



March Meeting – Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

(Board meeting 6:30-7:30)

Denver Museum of Nature and Science – V.I.P. Room (next to cafeteria)

The History of FM (Colorado Chapter) and Where is it Going From Here?

The first and main part of tonight's program will be a joint presentation by several members about the founding, history, and highlights of past activities of the Colorado Chapter. You may expect historical reminiscences, amusing anecdotes, tall tales, and hair-raising stories about specimens, exhibits, mineralogical science, and field trips. Some of the presentations will be accompanied by slides or "live" rocks. The series of short presentations will include:

Jack Murphy • Pete Modreski • Jim Hurlbut • Ray Berry • Marty Zinn, and possibly one or two other "surprise" speakers. *(If anyone else has slides they would like show or a tale they'd like to tell, please call Bill (303-237-2947) or Pete (303-425-9549).*

This will be followed by a general discussion about "What each of us would like to get from – or contribute to – FM", and how we can go about making the organization's meetings and activities more lively, better attended, and more attuned to the interests of its members and to the goals of FM. Jack and Kaye Thompson have promised to bring refreshments to the meeting. We hope **ALL** FM members will make a sincere effort to attend this meeting! See you there.

Dues for 2001 are \$13.00 and are payable now. If your address label does not say "2001" you presumably have not yet paid your annual dues. Send dues to Friends of Mineralogy-Colorado Chapter, P.O. Box 11005, Denver CO 80211-0005. Please call our treasurer Jim Hurlbut if you have any questions (303-757-0283).

Wyoming Field Trip to be led by FM President Bill Chirnside is scheduled for May 17-20, 2001. We will visit pegmatites in the Black Mountain and Copper Mountain districts of west-central Wyoming, in the Rattle Snake Range and Owl Creek Mountains. Minerals found here include tourmaline, beryl, spodumene, petalite, tantalite, etc. This trip had been planned for Sep. 2000 but was snowed out then. For more information or to reserve a spot to come on the trip, please call Bill at 303-989-8748. **Other clubs please note**, if the number of persons wishing to go is not too great, members of other clubs who receive our newsletter are also welcome to attend; again, please call Bill. The trip will involve camping out in some mostly uninhabited country.

FM Annual Auction – advance notice. Our annual chapter auction will be held Thursday evening, June 7, 7-9 p.m., at the Glendale Community Center (999 Clermont St., Denver). There will be both a silent and verbal auction, with refreshments provided by FM members. You may bring material either for a full (100%) or 20% donation to FM. Bruce Geller is making the arrangements for the auction; please call Bruce (303-237-2947) if you have any questions. **All visitors & guests are welcome!**

Coming Events:

Mar. 23-25 Fort Collins Gem and Mineral Show • also WIPS "Cretaceous Seaway" Symposium

April 20-22 Spring Show in the Rockies, Holiday Inn Denver North and Best Western-Central.

May 10, May FM meeting, DMNS

June 7, FM auction, Glendale Community Center

June 21-24, "Westminster Mall Rocks" show, Mile Hi Rock & Mineral Society

July 14-15 Pikes Peak Gem and Mineral Show (Colorado Springs Gem & Mineral Society); "Out of the Heavens" -- moon rock + meteorites; Masonic Temple, 1150 Panorama Dr. (Fillmore St. west exit).

Aug. 10-12 Contin-Tail rock swap, Buena Vista

Sep. 14-16, Denver Gem and Mineral Show, "Minerals of the Pikes Peak Batholith"