



## Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter Newsletter – September 2003

**September Meeting – Thursday, May 4, 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.

**Please note that we are having our September FMCC meeting one week earlier than normal because the Denver Show will be the following week.**

September program:

***Jack Murphy***

*Denver Museum of Nature and Science*

*Will present a program on*

*The Eagle Mine, Gilman District, Colorado*

Jack will give us a geo-retro program tonight that ties in to the theme of the Denver Show, which is Minerals of Gilman, Colorado. He will provide commentary while showing old 16 mm films, now converted to video, of Eagle Mine pyrite collecting and mining scenes.

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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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### **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.

### **Other Denver Show Volunteer Activities**

Remember the other Denver Show volunteer activities to which you have committed, whether it is set-up, ticket sales, or other areas.

### **Field Trip September 6-8 Lead by Jack Murphy: Colorado Geology: Train, Tram, and Quarry**

Greetings. I would like to inform you of a field trip I am leading the weekend before the Denver Gem and Mineral Show. The trip leaves Denver Saturday Sept. 6 on the Amtrak train and proceeds to Glenwood Springs. From there on motor coach to historic Hotel Colorado next to the hot springs pools. A tour of the Glenwood Caverns later in the day is followed by a special dinner at the new restaurant up at the cave looking across a panorama of western Colorado. The next day Sunday Sept. 7 we take a 4-wheel drive tour to the Yule Marble quarry and to the ghost town of Crystal. Back to the Hotel Colorado and hot springs. On Monday the 8th we take the motor coach up to Gilman Mining District and the site of the Eagle Mine--this years Denver Gem & Mineral Show theme (the show is Sept. 12-14). Then on to Leadville for lunch and a tour of the National Mining Hall of Fame & Museum and the new Eagle mine walk-through pyrite diorama made from crystals that I collected in the early 1980s before the mine closed. Then back to Denver Monday afternoon arriving about 5 pm. For question or to sign up please contact the travel dept at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Carol Cochrane telephone 303-370-8335 or [ccochran@dmns.org](mailto:ccochran@dmns.org). Hope to see some of you on this geology and mining history field trip. \$679 per person, double occupancy; \$796 per person, single occupancy.

Sincerely, Jack Murphy, Curator of Geology

### **Reception at the New Geology Museum, Colorado School of Mines, September 10**

The Grand Opening Reception for the new Geology Museum at the Colorado School of Mines will be held Wednesday, September 10 from 7 to 9 pm. Museum Curator Paul Bartos will be host for the evening.

### **FM Social September 13, Denver Show**

The Friends of Mineralogy Social will be held at the Denver Show on Saturday, September 13, starting at 11 am. All local and nationwide FM members are invited. The location will be Aisle E, Room E-30, which is the far back right corner of the show building.

### **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.

### **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>.

### **FMCC Membership**

Enclosed in this newsletter is our latest membership list.

FMCC May meeting is Thursday, September 4, 2003, 7:30 pm, Denver Museum of Nature & Science.  
**Jack Murphy** will discuss the Eagle Mine, Gilman, while showing movies.

**Coming Events: 2003**

Sep 6-8 Field trip on Colorado geology and mining, lead by Jack Murphy, DMNS  
Sep 10 Grand Opening Reception at the new Geology Museum, Colorado School of Mines, 7-9 pm  
Sep 12-14 Denver Gem and Mineral Show. Theme: Minerals of Gilman, Colorado  
Sep 13 FM Social at the Denver Show, Aisle E, Room E-30, 11 am  
Nov 8-9 New Mexico Mineral Symposium, Socorro, New Mexico  
Nov 14-16 Flatirons Mineral Show, Boulder Elks Club, 3975 28<sup>th</sup> St., Boulder

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