Llerena
Anna & Scott Merritt and family
Jonathan Morsicato
John Warn

Second Listing

Eva Boyer and family
Melanie Dies
Jeanne & David Sprowls
Seana Strle

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

Welcome!

GEOdyssey's Annual Mineral & Fossil Home Sale

June 10-11, 2017, 9 am to 3 pm

15339 West Ellsworth Drive, Golden, CO 80401 [\(303-279-5504\)](tel:3032795504)

This will be a **2-day sale!** Help us reduce our inventory, and celebrate our 20 years in business, at our annual mineral and fossil "garage sale". This year we will be featuring specimens that we obtained on our trip to Bulgaria, as well as specimens from our personal collection. All specimens are a minimum of 20% off, with bigger discounts for volume purchases. We'll have many new specimens priced at 50% off, and some at 75% off. We will also be featuring jewelry and beads. Drinks and snacks provided while you relax on our shaded patio. You can preview some representative specimens on our web site, www.geodyssey-rocks.com.

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 & Zelda

A CALCITE FROM EVERY STATE

by Pat Tucci

Zelda and I like to collect calcite – it comes in lots of different crystal forms (more than 600) and colors, and affordable specimens can be readily found. I had been looking at our collection and realized that we had specimens from 29 different states. If I wanted one from every state, then I was more than half-way there! So, about a year ago I decided to try to obtain a calcite specimen from every state.

Calcite is a pretty common mineral and it is the main mineral in limestone, which can be found in many parts of the US, so a calcite from every state might actually be an achievable goal. Extensive searching on the internet turned up pictures of calcite specimens from lots of different states. At first obtaining specimens was fairly easy. I bought several from Dan's Used Rocks, who had recently acquired Bob Park's extensive calcite collection. I also was able to buy several from dealers on the internet. Then it seemed like I hit a wall: specimens from Hawaii, Delaware, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Dakota, Louisiana, Nebraska, were difficult to find.

I contacted various dealers here in Denver to fill in the missing states, but no luck. Next I tried contacting mineral clubs in those eight states. This effort brought some good results, because people in mineral clubs are a friendly and helpful lot. Most people that responded offered to just send me a specimen. Not only did I get a calcite specimen from Hawaii, but I got three from a location mainly made up of volcanic rocks! People in Delaware, Alabama, South Carolina and Mississippi also came through (eventually). The specimen from Delaware was a bit different than what I'd expected – it was a fossil belemnite that had been replaced with calcite. Hey, at this point I'll take calcite in whatever form I can get it. Whenever I received a response from a club member who said that they had a specimen to share, I offered to buy it or trade them for a comparable specimen from Colorado. A few people ended up with a nice amazonite, smoky quartz or pyrite specimens from here. The guy from Hawaii wanted turquoise from Cripple Creek, and he asked if I would send him several pieces for which he was willing to pay. He teaches lapidary and wanted some for his class. This was right around the time of the Spring Show in 2016, and I was able to get him a good deal on some. I also sent him a slice of Colorado acanthite that he could cut.

One of the members of the Ft. Collins club finally got a piece of calcite from Nebraska for me; however, I still could not get specimens from Louisiana or North Dakota. Club members in those states either didn't respond to my inquiries or said that calcite didn't occur there. There is limestone in both of those states (which I'd accept as a calcite specimen), so I knew that calcite should be found there. I tried contacting the Geological Surveys in both states. Louisiana didn't respond, but North Dakota came through with some small calcite crystals on a concretion. I tried contacting a cement trade association in Louisiana, but they said that all the limestone for cement is imported from other states. I found references in Mindat.org to limestone quarries in a couple southern Louisiana parishes, so I again felt that calcite from there was possible. I searched the internet for active quarries, but only found one; however, the email contact on their web site did not work. I have sent them a letter, but so far have not heard back from them. I've also tried contacting some of the geological societies in Louisiana, but have not heard back.

So there it is – I am one state short of my goal. Most of the specimens that I've got are nice, relatively inexpensive crystals. Some specimens contain calcite along with some other mineral(s). Some aren't much to look at, and a couple are just massive calcite from veins, one is a fossil, and one (from Louisiana) is invisible so far. I've included a few pictures of some of the state specimens.



Calcite from the Elmwood Mine, Smith Co., Tennessee. About 4 inches across.



Manganoan calcite from Lee Co., North Carolina. About 1 inch tall.

A CALCITE FROM EVERY STATE (continued)



Calcite from Oahu, Hawaii. About 4 inches across.



*Calcite in fossil clam, Okeechobee Co., Florida.
About 4 inches across.*




*Calcite from southwest North Dakota – very rare!
About 1.5 inches across.*



*Calcite replacing fossil belemnite, Delaware City, Delaware.
About 3 inches across.*


All photographs were taken by Pat Tucci.





**Friends of the
Colorado School
of Mines
Fundraiser**

Art & Mineral Workshop
Wine and Cheese Social Event
Where: CSM Geology Museum
(Adults Only)
Learn How To Paint a Beryl
Crystal By Famous Artist
Time: 5:30PM - 9PM
Date: Friday June 16, 2017
Cost: \$100 Per Person

Mineral and Art Workshop
Where: CSM Geology Museum
(Kids Only)
Learn How To Paint a Beryl
Crystal by Famous Artist
Time: 10AM - 3PM
Date: Sat June 17, 2017
Cost: Free - First 30 kids to
sign up—Includes Pizza
Colorado School of Mines
Geology Museum
1301 Maple St, Golden, CO 80401



**Become a friend
Of the Museum !**

Fred Wilda

Fred, a self-taught artist, was raised on a small New England farm in Hadley, Massachusetts. His enthusiasm for the natural world developed when he was a very young child. He began sketching, painting, and carving while still in elementary school. Read Bio.....

Fred has gracefully volunteered to come to Denver to work with the Friends of the Museum to put together a fun social fundraiser event that will benefit both adults and kids. The evening event will provide drinks and food and will include a mineral talk and instructions on how to paint your first Beryl Crystal. The art class size is limited to 30 individuals, all other are encouraged to watch!

The proceeds raised from the Friday night event will provide a free mineral & art work shop for kids who are interested in minerals and art. The event will provide a free mineral lecture, lunch, and instructions on how to paint a Beryl Crystal.

Please RSVP To Sandra Gonzales at SandraGonzales@rockygems.com
Or call me at 720-425-3908

Upcoming Shows, Events, and Mineral Sales

Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter, Silent Auction. Saturday, May 13, Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood CO, 12:00-4:00 (setup begins at 10:30 a.m., auction begins at 12:00, verbal auction 1:00, all tables will close by 3:00 p.m., checkout follows). For more info see <http://friendsofmineralogycolorado.org/>.

Dan's Used Rocks Annual Open House and Mineral Sale, Saturday May 13, 10:00am-4:00pm, 12296 W. Mississippi Ave, Lakewood, CO 80228, home: 303-986-3647, cell: 303-437-9643, email: dansrocks@comcast.net. Hundreds of specimens at 50% off and numerous inexpensive flat lots.

Panhandle Rock and Gem Club Rock Show, May 26-29, 8am-5pm, Scottsbluff, NE Riverside Zoo Campground, free admission, public welcome, auction Saturday 6:30pm.

54th Annual Pikes Peak Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show, featuring pyrite, June 2-3, 10am-5pm and June 4, 10am-4pm, Adults \$5, 3-day pass \$8, kids 12 and under free, Mortgage Solutions Financial Expo Center, 3650 N. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80907. Sponsored by Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society, ppgmjshow@gmail.com.

Home Rock Show (Sale) by John Haney, July 14-15-16, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily, 4242 Thompson Court, Denver CO. 80216 (south of I-70, east of York St. & west of Steele St.). "Rough rock, slabs, cabs, enhydros, fossils, amber, minerals, crystals, gemstone bowls & boxes, lapidary equipment & supplies; discounts for lapidary students." Contact, Rocksisme@comcast.net, 303-296-8268.



Denver Gem & Mineral Show Mini Report April 2017 50th Anniversary Show

The 50th Anniversary Denver Gem & Mineral Show will be a memorable show! Remember the theme is **GOLD AND SILVER!** The dates are September 15 - 17, 2017 and the venue is the usual Denver Mart, 451 E. 58th Avenue (exit 215 on I-25). The Show Chair is Lesley Sebol, 720-999-1372 or lesleysebol@gmail.com.

There are many opportunities for you to promote and help with the show. One is coming up on May 13. That is Boy Scout Day at Dinosaur Ridge. Boy Scout Day is the biggest day all year for the ridge. The show will have a booth there to give away rocks, show posters and post cards and to talk to people about the show. The booth is being planned and organized by Kathy Honda and she would love to have your help. You may contact her at katherine.honda@ucdenver.edu. If you have never been to the ridge on Boy Scout Day, you are in for a real treat. There are all kinds of activities happening and the scouts create an exciting atmosphere all day long.

As has been said many times before, the show is an all-volunteer effort put on by the members of the eight local gem, mineral and fossil clubs. It requires about 400 volunteers to operate the show at show time. The Show Committee depends on the clubs for these volunteers. The volunteer signup sheets are available at your club meetings. Please be generous with your time and energy to support the show. The show is the annual event where you can fully immerse yourself and enjoy the gem, mineral and fossil hobby that we all love. Join your peers and volunteer!

There are currently several open positions on the Show Committee. There is a need for a Grab Bag Chair. This is not a terribly difficult job but primarily involves organizing the grab bag, pin and poster sales tables at the show. The most important part is finding additional volunteers to assist at the tables during the show. The former chair maintained a list of volunteers from prior years. It is fun to sell the bags to all the children. The second position is the Signs Chair. This person orders the new dealer and other signs for this year's show and puts them up on Thursday before the show. Of course, there is quite an inventory of signs from prior shows which are also used. Another position is the Database Chair. This person enters new information from the show door prize coupons to maintain our database of attendees for publicity purposes. This function can be performed at your leisure during the year after the show. Another position is Show Pin Chair. This job involves designing the show pin and ordering it in time for the show. None of these jobs are terribly difficult but all contribute to the show. If many people do something, we will have a successful show.

So, think about the show. It's only a few months away and there will be only one 50th Anniversary Show. Let us all make the best of it! Remember we are counting on you to help us! And we know you will not disappoint.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Show Secretary

CMS Membership Dues Reminder!!

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.
3. Fill out a membership form and bring cash or check to a field trip to receive a temporary membership card. A new membership form is located on the CMS website at www.coloradomineralsociety.com.

CMS Membership Fees:

Family: \$16 per year

Single: \$14 per year

Senior 65+ (single or family): \$12 per year

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

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.

CMS General Meeting on April 7, 2017

John Smith, CMS President, opened the meeting with greeting all new members and visitors.

Attendance: 80 members and 4 guests

General Announcements:

John Smith indicated there are numerous CMS Board and Chairperson positions available.

Mark Danuser talked about the April Spring Show at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on April 14-16, which will include a silent and verbal auction on Saturday night to benefit the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum.

Ben Geller discussed the annual CMS May 6th auction logistics for bidders, sellers, and volunteers.

Amber Brenzikofer reported that CMS members won 5 awards from the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineral Societies (RMFMS) 2016 Bulletin Contest. Awards were presented to those members who were present. Other awards will be presented next month.

- Amber Brenzikofer, 1st Place, Large Bulletin "Mineral Minutes"
- Bill Hutchinson, 1st Place, Written Features "Adventures in Rockhounding" from the February 2016 newsletter
- Ray McPadden, 1st Place Adult Article Humor "Aquaholics and Outlaws" from the October 2016 newsletter
- Craig Hazelton, 1st Place, Adult Advanced Article "Tektite Gold: The Making of a Pendant" from the November 2016 newsletter
- Amber Brenzikofer, 2nd Place, Adult Article Club Activities, "2016 Denver Gem and Mineral Show Recap" from the October 2016 newsletter
- Debbie Kalsheuer, Certificate of Appreciation, Photo Collage Features "CMS Gemology Identification Course" from the May 2016 newsletter

Amber is the new CMS Denver Show Representative and gave an update on the Denver Gem and Mineral Show's 50th Anniversary. She brought Show posters and post cards so members can hand out to friends and family.

Eva Siemonsma discussed new procedures for grab bags for the Denver Show. She brought numerous boxes full of specimens, small plastic bags, and labels to send home with members to stuff the plastic bags and bring back next month. This fall, we will have a grab bag stuffing potluck to put specimens in the grab bags.

Eva also gave the Treasurer's report. A \$500 scholarship using education funds was given to a Colorado School of Mines geology student. She also discussed the CMS Jewelry Guild who has jewelry for sale with proceeds to CMS (jewelry was displayed at meeting).

Gary Rowe gave an update on field trips and will be ready for the May meeting to rollout the 2017 field trip guide.

Cara Reynolds reported on new members. CMS currently has 529 members (285 membership units) including 100 children.

Bruce Sales reported on the grants given out by the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council.

Bruce Geller talked about the upcoming garage sale at the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum April 29-30, over 1,000 maps have been donated and will be for sale.

Presentation: Larry Haven gave a talk on pyrites called "All that Glitters..."

Raffle (see Raffle news in this newsletter)

Meeting adjourned

Notes taken by Bill Jones and Amber Brenzikofer for Sandra Gonzales, Secretary

Rocky Mountain Federation News



The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) is made up of 81 clubs representing 13 Western states. CMS is a member of RMFMS. The Rocky Mountain Federation News is published monthly and is located at www.rmfmts.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>.

Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting April 18, 2017

Attendance: John Smith, Bruce Sales, Sandra Gonzales, Debbie Kalscheur, Amber Brenzikofer, Ben Geller, Cara Reynolds, and Leslie Osgood

Call to Order – John Smith

Old Business:

May Auction Planning Committee – Ben Geller

Facebook event page has been set up for CMS, so we can advertise the auction through social media

Debbie has written up procedures for donations for verbal auction. She will need help at the April show to get donations.

Selection of donations by committee for verbal auction will be Monday, May 1st 7pm

Board-Appointed Positions Available for 2017:

- Secretary – Open
- Junior Rockhound Chair – To be open in September 2017
- Junior Rockhound Assistant - Open
- Display Chairperson: Open
- Membership Chair – Open

Grab Bag Committee:

Eva wrote a draft protocol for Grab Bag procedures. Need an inventory of all donated grab bag material to date. Eva has developed boxes of materials to hand out to members to stuff in bags.

Club Assets:

Eva requested an inventory of tangible assets that the club owns. Cara motioned and Board accepted that list should be compiled by July Board meeting for discussion. Debbie volunteered to compile list.

Bylaws Update:

Update of bylaws tabled until separate board meeting this summer (tentatively scheduled for August 15th). Get written comments on bylaws before August meeting, Amber will email out current bylaws to Board. Target putting revised bylaws in October newsletter, for adoption at the October general meeting.

Auditor:

John found an auditor for CMS books. He will forward contact information to the Treasurer.

Membership:

Board approved purchase of a new updated Laptop for up to \$500. Cara still researching the best deal for the lap top and software. Two Access software licenses will also be purchased.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report – Eva not present, but wanted Board to know that church has requested we bring our own trash bags and paper towels. Board approval purchase of all necessary disposable supplies needed for meetings.

Membership Report – Cara Reynolds

Membership directory to be compiled and checked next week. There are membership files and Junior Rockhound materials and supplies that need to be put in storage.

Field Trips –Gary Rowe

Gary distributed a draft schedule for field trips and will be finalizing schedule in the next two weeks and will finish the 2017 Field Trip Guide.

Lewis Reynolds submitted a proposal for a paid junior rockhound field trip to Florissant, the Board approved the request.

May General Meeting Logistics

Arrive at 6pm for setup, field trip sign up will be in the basement like last year, Amber and Gary to bring example rockhounding tools and equipment for a display. Field trip leaders should bring specimen examples from past field trips, if possible for a display.

Education – Debbie Kalscheur

Working on additional educational class for this fall.

Denver Show Committee Report – Amber Brenzikofer

Amber will pick up 6,000+ grab bag plastic bags at next Denver Show coordination meeting

Next scheduled CMS Board Meeting: May 16, 2017 7:00pm at Leslie's house.

Notes taken by Sandra Gonzales, Secretary

CMS Silent Auction Buyer's Receipt	
<i>Item Description:</i>	
FINAL BID	\$

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FINAL BID	\$

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

Thanks for your contribution. For more information about CMS visit our website: <http://www.coloradomineralsociety.org>



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Calendar of Events

May 5, 2017, CMS May General (Field Trip) Meeting at
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm

May 6, 2017, CMS Annual Auction at Holy Shepherd
Lutheran Church, Lakewood, 11am-2:45pm

No CMS General Meetings from June-September

October 6, 2017, CMS October General Meeting at St.
Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm