



Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter Newsletter – January, 2002

January Meeting – Thursday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.

(Board meeting 7:00-7:30)

Denver Museum of Nature and Science – *We're not sure what room the meeting will be in--probably one of the upstairs (3rd floor?) classrooms, not the V.I.P. room where we usually meet. Please enter through the single door Security/Staff entrance to the left of the main entrance, and ask the security guard for directions to where the FM meeting will be.*

Chronicles of the crags--the geologic story of the Colorado Mountains.

by Dr. Jack Reed, U.S. Geological Survey

Jack Reed is a geologist with the USGS, officially retired but still actively working as an Emeritus Scientist. Jack received his Ph.D. in geology from Johns Hopkins in 1954---he holds no other college degrees. He joined the USGS in 1955 and has done mapping and geologic studies in the Alaska Range, the Southern Appalachians, the Teton Range in Wyoming, the Sawatch and Elk Mountains in Colorado, and the Sangre de Cristo Range in New Mexico. He has authored more than 100 maps, scientific papers, and books, including popular description of the geology of Shenandoah National Park, the Great Falls of the Potomac, the Teton Range, and various aspects of the geology of Colorado. Jack is currently working on completion of a new geologic map of North America and a revision of his book (with J.D. Love) on the geology of the Teton Range and Jackson Hole.

Jack is an active member of the Colorado Mountain Club and often leads field trips and gives talk to them and other public groups about Colorado geology. He is the author of a section on "Geologic history of the Colorado mountains" in Guide to the Colorado Mountains, revised 9th ed. (1992), published by the Colorado Mountain Club. Jack also contributed geologic discussions to John Fielder's recent book Colorado 1872-2000 revisited. Jack's publications on Colorado geology have included "Geology and mineral resources of central Colorado" (Colorado School of Mines Quarterly, 1993, v. 93, no. 1, p. 7-15), "Precambrian rocks in Tenmile Canyon" (CSM Quarterly, v. 93, p. 31-33), and he was a co-author of the geologic maps of the Evergreen and Leadville quadrangles.

FMCC dues are \$13.00, which includes membership in national Friends of Mineralogy. Please pay your dues now for 2002; new members, please contact us for an application form, and send your dues to **Friends of Mineralogy-Colorado Chapter, P.O. Box 5276, Golden CO, 80401-5276.**

FMCC Officers: Pete Modreski, President, 303-425-9549

Jim Hurlbut, Treasurer, 303-757-0283

Directors: Bruce Geller (2002-03), Judy Peterson (2001-02), Jack Thompson (2001-02)

Past President, Bill Chirnside, 303-989-8748

Eunice York, VP, 303-761-8296

Ray Berry, Sec., 719-598-7877

News from the Denver Council: We've received the following information bulletins from Judy Knoshaug, acting secretary for the Show Committee:

DENVER SHOW COMMITTEE MINI-REPORT OCTOBER 2, 2001

The 2001 Denver Gem and Mineral Show was a great show again this year but it was affected by the terrible tragedy in New York. Almost half of the special exhibitors and a few dealers had to cancel because they or their goods could not get here. Everyone pulled together to cover the absences, and the exhibits were still outstanding. Admissions was down slightly which we also attribute to the horrific event in New York. The Council is making a \$25,637.15 donation to the special Red Cross relief fund for the victims. The donation represents admissions proceeds plus the individual donations received at the show. The Show Committee wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this an excellent show.

The Show Committee is now starting to work on the show for 2002. The dates for the show are September 13 – 15, 2002. The Show Chair for 2002 is Barb Melby from the North Jeffco Gem and Mineral Club. Barb is open to your comments and suggestions. Please call her at 303-423-5876. The theme for 2002 is "Gemstones of Colorado". Please plan to be a part of this wonderful show by joining the Show Committee. We are always looking for new people and new ideas. For next year, we wish to have a co-chair for each position on the Committee. The next meeting is November 6, 2001 at the South Park Mobile Home Park, 3650 S. Federal Blvd. (one block south of Hampden Ave.) Please join us.

---Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Secretary pro tem

DENVER GEM & MINERAL SHOW MINI REPORT NOVEMBER 6, 2001

Planning for the 2002 show has started off with a bang. There are some new people on the Show Committee for 2002, which is important to the show's vitality. New people equal new ideas. The committee has room for more, including YOU!! Remember a co-chair is desired for each position. If you have been thinking about becoming more involved, NOW IS THE TIME!! You'll have fun, meet new people, and further enjoy the gem, mineral and fossil hobby. Talk to your club representative if you are interested. Donna Hughston, with Bill Chirside as co-chair, is now the exhibits, special exhibits, and speaker chair. Rotha Randall and Libby Pilkington from the RM Bead Society are the new historians. Martin and Sharon Hannu now chair Volunteer Check-In. After some 20 years on the committee, Regina Aumente is reducing her involvement. Regina has been responsible for publicity for a longtime, so new people are needed to fulfill this function.

For the 2002 show, there will be a new competition among clubs related to field trips. Watch for information so your club can participate. Remember there will be no restricted wholesale area for next year's show. Dealers will either be retail, wholesale or both at their discretion. Also new for 2002, the committee has decided to develop a new LOGO, to increase adult admission to \$5 (teenagers and seniors remain at \$3), and to eliminate the show poster since they never sold well and the show lost money on them. The new logo is the exciting part. For anyone who has an idea for a new logo, contact your club representative or Judy Knoshaug, 303-423-2923 or knoshaug4@aol.com .

NEW LOGO SEARCH BY DENVER GEM & MINERAL SHOW & COUNCIL

The Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council and the Show Committee have joined forces to develop a new logo. It is very important to us that the new logo has the approval of the ten clubs making up the Council so we are asking you for your ideas. We know there are many talented and creative individuals in the ten clubs. There are artists, facetors, lapidary specialists, mineral experts, and paleontologists. Please think about this and write down your ideas. You do not have to be able to produce a finished product. But if you have an idea, we want to hear from you. Please send your ideas for a new logo by February 15, 2002 to Judy Knoshaug, 13495 W. 71st Place, Arvada, CO 80004-1118. You may also email them to knoshaug4@aol.com . We are hoping to have a finalized design by April, 2002, so the new logo can be introduced at the 2002 show. Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, you may contact me at 303-423-2923.

---Judy Knoshaug, Council Trustee for North Jeffco Gem and Mineral Club

We are sad to announce that longtime FM member **Howard Bachman**, of Lakewood, CO, died on Dec. 28, 2001. Howard was also a member of the Littleton, North Jeffco, and Mile-Hi RAMS mineral clubs. Please contact Bruce Geller, 303-237-2947, if you would like more information about Howard and memorial services for him (which may or may not have taken place before you receive this newsletter).

New FMCC officers: Our election of chapter officers for 2002 was held at the November meeting. Pete Modreski will be the president. Eunice York and Jim Hurlbut remain in office for new terms as Vice-President and Treasurer respectively; and Ray Berry was nominated from the floor and elected as secretary. Bruce Geller was elected for another term as a Director, in addition to which Judy Peterson and Jack Thompson remain in office for the second year of their two-year terms as Directors.

Plans for the **Symposium on Gemstone Deposits of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region** are progressing. Approximately 15 speakers are on the tentative agenda, which will include talks on Kelsey Lake diamonds, Montana sapphires, Colorado peridot, Utah red beryl, and many other topics. Dan Hausel, of the Wyoming Geological Survey, will be our featured speaker at the Saturday evening banquet, with a talk on "Wyoming gemstones". Field trips details are still being worked out, but at least one trip will visit a State Line diamond mine. Further details, including costs and registration information, will be available by the time of our next (March) FM newsletter.

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Our officers & directors please note—our board meeting before the Jan. 10 regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m. (not 6:30; 30 minutes should be enough for our limited business this date). We will meet at the tables in the cafeteria area, then move upstairs to the meeting room as it approaches 7:30.

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Happy New Year!

***FM January meeting is Thursday, Jan. 10, 7:30 pm, Denver Museum of Nature & Science
Dr. Jack Reed – The Geologic Story of the Colorado Mountains***

Coming Events: 2002

- Jan. 10 January FM meeting. Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- Feb. 14-17 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show: *Minerals of Africa*
- Mar. 14 March FM meeting. DMNS
- May 9 May FM meeting, DMNS
- June __ FM Silent Auction (date to be announced)
- Sep. 5 Sep. FM meeting, DMNS
- Sep. 7-10 Symposium on Gemstone Deposits of the Rocky Mountain Region
- Sep. 13-16 Denver Gem and Mineral Show: theme, *Gemstones of Colorado*
- Nov. 14 November FM meeting, DMNS

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