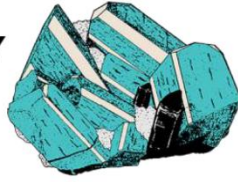


**FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY
COLORADO CHAPTER**



January 2021 Newsletter

No meetings yet scheduled at this time

However, we do have a number of other online meetings/presentations to suggest, that you may like to join online. (Please read on!)

Among the many disruptions to everyone's regular routines of life has been our own Colorado Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy. We only had one "live" in-person meeting in 2020, **The Pala Gem Pegmatite District, San Diego County, California**, on January 9, presented by Ryan L. Bowling, and taking place in what had been our intended meeting place for the year, Room 109 in Berthoud Hall, Colorado School of Mines. Our March and May meetings, and our annual Silent Auction, were cancelled, and we only held one virtual meeting during the rest of the year, on June 11, **The Minerals of Tsumeb Mine, Tsumeb, Namibia**, presented by Dr. Robert Bowell.

Tucson 2021 mineral shows

As I'm sure everyone knows, the regular Tucson Gem and Mineral Show (hosted by the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, held in the Tucson Convention Center) was cancelled for 2021. The show with its same intended 2021 theme, "The Show that Glows", featuring fluorescent minerals plus special displays about the Apatite "Supergroup" of minerals, is now planned for February 10-13, 2022. Most of the other large "satellite" gem and mineral shows planned for Tucson in January-February 2021 were also cancelled.

However, not all the 2021 "Tucson shows" have been completely cancelled. Several of the shows have been (covid restrictions permitting) optimistically rescheduled for the time period of approximately April 8-25, 2021. As I understand it now, these will include the Arizona Mineral and Fossil Show (El Conquistador Tucson Resort), the 22nd St. Mineral Show, the Mineral City show, and others. In addition, independent of any formally organized show, a number of dealers will still be setting up for business during the originally scheduled week(s) of the Tucson shows, especially in the "Mineral City" area (near Plata St./Lester St. and Oracle Road), basically from late January (= "now") through about Feb. 13. Of course, all these plans are still subject to change, so if you make any plans to be

there, it will be wise to try to check with some dealers about what will actually take place. I'll suggest that one good source to check with would be Leonard Himes, www.LHimesFineMinerals.com . And in addition, the Quartzsite AZ gem and minerals shows (being largely outdoors) are also open and taking place, basically January through most or all of February.

Denver Gem and Mineral Show

Having been cancelled for 2020, the Denver Show Committee plans that the 2021 show will take place, with the same theme mineral as had been planned for 2020, Fluorite. The show dates, at the Denver Mart, will be Sept. 17-19, 2021.

Coming Events

We will be notifying you as soon as FMCC schedules any online (or other!) events this year. Until then, for right now, let me share several “virtual” meetings and presentations taking place through other groups, that anyone may take part in:

Tues., Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m., Friends of the Mines Museum virtual meeting will feature a video: "**The Mystery of the Giant Crystals**", produced 2010 by Madrid Scientific Films, directed by Javier Trueba, and narrated by Professor Juan Manuel Garcia-Ruiz. This fascinating but relatively little known 55-minute film is not only about "La Cueva de los Cristales de Naica", but about several other historic giant crystal cavern localities in Spain and South America. All are welcome to participate. login link: <https://friendsofthecsmgm.my.webex.com/friendsofthecsmgm.my/j.php?MTID=m8227c8d8ed2b168a9ee58a89aa36e903> . Meeting number (access code): 126 236 9622, meeting password: VqNXaweu222 .

Wed., Jan. 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science is presenting a virtual program on Digital Earth: **Ice**. Prepare for a trip to Himalayan glaciers, chilly fjords, and the frigid coast of Antarctica. Geologist Bob Reynolds and Ka Chun Yu, curator of space science, will guide you through landscapes defined by snow and ice, which are also increasingly affected by rising global temperatures. Free members, \$8 nonmembers. <https://www.dmns.org/virtual-offerings/> .

Thurs., Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m., Colorado Scientific Society monthly meeting, "**Snowmastodon Fossil Dig: A Love Story**", by Christian and Becky Shorey, Colorado School of Mines. This talk will be a “retrospective” update to the famous 2011 fossil excavation conducted by the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Online program via Zoom; all are welcome. The link and an abstract of the talk will be posted on the Colo. Sci. Soc. website, www.coloscisoc.org .

“Mineral Talks Live”

Since mid-2020, a weekly series of free, online presentations about minerals and mineral collecting has been produced by BlueCap Productions (Bryan Swoboda). Here is Bryan’s description of it:

“On June 3, 2020, we started a brand new endeavor for the mineral-collecting world that was created as a reaction to the coronavirus that had been, and continues to, sweeping the world.

Dr. Raquel Alonso-Perez (the Curatrix of the Mineralogical and Geological Museum of Harvard University), Dr. Eloïse Gaillou (the Curatrix of the Paris School of Mines), and Bryan Swoboda (President of BlueCap Productions) joined forces to create a weekly internet talk show to re-unite our community during a time where mineral shows and get-togethers were cancelled one after the other.

The result is Mineral Talks LIVE - our weekly Webinar program that broadcasts every Wednesday. We sit down with mineral people, from around the world, and talk about their area of specialty. Whether it's curating a museum, doing mineral research, running a mineral business, publishing mineral-related media or just simply collecting minerals, we spend an hour a week getting to know these people and sharing their stories and specimens with the world.

Four weeks after our LIVE presentation, we repost the recorded interview on BlueCap Productions' YouTube Channel so for those people who don't have a chance to catch the LIVE show, they can always catch up later.

As we release our programs, we will continue to post updates here for all our FMF friends.

The show is free to attend and free to watch later. If you attend, we also encourage you to ask questions and interact with our guests.

We hope you enjoy Mineral Talks LIVE as much as we enjoy producing it.

Bryan Swoboda
President, BlueCap Productions”

You can find full information about the current and archived Mineral Talks Live presentations on facebook, at <https://www.facebook.com/Mineral-Talks-LIVE-106986071038407/> . The next presentation will be on Wednesday, Jan. 13, always at 11 a.m. Mountain Time, featuring George Harlow, of the American Museum of Natural History. The link to register is: <http://go.mineraltalkslive.com/register> . Recent archived presentations have included talks by Terry Wallace, Gloria Staebler, Stefan Nicolescu, Bryan Swoboda himself, Jordi Fabre, Tom Gressman & Christi Kramer, and many more (I believe that this Wednesday’s presentation will be the 29th in the series).

MINERAL TALKS *LIVE*



George Harlow

Curator, American Museum, New York, USA

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

10A Los Angeles; 1P New York; 7P Paris

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Register at: <http://go.mineraltalkslive.com/register>

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FMCC dues for 2021!

We encourage you to please pay your FM dues now for 2021! Dues to FMCC include membership in our National organization, Friends of Mineralogy, Inc., and will make you eligible to attend any field trips we may schedule during 2021. Regular dues are \$15 (\$25 for two or more in a family). A membership form is attached to this newsletter, or can be downloaded from our website, <https://friendsofmineralogycolorado.org/membership/> . Please send dues to:

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Thank you!

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