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President's Message

by John W. Smith

Hello everyone. In some ways, it seems that the summer is just flying by. All too soon, rockhounding collecting season for the year will be over. I hope that everyone has been as successful as they wanted to be.

As most of you know, I went to North Carolina during the time that we held our annual auction to attend my granddaughter's college graduation. When I was there I took advantage of trying my hand at garnet mining. Since it was still really early in the season, I was alone at the mine. Even the owners were not there (seems they do horseback tours and rotate through the mine complex stopping and working with prospectors but since there were no horseback rides being given well....). Anyhow, not even knowing what exactly to look for I managed to find what I think is a nice specimen imbedded in matrix.

Last you heard from me I was exploring ways to clean what we find over the summer. Since I have only the one specimen, it is hard to experiment. Quite frankly, I am afraid I am going to destroy it if I get too aggressive. So instead of experimenting with chemicals, I have been sticking with manual ones – slowly hand polishing it. So far so good. Maybe there is some rationale behind taking it slow.

If the number of emails that I have been getting regarding the trip that I am leading next month, it seems that the membership of CMS will be growing quite a bit. With all of the new members coming on board, I think it is important to remind everyone of a few events scheduled between now and our next general meeting scheduled for October 6th. Between now and then, there are several more field trips that you may be interested in, the CMS Founder's Day Picnic on September 9th at 11:30 AM, and the Denver Gem and Mineral Show September 15th to 17th. You can find more information about these events elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to make a pitch for help with the month to month efforts required to run our club. This help could be in the form of coming to meetings 30 minutes to an hour early to set up chairs and tables. If you cannot come early consider staying 30 minutes or so late to put everything back the way it was. If you are so inclined, perhaps taking a more formal role in the organization. For most positions, specialized skill sets are not required. Only a willingness to pitch in and be there consistently every month. We need help with our kid's educational program and hospitality. Speaking of hospitality, it was even suggested that perhaps individuals could bring something they would like to share with the group. Come on folks, one of the aspects of the organization is the social aspect. What better way to socialize than over some little goodies. I am not suggesting a formalized potluck every month – but we are adults and have the ability to coordinate somewhat don't we?

Putting it bluntly, the club needs everyone to participate at the highest level they can to make this work.

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I hope the rest of the summer is good for you. I want each of you to bring your finds to the Founder's Day Picnic on September 9th so that the rest of us can express our envy (more information on Page 7).

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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 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

In Tribute

William “Bill” Harrison

December 30, 1952 ~ July 9, 2017 (age 64)

The Colorado Mineral Society (CMS) and rock club community recently lost a good friend. Bill Harrison past away suddenly from an infection on July 9, 2017 in Littleton, Colorado. Our hearts go out to his wife Cheryl and their family. Bill’s memorial service will be:

August 17, 2017 at 6:30pm
Columbine Baptist Church
5660 W Coal Mine Rd
Littleton, CO 80123



Cheryl has requested that if you are planning on attending the memorial service to send an email to her at colo.william.harrison@gmail.com so that the church can plan for seating and food.

William “Bill” Gordon Harrison, Jr. was born December 30, 1952 to William Jesse Harrison and Patricia Ann (Dillard) Harrison in Pueblo, Colorado. He married Cheryl (Schultz Krug) in 1976. Their children are Eric J. (& Debbie Arnet Sunde) Harrison, Sugar Hill, Georgia; CH (MAJ) William I. (& Rachel Liebsch) Harrison, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska; and Dustin L. (Margaret Wurzer) Harrison, Denver, Colorado. A teenage foster daughter, Jennifer (nee Wons-Glover (Greg Walker)), joined the family in the late 1980’s. Bill loved and enjoyed his grandchildren Gabriella, Mikayla, and William (children of William and Rachel) and Jackson, Archie, Lucy, and Lane (children of Jennifer and Greg).

“Billy” began elementary school in Englewood, Colorado and Junior High in Northglenn, Colorado but graduated Senior High from Douglas County High School, Castle Rock, Colorado. As a student, he played football (#75), developed a passion for the sciences, played piano (Für Elise) and attained the 4-H W.H. Danforth I-Dare-You Award. He went on to attend Colorado School of Mines. While at the Colorado School of Mines, he was active in the Search & Rescue unit and ROTC.

During his 43-year career, he worked for Natkin Construction, Stearns-Roger, Stone & Webster, Raytheon, CH2M Hill, Washington Group International, URS, and Jacobs Engineering Group. His design capabilities were sought after for many civil, power, and mining projects in many parts of the world as well as Colorado.

Bill was enthusiastic about various hobbies. Early on he added CB radio (Lucky Miner) and 4-wheeling to his love of Search & Rescue. During high school, he became a “rockhound” and within a short while had involved his entire family in the Gates Rock and Mineral Club, joining in 1971. He loved Colorado’s outdoors and field collecting was a passion.



Photo taken on Mt Antero (c. 1970 by Alice Auld). Upper row left to right: William “Bill” Harrison, unknown, unknown, William Harrison, Sr., and Leroy Lindsey. Bottom row left to right: Wes Auld, Lucy Lindsey, Robert Fredrick, and Ruth Fredrick. Photo courtesy of Mark Jacobson.

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William “Bill” Harrison (continued)

Bill served as Gate’s President for a year or two and the field trip leader for many years. The Gates club disbanded in 2007. He was the Colorado Federation of Mineralogical Societies President in 1974 and the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) Rules Chairman for several years. One rock club wasn’t enough and he joined Mile-High RAMs from 1973-1980. During the 1980’s he changed his club affiliations to North Jeffco Gem and Mineral Club and joined CMS in 2006. He remained a member of both North Jeffco and CMS until his death. He loved rhodochrosite, wulfenite, stibnite, and tourmaline from anywhere. He loved collecting and missed it terribly over the last decade due to health reasons.

Bill also took an active part in the Denver Gem and Mineral Show (and its precursor), serving as Show Chairman in 1974 and 1988. In 1972, Bill was awarded the Gates-sponsored “Rockhound of the Year Award” at the Denver Show for all the critical Gates club positions he had held. He also the Special Activities Chairman in 1975 and then Bill and Cheryl were in charge of Signs in later years.

Bill enjoyed spending time with other mineral lovers and during retirement he volunteered weekly at Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum. Here is a statement from Bruce Geller, the Curator of the Geology Museum:

“Bill began volunteering at the CSM Geology Museum in March, 2016. He helped sort specimens, labelled them, and priced them for the Gift Shop. Bill also enjoyed organize materials for Garage Sales, especially books, and priced many of them. He loaned specimens for our Colorado calcite and Colorado quartz displays. Bill donated items to our Museum, attended our Open Houses, and enjoyed our volunteer potluck. We loved his subtle humor and wide grin. He will be missed.”



Bill Harrison at Museum Garage Sale 4/29/16.

Photo by Bruce Geller.

According to Cheryl, the Church family at Columbine Baptist was near and dear to Bill’s heart. Every club or activity that Bill joined was fundamentally about relationships with the people he met there. No matter what he was involved in or how you knew Bill, that he got along with you was more important to him than anything else.

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So Long, Bill

Early this morning our dear friend, Bill Harrison, long-time modeler, long-time member of the Front Range Division and gentle soul, made his last run.

Read from his wife, Cheryl, "Early this morning, the love of my life, Bill Harrison, passed from this world to the eternal one with Jesus. Pray for all for your prayers are appreciated during his recent illness. Our family will plan a memorial service before the end of the month and I will post information on Facebook." -Cheryl

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He had a special love for Colorado, for its hard rock mines, especially those in Creede. He also loved Camp Bird and Black Cloud, the mines and miners as well as the minerals and ores. He had a pretty comprehensive knowledge of mining history and railroad history in the state too.

Railroading was always dear to Bill, but vision problems prevented him from following down his father’s and grandfathers’ tracks. Despite this disappointment, he cultivated a deep knowledge of Colorado railroading and Colorado history. An on-going N-Scale model railroad in the basement gave him a creative outlet following his first health crisis. He became known as a skilled model builder and loved the contributions he made to the N-Scale lay-out at the Forney Transportation Museum.

Please contact Cheryl Harrison at colo.william.harrison@gmail.com for information.

Editor’s Note: This tribute was put together by the editor from information gathered from Cheryl Harrison, Mark Jacobson, and Bruce Geller.

May Auction Success!

The CMS May Auction was a huge success. We wish to thank the volunteers, donors, sellers, and buyers for their contribution! Our beautiful mineral specimens for the auction were donated to CMS by the wonderful donors below. If you need a special piece for your collection, visit or contact these dealers.



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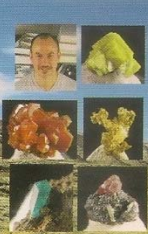
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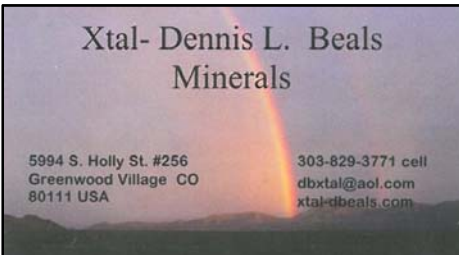
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CMS Founders Day Picnic

Saturday, September 9th Noon to ~ 4:30 pm

Purpose: To have fun and show off finds from this year's field trips and to select specimens for the CMS Prospector's Case competition at the Denver Gem and Mineral Show, Sept 15-17th.

Place and Time: Fellowship Hall at St Paul's Episcopal Church (our regular meeting location) at 10th and Garrison in Lakewood. Set-up will begin at 11:30am.

What to bring (food): All attendees should bring a dish for sharing (appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert) and whatever meat (hot dogs, brats, hamburgers) they wish to grill for themselves. We will have the church's barbecue fired up and ready to go and the hospitality committee will provide hamburger/hotdog buns, drinks, condiments, and paper plates/utensils.

What to bring (mineral specimens): We will have a number of tables and our two display cases set up and encourage all attendees to bring their best specimens from 2017 CMS field trips (includes the CMS field trip to Topaz Mountain in October 2016). Also, bring labels identifying your specimens and the trip (locality) they were collected on (no names). We will have a vote and the top three vote getters will receive top consideration for display in our Prospector's Case. Gary Rowe with assistance from others will count the votes and have the ability to nominate additional specimens for display in the case. They will collect the specimens and retain them for display in the case at the Denver Show. Specimens will be returned at the October 6th CMS general meeting or by other arrangements. If you cannot attend the picnic, but still want to enter a specimen in the voting competition, contact Gary Rowe to make arrangements. Also, if you have extra give-away rocks and minerals for the Club table, bring them and Gary Borkan will collect them. Gary Borkan will also have a sign-up sheet with times to volunteer at the Club table.

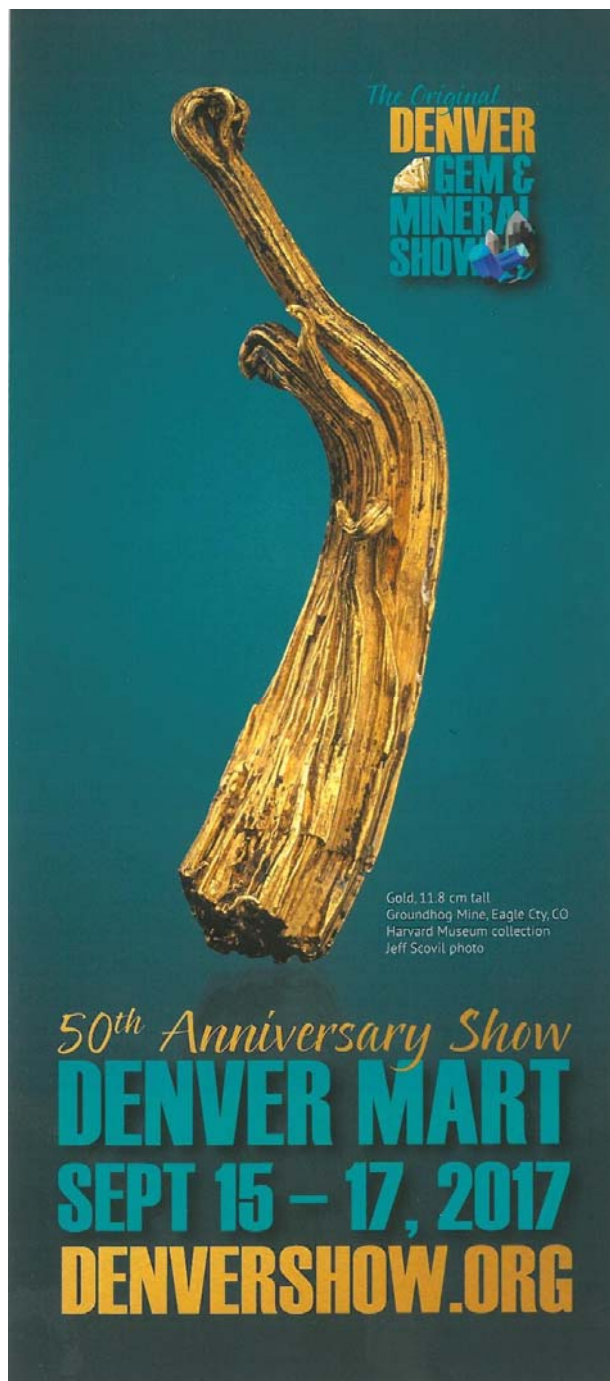
Special Request for CMS Club Table at Denver Show. Gary is putting together a secure display case at the club table to showcase gold and silver specimens that belong to members. He requests that if you want to display your gold and silver, that you bring it to the show on Thursday night around 6pm to put in the display case. You must also be there on Sunday at 5pm to pick up your specimen. If you want to display a specimen or two, let Gary know at the picnic so we can get your name to the volunteer table to allow you access into the show on Thursday night.



Last year's picnic.



Last year's entries into Prospector's case competition.



May 2017 Raffle News

May's raffles had some wonderful items which made the winners very happy.

Raffle ticket sales on May 5th totaled \$411 with a total retail value of \$910. The most popular item was the chalcedony specimen from the Moffat Tunnel, Colorado, donated by **Pinnacle 5 Minerals** (\$102). The lucky winner was *Judy Blakemore*. A specimen of amethyst (\$78), donated by **Daryl & Lori Lamb**, was won by *the lucky Judy Blakemore!* *Mark Leatherman* won a specimen of fluorite and barite, from Cave-in-Rock, Hardin County, Illinois (\$76) which was donated from the **Charles Speltz Collection Minerals**. **BC Rocks & Minerals, Bill & Cheryl Harrison** donated a beautiful specimen of fluorapophyllite on stilbite from India (\$69). This was won by *that very, very lucky Judy Blakemore!*. The fluorite, barite specimen from the Blanchard Mine (\$48), **anonymously** donated, was won by *Catherine Johnson*. Last, but not least, *Terry Beh* won the pyrite specimen from Peru (\$38) that was donated by **Rocky Mountain Gems & Minerals, Sandra Gonzales**.

The auction raffle on May 6th, was another success, the ticket sales amounted to \$268, with the retail value of \$550. The raffle began with two equally popular items, bringing in \$50 each. The first was a citrine with calcite specimen donated by **Eggers Lapidary** and won by *Dwight Jessop*. The second was a willemite on rhodonite specimen donated by **Dave Bunk** and won by *Echo Sales*. The silver & skutterudite slab (\$48) was donated by **Persson Rare Minerals** and won by *Glenn Antonopolus*. **Sidewinder Minerals, Bill Jones** donated the poldervaartite specimen (\$42) and was won by *Thomas Trapl*. Two specimens were donated from the **Lee Barnett of Sterling Collection**: the first was an epidote pseudomorph on hematite/quartz (\$44), it was won by a very happy *Dawn Beamer*, the second was a desert rose (\$34) and won by *Gail Beamer*.

Congratulations to all our lucky winners, especially our lucky triple winner on Friday night!!

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 Amber Brenzikofer, Sabra Hoerter, John Kleber, and Isabella Kent for helping with the raffles.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners!!!!

Submitted by Eva Siemonsma, CMS Raffle Manager

CMS New Members

First Listing (May-July)

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Masaki Tsukada
Gary and Michele Eye
Candi Finger and Matthew Roger
Charles and Virginia Kooyman & Family
Catherine and Pat Shirk
Teresa Westhoven & Family
Mariah Williams and Chris Hrach
Jaclyn and Rachael Brown
Jan Fairchild
Stephanie Kane
Patrice Leonard and Robert Larsen
Nicole and Ted Leonard & Family
Robyn Tapp

Second Listing

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

Welcome!

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

CMS Beading Guild

This is a group that gathers to make earrings and necklaces. If you would like to explore your creativity, come join the group on **October 8th at 2pm**. The cost? 20% above cost of piece you design. Tools needed? Contact Eva 303.239.6798 for details. CMS has some findings and beads available for your project or you can bring your items to create your project.

To be sure we can all play in the space available, RSVP to Eva 303.239.6798.



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

The Denver Gem & Mineral Show is only a few short weeks away. The dates are September 15th - 17th. The theme is **GOLD AND SILVER**, in honor of this being the 50th anniversary show. The location 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.

We hope that club members are making final plans for the show. There is so much to plan for. If you are exhibiting, perhaps you are putting the final touches on that display. Are you entering a specimen found this last year for the Prospector Trophy? Are you helping with your club's display for the show? Have you decided on the specimen you are entering in the Species competition? Have you selected the specimen type you will search for at the show to complete your collection? Perhaps you will comb the dealers' booths for a specimen worthy of competition, but yet in your price range. So much to think about.

Don't forget the Silent Auction is returning to the Saturday night dinner and awards ceremony. The auction will be organized and operated by Mindat.org, a non-profit organization. Proceeds from the auction will benefit Mindat.org. The Saturday night event is open to the public and is free. However, if you wish to enjoy the Western Barbecue buffet, you will need to purchase a \$1 ticket at the Information Desk in the front lobby of the Mart. Only 150 tickets will be sold. Buy your tickets early.

We hope that every club member is volunteering for the show in some way. The Show Committee has several open positions at this time. These are Signs, Show Pin, Ribbons, and Tear Down. Some persons have stepped up to cover these positions for this year, but a more permanent chair is needed. Ron Snelling is assuming the Buildings and Grounds responsibility, Nick North is covering Ribbons, Dan Wray will be the lead for Tear Down, Katherine Brannan along with Nick North and Bruce Sales will handle Signs. Mike Dempsey is in charge of the Public Sector. George Daggett, a member of the Guild, is now the Grab Bag Chair. Anita Colin, a Flatirons member, is now the Volunteers Chair. All of these people could use our help. We thank them for volunteering for these responsibilities. Everyone should know that the show is an all-volunteer event. Yes, it is a little bit of work, but look at the reward! Without the Denver Gem & Mineral Show, the local activities for our gem, mineral, and fossil hobbies would be dullsville.

Don't forget the Show Committee is producing a 50-Year Retrospective about the show. It will be a 100 plus page booklet all about the 50 years of the show. The booklet will be highlighted with pictures of all kinds, stories about unique happenings, exhibits from the past that make you wonder where they are today, humorous incidents, names of many of the people who were involved with the show, brief club histories, and so much more. Everyone will want a copy.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Show Secretary

Editor's Note: I am the CMS Representative for the Denver Show, so contact me if you have any questions or want to volunteer. My contact information is editor.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com or 720.480.5234. The job descriptions and chairpersons contact information is on the next page

Amber Brenzikofer, CMS Editor

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>.

DENVER GEM AND MINERAL SHOW JOBS

We need help!! The following is a list of jobs that need volunteers. If you previously signed up to volunteer at a CMS meeting, those lists have been given to the chairpersons identified below. The chairperson or a representative should be contacting you to set up a schedule for working at the show. If you have not heard from them by the beginning of September, please contact them directly.

CLUB BOOTH: CMS will have a booth that requires at least 2 people to be present during show hours all three days. We give away tons of rocks and minerals to kids and adults, recruit new members, and answer questions. If you checked CMS booth on the volunteer list, we will be contacting you early September, as well as setting up times at the Founders Day picnic on September 9th.

SECURITY: Chair Bruce Sales, 303.775.2808 or oscar51686@yahoo.com. The main job is to patrol the show floor and the parking lots. Orange security vests and walkie-talkies are provided. Security volunteers do not attempt to apprehend suspected shoplifters, but radio back to the security head. Volunteers are asked for 4-hour shifts at a time. Other security at the show is provided by the Mart and contracted by the Show Committee.

CLERKS TO ASSIST JUDGING: Chair Larry Havens, 303.757.6577 or lghavens4@gmail.net. Clerks are needed to assist with judging during the show. These individuals must be willing to work with a team of judges throughout Friday and be able to neatly and accurately record judge's comments. This is a good place to learn first-hand the rules and protocol of judging.

HOSPITALITY: Chairs Kevin and KC Larsen, 303.429.6976 or mail@klarsens.net. Need volunteers every day to serve coffee and tea, donuts and snacks to the volunteers and dealers.

GRAB BAGS, PINS, POSTERS SALES AREA: Chair George Daggett, 303.453.9651 or geoddaggett@hotmail.com. This job is sales of grab bags, posters, and pins and is fun because you work mostly with kids. Many volunteers are needed on Friday morning when the school children are at the show.

ADMISSIONS: Chair Kathy Honda, 303.556.4498 or email katherine.honda@ucdenver.edu. These are sitting jobs for hand-stampers, ticket-takers and ticket-sellers (need cash handling experience making change and working fast when the crowds arrive).

EXHIBITS : Chair Larry Havens, 303.757.6577 or lghavens4@gmail.net. Volunteers are needed Thursday to assist the exhibitors as they register and set up their cases. Help is needed in cleaning the glass window in cases each day for fingerprints, etc.

DEALER CHECK IN: Regina Aumente, 505.867.0423 or raumente@aol.com. Workers needed Thursday through Sunday. Minimal Typing required.

VOLUNTEER CHECK IN: Job is Wednesday through Sunday, keeping track of the volunteers and giving out badges. This is a sitting job.

SHOW SET UP: Chair Lee Brown, 303.280.2544 or email lwbrkn2@comcast.net. Volunteers are needed to set up Wednesday from about 9:00 a.m. until the setup is finished. We will be cutting plastic, skirting tables, assembling exhibit cases, etc.

SHOW TAKE DOWN: Chair Dan Wray, 303.922.0905 or email bwray47@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed Sunday after 5 p.m. Strip tables, take down cases, pack away risers, cases, etc.

SCHOOLS: Chair Judy Knoshaug, 303.423.2923 or jrknoshaug@comcast.net. Help with the school kids, give them a brief talk about the show, and guide them into the show entrance. Friday morning from about 8:30 a.m. to noon.

CMS General Meeting on May 5, 2017

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

General Announcements:

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

Ben Geller discussed the annual CMS May 6th auction.

Bruce Sales reported for the Denver Gem and Mineral Show and the need for volunteers


Gary Rowe presented the 2017 field trip guide and discussed logistics of the trips. Members were able to sign up for field trips.

Raffle (see Raffle news in this newsletter)

Meeting adjourned

Notes taken by Amber Brenzikofer for Sandra Gonzales, Secretary

Colorado Mineral & Fossil Fall Show
NEW LOCATION
Crowne Plaza Hotel & Convention Center
15500 E. 40th Avenue, Denver, CO 80239
(I-70 & Chambers Rd.)
September 8 - 16, 2017
Monday thru Saturday 9AM - 6PM, Sunday 10AM - 5PM



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Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show / Free Lecture Series
Aspen Theatre - Across From Vail Ballroom

Tuesday September 12, 2017

Time of Lectures: Aspen Amphitheater (Across from the Vail Ballroom)

11:00 AM - John Curchin - "Meteorites: Fossils of Rocks, Gems and Minerals From Outer Space"

1:00 PM - Paul Melville - "Rum Jungle" Australia

3:00 PM - Stanley L. Korzeb - "Silver mineralization of the Oro Fino Mining District, Deer Lodge County, Montana"

Wednesday September 13, 2017

11:00 AM - Mel King - "Sunken Treasures"

1:00 PM - Scott Kleine - "Silver and Gold from Nevada"

3:00 PM - Neil Larson - "Ammonites Shell Shocked! the story of ammonite predation and survival in the Cretaceous"

Read more about the talks and Bios from each speaker

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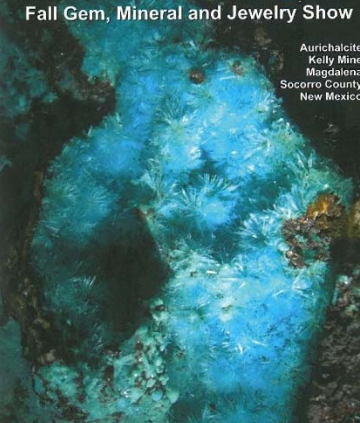
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ALBUQUERQUE
Fall Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

Aurichalcite
Kelly Mine
Magdalena
Socorro County
New Mexico

October 6-8, 2017
Expo New Mexico (State Fair Grounds)



Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting May 16, 2017

Attendance: Attendance: John Smith, Ben Geller, Debra Kalscheur, Bruce Sales, Eva Siemonsma, Leslie Osgood, Sandra Gonzales, Loni Cole, Amber Brenzikofer

Call to Order – John Smith

Old Business:

Board-Appointed Positions Available for 2017:

- Secretary – Filled by Aaron Cross
- **Jr Rockhound Chair – To be open in September 2017 (critical)**
- Jr Rockhound Assistant - Open
- Display Chairperson: Open
- **Membership Chair – Open (critical)**

Grab Bag Committee:

- Set up a grab bag stuffing potluck party this fall.
 - TBD once all the materials are consolidated

Club Assets:

- Inventory is ongoing.
 - Submit inventory list to Eva Siemonsma

Bylaws Update:

- Update of bylaws tabled until separate board meeting this summer (August). Get written comments on bylaws from Board by August 1, target putting updated bylaws in October newsletter, and get approval at October general meeting.
 - Recommendations, additions, and corrections will be discussed at the August 15, 2017 meeting

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 packages will also be purchased.
- Need to get Debbie a letter for her donation of a laptop to CMS.
 - Cara is looking into new software packages which have been approved from the board

New Business:

Treasurer's Report – Eva Siemonsma

- Eva presented the financial report to the Board which included the silent auction's numbers
- The financials were approved from the board.

Membership Report

- Amber read the new member's names during the meeting

Secretary's Report

- No report

Field Trips – Amber Brenzikofer

- No field trip updates, except for the Founders Day Picnic (Pot Luck September 9th from noon-4:30. Set up is at 11:30) (Need Volunteers to assist)

Education – Debbie Kalscheur

- Gemstone Identification class was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the class facilitated by Star Edwards.

Denver Council Report – Bruce Sales

- No council meeting. The next meeting is June.

Denver Show Committee Report – Amber Brenzikofer

- Amber picked up 7,000 grab bags at the meeting for the club to assemble grab bags for future shows
- Saturday September 16th will be a dinner, awards ceremony, and auction sponsored by Mindat.org at the Denver Gem and Mineral Show

Newsletter Deadline (Summer Edition) – Amber Brenzikofer – July 2017

Other Business:

May Auction (post analysis, next year's venue, thank you card signing, check disbursements)

Next scheduled CMS Board Meeting: July 18, 2017 7:00pm Location: TBD

Notes taken by Sandra Gonzales, Secretary

Colorado Mineral Society Board Meeting July 18, 2017

Attendance: John Smith, Ben Geller, Debra Kalscheur, Bruce Sales, Eva Siemonsma, Leslie Osgood, Sandra Gonzales, Loni Cole, Amber Brenzikofer

Call to Order – John Smith

Old Business:

Board-Appointed Positions Available for 2017:

- Secretary – Filled by Aaron Cross
- **Jr Rockhound Chair – To be open in September 2017 (critical)**
 - Ben Geller will assist with the program for 2 months until a chair is appointed
- Jr Rockhound Assistant - Open
- Display Chairperson: Open
- **Membership Chair – Open (critical)** Cara will stay on and manage database if we can get people to cover the meetings.
 - We need an ideal candidate to assist with the membership, please contact Cara for any questions about the position.

Grab Bag Committee:

Set up a grab bag stuffing potluck party this fall if we have enough material.

- The club has enough grab bags for 2 years, but staying ahead of the project is the goal. Time and place will be determined. Need to do an inventory of supplies.

Club Assets:

Inventory is ongoing.

Bylaws Update:

- Update of bylaws tabled until separate board meeting this summer (August). Get written comments on bylaws from Board by August 1, target putting updated bylaws in October newsletter, and get approval at October general meeting.
- The board will meet on August 15th to discuss any additions, corrections, etc. to the bylaws.

Membership:

Purchase of a new laptop.

- Laptop was purchased and has all the windows products

Need to get Debbie a letter for her donation of a laptop to CMS.

- John will draft a letter for Debbie Kalscheur for her financial records

Audit Update:

- The audit was done by an independent company, and was approved to be in order.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report – Eva Siemonsma

- A financial report was presented to the board, and was approved without any recommendations

Membership Report

- Cara will provide a list of all new members in the newsletter

Field Trips – Amber updated

- The Creede field trip has been cancelled. There may be another fee site added in September to the Topaz Mountain field trip, Utah for red beryl

Education – Debbie Kalscheur

- Debbie is currently working on educational programs.

Denver Council Report – Bruce Sales

- CMS will be assisting in auditing the Denver Council Financial Books
- CMS was granted \$250 for participation in all the meetings. Thank you Bruce Sales for representing the club.

Denver Show Committee Report – Amber Brenzikofer

- The Denver Show is creating a 50th anniversary book that will be for sale at the show

Newsletter Deadline (Summer Edition) – Amber Brenzikofer – July 24, 2017

Other Business

Special Meeting for by-laws: August TBD, Location TBD

Next scheduled CMS Board Meeting: September 19, 2017 at 7:00pm

Notes taken by Sandra Gonzales, Secretary



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Calendar of Events

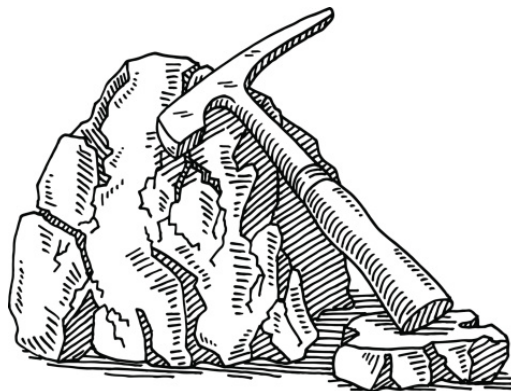
September 9, 2017, CMS Founders Day Picnic at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, Noon-4:30pm

September 15-17, 2017, Denver Gem and Mineral Show at Denver Mart

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

November 3, 2017, CMS November General Meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 7:30pm

December 1, 2017, CMS December Holiday Party at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, 6:30pm



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