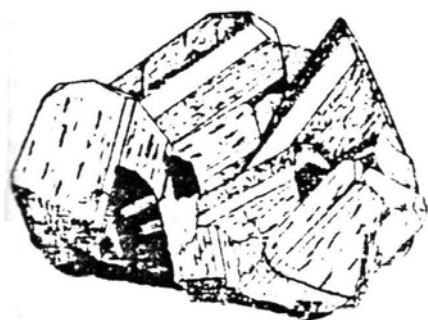


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MAY MEETING: Mineral Auction Thursday, May 10, 7:30 [setup at 6:30]
 p.m., Denver Museum of Natural History **Refreshments!**

In response to great popular demand and to a continuing need for funds for our forthcoming Minerals of Colorado volume, we will be holding a second annual auction of minerals (and related items) this month. Our 1983 auction was a great success, netting \$1564.50 for the work on Minerals of Colorado, plus being a very enjoyable evening for our members. This enabled us to carry on the project throughout the year. All money raised in the 1984 auction will be used for what should be the final year of work on this book. We hope you will all cooperate in searching through your collection or stock for a good selection of specimens to bring to the auction, and bringing yourselves, any guests you care to invite, and a fat wallet of money to spend at the auction. Thanks for your help!

We will have, as before, both a silent auction and a vocal auction. Dan Kile will be in charge of the auction and will serve as chief auctioneer. Donors of specimens will have the option of donating either 50% or 100% of the selling price of each item to the Minerals of Colorado project. Try to bring your better-quality material; the auction committee will pick about 20 of the most outstanding items for the vocal auction. This event will not be advertised or open to the "public-at-large" but, as with all our meetings, members are welcome to bring any interested guests to the auction. Donors who wish to receive a 50% rebate on specimens sold must be members of the chapter, but anyone is welcome to bring items solely for donation. We most highly appreciate all your contributions.

The auction will be held on the third floor, in a room near the snack bar. Please enter the building through the usual guards' entrance on the north side. The building and the auction room will be open at 6:30 for setup of specimens; the auction itself will begin at 7:30. We will run the silent auction for a while, break and conduct the vocal auction, and then allow a final short time for additional bids on the silent auction before closing the floor. Mineral specimens and related items (books, mining artifacts, memorabilia) are welcome. Enclosed with this newsletter are several copies of a sheet of bid forms; please fill one out in advance for each specimen you bring. Include the identification and locality (on both top and

bottom of the slip), and the minimum bid you will accept; please mark whether you are donating 50% or 100% to FM, and whether you wish to have the bottom of the form forwarded to you as a receipt. We believe that items donated to this auction should constitute a valid tax deduction, though we cannot guarantee how the I.R.S. would rule on this in specific cases. The minimum increment of bids in the auction will be \$0.50 (higher in the vocal auction at the discretion of the auctioneer). Refreshments will be available at the meeting!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Monday, May 7, 6:30 pm

The meeting will be held in Jack Murphy's office on the 3rd floor of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Any interested members are welcome to attend. Those who care to are invited to bring along a bag/box/fast food/gourmet supper to eat at the meeting. Topics for discussion include the fund-raising auction May 10; our symposium at the Denver Show, Sep. 9; progress on the Minerals of Colorado volume; and a possible summer field trip.

RECAP OF THE LAST FM MEETING: The January meeting featured an in-depth retrospective look at the 1984 Tucson Show. We had numerous slides (featuring, as promised, those by Barbara Muntyan, plus others), three mini-presentations based on lectures which had been given at the FM Symposium in Tucson, and a pretty good selection of specimens on display. We had a full room and signed up a fair number of new members.

DUES: If you haven't paid your \$10 chapter dues by now, you're probably already off our mailing list (unless Barbara, Jack, and Cym have been lenient). Barb Muntyan has put together a new chapter membership list which will probably be sent out with the next newsletter. Pay up quick if you haven't done so!

FIELD TRIP(S): We have been talking back-and-forth about a field trip this year but still don't have any firm plans. Our ideas for a trip to one or more mines around Central City have not panned out. Don Belsher is still willing to coordinate a trip, and is interested in Italian Mountain (see the latest Min. Record) as one possible trip; there are other possibilities. If you have enthusiasm for this or another particular trip, or can help arrange one, please speak to Don (494-7785) or one of the other officers. We'll try to get something to announce in June for a trip sometime in (July?).

1984 SYMPOSIUM: Our Mineral Symposium will be held Sunday, Sep. 9 at the Denver Show. Mark Jacobsen (733-8170) is in charge; he has a number of tentative commitments for speakers but is still ready to accept more volunteers. We have some interesting topics promised and it should be a good session.

THINGS IN PROGRESS: We are revising the 2-page information sheet about the chapter that we formerly gave to all new and prospective members. Everyone will receive a copy with their newsletter when it is ready.

A new project we have begun is to compile a brochure of information of interest to mineral collectors and related types, aimed nominally at those who are new to or visiting the area, or new to mineral collecting; however, the finished product will probably be of interest to us all. This will include names and addresses of Colorado (Denver? Front Range area?) dealers; of local mineral clubs; area

mineral shows; museums with mineral displays; books and other publications about Colorado mineralogy, geology, and collecting areas; and notes about some easily accessible mineral collecting sites and points of geologic interest. We may try to have the booklet ready for distribution or sale at the time of the 1984 Denver Show. If you would like to help with this, please call Pete Modreski (978-9926).

A (very) few names have been volunteered of people who can give programs to area mineral clubs; this will be forwarded to Mike Wheat of the Colo. Fed. of Mineral. Societies. Let us know if any others of you would like to be included (as per the note in our March newsletter).

DENVER SHOW: The 18th Annual Denver Gem and Mineral Show will be Sept. 7, 8, 9, 1984, at the Merchandise Mart Exposition Hall (I-25 [exit 215] and 58th Ave.). The show features more than 50 dealers (retail and wholesale areas); competitive and special displays; a swap area; free gold panning for kids (plus special related exhibits of gold mining equipment and historical items); free mineral identification; cabbing, faceting, and jewelry-making demonstrations; and a competition for children to exhibit home grown crystals (contact Pete Modreski, 978-9926, for details about entries). Other special features include exhibits of opal carvings from the Denver Museum of Natural History, and of a 100+ pound turquoise carving; a new Paleontological Symposium on Saturday, Sept. 8, with programs on fossil topics, hosted by the (new) Colorado Paleontological Society, which will hold its first meeting at the show; and the Mineral Symposium sponsored by Friends of Mineralogy, on Sunday, Sept. 9. Show hours are 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday, 10-8 Saturday, and 10-5 Sunday. Admission is \$2.00 (\$4.00 for a 3-day pass); \$1.00 for senior citizens and children over 12; children under 12 free. Show chairmen are Harold and Dee Hosea, 2260 Poplar St., Denver, Colo. 80207. Be sure to tell all your friends to come! There will again be an independent "satellite" dealer show at the Holiday Inn.

COMING EVENTS: [FM Meetings--May 10, July 12, Sept. 20, Nov. 8]

May 11-12	Geological Society of America, Rocky Mountain Section Meeting., Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo.
June 2-3	Grand Junction, Colorado Show
June 8-10	Tulsa (Rocky Mtn. Federation) Show
June 28-July 1	Westminster Mall Show (Mile Hi Rock & Min. Soc.)
July 21-22	Durango, Colorado Show
July 28-29	Colorado Springs Show
Aug. 11-12	"Contin-tail"(?!) Rock Swap and Stuff, somewhere near Buena Vista, Colo.; spons. by Colorado Federation
Sep. 7-9	Denver Show
Sep. 28-30	FM Pacific Northwest Mineral Sympos., Tacoma, Wash.
Oct. 12-14	Detroit Show
Nov. 5-8	Geol. Soc. America Annual Meeting, Reno, Nevada
Nov. 9-11	G.I.A. "Gem Fair" at Denver Mus. Nat. History--more details in coming months
Nov. 10-11	New Mexico Mineral Symposium, Socorro, N.M.
Feb. 7-10	1985 Tucson Show
Feb. 10	1985 F.M.-M.S.A. Tucson Symposium, " <u>a new look at Classic Mineral Localities</u> "--contact Gene Foord for details (278-8279).