

Friends of Mineralogy Colorado Chapter

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1996 Meetings

September Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 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 September meeting will be a presentation by Pete Modreski and/or Tom Michalski entitled Colorado Topaz--The Final Word. This lecture / slide presentation will have lots of good photos.

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 the paper that Dan Kile has submitted to the Canadian Mineralogist. Dan has been doing some work on pegmatites utilizing the micas to help pin down the genesis, and he will go over his findings with us. Mark it on your calendar--it should be a very good program.

Report on the March Meeting

The membership did not express any real concern over the postponement of the Annual FM Auction. We will plan a 1997 Auction. Robin Wright will chair a committee to make recommendations. Jim Hurlbut and Regina Modreski will serve on the committee.

By-laws revision for the Colorado Chapter

Dave Weller, Ray Berry, and Robin Wright have completed the proposed update of our By-laws. Robin is currently typing up the final version. We will have a copy for your vote on the November ballot.

FM Coffee and Low-fat Doughnut Reception at the Denver Show

Colorado FM will host a Coffee and Doughnut Reception at the Denver Show. It will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 am on Saturday morning, September 14. The location is in a room adjacent to the Show Worker's hospitality room--I have no idea what the room number is, but I'm sure it will be listed in the Show Program. Come drink coffee, eat low-fat doughnuts, and visit with FM members from places far and wide.

Volunteers Needed for Mineral Identification Booth at the Denver Show

As has been our standard practice for many years now, FM will man the Denver Show's Mineral Identification Booth. Pete Modreski will again be in charge, but he needs lots of help. We will pass around a sign up sheet at the September meeting. Please sign up. You don't have to be an expert--if you get stuck, you can always page Allen, Barb, Bill, Bill, Bill, Bruce, Carol, Chauncy, Dan, Dan, Dave Dianne, Don, Earl, Ed, Ed, Fred, Gene, Howard, Jack, Jack, John, Karen, Marcus, Mark, Pete, Ray, Ray, Sam, Sandy, Tom, or Tom. That's a lot of us--surely several of us will be there at any given time. In fact, if you see your name in the above list, it would be great if we all saw your name on the sign-up sheet! If you really have doubts about mineral identification, sign up at the same time that someone else (who you think knows their stuff) has signed up. Then you can watch them make mistakes and/or ask for a second opinion, and your confidence will be boosted immeasurably.

Election Time

Colorado FM elections will be held in November. We need a nominating committee. I will ask for volunteers at the September meeting.

RFPs Sent Out to Various Publishing Houses for Minerals of Colorado

Since the DMNH is in such political disarray over new policy, positions, and hierarchy, the Board of Directors decided to put the publishing of Minerals of Colorado out for bid. Requests for Bid Proposals were sent to the following potential publishers:

Denver Museum of Natural History Publishing Department
Fulcrum Publishing (Golden)
Geoscience Press (Tucson)
John Wiley and Sons (New York)
Johnson Publishing (Boulder)
University of Colorado Press (Boulder)

I requested that bid proposals be returned to FM by September 3. Hopefully, I will have some results to go over with you at the meeting. If not, there are some more publishers that we can contact.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINERALS OF COLORADO PRE-PUBLICATION MAILING

The time is fast approaching to mail our pre-publication offering to (1) all members of all Mineral clubs in the state, (2) all FM members, and (3) all persons who contributed information to the book. Letters to each club requesting their mailing lists will be going out this week. We will need help in setting up an assembly line to stuff envelopes and paste on stamps and mailing labels. Please

volunteer! We will have a sign-up sheet at the September Meeting. FM will furnish beer to help the job get done in an atmosphere of good camaraderie.

Show Worker Sign Up Sheets

If you work at the Denver Show, you will be asked to sign in on Show Worker Sign-up Sheets when you arrive at the show. (I think that's the way that I remember it working.) Anyway, FM has been criticized in the past for not having many volunteer workers at the Show. As it turns out, many FM members are also a members of other clubs. So, if you sign those sheets, please write down all clubs with which you are affiliated--and that includes FM.