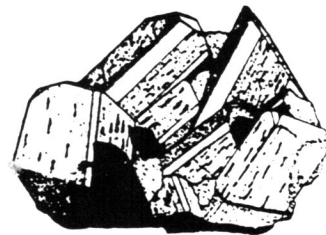


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FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY - Colorado Chapter
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Next meeting October 12 VIP room DMNH 7:30
The board will meet at 6:00

Our program was arranged by Ed Raines. It will be a presentation of the slides prepared for the "Minerals of Colorado". This program will be a preview of what is to come in print. This is your chance to see excellent pictures of quality Colorado specimens.

FM AT THE DENVER SHOW

Our thanks go to the following FM members who helped staff our Mineral Identification booth at the Denver Show:

Howard Bachman
Don Belsher
Bill Chirnside
Caroline Gray
Mark Jacobson (now living in Louisiana, and in town for the show!)
Pete Modreski
Barbara Muntyan
Sam Rosenblum
Jack Thompson
Susan Eriksson ("guest expert", VPI, Blacksburg, VA)

(Our apologies to anyone whose name we missed above.) Some of you were able to attend the National FM coffee-and-donut social Saturday morning at the show; if you did, it was a chance to chat with some of our out-of-state members, including John and Marjory Sinkankas who were at the show for John's Saturday evening lecture on "The Development of Mineralogical Illustration in Books". If you missed the brunch social--remember it for next year.

Status Report "Minerals Of Colorado"

The complete manuscript, photos, maps will be turned in to the Museum by October 12th.

The Colorado FM Chapter will donate the money that has been raised to publish the book, approximately \$10,000, to the Denver Museum of Natural History after the October Meeting.

The DMNH and the FM board will be preparing fund raising proposals in early November to be presented to probable donors. The fund raising should be completed by the first of the year.

The FM Board of Directors will finalize the details of our prepublication offer. These will include details on who will be sent the offer, how many copies they may order, deadline for return of the order form with payment, to whom checks are to be made payable, and the fee to be added to cover shipping and handling. The final firm price of the book for this prepublication offer will be supplied by the Museum the first of the year. The cost of preparing the letter/order form and mailing it will be covered by the chapter. This letter/order form should be mailed by the end of the first quarter of 1996. The Board also will prepare the plan of how the prepublication sales and distribution will be handled.

NEW MEXICO MINERAL SYMPOSIUM--is Nov. 11-12 in Socorro, NM. The featured speaker will be Dr. Miguel Romero, who will talk on "The Romero Mineral Museum" (Museo Mineralogica M. Romero, Tehuacan, Puebla, Mexico), which represents one of North America's premier mineral collections. Symposium registration is \$22.00; for further information, contact Lynn Heizler, New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources, 505-835-5140.

Old Colorado Gem Localities

The Pan American Exposition of 1901 which took place in Buffalo, New York, had George Friedrich Kunz organize a collection of American gems and ornamental stones, to be displayed in the United States Mining section. J. Pierpont Morgan purchased this display, and made a gift of it to the Muséum d' Histoire Naturelle de Paris; a catalog of this collection was published by the Muséum in 1903. John Barlow was kind enough to loan me his copy of this catalog, so that I could extract the Colorado information.

The Collection comprised approximately 470 specimens; here are the Colorado specimens (entries in [brackets] are my comments):

- Pyrite, Central City, comté de Boulder
- Quartz hyalin [rock crystal], Pike's Peak
- Quartz enfumé [smoky] Florissant
[two more such pieces]
- Quartz enfumé et microcline, Crystal Peak
- Agate, comté de Lorimer [sic]
- Bois silicifié [petrified wood], Divide
- Agate (*Atlantosaurus fossile*), Morrison [where is this place?]
- Goethite (onégite) dans [in] quartz, Florissant
[another]
- Dialogite [rhodochrosite], Comté de Park
- Topaze, Chyenne [three cut stones]
- Grenat [garnet] (topazolite), près [near] Crested Butte
- Grenat (almandin) dans chlorite, Salida
[as above, three more cut stones]
- Beryl, Mont Antero
- Feldspath (amazonite, microcline), Pike's Peak
- Feldspath (amazonite), Crystal Peak
- Jai [? "jaiet" is a synonym for jet], El Paso

Las Animas
MORRISON
note that the R's are regarded as M

*→ Cheyenne Mt. (ACTUALLY DEVIL'S HEAD)
El Paso County*

see Kunz 1893 photoplate

There are thus 26 items from Colorado, including only one rhodochrosite.

---Bill Smith



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A CALL TO ACTION!

Mark your calendars! The countdown has begun!

Our "Fossil Protection/Preservation Bill of 1995" now has a target introduction date - the week of 16 October 1995. One small victory after months of work by hundreds of people. You will find more reports of other small victories on issues that ALAA has addressed throughout this newsletter. After introduction, we have the awesome task of mobilizing our network of support across this country to ensure our bill's passage through committee hearings and floor votes. **YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED NOW!**

If you have not yet become a member of the American Lands Access Association, **DO IT NOW!** Your voice is essential! If you have not yet written, faxed and called your Members of Congress urging that they sponsor and support the ALAA Fossil Bill, **DO IT NOW!** Your letter, fax and call is needed! If you have not yet asked members of your family, your friends, your customers, your colleagues to join ALAA, **DO IT NOW!** Every voice will help! If you have not yet asked members of your family, your friends, your customers, your colleagues to write, fax and call their Congressional delegation urging that they sponsor and support the ALAA Fossil Bill, **DO IT NOW!** Their voices will help! If you have already done all this, **THANK YOU! DO IT AGAIN NOW!** Your voice needs to be heard again!

A final draft of the bill should be ready for distribution about mid-September. The Legislative Research Council rewrite is nearly finished. Therefore, we must double and re-double our efforts **NOW** to identify a Senate Prime Sponsor.

URGENT! IF YOUR SENATOR OR A SENATOR WITH WHOM YOU HAVE WORKED ON PREVIOUS LEGISLATION IS POTENTIALLY SUPPORTIVE AND YOU HAVE PERSONAL CONNECTION TO THE SENATOR, PLEASE CONTACT THEM IMMEDIATELY AND REQUEST THAT THEY CONSIDER PRIME SPONSORSHIP OF THE ALAA FOSSIL BILL! Inform Marion Zenker of any positive response received and what communication is desired directly from the Association. Please help us coordinate these contacts and requests. In most states, ALAA can also help mobilize support in the form of letters, faxes and calls from that Senator's constituency.

Several Senators are supportive of the legislation and will sign on as Sponsors once we have a commitment for a Senate Prime Sponsor including Larry Craig (R-ID) and Senator Tom Daschle (D-SD). At the present moment, Senator Trent Lott (R) of Mississippi is reviewing the bill and a request to become the Prime Sponsor. If you live in Mississippi or have friends, relatives or colleagues there, please contact the Senator yourself or have any of his constituents you know personally contact him by letter, fax and phone urging him to become the Senate Prime Sponsor [see address page 9 and please send copies of all your correspondence through the DC office]. Senators Dirk Kempthorne (R-ID) and Slade Gorton (R-WA) are also being contacted with requests to become the Senate Prime Sponsor. If you are a constituent of either of these Senators or know someone who is please contact them yourself or request that others do. [Again be sure all correspondence is copied to the DC offices as follows: The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne, Attn: Legislative Director, W. H. Fawcett, 367 Senate Dirksen Ofc Bldg, Washington, DC 20510 - (202) 224-6142 (5893 fax) and The Honorable Slade Gorton, Attn: Legislative Director, Sam Spina, 730 Senate Hart Ofc. Bldg., Washington, DC 20510 - (202) 224-3441 (9393 fax).]

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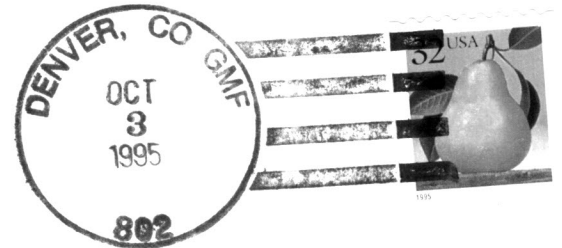
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