

## Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter Newsletter – May, 2002

**May Meeting – Thursday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.**

*(Board meeting 7:00-7:30)*

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science – V.I.P..** *Enter through the single door Security/Staff entrance to the left of the main entrance. The V.I.P. room is to the left through the cafeteria area.*

### Minerals of the Pikes Peak Batholith

by Ed Raines

Ed Raines, an exploration geologist and longtime FM member, is the author of numerous articles on the mineralogy and history of Colorado mining districts, as well as a frequent speaker on mining topics to FM and to many other groups. Ed's most recent article, "Minerals of the Pikes Peak Batholith", was published in the Sep/Oct 2001 issue of *Rocks & Minerals*. We are very pleased to have Ed speak at our May meeting to give what we are sure will be an extremely informative and well-illustrated program.

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FMCC dues are \$13.00, which includes membership in national Friends of Mineralogy. If your mailing label does not say "2002" or greater, your dues are not current. Please send your dues payment ASAP to **Friends of Mineralogy-Colorado Chapter, P.O. Box 5276, Golden CO, 80401-5276.**

Thank you!

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A flier for our **Symposium on Gemstone Deposits of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region** is attached. An excellent program of speakers is lined up. We have received a grant of \$1200 from the Denver Council to pay for printing the program & abstracts book. Our banquet speaker, Dan Hausel, will speak on "The Great Diamond Hoax of 1872". Symposium registration will be \$30.00; banquet, \$25.00; and each field trip, \$35.00. Please send your check for the full registration fee, made out to FM, to Friends of Mineralogy, P.O. Box 5276, Golden CO, 80401-5276.

Our **Friends of Mineralogy – Colorado Chapter Silent Auction** will be held Wednesday evening, June 19, at the Glendale Community Center, 7:00-10:00. A flier with full information about the auction is attached, with bidding slips on the back. If you are bringing specimens to donate or sell, please make copies of these slips, or more will be available at the night of the auction. **Invite your friends to come!**

**Rhodochrosite** is now the official Colorado State Mineral. After being approved by the State House and Senate, the bill was signed by Governor Owens in a ceremony at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on Wednesday, April 17.

FM members **Ray and Eloise Berry** invite everyone to a sale of mineral specimens selected from their collection and trade stock. It will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in their garage, at 7513 Tudor Rd, Colorado Springs, CO. "Hundreds to choose from and most are priced from \$1.00 to \$50.00. Contact us if you need directions. Exit I 25 #149 (Woodmen Road)." Ray & Eloise Berry, (719) 598-7877.

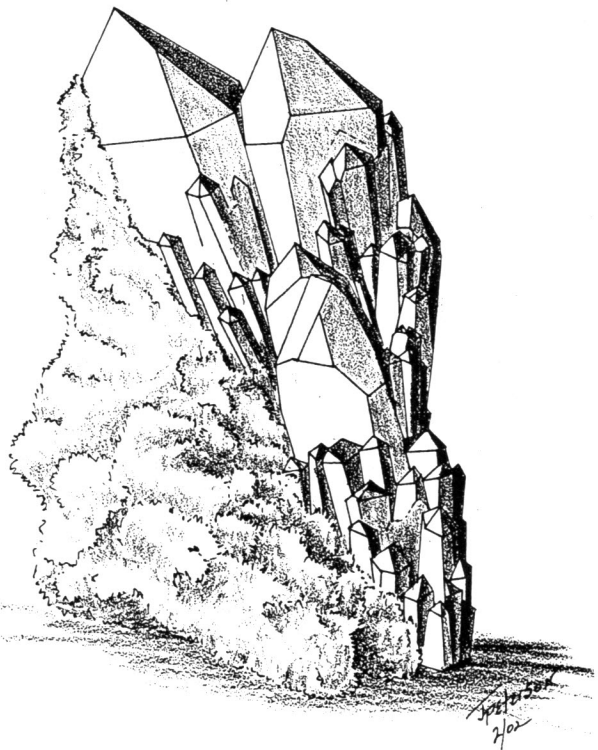
#### **DENVER GEM & MINERAL SHOW MINI REPORT APRIL 2, 2002**

Publicity about the Denver Gem & Mineral Show is very important in getting the general public to attend the show. Of course, most people who come to the show enjoy it so much that they continue to come year after year. The Show Committee works on new ideas for publicity every year and welcomes your suggestions. If you have a novel approach to publicity or need flyers or posters to advertise the show, please contact Regina Aumente at 303-978-9926. There are two events for publicizing the show for which your help is needed. Discovery Day at Dinosaur Ridge is on August 3rd. A few persons are needed to talk to visitors and hand out flyers and free rocks. We will also have a booth at the Taste of Colorado over the Labor Day weekend. Again volunteers are needed to talk to visitors and hand out flyers and free rocks. The time slots are two shifts from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. per day from Friday through Monday. The booth will be in a covered tent providing shade. Both of these are quite fun events, especially the talking to adults and kids. So if you can help, call Regina Aumente at 303-978-9926. **WE REALLY REALLY NEED YOU...AND YOU...AND YOU!** Don't forget to pass out flyers and interest your friends and relatives in the show. Your enthusiasm about the show is contagious!! We still need someone interested in learning to make the show ribbons. For more information, call Bill Basbagill at 303-986-5812. Please keep signing up volunteers to help out at the show. Don't forget some of the club forms are due back by June 30th. The show will be here before you know it!  
Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Secretary pro tem

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Officers & directors please note—our board meeting will begin at 7 p.m., 30 minutes before the regular FM meeting. Vice-president Eunice York will chair the meeting.

# GEMSTONE DEPOSITS OF COLORADO AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION



*A Symposium to be held at Colorado  
School of Mines, Golden, Colorado  
September 7-10, 2002*

*Sponsored by Friends of Mineralogy,  
Colorado Chapter; Colorado School  
of Mines Geology Museum; Denver  
Museum of Nature and Science;  
and U.S. Geological Survey*

*The symposium will precede the  
Denver Gem and Mineral Show, theme  
"Colorado Gemstones", Sep. 13-15, 2002*

*All persons, amateur and professional,  
interested in the geologic occurrence of  
gem minerals are invited to attend.*

***The symposium will include:***

- ◆ Welcoming party, Friday evening Sept. 6 at the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum
- ◆ Lectures, Saturday Sept. 7 and Sunday morning Sept. 8, at the Colorado School of Mines
- ◆ Sat. banquet; speaker, Dan Hausel, Wyoming Geol. Survey, "The Great Diamond Hoax of 1872"
- ◆ Tour of Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Sunday afternoon Sept. 8
- ◆ Reception at DMNS, Sunday evening Sept. 8
- ◆ Field trips, Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 9 & 10 (diamond-bearing kimberlites and Cripple Creek)
- ◆ A booklet containing the program, extended abstracts, and field trip guides

Speakers will include: Dick Berg, *Montana sapphire deposits*; Bill Chirnside, *Utah pink topaz*; Bob Cobban, *Colorado blue corundum*; Howard Coopersmith, *Kelsey Lake diamonds*; Heather Douglas, *emeralds of northwestern Canada*; Nelia Dunbar, *origin of thunder eggs*; Mary Garland, *origin of Montana sapphires*; Mike Gray, *rare and unusual gem minerals*; Dan Hausel, *Wyoming gem occurrences*; Mark Jacobson, *Mt. Antero aquamarine*; Bob Jones, *turquoise of the Southwest*; Dan Kile, *Del Norte agate*; Bryan Lees, *Colorado gem rhodochrosite*; Jay Lininger, *Art Montgomery and the history of mining gem minerals in Colorado and Utah*; Pete Modreski, *Colorado topaz*; Jack Murphy, *Colorado gemstones*; Jim Piper, *gemstones of South Park & vicinity*; John Rhoads, *Colorado peridot*; Jim Shigley, *Utah red beryl*; Art Soregaroli, *Zapot pegmatite, Nevada*.

***Symposium registration fee: \$30.00    Saturday evening banquet: \$25.00***

***Field Trips: \$35.00 each*** (transportation provided; you must also be registered for the symposium)

#1 Monday, Sep. 9 - State Line diamond-bearing kimberlite district (*attendance may be limited*)

#2 Tuesday, Sep. 10 - Cripple Creek gold (Cresson mine) and turquoise mines

***Send payment for registration to:*** Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter, P.O. Box 5276, Golden CO 80401-5276; make checks to Friends of Mineralogy. *For further information please contact:*

Pete Modreski, 303-202-4766, pmodreski@usgs.gov, or Jim Hurlbut, 303-757-0283, jfhu@vanion.com

***FM May meeting is Thursday, May 9, 7:30 pm, Denver Museum of Nature & Science  
Minerals of the Pikes Peak Batholith, by Ed Raines***

**Coming Events: 2002**

- May 9 May FM meeting, DMNS  
May 10 Denver Gem & Mineral Guild Silent Auction, public welcome, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Room 126, Berthoud Hall, Colorado School of Mines, 16<sup>th</sup> & Illinois Streets (call Pete Neri 303-674-2792 for more info)  
May 11-12 Grand Junction Gem & Mineral Show, Two Rivers Convention Center, Grand Junction CO  
May 18-19 Mineral sale at Ray & Eloise Berry, 7513 Tudor Rd., 7513 Tudor Rd, Colorado Springs, CO  
June 19 FM Silent Auction, Glendale Community Center  
June 20-23 Mile Hi RAMS Gem & Mineral Show, Westminster Mall  
July 13-14 Colorado Springs Gem and Mineral Show  
Sep. 5 Sep. FM meeting, DMNS  
Sep. 7-10 Symposium on Gemstone Deposits of the Rocky Mountain Region  
Sep. 13-16 Denver Gem and Mineral Show: theme, *Gemstones of Colorado*  
Nov. 14 November FM meeting, DMNS

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