

# Friends of Mineralogy Colorado Chapter

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## 1996 Meetings

### 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 Country by Tom Rosemeyer.

### May Meeting--Annual Auction

Thursday, May 9, 1996, in the VIP Room and adjacent cafeteria area at the DMNH.  
Set up beginning at 6:30 pm.  
Silent auction begins at 7:00 pm.  
Verbal auction begins at 8:00 pm.  
Silent auction tables begin to close at 9:00 pm.

Again, 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. 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. Check out will be done at 2 stations, one for personal checks and one for cash.

We previously provided a test of your home filing systems by sending out auction bid forms with the January Newsletter. The anticipated failure rate for home filing systems is expected to be somewhat high, so we will mail out another copy of the auction bid forms with the next Newsletter.

### 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.

### Report on the January Meeting

Many thanks to Karen Wenrich for the fine program on Breccia Pipe Mineralization. Now everyone can start to adjust their thinking with respect to Tsumeb. On the other hand, you may (if you so choose) hold to the older theories and present a program to the membership at the

October or November meeting. If there are any takers, please let me know.

### **Status Report on the Colorado Chapter Newsletter**

The President is still a lazy, shiftless character, but the membership's quota of junk mail is way down so we will continue with the newsletter. We have turned in a voucher to the Council for reimbursement of newsletter costs. If we get it, everything will be fine and dandy.

### **Status Report on the update of Minerals of Colorado**

The Official FM Representative for Board of Directors (Jim Hurlbut) has signed the contract with the DMNH. The maps aren't in, but the information needed to allow bids to be solicited has been made available, so work has begun.

Several Colorado Clubs have responded to our last Newsletter and sent in mailing labels for the pre-publication solicitation, even though we have not yet officially requested them. There must be some interest out there! As soon as we get our copy of the RM Federation directory, we will send out a mailing to each of the member organizations.

When Jack finished printing out the final copy (double spaced) for submission to the Museum Publication Dept., the word count was 437,000 words in a stack of paper that measured a little over one foot high! Congratulations to all concerned with the update. Be forewarned, all those anticipating buying a copy should start to make room on their book shelves.

### **Dues**

**PAY UP!**

About one-half of the membership has not yet paid their 1996 dues. Dues are \$13 per person, which includes \$5 dues to National FM. Our address is:

Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter  
PO Box 150401  
Lakewood CO 80215

Of course you can always bring your checkbook to the next general meeting. Please don't neglect to pay your dues--they are your ticket to a greatly reduced price for Minerals of Colorado.

### **1995 Treasurer's Report**

Our checking account had a year end balance of \$491.42, and our savings account contains \$17,742.15. Annual expenses were \$1,937.64 with a total income of \$4,325.42. The income includes items such as interest, auction proceeds, and royalties on sales of the Mt. Antero book. Caroline will have the '95 Treasurer's report at the next meeting, so anyone interested in conducting an impromptu audit will be welcome to look it over.

## **Termination of the US Bureau of Mines**

After 85 years of service, the Bureau of Mines has been shut down. Programs deemed necessary will be carried on by the Dept. of Energy, US Geological Survey, and the Bureau of Land Management. If you think that you work for the Bureau but have been on vacation, don't bother to go into the office, it's not there anymore.

## **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. I have been considering having Robin read the proposed By-laws, in their entirety, for the September Program. All comments should be phoned or mailed to Robin.

## **Report on sales of the Mt. Antero Book**

Pete Modreski reports that 173 hard cover and 950 soft cover copies of Mark Jacobson's Antero Aquamarines have been sold as of the 1995 year end. There are 36 hard cover and 888 soft cover copies remaining in inventory. So far Colorado FM has received \$4572.43 income from sales. There is \$1040.47 outstanding from our contribution to the fund established to cover the printing cost. If you haven't bought a copy, buy one. The soft cover version sells for \$19.95 and the hard cover version at \$34.95. You may order the book from:

L. R. Ream Publishing  
PO Box 2043  
Coeur d'Alene ID 83816-2043

You can call Lanny Ream at 1-208-664-2448 for more information.

## **Geology Tour of Denver's Buildings and Monuments by Jack Murphy**

Jack's book is available from the Colorado Geological Survey. If you've ever wondered what building stones were used in the construction of many of the city's buildings, this is the book for you. Order it for \$9.00 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling from:

The Colorado Geological Survey  
Publications Section  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 715  
Denver CO 80203

They have a number of other publications that might interest you, including a mile by mile guidebook of Rocky Mountain National Park for \$14.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. You can call the State Survey at 866-3340 to request a complete publication list.