

Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter Newsletter – February/March 2008

March Meeting – Thursday, March 13, 7:30 pm

(Board meeting 6:45-7:30)

March Program:

The Greedy/Needy Collector

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The Joys and Trials of the Species Collector

by Len Keller

Len wants them ALL! Not just a pyrite from every known pyrite locale in the world, or a suite of every mineral from every mine in the Tri-State Area. No, he wants at least one of every mineral species known to the world of mineralogy. That would be over 4,500 unique mineral species. To date, Len has 1593 species. To species collectors, that's a good beginning. Len's presentation will share some of the considerations that governed his collection efforts and focus and also present a sampling of some of the uncommon minerals in his collection.

Len has a BS degree in Biology and Education, and an MS in Adult Administration and Supervision. After finishing school, Len served in the military with tours in Japan, Germany and Viet Nam. During the mid-60's, he was stationed at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal where he performed the duties of Assistant Adjutant, Public Information Officer, Post Training Officer, Post Safety Officer, and Assistant Post Chaplain (all at the same time).

Upon retirement from the Army, Len went on to a full career as an Industrial Training Manager with several national corporations.

Since his second retirement, Len has volunteered at the Denver Zoo, the Denver Aquarium, and the DMNS as a curatorial assistant in the Geology Department.

Several years ago, Len attended Jack Murphy's Introduction to Mineralogy class at the museum, and this started Len down the road as a collector of rocks and minerals (and yet another mineral addict was born). From the ranks of such rockaholics come FM officers; Len is our current Secretary.

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Friends of Mineralogy Colorado Chapter Board for 2008

**Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter
Board Meeting Minutes
CSM Geology Museum
(AMENDED)**

Date: January 10, 2008

Business Meeting Called to Order at: 6:47 pm by Larry Havens

Present: Larry Havens, Pete Modreski, Jim Hurlbut, Richard Parsons, Len Keller, Bill Chirnside, Bruce Geller, Donna Chirnside (Membership/Hospitality Chairperson), Bill Hutchinson, (Newsletter Editor).

Absent: Jerry Kiefer (Program Chairperson)

Previous Meeting Minutes: The Board approved the November 2007 minutes.

At this time an issue concerning the Bylaws was addressed by the Board. Len Keller pointed out an apparent redundancy in Number VI Membership, Section 2(E) and Section 3. The Board decided to amend the Bylaws to remove the redundant Section 3. However, Richard pointed out that this proposal had to be voted on by the general membership. The issue will be addressed later in the evening by the general membership present.

Treasurer's Report: Richard stated that the current financial information arrived too late for the meeting, so he reported on the status as of 11/30/2007. A suggestion was made to convert to a digital on-line bank statement. Richard then presented new formats for check accounting and member status for discussion. These items were discussed by the Board. No formal action taken. The issue of payment of dues by a new member who signs up late in autumn, i.e., is the member considered "paid up" for the following year. Larry pointed out that the Bylaws, Number VIII, Sec. 1 (B) applies. If a membership application is received after August 1, the dues will be prorated to one half of the full yearly rate. Also, to insure availability of funds, in past years dues to National were made in two payments during the year. Motion was made by Jim and seconded by Len to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Transitions are still underway for Secretary and Newsletter Chair materials.
- There was a discussion on the publishing and dissemination of the newsletter and the club membership list. A recommendation was made to send the newsletter out as a pdf Email with hard copies to those members who had no Email access or preferred the hard copy version. Richard moved that the club adopt the Email approach to distributing the newsletter. Seconded by Bill Chirnside. Motion passed.

Richard will contact all members for whom we do not have an Email address to determine if they have Email addresses. We will send out a current roster in May.

- Larry asked if Board members should be labeled as such on the membership roster. The Board decided not to do this.
- M+M6 Plan: Jim said that it was agreed to donate \$500 to the M+M6 program. We need to send the check. This donation is to defray the expenses associated with the Poster Session that will be held at the CSM Green Center. The check will essentially pay for the entire program requirement. FMCC members will be able to attend the poster sessions at no cost, and participate in the field trips with payment of required fees. Pete moved to approve the \$500 contribution for the Poster Program. Bill C. seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Committee Reports
 - Hospitality: No report
 - Program: Larry stated that we are all set for the remainder of the year. A list of all speakers over the past five years will be compiled for future reference.
 - Newsletter: No report
 - Preservation: Richard stated that there was no action at this time. He will start recruiting soon for new volunteers. Richard will start establishing links with the area Curators.
- Status of Colorado Federation.: John Hanson took action to reinstate the Corporation. The Federation now exists. Status of officers is in question.

New Business:

- Membership Survey: Pete mentioned that in 2001 a questionnaire was designed to attempt to determine the directions that the membership would like to take. Copies were passed out to the Board and Committee members for review.

At this point Larry suggested that the Board adjourn the Board meeting and reconvene in General Session after a short break.

The Board adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The general membership meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm. Larry thanked everyone for the selection of the new Board. He reminded everyone that it was time to pay annual dues. The issue of the redundancy in the Bylaws was discussed and a motion was made to remove the redundancy. Motion passed. Richard covered the purpose and goals of the Preservation committee and advised that he would be looking for volunteers to join the committee. This activity was one of the goals of FM. Bruce asked the members about their thoughts on the best date/time to hold the club Auction. It was suggested that May 10th was doable with an alternate date of May 17th. Bruce will contact the hall for availability. Larry then introduced Bruce as the program speaker. Bruce talked about the museum in general and then led the group on an excellent tour of the museum to include a behind-the-scenes look at the “warehouse” storage area in the lower level. Everyone seemed impressed by the museum’s resources. There were 17 people at the meeting including the Board, general members and speaker.

Len Keller, Secretary



Pictures from our Jan meeting at the CSM Museum

CSM Museum Musings

Greetings from the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) Geology Museum. There has been a great deal of activity in the Museum. First, the grant that I mentioned in my last communication was formally awarded by the Golden Civic Foundation, which we are most grateful for. The grant will allow us to have signage installed by the city of Golden leading to the Museum. We will use the remaining funds to upgrade our website and improve our Museum brochures.

Our Advisory Council has been very busy establishing Museum goals and policies. We officially welcomed Bryan Lees as our newest member of the Council. Another Council member, Ed Raines, has headed a campaign to organize geologic items that we store in one of four warehouses here on campus. He has amassed over 80 boxes of books and 20 boxes of journals, which will be offered for sale by our Museum.

Other recent efforts at our Museum included exhibiting at the New Mexico Mineral Symposium in Socorro and also at the Flatirons Mineral Club show in Longmont. We have gotten several fascinating new donations in the past few months. I have personally led Museum tours to at least four mineral clubs. Work has continued on the symposium known as Minerals and Museums (M+M6), which is a conference for international mineral museum curators held every four years, slated for September, 2008 here on campus (which will be the first time it was ever hosted in the U.S.).

On the horizon, we plan on re-establishing a Museum gift shop to feature duplicate specimens from our collection, which is bound to be a popular destination for visitors and school groups. New exhibits are being planned to better display our meteorites and a display will be created to play a DVD on the geology of Golden area. Several more clubs are scheduled for Museum tours in the coming months. Volunteers will be contacted to help with Museum projects, such as our book sale.

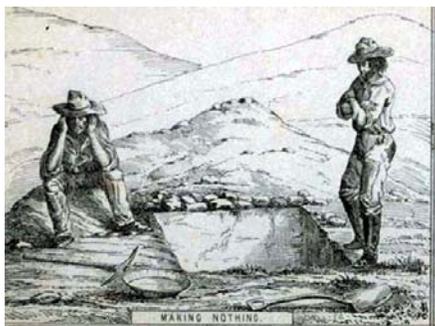
In conclusion, I encourage your club to schedule a private visit at the CSM Museum. Simply pick three nights or weekends that your club would like to visit the Museum and have a club representative contact me at 303-273-3823. I'll try my best to accommodate your club at one of those times. You're also welcome to visit on your own during our normal hours:

Monday – Saturday 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Sundays 1P.M. – 4 P.M.

Cordially,

Bruce Geller

CSM Museum Director



Notable Quotes;

Scientific theory is a contrived foothold in the chaos of living phenomena.

WILHELM REICH

It is the tension between creativity and skepticism that has produced the stunning and unexpected findings of science.

CARL SAGAN

Mineral Sales

William Hayward's Annual Mineral Sale March 15-16, 2008

The annual sale of minerals of William Hayward will be held on March 15th and 16th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at his home 3286 Quitman Road in Denver. For sale are many Colorado specimens collected 40+ years ago. Bill can be reached at 303 455 1977.

Ray & Eloise Berry's Mineral Sale May 3rd & 4th, 2008

MAY 3rd & 4th Saturday & Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM in our barn at 7513 Tudor Rd, CS, CO

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Mineral Collection of Dick Holmes May 17, 2008

The mineral collection of Dick Holmes will go on sale May 17, Sat., 8:00 - 4:00 and Sunday the 18th, noon to 4:00. Dick was a miner and a mine inspector, with a collection spanning 1925 to 1986, and he was the author (with M.B. Kennedy) of "Mines and Minerals of the Great American Rift" (publ. 1983). There will be over 1,500 specimens, mostly Colorado minerals, many from the San Juan and Leadville areas. Cash only; Rain or Shine; no pre-sales. 2980 S. Vine Street, Denver, 80210 (south of Denver University). There will be many specimens under \$100, Perky boxes in various sizes, and hand-size minerals up to large crystal plates. A complete collection of "The Mineralogical Record" from the first issue to 1989 is for sale - inquire day of sale for a viewing appointment.

TUCSON GEM AND MINERAL SHOW



The Mount Antero case at the Tucson Gem Show.

EDITOR'S NOTES FROM TUCSON:

This was my first experience in Tucson for the mineral show. I arrived on the Thursday night before the main show opened. My first impression of the main show was awe, as it should be. The mineral specimens were superb and each new showcase weakened my knees. Envy crept in as I imagined it could have been me in the field collecting these wondrous treasures. The love of being a prospector is ignited by these specimens. The fact that the show was all about the best our country has to offer brings it home to our backyards. Our local field trips become more meaningful as we see the potential the country has to offer.



The Colorado Barite case.

Some of the collecting areas are no longer accessible or may have been depleted of good specimens but look no further than our own Mount Antero to see great discoveries are still being made. The cases that were of local interest showed some of the best mineral specimens from Mount Antero, The Sweet Home Mine, three Colorado barite localities and the Crystal Peak area. These local cases were truly awesome. In addition, a case of gold from Colorado stood proudly next to the California gold display, both with eye popping specimens. To top it all off, a book had been written about each of the showcased localities and is an incredible addition to one's library. Most of the authors and those pictured in the book were available to sign your copy if you so desired. The one aspect of the show that I found a little annoying was that the cases that these wonderful mineral specimens were put in were drab, low grade plywood with scratches and marks that distracted from the incredible beauty inside. It felt like keeping a diamond in an old tissue box. Well, enough of my ranting. The show was incredible!



The Crystal Peak case.

Now if only the weather would allow me back into the mountains to chase the dreams these cases inspired....



Jeff Self and Pete Modreski talking over the Antero case.



The Sweet Home Mine case.



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Special challenge for Denver Council Clubs!!

We are offering a chance for your club to earn **\$100**, just for visiting a great mineral show! Every Denver club that has at least 20 members sign up at the April Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show will receive \$100 from Martin Zinn Expositions for the club treasury.

As an extra incentive for your members, a special drawing will be held for members who provide a complete mailing address. The winner of this drawing will also receive \$50. Member names will be added to our mailing list, but not sold or shared with any other company.

Only one club and one entry per person, please. Sign-in sheets will be in the Holiday Inn lobby.

Please contact us if you wish to participate in the \$100 promotion so that we can have a sign-in sheet ready for your club. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We hope to see you at the show!

Please encourage your newsletter editor to list this show in your Calendar of Events, and take advantage of this opportunity to earn some extra cash for the club. Be sure to tell your members to sign in at the show! **Please reply to this email so we know you received it.**

COLORADO MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW-SPRING APRIL 25-27, 2008

Holiday Inn-Denver Central, 4849 Bannock St. (Retail and Wholesale)

Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free Admission – Free Parking – Open to the Public

Minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry and lapidary

Dealers from across the U.S., and from China, India, Brazil, Pakistan, and more

Sincerely,
Marty Zinn, Show Manager

Regina Aumente, Assistant Show Manager

My mind is like a steel trap.....rusty and illegal in 37 states!



Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter
Publications available for sale, February, 2008

- Photography of Mineralogical, Paleontological, and Archaeological Specimens (1989)** A Symposium on the Equipment and Techniques for Professionals and Amateurs, 74 p. + 18 p. of reprinted articles by Jeff Scovil from Rocks & Minerals Magazine **\$ 2.00**
- Antero Aquamarines, by Mark Jacobson (1993)** **\$ 15.00**
L.R. Ream Publishing, softcover, 126 p. + 8 color plates
- Minerals of Colorado (1997)** **\$140.00***
Fulcrum Press, 665 p. plus 40 plates with 118 color and 27 b&w photos
- Pegmatite Symposium Abstracts (1999)** **\$ 10.00****
The Eugene E. Foord Memorial Symposium on NYF-type Pegmatites, 73 p., as published in Canadian Mineralogist, vol. 37, part 3, June 1999, pp. 791-863.
- Pegmatite Symposium Field Trip Guidebook (1999)** **\$ 10.00***
Field guide to NYF-type [Nb-Y-F] Pegmatites of the Pikes Peak Batholith; field trips to the Lake George and South Platte pegmatite districts; 36 p.
- Symposium on Gemstone Deposits of the Rocky Mountain Region, Program and Abstracts (2002)** Program & abstracts of an FMCC symposium; **\$ 15.00**
79 pages including 3 pages plus cover in color
- Symposium on Agate and Cryptocrystalline Quartz (2005)** **\$ 20.00***
From an FMCC symposium; 144 pages including 3 pages plus cover in color; reprinted in 2006

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Meeting Dates for 2008

Dates for our 2008 meetings will be May 8, September 18, and November 13. The September meeting will be after the Denver Gem and Mineral Show.

It's Dues Time Again

Membership in FMCC and National FM is still only \$13 in 2008. Payment by check can be sent to the address on page 1 or given to our Treasurer or any Board member.

Newsletter

Your newsletter editor encourages all FMCC members to send your email address so that you will receive the newsletter electronically. The email version of the newsletter is in color; the paper version will have none. Please send your email address to editor Bill Hutchinson at wmhutchi5@msn.com. Also if you only want a paper newsletter but are presently receiving an email newsletter, let your editor know also.

FMCC May meeting is Thursday, May 8, 2008, 7:30 pm, at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Coming Events 2008:

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| Mar 13 | FMCC meeting, DMNS |
| Mar 28-30 | Ft. Collins Rockhounds 47 th Gem and Mineral Show, 419 W Magnolia St, Ft. Collins, CO |
| April 10 | Flatirons Silent Auction, West Boulder Senior Center, Boulder, CO |
| April 11 | North Jeffco Silent Auction, Arvada Senior Center, Arvada, CO |
| Apr 25-27 | Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show (Spring), Denver, CO |
| May 3 | CMS Auction |
| May 8 | FMCC meeting, DMNS |
| May 10-11 | Grand Junction Gem and Mineral Show, Two Rivers Convention Center, Grand Junction |
| Sep 12-14 | Denver Gem and Mineral Show, Denver Merchandise Mart, theme "Minerals of Colorado" |
| Sep 18 | FMCC meeting, DMNS |
| Sep 25-28 | American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) National Convention, Humble, TX |
| Nov 7-9 | Rocky Mtn Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) Convention, Tulsa, OK <i>Revised!</i> |
| Nov 13 | FMCC meeting, DMNS |

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

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