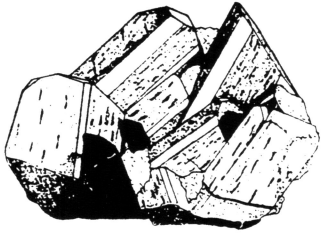


Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter  
Newsletter – February/March, 2003

**March Meeting – Thursday, Mar 13, 7:30 p.m.**

*(Board meeting 6:45-7:30)*

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science – V.I.P. Room.** Enter through the single door Security/Staff entrance to the left of the main entrance. The V.I.P. room is to the left through the cafeteria area.



March program:

***Dan Kile***

*U.S. Geological Survey*

*Will speak on the Mineralogy of Del Norte Thunder Eggs*

Dan authored a well-received article in the July/August 2002 issue of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine on Del Norte Thunder Eggs and made a short presentation at the September 2002 Gem Symposium in Golden. In fact the 2002 FM “best article” in *Rocks & Minerals* is being awarded to Dan for his Del Norte Thunder Eggs article. At our FM meeting he will give a longer, more complete talk. Dan has given a number of informative presentations to FMCC in the past, has written many articles for professional and trade publications, and will provide an interesting talk this evening.

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FMCC dues are \$13.00, which includes membership in national Friends of Mineralogy. Please send your 2003 dues payment to: FM-Colorado Chapter, P.O. Box 5276, Golden CO, 80401-5276. Your mailing on this newsletter indicates the year through which your dues are paid. FMCC dues not being paid by April 15 will be cause to be dropped from the mailing list.

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## **Notes from the President**

Newsletter--I'm very pleased that Paul Kendall has agreed to take over the writing and distribution of our chapter newsletter. In the past, this is a job that's fallen (by default) to the president; so, many thanks, Paul, and anyone with information for the newsletter may send it directly to Paul, via email at [bealsio@aol.com](mailto:bealsio@aol.com).

March Program--I am likewise pleased that Dan Kile has agreed to present a program at our March meeting, on his studies of the Del Norte, Colorado, thunder egg/plume agate. Some of you probably heard his talk on this subject at our Gemstone Deposits symposium in September, but at our meeting there will be time for a longer talk than the 20-minute presentation that was allowed at the symposium. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, Dan's excellent article on the subject in the July-August 2002 *Rocks & Minerals* magazine, received FM's "Best Paper of the Year" award.

Tucson Show--A number of us attended the 2003 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, and I found it enjoyable and fascinating, as always. The show theme, as well as the theme of the FM-sponsored one-day symposium, was Minerals of the Andes, and there were a number of excellent talks given. Exhibits at the show included, of course, a number of displays of South American minerals (emeralds were very much in evidence), as well as some spectacular displays of gold (next year's theme), Chinese minerals (the planned theme for 2005), India, and others. Among the excellent displays were two that Dan and Dianne Kile set up: self-collected minerals, and Dan's display and collection of petrographic microscopes. Special events at the show included an FM social sponsored by National FM (and very well attended); a social hour with auction & raffle of mineral specimens, sponsored by the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum and led by Paul Bartos; the annual National FM board meeting and members' meeting; and the display of photos entered in FM's Werner Lieber mineral photograph competition.

Pete Modreski, President, FM Colorado Chapter

### **FM Silent Auction in May**

The annual FMCC Silent Auction will be held Saturday, May 10 at the Glendale Community Center. Setup time will be 12 noon, the auction will run from 1-3 p.m., and checkout from 3-4 p.m. See the flier and blank form enclosed in this newsletter.

### **Future Dan Kile Article**

Our Chapter of FM has voted and has given \$2,000 to the *Mineralogical Record* to help sponsor the publication of an extra issue of the magazine containing Dan's monograph "History of the Petrographic Microscope." National FM also voted to donate \$3,000 to this same cause at its recent meeting in Tucson.

### **Audit Help Request**

FMCC will be performing a financial audit or review, possibly covering the ten most recent years. Anyone willing to help, or who could suggest someone else, please notify Pete Modreski at 303-202-4766.

### **2002 Gem Symposium Reprints Available**

FMCC has made 50 reprints of the Abstracts from the September 2002 Gem Symposium held at the Colorado School of Mines. While they last, copies are \$15 each. Copies have also been made of the combined field guide to Cripple Creek and to the Kelsey Lake diamond mine from the same symposium. This combined guide is \$10. They are available at FMCC meetings.

### **DENVER GEM AND MINERAL SHOW MINI REPORT JANUARY 2003**

The Denver Gem and Mineral Show Committee meets once a month to work on planning the show. We always welcome new interested persons to the committee. It takes a lot of dedicated people to put on the show. Right now we need a person who would be willing to work on the postcard mailing project. This entails as much of the project as you would like. The project involves data entry and/or data base management using the door prize tickets from the show. If you are interested, you may contact Regina Aumente at 303-978-9926 or [raumente@aol.com](mailto:raumente@aol.com), your club's show committee representative or any member of the show committee. The mailing has been great publicity for the show, bringing many persons back each year.

The general categories of agates and fossils have been selected as possible themes for the 2005 show. The hope is to come up with some catchy wording on one of these two. A subcommittee composed of Larry Havens (303-757-6577), Donna Hughston (303-989-8748), Jim Hurlbut (303-757-0283), Aaron Rever (720-963-8011), and Bill Chirnside (303-989-8748) will be working on selecting themes for the next several years. If you have any ideas, contact one of these persons or your club's representative.

The club packets of important forms will be out soon. Please be sure your club takes note of these forms, completes them and returns them when due. The forms included are club table and space reservation form, club display case reservation form, club information form for the show program, and, of course, the volunteer sign up sheets. These forms come out early because many clubs do not meet during the summer. Should your club have any questions about these, please contact Martin Hannu at 303-429-2519 or [ICD55MPH@qwest.net](mailto:ICD55MPH@qwest.net). Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Secretary pro tem

FM March meeting is Thursday, Mar. 13, 2003, 7:30 pm, Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

**Dan Kiel** will discuss mineralogy of Del Norte Thunder Eggs.

**Coming Events: 2003**

Mar. 13 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS

Mar. 21-23 Fort Collins Gem & Mineral Show

Mar. 29-30 WIPS Paleontological Symposium, "Volcanoes, Camels, and Carnivores, the Oligocene-Eocene Boundary" see <http://www.wipsppc.com/>

April 25-27 Spring Show in the Rockies, Holiday Inn and Best Western motels near I-25 and I-70

May 3 Colorado Mineral Society silent auction

May 8 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS

May 10 FM Silent Auction, Glendale Community Center

June 28-29 Colorado Springs Mineral Show

Aug 9-10 Contin-Tail Rock Swap, Buena Vista

Aug 15-17 Lake George Gem & Mineral Show

Sep. 12-14 Denver Gem and Mineral Show: theme: Minerals of Gilman, Colorado

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