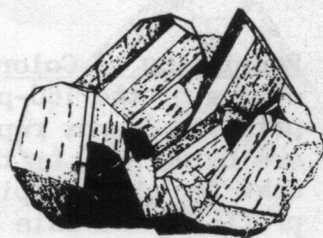


Friends of mineralogy colorado chapter



March 1, 1989

NOTICE CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION!

THE FM MEETING THURSDAY MARCH 9TH WILL BE HELD IN THE VIP ROOM AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AT 7:30 P.M..

Please enter the employee's entrance on the north side of the building. Just after passing the guard station turn left and enter the VIP room. Refreshments will be served.

David Bucknam of the Mined Land Reclamation Division, and Bruce Stover of the Colorado State Geology Department will present a program on work being done in Colorado.

We will have a display case for you to show your examples of your prize Tucson purchases. Other specimens of general interest may also be displayed.

Pete Modreski will show a video tape of some of the Tucson highlights. Anyone who has slides of interest on the Tucson Show is encouraged to bring them.

Ray Berry will report on the planned workshop on mineral photographing.

1989 DUES ARE NOW DUE! \$10.00 per year.

The Treasurer will be glad to take your money at the January meeting or you can mail your check to him at 5365 W. Leawood Dr. Littleton, Co 80123.

We're pleased to report that the new mineral FOORDITE, named after Eugene Foord, has just been described. FOORDITE is an oxide mineral, SnNb_2O_6 , which forms a series with THOREAULITE, SnTa_2O_6 . The type locality is Lutsiro, Sebeye River, Rwanda, and it was also identified from Ponia, Zaire. The description was published by Pete Cerny, A Fransolet, T.S. Ercit, and R. Chapman in the latest issued The Canadian Mineralogist, v.26, part 4, December 1988, p. 889-898.

GUESTS WELCOME

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"MINERALS OF COLORADO"

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Reprinting of Colorado Pegmatites volume: As planned, in December we reprinted 50 copies of the 160-page volume from our 1986 Pegmatite Symposium. The cost of printing (xerox reproduction plus binding) was \$357. These are now available and are being sold by the chapter for \$15, postpaid. Allowing for about \$1.25 postage cost for those copies that need to be mailed, the chapter should make a decent profit on the sale of the books. As of this date (2/23/89), 16 copies have been sold (a number of back orders for the book had been received from various libraries), 1 has been donated without charge (to the Mineralogical Record, for their reference library), and 33 copies remain. -- Pete Modreski

Precious Metal Symposium volume: Of 300 copies of this book printed for our symposium in August, approximately 137 were distributed at the symposium. Of the remaining 163, 62 have been sold (\$15, postpaid) and 7 donated without charge (to the U.S.G.S. library, U.S. Bureau of Mines library, Colorado School of Mines library, Denver Museum of Natural History, American Geological Institute, Rocks & Minerals, and Mineralogical Record), leaving 94 copies still on hand. Rocks & Minerals magazine has kept copies of the this and the pegmatite volume for sale at their booth at the Denver Show and in Tucson (as a favor to us, without charge), and has a number of copies now which they will display and sell for us at other shows.--Pete Modreski

Progress on Minerals of Colorado: The official USGS review of the open-file version of the 241-page bibliography has been completed as of this month. Final corrections of errors and of incomplete information in some entries are now being made to the bibliography, and we can look forward to it being released as an open-file report of the USGS sometime later this year. The bibliography will be available in paper copy, microfiche, or computer diskette format. Work is continuing on the final writing and rewriting of the various mineral sections of the actual text of the "Minerals of Colorado" update. At this stage, many of the mineral entries are complete, but a significant number still need to be updated, revised, and reviewed. By our next newsletter, we hope to have an accurate report on how many of the mineral entries are complete or still need rewriting. Rosie Weedman is no longer available to do typing on the book, but the complete text has been transferred from her NBI word processor onto floppy diskettes which the authors/compiler can use on their own PC's and thereby enter the remaining additions themselves, without requiring a paid typist. Photographs and maps for the book still need to be selected and prepared. There is at this time still no definite projected date for completion of the book, but the progress so far is encouraging. Reports on its progress will continue to be made in the newsletter.-
-Pete Modreski, update coordinator