

Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter Newsletter – February/March 2006

March Meeting – Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. – This is a week early. (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 2, 2006, Program:

Michael Gobla P.E.
will speak on
“Minerals of Montana”

For the past 9 years Mr. Gobla has worked as a geotechnical engineer with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Denver, designing mine closure and dam rehabilitation projects. His project accomplishments include design of closures for the Summitville Mine Superfund Site in Colorado, the Crystal Mine in Montana, and others. He is currently working on closure plans for the open pits and the heap leach pad at Gilt Edge and continues to assist the BLM in the closure of gold mines in Nevada.

His industry experience includes coal, uranium, and precious metals mining operations in Colorado and Montana. As an engineer with the U.S. Bureau of Mines he researched innovative mine closure methods. Mr. Gobla graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in 1976 with a B.S. in Mining Engineering. In 1991 he earned an M.S. degree in Mining Engineering from New Mexico Tech.

Mike's hobbies as a mineral collector and gem cutter date back to high school in New Jersey. He has a significant Franklin and Sterling Hill mineral collection and worked as a weekend volunteer in construction activities to help establish the Sterling Hill Mining Museum. For the past 25 years he has specialized in collecting Montana minerals and gemstones along with stock certificates, pictures, and postcards from historic Montana mines.

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FMCC dues for 2006 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 2006 Officers:
President, Richard Parsons, 303-838-8859
Vice-President, Jack Thompson, 719-636-2978
Treasurer, Jim Hurlbut, 303-757-0283
Secretary, Paul Kendall, 303-470-3261, and newsletter editor
Directors: Bill Chirnside (2005-06), 303-989-8748
Bruce Geller (2006-07), 303-237-2947
Pete Modreski (2006-07), 303-202-4766

It's Dues Time Again

Membership in Friends of Mineralogy – Colorado Chapter and National FM is still only \$13. **Dues for 2006 are due on January 1, 2006. Persons may be dropped from the mailing list after the May newsletter if dues are not paid in a timely manner.** Payment can be sent to the address on page 1 or given to our Treasurer or any Board member.

2006 FMCC Auction

Our 2006 auction on Saturday, May 20 will take place at a new location for us, the Clements Community Center. Bring in your unneeded minerals, books, etc., and encourage your mineral dealer friends to donate. If you can help run the auction, help setup tables at 11 am, bring snacks or drinks at noon, or help cleanup at 3 pm, please come in. Sellers and buyers can register with Jim Hurlbut, 303-757-0283. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Vivianite

At the January FMCC meeting the members present voted to purchase a specimen of vivianite from Leadville, CO for \$1,000 from Dave Bunk Minerals and donate it to the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum. It was agreed that this would be a worthy gift to the museum, especially after their hosting the FM-cosponsored Agate Symposium on their campus in September 2006.

Vivianite, Leadville, CO,
from *Atlas der Krystallformen*
by Victor Goldschmidt

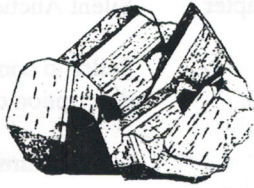


Treasurer's Report

At the January board meeting, Jim stated that the amounts in FMCC's two accounts are \$6,300.79 and \$15,832.83.

Florissant Museum Contributions

The Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum in Florissant, CO is dedicated to educating the public. To that end the museum has a permanent display of excellent mineral and fossil specimens, and they are interested in the collection continuing to grow. The Lake George Gem and Mineral Club has been active in donating specimens to the museum. The museum would appreciate receiving specimens that you can donate. If you are interested, contact Richard Parsons 303-838-8859 for more information.



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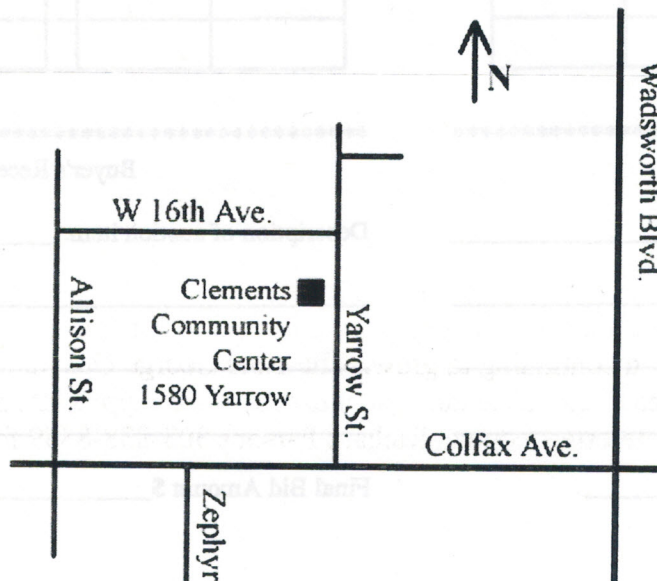
Saturday, May 20, 2006
Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St.
This is a new location!

Minerals-Rocks-Gems-Jewelry-Fossils-Books-Mining Memorabilia
Everyone Welcome!

Table Assembly at 11:00 am
Dealer Setup at 12:00 noon
Silent Auction from 1:00-3:00 pm
Short Vocal Auction at 2:00 pm
Checkout from 3:00-4:00 pm

20% donation of selling price to FMCC – balance to seller
100% donations also encouraged
Bring in your unneeded specimens to sell, encourage dealer friends to donate!

For additional information please call Bruce Geller 303-237-2947



Denver Gem and Mineral Show Mini Report January 2006

It's never too early to start promoting the Denver Gem and Mineral Show. Reserve those show dates - September 15-17, 2006. The theme for this year's show is Minerals of South America. Now everyone knows that South America has fantastic minerals so you know the exhibits will be incredible. The Show Chair is again, Martin Hannu, who is a member of North Jeffco and WIPS. The Show Committee works diligently all year long to plan and put on the show. We try to keep all club members informed about the show so they will feel a part of the show and the opportunity it provides to enjoy this mineral, gem, bead, fossil hobby that is so fascinating. We also hope club members will be willing to volunteer to work at the show when it comes to September. Keeping members informed is the purpose of the monthly mini reports. Perhaps a few persons might also volunteer for the Show Committee. New people are always welcome and needed on the Show Committee. Each club has a representative to the Show Committee. Your representative should be helping to keep your club informed about the show. If you don't know whom your club representative is, ask your club president. If you have any suggestions for the show, contact your club representative or the Show Chair, Martin Hannu, at 303-429-2519 or icd55mph@qwest.net. Your input will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Show Committee Secretary

FMCC and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science

You may be aware that FMCC is an associate group member of the DMNS, and part of that relationship allows FMCC to hold our bimonthly meetings in the museum. FMCC members are encouraged to also become members of the DMNS.

Symposium Abstracts Booklet for Sale

Abstracts from all of the talks given at the September Agate Symposium have been bound together and are available for sale for \$20 postpaid. The booklet is 144 pages, and the cover plus 4 other pages are in color. These may be ordered by sending a check to Friends of Mineralogy - Colorado Chapter, P.O. Box 5276, Golden, CO 80401-5276 or purchased at our regular member meetings.

Ed Powell Equipment and Rock Sale

Equipment: Lap and lead weights, tumblers, grinding and polishing equipment, rock saws, trim saws, miscellaneous tools equipment, jewelry material, benches, etc.

Rocks, by piece or best by box lots: Agate slabs, Tiger-eye slabs and bulk, obsidian, cut and uncut Brazilian agate, fossilized wood. Other misc. items.

Sale by appointment only, cash only, no checks or credit cards, all sales final; 303-286-0449 (Angelo).

Colorado MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW	● In 2 Locations:	<i>Great Dealers from around the world!</i>
	● HOLIDAY INN - Denver Central 4849 Bannock St. ● (Retail & Wholesale)	Minerals • Fossils • Meteorites Gems • Beads • Decorator Items WHOLESALE • RETAIL DELIVERY SHOW FREE ADMISSION & PARKING
APRIL 21 - 22 - 23, 2006 <small>Show Hours: Fri. & Sat., 10 - 6 • Sun. 10 - 5</small>	<i>and across the street...</i>	<i>Held on same weekend as the RMBS Bead Bazaar at the Merchandise Mart</i>
	● BEST WESTERN - Central Denver 200 W. 48th Ave. ● (Wholesale)	<small>Martin Zinn Expositions, L.L.C. • P.O. Box 665 • Bernalillo, NM 87004 Fax: (505) 867-0073 • email: mz0955@aol.com • www.mzexp.com</small>

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Coming Events 2006:

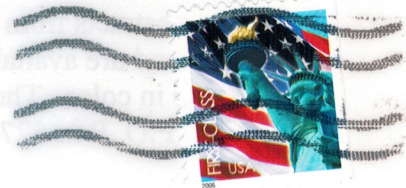
- Mar 2 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS. This is a recent change.
- Mar 17-19 Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Show, N. Mexico State Fairgrounds, Fr 10-6, Sa 10-6, Su 10-5
- Mar 24-26 Fort Collins Rockhounds 45th Annual Show, Lincoln Center, Ft. Collins, Fr 4-8, Sa 9-6, Su 10-5
- Apr 14 N. Jeffco Gem and Mineral Club Silent Auction
- Apr 21-23 Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show-Spring, Holiday Inn, 4849 Bannock, Best Western, 200 W 48th
- May 6 Colorado Mineral Society Auction, 9th and Kipling
- May 11 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS
- May 13-14 Grand Junction Gem and Mineral Club Show, Two Rivers Convention Center, 1st and Main
- May 20 FMCC Auction, Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., near Colfax and Wadsworth
- June 16-18 Pikes Peak Gem and Mineral Show, Phil Long Exposition Center, Colorado Springs
- Jul 3 Colorado State Mining Championship, Creede, CO 719-658-2370
- Jul 4 Days of '92 Mining Competition, Creede, CO 719-658-2370
- Aug 4-6 Creede Rock and Mineral Show, Underground Museum, Creede, CO 719-658-2376
- Aug 10-13 Contin-Tail Mineral Show, Rodeo Grounds, Buena Vista, CO
- Aug 18-20 Lake George Gem and Mineral Show, Lake George, CO
- Sep 15-17 39th annual Denver Gem and Mineral Show, Denver Merchandise Mart, 58th Ave. and I-25
- Sep 21 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS. This is the 3rd Thursday in September.
- Nov 2 Friends of Mineralogy meeting, DMNS. This is the 1st Thursday in November.

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200 W. 48th Ave. • (Wadsworth)

HOLIDAY INN - Denver Central
39th Street at • (Baker & Wadsworth)

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Minerals • Fossils • Meteorites

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