

Colorado Chapter

Friends of Mineralogy

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The 1982-1983 year is shaping up as a banner year for the Colorado Chapter. We have been experimenting with new FM sponsored programs with great success. The fall symposium on Minerals of Colorado had almost 150 people attend, requiring some people to stand since we only had seating

for 100. The feedback on the meeting was so positive we have scheduled another symposium for this fall, and we already have the speakers lined up to present papers on mineralogy of Colorado and surrounding states. We will give you more information in a future newsletter --- watch for it.

Our newest project is a mineral auction to be held at the Denver Museum of Natural History on Thursday 12 May 1983. The purpose of the auction is to spread knowledge, and to permit the acquisition of minerals, new or old books and publications on mineralogy and geology, equipment, mineral pictures and plates, and (?) at reasonable prices by Denver members and visitors. Set-up and inspection of auction items will begin at 6:30 pm, the auction will commence at 7:30 pm. The auction will be in two parts: 1) a silent auction using the attached bid forms 2) a verbal auction for the very desirable items, where bidding will be a bit more hectic -- making access to the bid forms used in the silent auction crowded and impractical. All specimens must have one of the attached forms filled out properly in order to qualify for auction. We have included copies of the forms here so you can fill them out before the meeting. If you require more forms, we ask you to please provide your own xeroxing or contact Dan Kile at 341-0135. To limit the number of specimens that must be auctioned off in one evening, we request that you limit yourself to your choicest material. Notice that each form has a place for a minimum bid. Please put down a price on each specimen that you feel makes a suitable beginning bid. This is up to you, but remember,

auctioning is a case of the dog with the bone -- he didn't really want it until he thought someone else was going to get it. Make the minimum bid high enough so you won't be financially ruined if somebody bids 50 cents higher and "wins it for a song"(not likely, but possible). At the same time make it low enough so a couple of people will put down bids hoping to buy a "sleeper". Their bids will hopefully incite other bidders into a contest that will yield fair market value, or perhaps better, for the specimen. We don't want to limit you too much on what you bring, but would like to put a lower limit on the minimum bid of \$.50. The same limit will hold for the minimum bid increment on the silent auction. Choice specimens will be selected by the auctioneer for inclusion in the verbal auction. Minimum bid increments will of course be called out by the auctioneer. Also be sure that each form has checked off whether it will be a 100% donation, or a 50% donation to FM for publication of the upcoming update of Bulletin 1114 Minerals of Colorado. Put a check mark if you want the stub returned for a tax write off. People who enter material for the auction must be a member of Friends of Mineralogy. The silent auction will start first, then there will be a break for the verbal auction, after which we will return for completion of the silent auction. Enter the building through the north guarded entrance.

There will be a meeting for board members on Monday 9 May 1983 at 6pm in Jack's office. Bring your dinner.