

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

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

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

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science – T-rex cafeteria this meeting only. Enter through the single door Security/Staff entrance to the left of the main entrance. The cafeteria is to the left.**

November program:

***Jack Murphy***

***Curator of Geology, Denver Museum of Nature and Science  
will present a***

***Tour and Stories about the Coors Mineral Hall***

For our November meeting program, Jack Murphy will lead a personal tour of the Coors Mineral Hall. Jack will tell some interesting "behind-the-scenes" stories about the history of specimens, construction of the special exhibits, some items on display, and history of the mineral hall in general. We may also take a quick look in the Geology Department area upstairs to see or hear about some of the newer acquisitions. Jack will also give some background information about just what goes on in the Geology Department and how specimens are curated.

For this program, we'll assemble in the T-rex Cafeteria area of the museum. Enter through the Museum's staff/security entrance on the north side, to the left of the main entrance. We won't be using a meeting room, but will proceed directly to the Mineral Hall.

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FMCC dues are \$13.00, which includes membership in national Friends of Mineralogy. Please send your 2004 dues payment to: FM-Colorado Chapter, P.O. Box 5276, Golden CO, 80401-5276.

**FMCC 2003 Officers:**

President, Pete Modreski, 303-202-4766

Vice-President, Jack Thompson, 719-636-2978

Treasurer, Jim Hurlbut, 303-757-0283

Secretary, Ray Berry, 719-598-7877

Directors: Bruce Geller (2002-03), 303-237-2947

Bill Chirside (2003-04), 303-989-8748

Tom Michalski (2003-04), 303-320-5386

## **Congratulations to the Competitive Award Winners, 2003 Denver Gem & Mineral Show:**

Prospector Trophy – Tim Hillsten, *Hematite after Siderite*, Teller County, CO

Club Prospector Trophy – The RAMS

Richard Pearl Trophy – Al and Sue Liebetrau, *Fluorite and Calcite*, China

C. E. “Shorty” Withers Trophy – Ed Raines, Dan and Diane Kile, and Bill Warren, *Minerals of Gilman*

Best of Show Trophy – Keith Proctor

Best Museum Case – New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, *Minerals in Medicine*

Best of Species Thumbnail – Jack Thompson, *“Iron Cross” Pyrite Twin*, Eagle Mine

Best of Species Miniature – Kathy Havens, *Pyrite*, Eagle Mine

Best of Species Cabinet – Larry Havens, *Pyrite*, Gilman District

Best of Species Oversize Cabinet – Larry Havens, *Ankerite/Dolomite*, Eagle Mine

Best of Fossil Trophy – Richard Tripp, *Araucaria Cone on Limb with Fungus*

First Place Plaque in Class A1 Open Minerals, Novice – Martin Hannu, *Minerals of the Eagle Mine, Gilman*

First Place Plaque in EIC-2 Educational-Lapidary, Advanced – John J. Kleber, *How I Learned To Do Faceting*

First Place Plaque in BT-7X, Thumbnails, One Specie, Master – Barbara Sky, *Calcite Thumbnails*

First Place Plaque in BU-7X, Any Size, One Specie, Advanced – Nathan Vogt, *Selenite Specimens*

First Place Ribbons (two of them) Novice Division Cases – Bob and Ruth Zartman, *Minerals of South Africa and Polished Wood Flats and Contours*

## **Denver Gem and Mineral Show Mini Report October, 2003**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the volunteers who so generously supported the show this year. There were a total of 314 club members (including 47 Show Committee members) and 128 from other groups (Gold Panners, BLM, USGS, Colorado Geological Survey, etc.). It takes many volunteer man-hours to put on the show, but it seems like the club members and others always come through and fill in where needed. We are very appreciative of your time and efforts on behalf of the show. And a **GREAT SHOW IT WAS!!** The displays were exceptional! The Museum Trophy was well received and won by the New Mexico Museum of Natural History for their “Minerals in Medicine” display. Attendance was strong with a total of 8,251 paid admissions. It was slightly down from last year, however, by about 534 persons. The state of the economy may be one reason for this because the Committee felt publicity for the show was highly visible and effective. As a gem and mineral/fossil hobbyist, we hope you enjoyed the show. If you were not able to participate in the show activities, **THERE IS ALWAYS NEXT YEAR!**

Planning for next year’s show has already started. The Show Chair for 2004 is Marsha Smith 303-693-0790 or [smithgpml@comcast.net](mailto:smithgpml@comcast.net). The theme for 2004 is Zeolites and Associated Minerals. There are many jobs on the Show Committee which could use additional volunteers. In particular, assistance is needed with publicity and the show program. If you are interested, contact your club representative and join us at the next meeting. Some of your friends are probably already on the committee. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> (always the first Tuesday of the month, except no meeting in December, February and July). The address is the South Park Mobile Home Park, 3650 S. Federal Blvd. (one block south of Hampden Ave.) Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.  
-Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Secretary pro tem

## Election of 2004 FMCC Officers and Directors

The FMCC nominating committee offers the list of candidates given below. Each officer (president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary) serves for a one-year term, and each director serves for a two-year term. Pete Modreski, Jack Thompson, Jim Hurlbut, and Ray Berry are presently serving in the same offices as those shown below, respectively. Bruce Geller is presently serving as a director, the same position as shown below. Bill Chirnside and Tom Michalski are directors presently completing the first year of their two-year terms, and thus their positions are not open for election at this time.

Please vote.

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### FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, COLORADO CHAPTER ELECTION BALLOT FOR 2004 OFFICERS AND DIRECTOR

Officers (one year term):

\_\_\_\_\_ President: Pete Modreski

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice-president: Jack Thompson

\_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer: Jim Hurlbut

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: Ray Berry

or

\_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)  
Position      Name

Director (two year term):

\_\_\_\_\_ Bruce Geller

or

\_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)  
Name

Mark one for each officer and one for director. Please mail your ballot to FMCC, P.O. Box 5276, Golden, CO 80401-5276, in time to be received before the November 13, 2003, meeting, or return your ballot in person at the November 13 meeting.

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**Coming Events:**

**2003**

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

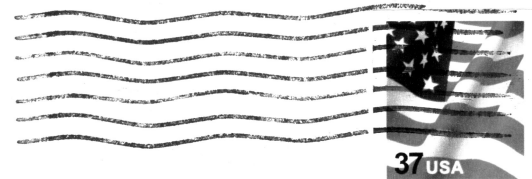
Nov 22 Littleton Gem & Mineral Club Silent Auction, 1:30pm, Littleton Comm. Center, 1950 W. Littleton Blvd.

**2004**

Jan 8 FMCC January Meeting

Feb 12-15 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Tucson Convention Center, theme: Gold

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