colorado chapter



-- NEXT MEETING --

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1986 DENVER MUSEUM, 7:30PM

"A SAN JUAN SUMMER"

Our September meeting will be held one week later than usual in order not to conflict with the set-up time for the Denver gem and mineral show the previous week. There will be a slide presentation of some recent collecting activities in Ouray and San Juan counties, as well as some great mountain and flower pictures of Colorado's San Juan Mountains. We hope you will be able to attend.

DENVER COUNCIL MINERAL SHOW Friday, Saturday, and Sunday September 12, 13, 14

The Denver area mineral clubs will be sponsoring their annual gem and mineral show at the Merchandise Mart, located off the 58th St. exit of Interstate 25, on September 12-14, 1986. In addition, a satillite show will again be located at the Holiday Inn; it is located one exit south of the main show on the west side of the highway.

Friends of Mineralogy will be sponsoring a slide presentation by Ed Raines on the "Minerals and History of the Eagle Mine, Gilman, Colorado". The talk will be early on Sunday afternoon, September 14. Ed is an excellent speaker, and we hope that many people will be able to attend what promises to be a most enjoyable program. In addition, FMCC is also providing a guest exhibit of minerals from the Eagle Mine.

FMCC PEGMATITE SYMPOSIUM A Recap

A special thanks to the coordinators of FMCC's first symposium, which was held May 30-June 1, 1986. The attendance was outstanding, with approximately 250 registrants from across the

U.S.A. and Canada. Pete Modreski, Jack Murphy, and Gene Foord, as well as the legions who helped them, did an outstanding job of ensuring a quality program and that everything ran smoothly. A special thanks is due to Regina Modreski and her staff, who made certain that a swift registration took place for the throngs of attendees who all arrived at the same time on both Friday and Saturday. Both field trips were a great success, with more than 100 people participating in each, and alternate days needing to be arranged because of the many people who were "bumped" due to the heavy turnout.

Now we need to start planning for the $\underline{\text{next}}$ FMCC symposium....

A IMPORTANT PEGMATITE DISCOVERY

Several individuals, including Don Smith of Florissant, recently discovered an important amazonite pocket in the Crystal Peak area of Colorado. The diggings are on the Ten Percent claim, the same area where the material for the Denver Museum's exhibit of an amazonite pocket was found several years ago. The new pocket is reported to have been approximately 8ft. x 6ft. x 2ft. Like the Museum's pocket, this one had crystals with fine color, good lustre, and plates reported to be as much as 18" across. There was apparently little smokey quartz in the pocket, but there was a lot of excellent clevelandite mounds. This new find certainly represents one of the largest and most important amazonite pockets in many years in the Crystal Peak district.

1987 FMCC ELECTIONS

ELECTION TIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND FMCC IS LOOKING FOR A "FEW GOOD PEOPLE" TO SERVE IN VARIOUS OFFICES. All officers serve for terms of one year. In addition, a part of the Board of Directors is elected annually for two-year terms in order to provide some continuity. If you would be interested in being nominated for an office, please contact Barb Muntyan soon; a nomination committee is being formed to select the slate of candidates. We need to get more people involved in the many activites being planned by FMCC.