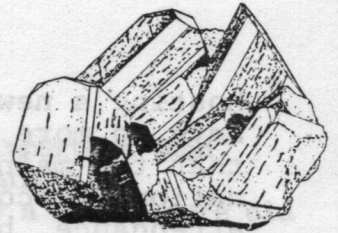


# Friends of mineralogy colorado chapter



## NEXT MEETING

May 14, 1987  
ANNUAL FM AUCTION

Our May meeting will be our annual auctions, both silent and vocal, which are designed to raise money for various FM projects, including continuing support for the update project. The doors will open at 6:30PM to allow set-up of materials which you want to place in the silent auction. The meeting will start early -- 7:00PM -- in order to allow us to finish up at a reasonable time. As in the past, any minerals or related items of interest, such as books, mining antiques, maps, and so on, are suitable.

Just a reminder of the basic rules: you may designate either a 100% donation to FM or 50% donation. Bidding is requested in 50¢ increments only. Please remember to indicate an upset price if you have a minimum amount in mind for a particular item. The Board will select a number of the better or more interesting pieces for the vocal auction, which will commence around 8:00PM. Once that is over, you will have a few minutes remaining to make final silent auction bids. A sheet with three auction slips is enclosed. If you need more, you can either Xerox this sheet or more will be available at the door. However, if they are filled out in advance, it will expedite matters. Please bring your own flats and/or wrapping material, since that is always in short supply.

I hope to see you all at the May Auction, and bring lots of goodies!

Annabelle McGraw, our Secretary, had a mishap recently and broke her pelvis in a fall (and just before digging season). She's home from the hospital now, and we all wish her a speedy recovery. If any of you can help, you might give her a call and see if there are rides she needs or other ways we might help out. Speedy recovery, Annabelle!

## NEWS OF MINERAL SHOWS September, 1987

There is word that there will be not one, but two satellite shows in connection with the Denver Council show in September. Marty Zinn has taken over the management of the Holiday Inn satellite show and promises that it will be better than ever. Word has also come that the nearby Viscount Hotel (about a half block away from the Holiday Inn) will be

hosting a new group, primarily devoted to lapidary and jewelry. We have no more information at this time. This is a clear indication that the main Denver Gem and Mineral Show is gaining well-deserved national recognition as the place to be in the Fall. It means more attendance, better exhibits and speakers, and more dealers seeking to participate. In the end, we all become winners.

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Pete Modreski, who is FM's Update Coordinator, has prepared another report of work involved in updating USGS Bulletin 1114, as well as some important recommendations for ways to expedite completion of this lengthy effort. Please read the following carefully. If you have questions about anything, Pete or any of the Board members will be happy to try to respond.

#### Report on Minerals of Colorado project

After my report on the Update was prepared for the March newsletter, I received a summary (prepared by Jack Murphy with the help of Jim McGlasson) of the extent of completion of the mineral entries in the Update manuscript. Their progress report (as of Jan. 15, 1987) states that out of 738 total species (of which 269 are new since Bull. 1114), 345 (46.7%) are in "third draft" form (essentially complete, though still needing final review by the authors); 20 species (2.7%) are in "second draft" form (the initial draft has been partially revised, but more material still needs to be added to it); and 373 species are still in "first draft" form (there is a significant file of notes, additions, and revisions that needs to be added to the original draft). I hope to obtain periodic updates to this status report, which we can use to estimate the amount of work and time required to complete the manuscript.

Two committees were established, at the March 9, 1987 FM board meeting, to plan and prepare (1) maps and (2) photographs for the Minerals of Colorado book. The map committee (P. Modreski, chairman; R. Cobban; R. Collins; E. Foord; J. Hurlbut; T. Kohnen; J. Murphy) has met three times (Mar. 13, Apr. 3, and Apr. 24). It has discussed the number, size, and format of maps to be included in the Update; the type of map to use as a base for these locality maps; and the amount and type of locality information to be shown on the maps. It has been agreed that approximately 20 page-size maps, each showing one or several counties, will be included in the book to show the location of the more important mineral localities, mines, and mining districts. The maps will be at various scales, ranging from about 1:1,000,000 to 1:250,000, depending on the density of mines and localities in different parts of the state. The next meeting of the map committee will be held April 29, and continuing reports will be made to the chapter. The photograph committee (B. Muntyan, E. Foord, D. Kile, J. McGlasson, J. Simpson, S. Walden) has not yet formally met.

After reviewing current and past work on the update, and discussing it with numerous people, I would like to make several general comments and suggestions. Completion of the update can be expedited, and assured, by doing the following:

- 1) Establish a firm cut-off date for new information to be added to the manuscript.
- 2) Minimize the addition of any nonessential material to the book, because the manuscript is already so long (approx. 1800 pages double-spaced) that publication in one volume of reasonable size and cost is in question.

3) Agree that finishing the manuscript for publication is more important than tracking down and verifying a few more questionable reports of mineral occurrences, or finding, reading, and adding to the bibliography a couple more old geologic reports or theses that were missed back in the 1950's.

4) Begin preparing maps and photographs so they are ready when the manuscript is.

5) Involve as many people as possible in the final stages of rewriting and editing of the manuscript and preparing the maps, photos, and other sections of the book, to insure its completion in a reasonable amount of time.

6) Set up a procedure and a schedule for designating revised mineral sections of the book as "completed".

7) Once sections are completed, begin submitting them for review (both by geologists designated for "official" review by the U.S.G.S., and by other persons with knowledge of particular minerals or localities) rather than waiting until the entire book is completed.

8) Begin evaluating and planning for the size, printing format, and cost for printing of the book, so there are no unforeseen surprises as it nears completion.

In addition to the money raised and donated for the Update project as reported in the March newsletter, we note that several other donations were made to the project: \$1000 from the Denver Council of Gem and Mineral Societies in 1984, and \$500 from the Colorado Springs Mineral Society in 1984. Both these donations were made directly to an account at the Geology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, which was being used at the time to pay for manuscript typing for the update; hence, these donations were not included in the report covering funds handled by the FM treasury. Both Friends of Mineralogy and the Museum do, of course, very much appreciate such donations, which have been important in continuing the work on the Update.

Subsequent to the financial report made in March, covering 1981-1986, two payments were made by FM to Rosalie Weedman for manuscript typing on the Update: \$300.00 in February, and \$230.00 in April.

submitted by Peter J. Modreski, April 25, 1987

#### OTHER POSSIBLE FM PROJECTS

A number of suggestions have been received concerning other projects which might be sponsored by FMCC, in whole or in part, in addition to providing financial support for the Update project discussed above. One of the more intriguing suggestions has been the possible sponsorship of a series of small semi-popular monographs on famous mineral localities -- a sort of expansion of the chapters in Peter Bancroft's most recent book -- only concentrating on some of the more important Colorado localities. If you have been thinking about another project which FMCC should consider, please contact any of your Board members and let them know about it.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- FMCC Annual Auction.....May 14
- Colorado Springs Mineral Show.....July 18-19
- CMS Con-tin-tail at Buena Vista.....August 14-16
- Next FMCC Meeting.....September 10
- Denver Satellite Show.....September 16-19
- Denver Council Mineral Show..... September 18-20

In addition to the money raised and donated for the Update project as reported in the March newsletter, we note that several individuals have made donations to the project: \$1000 from the Denver Council of Gem and Mineral Societies in 1984, and \$500 from the Colorado Springs Mineral Show. The Colorado Springs Mineral Show is a very successful event which has been held at the Colorado Springs Convention Center. In addition, we note that several individuals have made donations to the project: \$1000 from the Denver Council of Gem and Mineral Societies in 1984, and \$500 from the Colorado Springs Mineral Show.

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