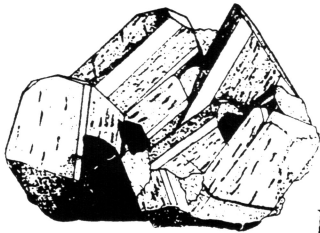


Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter  
Newsletter – April/May, 2003

**May Meeting – Thursday, May 8, 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.



May program:

***Ray Berry***

*Will present a two-part program:*

*The Heyman Fire and Its Effect on Collecting in the Lake George Area  
Holy Moses, What a Pocket*

The first part will present slides showing damage done by the fire, particularly in the Crystal Creek area, source of very fine smoky quartz, amazonite, and other pegmatite minerals, and will deal with the problem of access. The second part will discuss the Holy Moses pocket, found February 2, 2002, by Richard Fretterd, owner of the Godsend claim on Crystal Creek. This pocket is of unprecedented size for Pikes Peak pegmatite cavities and has individual crystals of unprecedented size. The pocket is now nearly 50 feet in length, all underground, and the largest quartz crystal from it is 4 feet long and weighs 439 pounds. Many large fluorite crystals have also been collected. The photos will show the inside of the pocket with crystals in place, the removal of the largest crystals, and pictures of some of the best after cleaning.

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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.

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### **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 will be 3-4 p.m. See the flier and blank form enclosed in this newsletter.

### **Call for Volunteers for FM Mineral ID Booth, Denver Show**

Each year our FM Colorado Chapter runs the mineral identification booth at the Denver Show in September. If you are willing to help for a couple of hours one or more days of the show Sep 12-14, please contact Pete Modreski at 303-202-4766 (office), 303-425-9549 (home), or at his email [pmodreski@usgs.gov](mailto:pmodreski@usgs.gov).

### **Call for Volunteers for Kids' Corner, Denver Show**

Again this year there will be a Kids' Corner room for hands-on rock and mineral activities at the Denver Show. If you are available to help for a few hours on one or more days of the show Sep 12-14, please contact Pete Modreski at the numbers shown above. Your time will include helping check answers to the question sheets for which kids will receive a prize.

### **Denver Gem and Mineral Show Mini Report March 4, 2003**

So you say you really enjoy the Denver Gem and Mineral Show because it gives you a special opportunity to thoroughly immerse yourself in this amazing hobby. You are wondering what you might be able to do to help with the show to further improve the experience for yourself and to introduce the hobby of gems, minerals, fossils, and beads to others. There are many things you can do. First, you can volunteer to work at the show. The sign up sheets are circulating around the clubs right now. Sign up to do something, it's easy and fun, and there are benefits – like free admission and a Sunday breakfast. You can join the Show Committee, which plans and operates the show. You will meet new people, make new friends, and help to plan the show. It's fun and challenging at the same time. Right now a co-chair for the hospitality room is needed. The hospitality room offers drinks, snacks, and a place to relax from all the activity of the show. Marsha and Glen Smith, current co-chairs, will train you this year for 2004. Glen will still be co-chair for 2004, but Marsha has agreed to become Show Chair for 2004. Congratulations to Marsha!

Publicity is another area where everyone's help is needed. Every club member should promote the show by distributing calendars and flyers and however else they can. We are again sponsoring a Dinosaur Discovery Day at Dinosaur Ridge on August 2<sup>nd</sup> during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a booth at Taste of Colorado over Labor Day weekend. These are both opportunities to talk to people, hand out flyers and information, and give free rocks to kids. If you can help with either of these, contact Regina Aumente at 303-978-9926 or [raumente@aol.com](mailto:raumente@aol.com). The free gemstones will be given away again this year with coupons from the newspaper. Billboards and bus ads will again be used to promote the show. Should you have any ideas about publicity for the show, contact Regina Aumente.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Secretary pro tem

### **2002 Gem Symposium and Field Guide 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.

### **CD's of Past Werner Lieber FM Photo Competitions**

FMCC has obtained two CD's from FM National containing images of mineral photographs submitted to the annual "Werner Lieber Photograph Competition" over the past several years. FM sponsors this contest each year, thanks to a grant by FM member Werner Lieber. A panel of FM national directors judges the entries, and the winning photographs are displayed at the Tucson Show and are available for display by FM groups elsewhere in the country. One CD contains digital images from the 2002 contest, and the other CD has images from earlier years. If you would like to borrow the CD's, contact Pete Modreski at 303-202-4766 (office), 303-425-9549 (home), or at his email [pmodreski@usgs.gov](mailto:pmodreski@usgs.gov). If you would like more information about the contest, which is keyed each year to the theme of the Tucson Show, contact FM's national website <http://www.friendsofmineralogy.org>.

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**Ray Berry** will discuss the Heyman Fire and Holy Moses, What a Pocket.

**Coming Events: 2003**

May 3 Colorado Mineral Society Silent Auction. For info call 303-237-2947.

May 8 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS

May 10 FM Silent Auction, Glendale Community Center

June 28-29 Colorado Springs Mineral Show, Masonic Hall

Aug 8-10 Contin-Tail Rock Swap, Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds

Aug 15-17 Lake George Gem & Mineral Show

Sep 10 Colorado School of Mines, Museum open house and reception

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

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