



## Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter Newsletter – October/November, 2004

**November Meeting – Thursday, November 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.

**Note** that our November meeting will be held a week earlier than normal.

November program:

***Fred Olsen***

*will speak on*

*“From Meteorites to Minerals, a Short History of the Solar System”*

Fred Olsen, local geologist, paleontologist, WIPS member, and collector of meteorites, fossils, minerals, coins, and beer cans, and noted solar eclipse watcher, will talk about the different types of meteorites, what they are, and how they formed. Fred will illustrate his talk with "live" specimens of Colorado meteorites. Fred is currently the president of the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild and is a past president of the Western Interior Paleontological Society. He has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Geology from the University of Florida, and is a Registered Professional Geologist. Fred has taught geology classes for Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida, and for Metropolitan State University, and he is proprietor of Mineral and Fossil Supply, Inc.

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

**FMCC 2004 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: Bill Chirnside (2003-04), 303-989-8748

Bruce Geller (2004-05), 303-237-2947

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

## **Election of 2005 FMCC Officers and Directors**

Ray Berry is heading a nominating committee for 2005 Colorado Chapter officers and directors. Nominees will be announced and voted on at the November 4 FM meeting. Nominations are welcome from our members. All our officers serve one-year terms and are eligible to be replaced or to continue in office. The two-year terms of Directors Bill Chirnside and Tom Michalski also expire at the end of 2004; Director Bruce Geller remains in office for the second year of his term, through 2005.

## **2004 Denver Gem and Mineral Show Award Recipients**

Best Fossil – Bill and Marge Hawes, Specimen – Cockroach

Best of Species – Thumbnail – Larry Havens, Specimen – Gmelinite-CA, Nova Scotia

Best of Species – Miniature – Bill and Marge Hawes, Specimen – Stilbite and Fluorapophyllite on Quartz, India

Best of Species – Cabinet – Tie: Bill Hawes and Jack Halpern, Respective Specimens – Stilbite on Heulandite, India; Green Heulandite

Best of Species – Oversize Cabinet – Bill and Marge Hawes, Specimen – Heulandite on Mordenite, Idaho

Best of Species – Self-Collected – Bill and Marge Hawes, Specimen – Stilbite, Nevada

Best of Species – Lapidary/Jewelry – Bill and Marge Hawes, Specimen – Thompsonite, Michigan

Best of Species – Colorado – Kent Havens, Specimen – Analcime, North Table Mtn.

Club Prospector Trophy – Littleton Gem and Mineral Society, Specimens – Park County Smoky Quartz and Amazonites

Prospector Trophy – Bob and Doris Drisgill, Specimen – Topaz, Teller County

Richard M. Pearl Trophy – Richard Tripp, Specimen – Vanadinite, Morocco

Individual Competitive Case – Barbara Sky, Quartz Thumbnails

Individual Competitive Case – Robert and Ruth Zartman, South African Minerals, mixed sizes

Museum Trophy – Montana Tech Mineral Museum, Educational Case Regarding Uses of Zeolites

C. E. “Shorty” Withers Trophy – Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals/Rudy Tschernich, Zeolites of the Pacific Northwest

Best of Show Trophy – Keith and Mauna Proctor, Zeolites

## **2004 FMCC Membership List**

Included in this November newsletter.

## **Jay Lininger, 1939 – 2004**

Jay Lininger passed away on October 18, 2004. He, along with his wife Paula, was the founder and President of MATRIX Publishing Services and MATRIX Art Services. Jay was also well known nationally and internationally in the world of mineralogy as an author, publisher, lecturer and foremost a collector. His fascination with the science of mineralogy began as a young teenager and continued through his entire life. At the time of his death, Jay was considered by his peers, as one of the foremost authorities in the study of minerals of Pennsylvania. His passion for this science is well documented in his internationally known publication, MATRIX, a Journal of the History of Minerals. He was a cofounder and lifelong member of the York Rock and Mineral Club and was active in the PA Chapter

of Friends of Mineralogy, serving as a Board Member and past president. Because of his love of the history of the science of mineralogy in PA, he recently took over the design and publication of the Chapter's Newsletter. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Paula, his mother and father, and numerous children and grandchildren.

### Recommended Reading

Pete Modreski has reviewed and is recommending a book:

*Mines, Mountain Roads, and Rocks; Geological Road Logs in the Ouray Area* by George E. Moore, Ouray County Historical Society, Guidebook Series No. 1, 250pp.

The Ouray County Historical Society website is [www.ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org) and it gives a description of the book and order form. Price is \$29.95 + \$5.87 tax and shipping.

This is a very well done book, in soft cover, 8.5 x 11" size, printed on high quality, heavy paper, with a great many good quality color photographs, maps, and diagrams.

### Mineralogical Items Recently Seen



Zeolites and associated minerals,  
September 2004 Denver Gem  
and Mineral Show.  
Collection of Dan and Dianne Kile.



Display case showing the use of  
zeolites in the processing of  
beverages.

September 2004 Denver Gem  
and Mineral Show.

Display provided by the  
Mineralogical Museum of  
Rheinische, University of Bonn.

The rock bone is connected to  
the beer bone.

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**Coming Events:**

**2004**

- Nov 4 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS
- Nov 13-14 New Mexico Mineral Symposium, Socorro, New Mexico
- Nov 19-21 Flatirons Mineral Club Show, Boulder Elks Lodge, 3975 28<sup>th</sup> St., Boulder
- Nov 20 Littleton Gem and Mineral Club Silent Auction, 1950 Littleton Blvd.

**2005**

- Feb 10-13 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, Tucson Convention Center

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