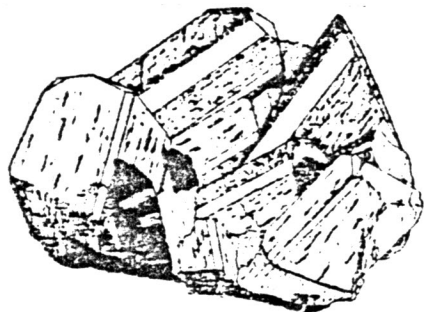


Colorado Chapter

Friends of Mineralogy

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March Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 7:30 pm, Denver Museum of Natural History

Enter through side door on the north side of the building; the guard will admit FM members and direct them to the meeting room, on the 3rd floor past the snack bar.

Program: "Highlights of the 1984 Tucson Show"; presented by our own members.

By a totally unofficial count, approximately 33 (=exactly half?) of our chapter members were in Tucson for the annual Gem and Mineral Show and associated happenings. We are inviting all members who were there to bring to the March meeting:

Any mineral specimens of special interest (to the world at large or to you) that you acquired in Tucson.

Any slides you took of minerals, persons, or events at the show (preferably limited, of course, to a carefully selected group of your most perfectly composed and exposed, highly meaningful and artistic photographs; or lacking that, just bring the best you've got). Barbara Muntyan, our chief 35mm photographer, will be coordinating the slide show.

Any stories, anecdotes, scientific descriptions, and tall tales you may have picked up in Tucson about new mineral finds, new discoveries, spectacular pockets, old mineral finds, etc. (anything you may have picked up on a side trip to Nogales, please leave at home). This portion of the program will include brief summaries (illustrated) by several members of the chapter who presented or co-authored papers at the FM-MSA "Minerals of Mexico" Symposium in Tucson: Joe Taggart (alpha-PbO₂ from Bingham, N.M. and Mapimi, Mexico); Gene Foord (durangite from the Black Range, N.M., and Coneto, Mexico); and Pete Modreski (luminescence of Mapimi adamite, and minerals of Point of Rocks, N.M.)

Each person who visits the show in Tucson tends to have their own special interests, meet and talk with different people, and learn about a different selection of new occurrences. By bringing your specimens, photographs, or stories to share with the chapter at this meeting, we should all learn something new. We will have at least one covered glass case on hand for fragile or valuable specimens. Ah yes, books, prints, and mining memorabilia are welcome too!

Board Meeting: Monday, March 5, 6:00 pm, Denver Museum of Natural History (Jack Murphy's office). In addition to officers and board members, any other interested members may attend. The upcoming auction, symposium, and possible field trips will be discussed. Our board meetings are "brown bag" for those who care to bring something to munch for supper.

1984 Auction A second auction to raise funds for the "Minerals of Colorado" book project will be held at our May meeting (May 10). All plans for the auction are not yet final, but we expect that we will again offer people the option of donating either 50% or 100% of the selling price of each specimen to the project fund. The auction will be open to chapter members plus any guests they care to invite and bring with them. We'll appreciate it if you start thinking about specimens you can bring to the auction. Dan Kile has again agreed to coordinate the auction, with the understanding that other chapter members will help out. Bid sheets to fill out in advance will be available in the May newsletter.

1984 Symposium We are planning a third "mini-symposium" for the 1984 Denver Show; in fact, it is rumored that our symposium will be expanded to encompass all the lectures which will be given at the show, on both Saturday and Sunday. The show is Sep. 7-9; the symposium will be (mostly?) on Sunday, Sep. 9. Mark Jacobsen will be making the arrangements of speakers for the symposium; please contact Mark (733-8170) if you can contemplate giving a talk at the symposium, or if you know of someone who might.

Donation from Denver Council The Denver Council of Gem and Mineral Societies has voted, at its January meeting, to make a \$1000 donation to the Minerals of Colorado project. The money will be put toward costs of typing and other manuscript preparation, and will be held in a special fund managed by the Geology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History. The funds come from profits of the Denver Gem and Mineral Show; donations were also made to area museums. Our thanks go to the Denver Council for their support of this project.

Colorado Federation Program Directory We have a letter from Mike Wheat, program chairman of the Colorado Federation of Gem and Mineral Societies (and also a member of our chapter), asking for our help in compiling a directory of programs and speakers available to gem and mineral clubs on topics related to the gem and mineral hobby. They would like the program title, the name, address, and phone number of the speaker(s), and the amount of a fee charged (if any). (The directory recommends a minimum 10¢/mile travel expense fee to all speakers.) Copies of the directory will be provided to all affiliated clubs. If you can present program(s), or if you have information about someone who does, please send the above information to the chapter president; we will forward it to Mike. Let's all help him with this.

Field Trips? Several suggestions for possible chapter field trips this spring or summer were discussed at the November and January meetings. Some possibilities are Italian Mountain, in the Gunnison area (a 3-day, 4WD trip); a mine in the Central City area; and the Crystal Hill pegmatite district, Larimer County. Many people feel that a field trip held by the chapter would be rewarding and enjoyable, both scientifically/mineralogically and for the fellowship and camaraderie. Don Belsher has been willing to coordinate such a trip; please contact him (494-7785) if you have suggestions or expressions of interest in a field trip.

FM, Inc. Officers elected for 1984 by the national Friends of Mineralogy organization are Mike Groben (Coos Bay, Oregon), president; Pete Modreski, vice-president; Ron Bentley (Midland, Texas), treasurer; and Ray Lasmanis (Olympia, Washington), secretary. The FM annual award for the best paper to appear in the Mineralogical Record during 1983 was presented to William J. Thomas and Ronald B. Gibbs for "Famous Mineral Localities: The New Cornelia Mine, Ajo, Arizona". A new award, for the best paper contributed by a student for presentation at the FM-MSA Symposium in Tucson, was presented to Peter Megaw, of Tucson, Arizona, for his paper, "Mineralogy of the San Antonio Mine, Santa Eulalia District, Chihuahua, Mexico". FM activities during 1984 will include completion of a 14-year index to the Mineralogical Record, and work on an index of mineral localities in North America (and beyond?).

Dues If you haven't yet sent your \$10 dues to Barbara Muntyan (6978 Wapiti Court, Boulder, Colo. 80301) please due it now (or risk getting chopped from our mailing list!).

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