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Next CMS General Meeting

November 6, 2015

This is a reminder that the next Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) general meeting will be on Friday, November 6th at 7:30pm at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 10th Avenue and Garrison Street in Lakewood. CMS meets the first Friday of the month from October through May. Visitors and guests are welcome to attend the general meetings. We are encouraging current members to bring snack and desserts to share during the meetings to supplement the hospitality snacks we normally have at each meeting.

The presentation that was scheduled for the November meeting has been postponed; therefore, we will be having an open forum with meeting attendees to discuss this past summer's field trip experiences. We would like to hear about your enjoyment and successes on the field trips, as well as your thoughts about how to improve your field trip experience. Bring your specimens that were collected this year to display in our cases. We also will be seeking input on field trips you would like to go on next year to help the field trip committee set goals. The field trip committee is looking for volunteers to help research new collecting areas and make contacts with claim and landowners to gain access. If you are interested on volunteering for the field trip committee, please contact Gary Rowe, the CMS Field Trip Coordinator.

We are looking for speakers for the CMS general meetings in 2016 (January through April), so if you have an interesting topic for a presentation, please contact Gary Rowe.

President's Message

By Bruce G. Sales

Hello Everyone,

Fall is upon us and the leaves are turning and falling, so let's turn our attentions to late season collecting and regular meetings. The November meeting will be on November 3rd at 7:30pm. We will not have a speaker this meeting; instead we will have a round table like discussion of the 2015 collecting season. You are encouraged to bring specimens collected during the last season and show all of us what you found.

CMS is a non-profit educational society, and in that vein, we have in the past offered various educational opportunities to the members of the society. We have had Ed Raines from the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum teach courses in Mineral Identification and Geology of the Front Range. I have also presented a series of talks on crystallography and we recently arranged for classes in GPS and map orientation. We are asking for members input into the direction of future educational opportunities for the society, if you have any ideas or suggestions, contact me or any member of the CMS Board.

Just a quick note about the December 4th Christmas Holiday Party, we are seeking volunteers to prepare and set up the mineral challenges and to provide musical entertainment. See Page 5 for more details.

As this is my last year as President of CMS, we are looking for the next President. The President focuses on the core functions of the society and actively engages board members and volunteers. It's a wonderful way to learn at the same time as giving something back. CMS is also looking for a new Secretary and several new assistant chairpersons. Descriptions of the available Officer and Board positions are located on Page 3. Please step up and volunteer to keep CMS a great club.

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COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

2015

President: Bruce G. Sales

First VP-Programs: Gary Rowe

Second VP-Education: Debbie Kalscheur

Secretary: Sandra Gonzales

Treasurer: Eva Siemonsma

Appointed Board Members - Committee Chairpersons

Annual Auction: Howie Houk

Door Prizes-Guests: Paul and Cindy Hatfield

Library: Kevin Atwater

Exhibits: Harold Taylor, Leslie Sebol, Dan Wray

Membership: Cara Reynolds

Field Trip Leader: Gary Rowe

Field Trip Leader Co-Chair: **OPEN**

Nominations: Daryl Lamb

Grab Bags: Dale Block

Editor: Amber Brenzikofer

Historian: Amber Brenzikofer

Scrapbook: Jennifer Knies

Youth Activities: Lewis Reynolds

Hospitality: Star Edwards

Donations: Debbie Kalscheur

Web Master: Julio Edwards

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Representatives (Board Members)

Denver Council Rep: Daryl Lamb

Denver Show Rep: Dale Gann

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 \$7.50.

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 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 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:

editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com.

CMS Officer and Appointed Board Positions Available

CMS is seeking expressions of interest for new Officers and appointed Board members. Please contact Bruce Sales or one of the other Board members if you have an interest. Voting/appointments will occur at the December meeting. Available positions include:

- **President (3-year term)**
- **Secretary**
- **Assistant Membership Chairperson**
- **Assistant Field Trip Leader**
- **Assistant Junior Rockhound Chairperson**

The **President's** duties include acting with executive power in conducting the routine affairs, activities, and functions of CMS; presiding at all meetings of CMS and the Board; and appointing committee chairpersons or entire committees as needed (appointment of committee chairpersons must be approved by a majority of the elected officers).

The **Secretary's** duties include participating in the monthly Board meeting as a voting member, taking meeting notes at the CMS general meetings and Board meetings, and preparing meeting minutes for the CMS newsletter.

The **Assistant Membership Chairperson's** duties would be to provide support to the current Membership Chairperson at CMS general meetings to collect and process dues; attend CMS and Board meetings in the absence of the Membership Chairperson, as needed, to give updates; provide support for the membership database (Microsoft Access experience is helpful); and help prepare the annual membership directory.

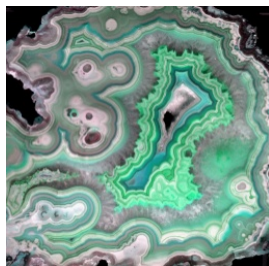
The **Assistant Field Trip Leader's** duties including working with the Field Trip Coordinator to research and organize field trips; help prepare the field trip guide each spring; and attend CMS and Board meetings in the absence of the Field Trip Coordinator, as needed, to give updates.

The **Assistant Junior Rockhound Chairperson's** duties include helping the Junior Rockhound Chairperson to prepare for and conduct the junior program at the CMS general meetings.

New CMS Members

First Listing

- Lori Guziak & Steve Jensen
- Terri Harris
- Ron Lucero & Family
- Pete Medina
- Kirsten LeRay Porch
- Sean Ross
- Glenn Schoales
- Justin & Julia Trostel and Family



Second Listing

- Ray & Elizabeth McPadden
- Jerry & Julie Atkinson
- Randy Wilson
- Scott Graves
- Nancy Pierce
- Peter Reynolds
- Wayne Sibia
- Jim Hall
- Lee Wilson
- Michael Knies
- David Lustig & Jennifer Goodland
- Jonathon Banks
- Carl (Bob) Carnein
- Giselle Kim
- Michael Todesco

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

CMS Junior Rockhounds November 2015 Program

Topic: Lapidary Arts

Overview: On many of our club's field trips, we seek to collect beautiful mineral crystals. At our last meeting, we considered fine crystals of quartz, microcline, almandine, barite, and fluorite. Tonight, we will discuss rocks and minerals containing hidden beauty: "Many rocks that look dull and uninspiring on the outside actually harbor a gem within. The lapidary arts allow you to unlock that gleaming beauty" (AFMS Badge Manual, p. 55). After reviewing a variety of lapidary rocks, we will describe a number of the lapidary arts, their basic techniques, and good safety rules for working with tools.

Parents are invited to attend the Junior Rockhounds Program with their children. We need at least one other parent, guardian, or member to help supervise each meeting. Although the youth do not need any supplies for this meeting, a pencil or pen and a notebook may be helpful for taking notes.

This topic motivates the *Lapidary Arts* badge in the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America program. More information about these *optional* activities outside of our meetings can be found below. Lewis will be available after the Junior Rockhounds meeting to explain the badge requirements and to answer any questions you may have about this program. Also review our goals in the Junior Rockhounds Program in the CMS Newsletter for August 2013 which can be found at <http://www.coloradomineralsociety.org/newsletters/August2013.pdf> on pages 7-8.

AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Requirements (Optional):

http://www.amfed.org/fra/AFMS_FRA_Badge_Manual_Revised_2012.pdf

The *Lapidary Arts* badge is discussed on pages 55-62 of the manual.

Parents or guardians: please print the sign-off sheet on page 56 and check-off, sign, and date each accomplishment as it is completed. Submit the completed form to Lewis Reynolds to process the badge award.

Submitted by Lewis Reynolds, Coordinator

October 2nd Raffle News

Thank you to those who donated these great specimens, it is fun to see the happy smiles when their number is called to be a winner!!! October's tickets sold were \$154, with the retail value of \$56. These funds are spent on CMS education, the purchase of library materials, and the state science fair awards. The most popular specimen was the pyrite from Spain (\$39) donated by **Dr. David and Jennifer Knies** and won by *Don Bray*. *Amber Brenzikofer's* ticket was drawn for the gypsum specimen (\$36) and was donated from the **Charles Spletz Collection**. The barite from Hartsel, CO (\$32) donated by **Rocky Mtn. Gems and Minerals** was won by *John Smith*. *Susan Duncanson* was all smiles when she won the smithsonite from the Kelly Mine in NM (\$22) donated by **GEOdyssey**. *Katherine Brannan* claimed the malachite from Arizona (\$18) donated by **Marcus Lieberman**. Last but not least, *Aaron Cross's* ticket won the sphalerite and wurtzite specimen from Frisco, UT (\$7) that was donated by **GEOdyssey**.

Thanks to John Kleber and Lesley Sebol for helping with the raffle.

Dr David and Jennifer Knies

Charles Spletz Collection

Marcus Lieberman




*Submitted by Eva
Siemonsma, CMS
Raffle Manager*

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Julio Edwards, the CMS webmaster, for winning first place in the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Society's (RMFMS) website contest. Bob Johnson, the Webmaster Contest Chair from RMFMS presented Julio with his first place ribbon, certificate, and plaque at the October CMS meeting. There were 6 entries in the RMFMS website contest. The three winning websites were submitted to the American Federation of Mineralogical Society's (AFMS) webmaster contest. Winners were announced at the AFMS convention on October 24th in Austin, TX, but as of this publishing date, results have not been released. Check out the award-winning CMS website at: www.coloradomineralsociety.org.



Bob Johnson (right) presenting Julio Edwards (left) with First Place ribbon, certificate, and plaque for RMFMS Webmaster Contest. Photo taken by Amber Brenzikofer.



Cabbing Machine Wanted

My name is Brian and I am an avid gem and mineral collector. I am disabled in a wheelchair, so I am unable to go collecting at all. I am getting into cutting cabochons. One problem I have is access to a machine of my own due to lack of ability to travel and money to purchase a new one. I was wondering if there are any members that may have a used machine that they are willing to part with. I am able to pay a small fee for one or a donation would work. I really want to get onto this hobby. Thank you for your time.


Brian Wiegand in Littleton, CO
bwiegs2008@yahoo.com




Christmas Holiday Potluck Party

Friday, December 4th at
6:30pm

The CMS Christmas Holiday Party will be on December 4, 2015 at 6:30pm (note earlier time). We need volunteers to set up and decorate tables at 5:30pm. We are looking for two (2) volunteers who may be interested in preparing and setting up the professional, amateur, and kids mineral challenges with 20 specimens needed for each challenge. Touching and handling of specimens must be allowed by participants. We also looking for musical entertainment for 20 minutes, so let us know if you have a hidden musical talent you would like to showcase to the group.



The Friends' "First Thursday" Lecture Series Presents





Dr. Vince Matthews


"A Cook's Tour of Colorado's Glacial and Periglacial Features"

By Dr. Vince Matthews


Thursday, November 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum
Conference Room 201



Horseshoe Mountain near Leadville, Colorado



Glacial features - cirques and aretes - in Colorado's Rocky Mountain



Periglacial feature "patterned ground" in Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park

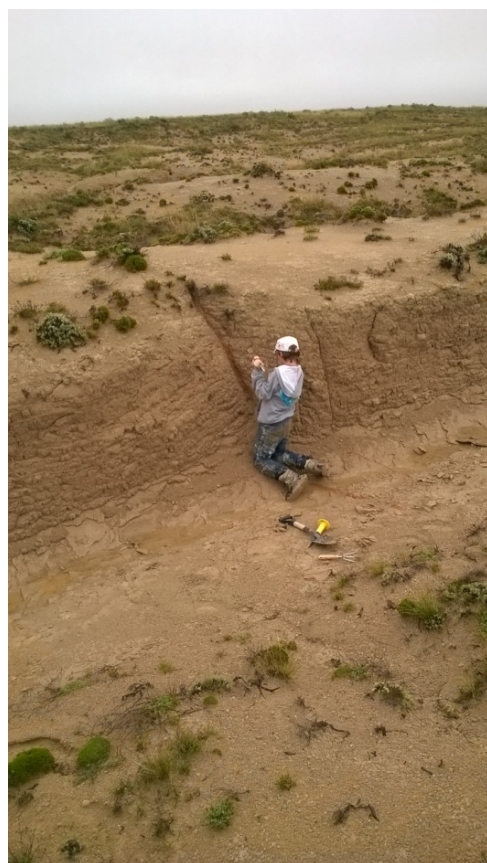
Two Creek Field Trip Report – May 2015

by Aaron Cross

Here are some pictures from the Two Creeks field trip that Kaiden and I joined in May. There were about twenty people who participated and braved the downpours. So it was REALLY muddy, but fun nonetheless; also made great weather to be out there finding specimens! We parked about two hundred yards away from the first creek and the ground was squishy the whole day, but that didn't stop Kaiden from having some fun trying to find little pockets; in fact, he liked sitting in the creeks digging at the walls. It didn't rain until around lunch and stopped within 10 minutes, so it was back to it. With all the rain this spring, the streams were running and finding nice specimens was easier. However, I still managed to dig a hole in the rock hard clay for a nice little seam. It took me over an hour to get down one foot square and every time I turned around it was filling with water, but I got some nice blue barite with yellow tips. Some of the other participants went further to the other creek and they found big chunks of light blue barite, but I was looking for nice growth crystals. I also found some really nice little rosette calcite that were sticking out of the banks or even in association with the barite. Around 3:00pm, the clouds came back and started to thunder and lightning. While heading back to get my equipment, I of course run across a fantastic little bunch of blue barite half sticking out of some mud and couldn't help myself, so I dropped to the ground digging as quick as I could due to the storm coming in quickly. Since Kaiden decided to stay in the car after lunch and read or draw AND leave his equipment back with mine, I had to carry both bags full of tools AND two buckets full of minerals. That's the time the clouds decided to open up again and soak me as a goodbye! Luckily I brought plenty of towels to cover my leather seats. This was the second time I bribed Kaiden into coming on a field trip instead of sitting at home and playing video games. And guess what? He had a great time!!



Wet, foggy collecting day



Kaiden digging in the creek bank



Barite crystal with yellow tips



Calcite "geode"

Denver Gem and Mineral Show Report

(Continued from October Newsletter)

by Amber Brenzikofer

The official list of winners from the 2015 Denver Gem and Mineral Show was distributed after the CMS October newsletter was published. The winners list is provided below and several CMS members won awards. Congratulations to **Ray and Elizabeth McPadden** for winning the Prospector Trophy for the topaz they collected on a non-CMS trip this year to the Tarryall Mountains (see photos below). The Junior Prospector Trophy went to **Alexandria Kent** for her topaz also collected in the Tarryall Mountains (see photos in October newsletter). For the individual competitive cases, **Dale Gann** won the open class, mixed display, advanced trophy for his case of agates and wood. In addition, Dale won the lapidary, self-collected, advanced trophy with his case of southwestern agates. **Nick North** won the educational, fossil, novice trophy with his case called "Representation of Geologic Time using Fossil Specimens". Again, congratulations to the winners!!

Denver Gem & Mineral Show 2015 - Winners in the Special Competitions

Richard M. Pearl Trophy: name withheld by request (Diopside on cerussite, Tsumeb, Namibia)

Best of Species Trophy:

Thumbnail - Paula Presmyk (Hematite, Purple Cow Ledge, Quartzsite, Arizona)

Miniature - Paula Presmyk (Quartz on malachite after azurite, Live Oak Mine, Miami, Arizona)

Cabinet - Les Presmyk (Wulfenite, Red Cloud Mine, Yuma Co., Arizona)

Large Cabinet - Les Presmyk (Barite, Magma Mine, Superior, Arizona)

Self-Collected - Les Presmyk (Wulfenite, Red Cloud Mine, Yuma Co., Arizona)

Lapidary/Jewelry - Jody Sawdo (Malachite Necklace)

Best Fossil: Evan Walsh (Shark Tooth)

Prospector Trophy: Ray and Elizabeth McPadden (Topaz, Pikes Peak Batholith)

Junior Prospector Trophy: Alexandria Kent (Topaz, Tarryall Mountains, Park County, Colorado)

C. E. Withers Award: Dan and Dianne Kile ("Minerals and the Instruments Used to Study Them")

Winners of Competitive Exhibits:

Donna Chirnside Trophy: Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum ("Minerals from the Southwestern U.S.A.")

Individual Competitive Case Trophies:

Open Class, Mixed Display - Dale Gann (Advanced - Agates and Wood)

Lapidary, Self-Collected - Dale Gann (Advanced - Southwestern Agates)

Thumbnails, Any Type - Nick North (Master - Worldwide Thumbnails)

Single Specie, Unlimited Size - Larry Havens (Master - Barite)

Educational, General Audience, Concept - Jack and Kaye Thompson (Master -

"Physical Properties of Minerals - Cleaving/Fracture/Parting")

Educational, Fossil - Nick Warren (Novice - "Representation of Geologic Time Using Fossil Specimens")

Educational, Other - Nick Warren (Novice - "Turquoise - Locations, Formation, Uses")

Educational, Other - Denver Gem and Mineral Guild (Society - "Minerals of Greenland")

Club Prospector Trophy - Littleton Gem and Mineral Club



Ray and Elizabeth McPadden's 526 carat topaz found in the Tarryall Range, Colorado. Photos taken by Ray and Elizabeth McPadden.



Going out of Business Sale

Let me introduce myself as Judy Pitt, an employee of Silverton Mineral and Gifts. I have been asked to contact people as the owner wants to get out of the rock and mineral business. The store has many minerals to sell, including quartz crystals, orthoceras fossils (even has a table top of this fossil), peacock ore, copper samples, and chrysocolla. They have numerous large and small amethyst geodes and a wide variety of bookends, as well as a variety of calcite in many colors. They have petrified wood in many styles including bookends and slabs. They also have agate and fish fossils, just to name a few. If you would like to see photos of any of these items, just ask. Judy can send you photos or make up a catalogue and send it to you. Just let Judy know what you are interested in and she can accommodate you in any way. Judy's email is jisco81433@yahoo.com.

Denver Area Mineral Dealers Annual Gem & Mineral Show
November 20-22, 2015
 Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Halls
 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO
 Hours: Fri. 10 AM - 5 PM, Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM
 Sun. 11 AM - 4 PM

Gems, Jewelry, Carvings, Books
 Minerals, Fossils, Lapidary

Artisan Jade	Lithographic
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Brightstar Gemstones	Morocco's Fossils
Costigan's Minerals West	Moss Rock Shop
Dan's Used Rocks	ORCA Gems
D & J Rare Gems	Phantom Minerals
Earthstones-The Solitaire	Pinnacle 5 Minerals
GAEA Minerals	Porter Minerals International
GEOdyssey LLC	Prospector's Choice
Hands of Spirit	riverrun Designs
Jensen Meteorites	Rocky Mtn. Mining
K & M Enterprises	Spirit Whispers

Information: 303-279-5504, 303-986-3647, 303-660-9564

Public Welcome!
Free Admission and Parking!

Littleton Gem & Mineral Club Silent Auction **Saturday, November 21, 2015**

All are welcome!

Columbine Hills Church, 9700 Old Coal Mine Avenue
 Littleton, CO

Seller set up starts at 11:00am, Silent auction starts at Noon, Verbal auction starts at 1:00pm; Checkout starts at 3:30pm.

GEM & MINERAL SHOW
NOVEMBER 20-22, 2015
 Jefferson County Fairgrounds

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Free Admission
Free Parking

Sponsored by Denver Area Mineral Dealers

Roxborough Science Fair Volunteer Judges Needed

Hello! I wanted to send one quick reminder about our need for volunteer judges at the Roxborough Science Fair. We have slightly less than half of the judges we need signed up as of now. All the details from the original email I sent last month are copied below. If you are able to help, or know of anyone who is, please have them respond to this email address (roxscifair@gmail.com) or use the web based sign-up link at [Sign Up to Judge Form](#), as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration of supporting these young students as they explore science and engineering!

We are excited to be preparing for the 12th Annual Roxborough Elementary Science Fair for Kindergarten through 6th Grade students. This rewarding educational experience could not happen without all of our amazing volunteer judges! **We are looking for volunteers for judging our participants and would love to have your help.**

We divide projects into categories based on grade level and area of science (such as Physical, Chemical, Environmental/Earth and Biological.) Two judges work together on a category and have the opportunity to talk with each student about their project. We try to assign judges based on their background in a particular area of science. We will also pair first-time judges with a veteran judge. The most important thing is that a judge has an understanding of the "Scientific Method" and a passion for encouraging students to continue to explore science. Please visit our website at www.roxscifair.org to see more of what to expect. On the website there is a [Judges Section](#) where you will find more details.

As many of you know, we have two different buildings for our elementary school and will have judging on two different days. We have split each day into morning and afternoon sessions to accommodate more volunteers' schedules. However, if you are able to volunteer all day, we would definitely welcome that! The available times are as follows:

Tuesday, November 10th, 8:15 am - 11:45 am at the Intermediate School (Grades 3-6)

Tuesday, November 10th, 11:45 am - 3:15 pm at the Intermediate School (Grades 3-6)

Wednesday, November 11th 8:30 am - 12:15 pm at the Primary School (Grades K-2)

Wednesday, November 11th 12:15 pm - 3:45 pm at the Primary School (Grades K-2)

Ellen Heyd
 Roxborough Science Fair Co-Chair

CMS Membership Dues

Starting October 1, 2015, you can pay your 2016 dues. CMS memberships run from January 1st to December 31st. You can pay your dues in three ways:

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. Pick up your membership card at the next general meeting. Cards not picked up 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.

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. A new membership form is located on the CMS website at www.coloradomineralsociety.com.

If you ordered a name badge, they will be available at the general meetings to pick up. Alternative methods of delivery for name badges may be available if you cannot attend a general meeting. Contact Cara Reynolds or Amber Brenzikofer to coordinate.

CMS General Meeting on October 2, 2015

Attendance: 70 total / 14 guests

Bruce Sales, CMS President opened the meeting by thanking everyone who volunteered for the Denver Gem and Mineral Show. This show is successful because of all the dedicated volunteers who help out every year.

Bruce also welcomed all new guests to the CMS meeting and to stand up and introduce themselves to the club and why they were interested in joining the club.

Eva Siemonsma did a brief presentation on the Treasures Report for the club and recognized the people who have donated minerals for the raffle.

Eva reminded everyone that the funds for the raffle are dedicated funds for the educational program. CMS offered several educational programs this year and reminded everyone that there were 4 slots still available for the GPS class.

Cara Reynolds announces all new CMS memberships to the club.

Amber Brenzikofer announced that there are t-shirts and tote bags for sale at this meeting.

Bob Johnson, Webmaster Contest Chair for the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Society (RMFMS) presented Julio Edwards with an award for the best club webpage design.

"Congratulations to Julio who has been a dedicated volunteer and has volunteered countless hours being CMS web designer"

Sandra Gonzales announced the book and minerals sale for the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum starting on October 23th for Friends Members and the 24th and 25th for the general public.

Guest Speaker: Bill Harrison "The World Series of Garnets"

Raffle was held.

Door Prize Winners:

Jack Gray

Barbara Eahehart

Don Bray

Chris Keilman

Mary Schons

Sue Lemieux

Nels Grevstan

Jim Hall

Bev Stucker

Submitted by Sandra Gonzales, Secretary

CMS Board Meeting on October 20, 2015

Attendance: Bruce Sales, Eva Siemonsma, Sandra Gonzales, Howie Houk, Cara Reynolds, Daryl Lamb, Leslie Osgood, Amber Brenzikofer, and Katherine Brannan

Bruce Sales, CMS President called the meeting to order

Old Business:

By-Laws Update: Re-define family membership in the CMS By-Laws since there was a change in the State and Supreme Court regulations as to what a family entails. – Will put aside until more research is done as to what exactly the regulation states.

CMS Life Members: 2 members will be recognized as CMS Life Members.

Daryl Lamb: Daryl presented a check to CMS board for \$250.00. The funds are for CMS clubs participation and involvement in the Council.

There will be new elections for the Council and the following people are running for office. We are asking the candidates to present a biography and expertise on how they can contribute to the council. This information will be given to the CMS Board members so they can vote on the nominations.

- President nominations: Katherine Brannan and Martin Hanou
- Vice President: Joe Payne
- Secretary: Sharon Hanou

Eva Siemonsma made a motion to Darryl Lamb to propose to the council an introduction of Debbie Kalcheur and Sandra Gonzales, strategic consultants, to assist in the development of new strategic initiatives for the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council.

Daryl Lamb asked that the consultants draft a proposal of what the strategic initiatives would entail along with a bio of their credentials. Daryl will present this information to the Council before the next meeting.

The motion was seconded by Bruce Sales and approved by all the Board members.

Educational Update: Mineral Identification class is full, but there are 2 openings for the GPS class on October 31st. Email Debbie if you are interested.

Opened Board Positions: President, Secretary, Field Trip Assistant, Membership Assistant; and Junior Rockhound Assistant. Amber will put description of duties in newsletter.

New Business:

Eva Siemonsma presented the Board with a comprehensive year-end treasury report for 2014-2015.

As amended – a one page version will be available for CMS members in the newsletter.

Amber Brenzikofer reported that newsletter deadline is Sunday October 25, 2015.

Fund raising suggestions are currently being taken in for future fundraisers.

Sandra Gonzales presented a full report on a count for patches, pins, bags for the club. All 1,000 bags have been sold. Sandra will present a proposal to purchase more bags for club members.

Cara Reynolds read all new memberships names to the board.

Christmas Party will be on December 4, 2015 at 6:30pm. We need volunteers to set up at 5:30pm. We are looking for anyone who may be interested in doing the mineral challenge, and we also need volunteers for the entertainment for the holiday festivities.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Sandra Gonzales, Secretary



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Regular CMS Meeting - November

Date: November 6, 2015 Time: 7:30pm
Place: St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
Lakewood

CMS Holiday Party – December

Date: December 4th, 2015 Time: 6:30pm
(*an hour earlier*)
Place: St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
Lakewood

Rocky Mountain Federation News

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