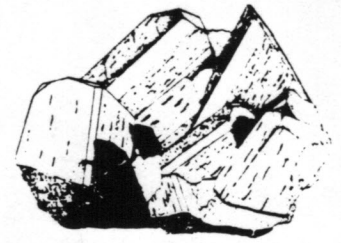


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A few timely notices to enliven your presumably already busy and enjoyable summer!

**FIELD TRIP** - We have scheduled a field trip [first one in at least 4-5 years!] for Saturday, Aug. 22, to The Patch (the Glory Hole) mine in Central City; a chance to visit the mine, collect mineral specimens, and socialize. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the entrance gate to the mine, located at the top of Quartz Hill, about a mile south of Central City on the road to Russell Gulch (which becomes the Virginia Canyon/"Oh My God" road to Idaho Springs). This trip is courtesy of Mr. Harold Caldwell, owner of the mine property. A standard car should be about to drive the half-mile mine road to the Glory Hole pit. The mine is in a breccia pipe mineralized with vuggy open-space fillings of quartz, pyrite, sphalerite, galena, greenockite, pyrite after pyrrhotite, siderite, barite, etc. (see the two articles in FM's 1988 *Mineralogy of Precious Metal Deposits* field guide. FM members and family/guests are welcome to come. Bring a pick/sledge hammer, chisels, eye protection if you plan to do much hammering, a hard hat (recommended), water, lunch, and rain/sun protection. Everyone on the trip will be required to sign a safety awareness and liability release form. Much mined/broken rock is lying about the rim of the open pit; we are asked to not to enter the pit itself because of the danger of rockfalls from the vertical walls. If people are interested, we may be able to take a tour of the mill building on the property; we'll remain at the mine for as much of the day as there is interest.

**MT. ANTERO BOOK UPDATE** - At our April meeting, FMCC reconsidered and approved the proposal to commit funds to publication of Mark Jacobson's book, *Antero Aquamarines*. FM and the Denver Council have each pledged 50% of the publication costs (estimated at \$5000-6000 each); the Council is contributing its share of the printing costs as a donation to the Colorado School of Mines, which will be the official partner for publishing the book and is being allowed to retain all of the Council's share of the receipts and profits. FM, CSM, and Mark Jacobson are in the process of entering into a formal agreement with Lanny Ream Publishing for publication of approx. 2000 copies of the book, which should be available on or before September, 1993.

**FM AUCTION UPDATE** - Our May auction was a success (and a very enjoyable evening), raising a total of \$542.50 for the Denver Museum of Natural History, \$368.50 for Colorado School of Mines, and \$1255.00 (less some expenses) for FM.

**FM TUCSON SYMPOSIUM** - As we mentioned at our last meeting (but neglected to report in the previous newsletter), Karen Wenrich is the chairperson of a symposium FM is sponsoring on the theme of "Garnet" at the 1993 Tucson Show (Sat., Feb. 13). Anyone interested in presenting a paper at the symposium should contact Karen ASAP (303 236-1563); written abstracts will be required by Sep. 30, 1992. The annual symposium in Tucson has been one of national FM's continuing and generally well-attended scientific/educational projects.

**DENVER SHOW** - The 1992 Denver Show will take place Sep. 18-20. This will be the 25th annual show; theme mineral is "Silver" (see Ed Raines' article in the July-Aug *Rocks and Minerals*). Satellite shows will be open Sep. 16-20. Some new museums which will be at the show include the Norwegian Mining Museum, Natural History Museum of Bern, Switzerland, and the Miguel Romero Museum. To enter *exhibits* in the show (competitive non-, or special competitions) please contact Dianne Kile, 341-0135 (deadlines around Sep. 1!). Also, short-wave and long-wave ultraviolet-light cases are available for fluorescent mineral exhibits at the show; if interested, contact Dan Unruh, 986-3647, ASAP. Volunteers are needed to work at the show (for general show work, in addition to the FM-sponsored Mineral Identification booth); please call Regina Modreski (978-9926) to volunteer. Thanks!

**FALL FM MEETINGS** - Our remaining 1992 meetings will take place on Sep. 10, Oct. 8, and Nov. 12; planned programs include, valuation and appraisal of mineral specimens (Keith Williams); the Sweet Home mine (Bryan Lees); and geology and mineralogy of the Sterling Hill mine, NJ (Earl Verbeek). Details on all these and other matters will follow in the Sept. newsletter!

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