

# Friends of Mineralogy Colorado Chapter

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## **January , 1997 Meeting**

Thursday, January 9, 1997, at 7:30 pm in the VIP Room at the DMNH.  
The Board meets at 6:00 pm.

We have been trying to schedule a program on the State Line Trend of Kimberlite Pipes. We thought we had it set up for January, but there was a conflict at the last minute, so you get to put up with me again--sorry 'bout that. So, Ed Raines will talk on the Leadville Silver Boom. The program will go into some detail concerning the discovery of silver at Leadville, the oxidized zone silver deposits, and the subsequently developed silver bearing sulfide deposits. I have a lot of slides that I have never shown to any of the area clubs before, including both "then" photos (never published and seen by very few people) and "now" photos of the mines, minerals of the oxidized zone, and some air photos that will allow you to become much better oriented in the district.

## **March, 1997 Meeting**

Allen Heyl will talk on some phase of the Mississippi Valley Deposits. Through the years Allen has sort of become known as Mr. Mississippi Valley, even though his research carried him to many other places to study many different deposits. Be sure to mark this one your calendar, it's not often that you get a chance to hear a talk by the master, himself.

**Other Upcoming Programs** - the dates on these are not yet set, but the speakers have committed to give programs on these topics:

Dan Hausel, Wyoming Geological Survey--the State Line Trend of Kimberlite Pipes.

Ed Raines--the Telluride District (this was the most requested of all topics on our survey)

Pete Modreski--Onegite from the Pikes Peak Pegmatites

...plus we have some other very good leads on other speakers and fascinating topics--it looks like there's enough for at least two years worth!

**1997 FM Meeting dates** are: Jan. 9th, March 13, May 15, Sept. 11, and Nov. 13.

## **Report on the November Meeting**

Thanks to Dan Kile for his thought provoking presentation on the "Micas from the Pikes Peak Batholith: Optical Properties, Composition, and Correlation with Pegmatite Genesis." We are looking forward to seeing Dan and Gene's paper in a future issue of the Canadian Mineralogist.

***No one has come forward to volunteer as FM Secretary.***

### **Report on the FM Auction**

Our committee members (Robin Wright , Jim Hurlbut, and Regina Modreski ) have all been very busy working on the Minerals of Colorado, bylaws updates, etc. Bruce Geller has volunteered to join this group. Bruce brings a great deal of experience with the Colorado Mineralogical Society auction, so the planning for our auction will be getting under way.

### **By-laws and Operating Procedures Revision for the Colorado Chapter**

The membership voted to accept the new by-laws. There will be a few minor changes that will be offered in the near future. We will publish these changes for membership approval in the near future.

### **Thanks to the 1996 Officers for a job well done.**

I really appreciate the work done by all of the 1996 officers. Some will be with us for 1997, but Dave Weller and Robin Wright are retiring. A special thanks to them for a job well done.

### **Update on the Minerals of Colorado**

The Denver Council voted a \$5000 grant to FM to go toward publishing The Minerals of Colorado. They also approved a \$10,000, interest free loan (10 year term) to help with our cash flow. This is very generous. Thanks guys!

Fulcrum Publishing is currently working on the copy edit of the manuscript. We should have it back for proofing in February.

So far, we have sold 114 copies of the book in our pre-publication offering. Dave Bunk included a copy of the flyer for the book in one of his mailings, and Marty Zinn is including it in his big Tucson mailing. We are making progress on some other marketing efforts. There was a meeting of some of the people who had expressed an interest in working on the marketing effort, and we came up with many good ideas which we will work on in the coming months.

A copy of the flyer for the pre-publication offering is enclosed in this newsletter. Copy it and give the copy to some one. Fill it out and order your copy if you haven't already done so. In other words, USE IT!

### **Denver Museum of Natural History Silent Auction**

The DMNH will hold a silent auction on Saturday, January 25, 1997, from 9:00 am to noon. Materials to be auctioned are duplicate, un-catalogued specimens that are not part of the Museum's permanent collection. This will include various sized lots of lapidary materials, agate slabs, geodes, minerals specimens, micromounts, and petrified wood (slabbed and whole pieces). Items to be auctioned can be previewed in the VIP Room on Friday, January 24, between 5:00 and 9:00 pm. Bids will be accepted between 9:00 am and 10:00 am on Saturday. Payment must be made (cash or check) and the materials removed before noon on Saturday. Come one, come all. For information, call 370-6473.

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