

Friends of Mineralogy Colorado Chapter

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1996 Meetings

May Meeting-- **The auction is postponed!**

Thursday, May 9, 1996, at 7:30 pm in the VIP Room at the DMNH.
The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 pm.

The program for the May meeting will be a presentation on the History, Geology & Mineralogy of the Gilman District by Ed Raines. The Eagle Mine at Gilman was arguably the most prolific specimen producer in the history of the state. This lecture / slide presentation will have lots of good rocks as well as some old photos of the district.

September or October Meeting

With the postponement of the auction and the Denver Show in September, the exact time and topic of this meeting is really up in the air. We need to have a membership discussion to decide exactly what we want to do with respect to both of these issues. Come to the May meeting with ideas and we will develop some long range planning for the future.

November Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 1996, at 7:30 pm in the VIP Room at the DMNH.
The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 pm.

The November meeting will be centered around a paper that Dan Kile has submitted to the Canadian Mineralogist. Dan has been doing some work on pegmatites (what a surprise!) and he will go over his findings with us. We're not going to discuss the specifics just yet, but it should be a very enlightening talk.

Report on the March Meeting

Thanks to Tom Rosemeyer for his presentation on the Upper Peninsula Copper country. I once had a discussion with Tom on Cornish Pasty Recipes. He suggested that I might try Yuppies for some ideas. At the time I thought that was, perhaps, the strangest name for a restaurant that I had heard. I figured some guy had really taken a dislike to his kid at a very early age, and given him as strange a handle as he could come up with. Now I know that the guy was just from the Upper Peninsula, and everything was probably just fine on the home front. Anyway, thanks again, Tom.

Status Report on the FM Auction

We all knew that at some time the DMNH was going to have to quit allowing FM to hold our

auction at the Museum, because WIPS (Western Interior Paleontological Society) was forced to change last year. How we managed to sneak one more through, I'll never know, but now it's all over. There are too many organizations that have a "support" role with the museum to allow FM to be the only one to hold a fund raising auction. Our next choice was the Colorado School of Mines, but that didn't work out for some very complicated reasons. So we have been left sort of high and dry. As previously mentioned, we need to discuss some things.

(1) Do we want to have an annual auction? I think the answer is yes, but let's start at the very beginning.

(2) Do we want to have the annual auction at a regular meeting, or do we want to have a special event? For instance, we don't have an annual Christmas Party, like a lot of other clubs. Do we want to have an annual party? We have had several picnics in the past, like the one Marty hosted last year. We could combine the auction with a picnic or party.

(3) Where do we want to have the annual auction? Now that the DMNH is out, we would have to rent a space. We could be cheap and combine the auction with a picnic at a park. It's free, outside! We would need to pick a place with a pavilion, in case of rain, and it would be best to pick a place with tables! Any ideas? Are we on the right track?

(4) When do we want to have it? If we were to aim for the first weekend after school starts, many people would be back from vacation, perhaps with rocks which they could bring to the auction. When does school start anyway--last weekend in August?????

(5) If we had a picnic/auction at the end of the summer, we wouldn't run into the time crunch that the Denver Show always causes.

(6) We also won't be getting specimens from the DMNH for the auction. So, do we want to set up some guidelines on what percentage the donor of a specimen gets?

These are just some ideas. Come to the meeting and let's talk it over. The board will discuss these topics before the regular meeting, but remember, any member is always welcome at the Board meeting, so feel free to attend. And I assure you, the Board will not have thought of everything, so all of our members' input is needed.

By-laws revision for the Colorado Chapter

Dave Weller, Ray Berry, and Robin Wright are nearing completion on their proposed update of our By-laws. Soon we will have a version for you to vote on, but we will not vote until after the IRS has issued its ruling on our tax-exempt status. If we were to change the by-laws before they issued their ruling, we would have to re-submit the entire package. So far, it looks good--the IRS even suggested that we ask for a more liberal status, so we did. Keep your fingers crossed.

Page filler--the next page is just a filler that you might like to keep in a file--I needed another page to allow for the mailing label on the backside.