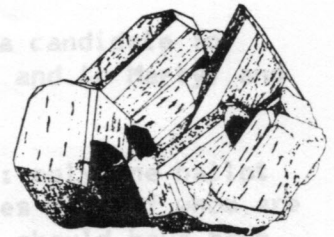


# Friends of mineralogy colorado chapter



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**JANUARY MEETING:** Thursday, Jan. 9, 1986, 7:30 pm, 3rd floor meeting room, Denver Museum of Natural History (enter through the white Security trailer on the north side of museum).

**Program:** "THE CARIBOU MINE, PAST AND PRESENT" presented by Tom Hendricks, president, Hendricks Mining Co. Boulder, Colorado

Tom Hendricks is a mining geologist who, in addition to being president of his own mining company which has been involved in working several mines in Boulder County, is also president of the Boulder County Metal Mining Association. His talk will cover the history of the mine and the town of Caribou, plus a discussion of recent attempts at reopening this silver mine. Tom will include a summary of the minerals found at the Caribou mine, and a description of the mode of occurrence of some of them.

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**JANUARY FMCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 6 (6:30 pm) at the home of past president Pete Modreski. The meeting will include a pot-luck supper, and the major item on the agenda will be detailed planning for the 1986 Pegmatite Symposium.

**RESULTS OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1986:** The results of our annual election, held by mail ballot at the beginning of November, were announced at the Nov. 14 meeting. Of 88 ballots mailed out, 51 were returned. All candidates for officers and directors (listed at the top of this page of the newsletter) received either 51 votes (Muntyan, Hurlbut, McGlasson) or 50 (Kile, Murphy), with the exception of 37 votes cast for Marty Zinn as a Director, and 14 votes cast for Don Belsher as Director. This bears explanation, which follows; there was an unfortunate error in the printing of our last ballot and newsletter:

The ballot listed Jim McGlasson and Marty Zinn as candidates for Directors (2 North vacancies), whereas the note about the election in the accompanying newsletter stated that McGlasson and Don Belsher were the candidates. It seems that Marty Zinn was originally a tentative nominee for Director, but Marty decided to decline to be a public candidate this year, and Don Belsher agreed to be a nominee. However, the message about this change in candidates did not get to the people who typed up, printed, and mailed the ballot, so the ballot listed McGlasson and Zinn. We tried to call most of the chapter members to inform them of the error, but many of these had already filled out and returned their ballots. The result is that we are accepting Marty Zinn as being elected as a Director, in view of the facts that: 1) Marty received a majority of the votes; 2) Marty says that his original reasons for declining the nomination are not so compelling as to prevent him from accepting the position; and 3) Don Belsher accepts our apology for the

error with (we sincerely hope) no hard feelings, and is willing to be a candidate for Director in a future year. Once again, our apology is extended to Don and to Marty, and to any other members who were confused by this error in the ballot.

One other error was made in our procedures for mailing the ballots: only one ballot was sent to each address receiving our newsletter, whereas those couples both of whom are members of FM should have received two ballots. Therefore, 94 ballots should have been sent out, instead of the 88 that were. Our apologies also for this error; we'll be sure that it's done differently next year. We do appreciate the good response (58%) of members in returning the ballots.

Finally, as the outgoing president, I would like to thank all the officers and directors for their help during the past year, and all of our members for their support of chapter activities.

---Pete Modreski

COLORADO PEGMATITE SYMPOSIUM, May 30 - June 2: Our plans for this symposium are coming along very well. Several dozen people have been invited to give talks at the symposium, and we are planning on two field trips: one tentatively to the Crystal Mountain pegmatite district in Larimer County, and one yet to be determined. Friday and Saturday (May 30-31) are reserved for the oral/slide presentation of papers; Friday = papers which are more technical or about non-Colorado pegmatites, and Saturday = papers of more general interest. Sunday and Monday (June 1-2) are reserved for the field trips. Please note that this is NOT Memorial Day weekend; Memorial Day is May 26. We plan to have a dinner banquet Friday evening, and possibly an informal session of talks Saturday evening with drinks and snacks.

If you or someone you know would like to present a paper at the symposium and has not already been contacted, please get in touch with Gene Foord, Jack Murphy, or Pete Modreski before January 31. In February (by the time of the Tucson Show) we expect to have a "final announcement" flier ready, giving details about the program and about how to register for the symposium; a registration fee will be charged, but it will be kept as low as possible to cover our anticipated expenses. Small advertisements about the symposium are being placed in the March-April 1986 issues of Mineralogical Record and Rocks and Minerals; we hope you will all want to attend, and we can use your help in making sure your friends, and other organizations to which you belong, know about the symposium. There is a lot of work to be done before the symposium is held, and we can definitely use volunteers in the following specific areas: banquet arrangements, field trip coordination, program and abstracts, publicity, refreshments, and registration. Please contact one of the above-mentioned co-chairmen if you can offer to help.

1986 DUES of \$10 are due and payable to the chapter treasurer as of January 1. A dues statement is enclosed with this newsletter; please submit your payment before April 1, 1986 (see below).

NOTES ABOUT MINERAL COLLECTING ON PUBLIC LAND IN THE EAST: In the past year, our newsletter included two news items about collectors who ran afoul of limitations on mineral collecting in White Mountain National Forest, New Hampshire (in areas near North Conway, noted for pegmatite pockets of smoky quartz and other minerals). In April, 1985, the Forest Service issued a 6-page draft of "Questions and Answers about Mineral Collecting on the White Mountain National Forest" which, after the opportunity for public comment, will become their official policy on collecting. Highlights of this Q&A statement are:

\* Mineral "claims" cannot be filed in the White Mountain National Forest; such claims, under the 1872 General Mining Laws, apply only to Public Domain Lands, mainly in the western U.S.

\* A "prospecting permit" may be applied for from the BLM, to authorize the bearer to prospect for specified minerals within a stated area; a two-year permit involves a \$25 filing fee plus \$0.50/acre rental fee (minimum \$20.00) plus posting of a \$1000 bond



guaranteeing land reclamation. If the holder of a prospecting permit locates valuable minerals, he may apply to extract them, subject to the payment of royalty fees to be negotiated with the BLM.

• Hobby collecting of "mineral specimens for personal use" does not require any permit, with the exception of one area on Moat Mountain for which, because of intensive collecting activity, collecting permits were required beginning in 1973; permits for this area are still being issued by the Forest Service.

• Permissible activities and "reasonable limits" to hobby collecting are defined as: use of hand tools only; minimizing the size of holes (two cubic yards is the suggested maximum size), and filling them in when finished to restore the natural appearance as near as possible; not digging holes in places that are so close as to interfere with or deface campgrounds, trails, etc., or in places that will dirty up a stream. Gold panning is OK, but not the use of sluice boxes or dredges, disturbing the stream bed more than is necessary, or digging up the bank of a stream. Digging holes is not permitted in established Wilderness Areas. Collecting is defined as a "commercial activity" when "the motive or objective of the collector is to realize personal financial gain either through sale of the material or through an exchange for other goods or services, and not for the enjoyment of mineral collecting as a leisure activity."

If you would like to see the full text of this public Q&A statement, Pete Modreski has a copy.

NOTES FROM THE LAST BOARD MEETING (November 5): As of this meeting, our chapter treasury had a balance of approximately \$3675, the bulk of which represents funds raised at our last three auctions, earmarked for preparation and publication of the Minerals of Colorado volume. Treasurer Dan Kile noted that we had received \$136 from the sale of abstracts booklets from our September 1985 Denver Show mineral symposium, partially offsetting the cost (about \$250) of producing these booklets. Some copies are left, and may be purchased for \$2 in person at our meetings or \$3 by mail. We agreed to have the treasurer deposit approximately \$2000 of our funds in a money-market, to earn interest until the funds are needed. It was agreed that board member John Muntyan will examine the chapter's 1985 financial records and carry out an informal audit of those records. It was agreed that the deadline for 1986 dues payments will be April 1, at which time a new membership roster for 1986 will be prepared.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 6 FM board meeting, 6:30 pm, Pete Modreski's house.
- Jan. 9 FM bimonthly meeting, 7:30 pm, Denver Mus. Nat. Hist.
- Jan. 16-19 Denver Gem & Mineral Guild Show, Bear Valley Shopping Mall
- Feb. 13-16 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show (featured mineral: rhodochrosite)
- Feb. 14 Annual Directors' Meeting of Friends of Mineralogy, Inc., 7:45 am (breakfast meeting), Santa Rita Hotel, Tucson, Arizona
- Feb. 14 Annual Membership Meeting of Friends of Mineralogy, Inc., 10:30 am, Tucson Convention Center, Tucson, Arizona; program will include Jack Murphy speaking and showing slides on "News from the Denver Museum".
- Mar. 13 FM bimonthly meeting, 7:30 pm.
- May 8 FM bimonthly meeting (auction!), 6:30 pm.
- May 30 - June 2 Colorado Pegmatite Symposium, Denver Museum of Natural History, sponsored by FM-Colorado Chapter
- Sep. 12-14 Denver Gem & Mineral Show
- Sep. 18 FM-Colorado Chapter bimonthly meeting, 7:30 pm.
- Nov. 13 FM-Colorado Chapter bimonthly meeting, 7:30 pm.

MEETINGS: FM-Colorado Chapter meetings are normally held on the 2nd Thursday (barring conflicts) of every other month (no July meeting). Visitors or prospective members are always welcome to attend the meetings. Meetings of the board of directors are normally held bimonthly, on Monday evening, the week of the meeting or the week before. Annual dues are \$10, payable at the beginning of the year or upon joining; this includes membership in Friends of Mineralogy, Inc., our national parent organization.