

Friends of Mineralogy Colorado Chapter

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1996 Meetings

January Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 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 January meeting will be a presentation on Breccia Pipe Mineralization by Dr. Karen Wenrich.

March Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 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 March meeting will be a presentation on the Michigan Copper (and silver?) Country by Tom Rosemeyer.

May Meeting

The Colorado Chapter will continue the policy of holding our Annual FM Auction as a fund-raising event for the update of Minerals of Colorado. There are still publication costs that we need to cover, so plan on bringing specimens to help raise money. The format for the auction will remain exactly as last year. All specimens will be 100% donations. If the specimen does not sell for the minimum price, it will be returned to the donor. Set up will be at 6:30. We plan on having the silent auction table set up by 7:00 pm. A verbal auction will begin at 8:00 pm. Following the verbal auction we will continue the silent auction for a brief period of time, and begin to close the tables at 9:00 pm. Check out will be done at 2 stations, one for personal checks and one for cash.

In order to save future mailing costs, the standard form for specimens is attached to this Newsletter. Please do not throw it away. A discussion of mailing costs for the Newsletter, which explains why the form is attached to this Newsletter, follows the listing for 1996 meetings.

September, October, and November Meetings

There will be Colorado Chapter FM Meetings in September, October, and November. Because of the potential conflicts with both the Denver Show and the New Mexico Symposium, the dates are not yet finalized. Presentations are only partially setup. At one of these meetings I will give a talk on the most prolific of all Colorado localities, Gilman. Unless plans change, of course.

Status Report on the Colorado Chapter Newsletter

Postage and printing costs are eating up the bank account. The President is a lazy, shiftless character, who feels no need to exercise his fingers more than absolutely necessary! Oh, did I forget to mention that plank in my campaign platform? At any rate, we are going to have to cut way back on costs, so there will not be any more regular Newsletters.

We will announce coming meetings by postcard. We will try to limit the Newsletter to one a year, probably scheduled either for the first of the year, or perhaps immediately following the Tucson Show with the attendant National FM, Inc. Meeting. It is obvious, however, that with the various activities that certainly will surround the update of Minerals of Colorado, there will occasionally be a need to put out some sort of abbreviated Newsletters, so any of you that do feel a need to write lengthy articles on some topic related to mineralogy, please feel free to do so. We will insert them into one of those Newsletter editions that will pop up over the next year or so.

As mentioned before, we have shown the foresight to provide a page with the Annual FM Auction Bid Forms in this Newsletter. The auction, of course, is next May, so you may consider this to be a test of your home filing systems. If you can manage to file the form where you can find it in May, you will have passed the test. If not..., well..., we will have forms at the auction, so bring your rocks anyway.

Status Report on the update of Minerals of Colorado

The Board of Directors has pretty well nailed down the final contract provisions with the DMNH. The final suggested version has been accepted. The key section of the contract dealing with the special pre-publication offer (and price) is limited to members of National FM, Inc. and their colleagues. Colleagues is defined as all members of Colorado based Gem and Minerals clubs and literary contributors of data to Minerals of Colorado. The pre-publication offering will be for **one** copy of the publication per person, and the offer will be limited to a certain time period that will be established as we move toward actual publication. So, pay your dues--it will be worth it to you, as the savings on the book will be considerable.

The actual manuscript has been turned in. The photos of macro and micro specimens have been turned in. Gene and Pete have promised to turn in the SEM photos in the week following Christmas. Gene and Pete are putting the final touches on Appendix A, which is located near the duodenum, and greatly affects the methods of manuscript digestion, not to mention pagination. The maps are being finalized in between furloughs of the USGS (where they are being drafted) by the US Government. And you thought that Congress and the President didn't affect mineralogy. HA! So, much for innocence.

The DMNH will prepare a flyer to make the pre-publication offering. So, now we have to come up with mailing lists. Well, we are working on this. Names and mailing addresses of members of Colorado clubs affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Federation will have to be sent in to FM by each respective club. We would prefer to have pre-addressed mailing labels sent directly to us. I am in the process of drafting a letter to each Colorado club that is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation, but there are some clubs that are not in the Federation. If you are aware of any such clubs, and especially if you have a name and address (or phone number) of someone in one of these clubs, please let me know, ASAP.

I am also told that in the past, some clubs have had a policy of not allowing others to use

their membership mailing lists. That is certainly understandable, but this pre-publication offer is a special case. If you are a member of one of these clubs, I urge you in the strongest of terms to ask your officers to furnish FM with mailing labels for each of the club members. We will not re-circulate or sell the list, but we are not kidding about the offering being a one time deal, nor are we kidding about the deadline. At present, we don't know what that deadline will be, nor do we know exactly how we will handle the mailing--we still have some consulting to do with the DMNH. Don't let your clubs fool around on this one, there is a very real potential for some very upset people!

**The Roster of the FM--Colorado Chapter
and
Dues**

Attached to the Newsletter is a roster for Colorado FM. Please check your name, address, phone number, AND the last column, "DUES." If there is a mistake, please call Robin Wright (449-0836) or Dave Weller (238-9803) and they will make corrections.

If you have not paid your dues, please do so. The last column on the membership roster shows through what year your dues have been paid, thus "95" means that you still owe 1996 dues. Dues are \$13 per person, which includes \$5 dues to National FM. We are in the process of changing our PO Box, so either send dues directly to the Treasurer, Carolyn Gray, 1626 Clayton Street, Denver, CO, 80210-2821, or better yet, come to the next meeting and pay them in person. Please don't neglect to pay your dues--they are your ticket to a greatly reduced price for Minerals of Colorado. Oh, yeah, someone please remind me to pay my dues at the next meeting.

Holiday Greetings to all. If you want to know what I plan on doing on New Years Eve night, I plan on doing the same thing I do every night--trying to take over the world.