

Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter Newsletter – February/March, 2004

March Meeting – Thursday, March 11, 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:

Steve Veatch

will speak on

The Princeton Scientific Expedition of 1877

Steven Veatch will present the story of the Princeton Scientific Expedition to Florissant. Over 125 years ago, a group of remarkable college students mounted an expedition to Colorado. Steve has uncovered the expedition diaries, journals, and photographs documenting this remarkable journey that explored the territory, collected natural history specimens, and noted mining operations. Steve Veatch is known for the many programs he has presented and field trips he has led in the Cripple Creek-Colorado Springs-Florissant area. He is also the President of Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds, Inc.

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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 dues not paid by April 15 will be cause to be dropped from the mailing list.

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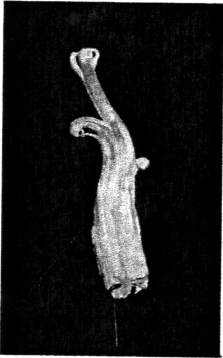
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Yule Marble

The Colorado Senate passed HB 04-1023, which designates Colorado Yule Marble as our State Rock on February 18. Once Governor Owens signs the bill it will become official. A signing ceremony is planned, but the date is unknown at present.

Mineral Specimens Recently Seen



Gold wire, 4½ inches tall,
Groundhog Mine,
Gilman, Colorado,
Harvard Collection,
2004 Tucson Show

Gold placer nugget “Boot of Cortez”,
11 inches tall, 389.4 ounces Tr.,
Sonora Desert, Mexico,
St. Troy Consolidated Mines, Ltd.,
2004 Tucson Show



Emerald on matrix,
specimen is approx. 21 inches wide,
Brazil
JP International specimen,
2004 Tucson Show

Request for Email Addresses

At times Pete Modreski sends emailings concerning relevant earth science items, upcoming events, etc. For those of you interested in receiving these emailings and in supplying further membership information, please send your email address to Pete at pmodresk@usgs.gov and to Jim Hurlbut at jfhu@vanion.com

Denver Gem and Mineral Show Mini Report

There is no mini report; the committee did not have a February meeting.

COLORADO MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW - *Spring*

Holiday Inn - Denver Central ★ 4849 Bannock St. (Retail & Wholesale) ★ and Best Western - Central Denver ★ 200 W. 48th Ave., Denver, CO (Wholesale)

**UNDER
NEW
MANAGEMENT**

APRIL 23 - 24 - 25, 2004 Fri. & Sat. 10am - 7 pm
Sun. 10 am - 5 pm

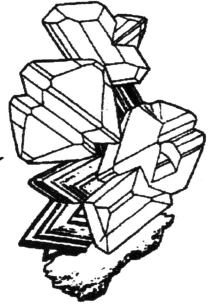
FREE ADMISSION ★ FREE PARKING

★ Open to the Public ★ Dealers from around the world! ★

★ Minerals ★ Fossils ★ Meteorites ★ Decorator Items ★ Gems ★ Beads ★

★ Wholesale & Retail ★ Delivery Show ★

Held on same weekend as the RMBS Bead Bazaar at the Merchandise Mart



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Coming Events: 2004

- Mar 11 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS
Mar 26-28 Ft. Collins Gem and Mineral Show, Lincoln Center. Contact Jim Kasal 970-484-6752
Apr 23-25 Spring Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show, Holiday Inn Denver Central, 4849 Bannock St., and
Best Western-Central Denver, 200 W 48th Ave.
May 13 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS
May 22 Friends of Mineralogy Auction, Glendale Community Center, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
June 19-20 Colorado Springs Mineral Society Show, new location: Phil Long Expo Center
July 3-4 Days of '92 National Hardrock Mining Competition, Creede, CO. Call 800-327-2102
Aug 7-8 Rock and Mineral Show, Underground Mining Museum, Creede, CO. Contact Rare Things
Gallery at 719-658-2376
Sep 9 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS
Sep 16-18 Denver Gem and Mineral Show
Nov 11 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS