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FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY COLORADO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

March 5, 1999 – by Bill Chirnside

March Meeting: March 11, 1999, 7:30 PM, VIP Room, Denver Museum of Natural History.

Program: Dr. Bruce A. Geller, Advanced Geologic Services, Presents: *Certain Gemstones from a mineralogic Perspective: Tips, Tricks, and Musings of a Consulting Mineralogist.*

Board of Directors Meeting: The meeting will start at 6:30 PM in the T Rex Café before the regular meeting.

1999 Dues: The mailing list was updated today. **If your mailing label doesn't have a date of 1999 or later in the upper right corner, this is the last newsletter you will receive until your dues are brought up to date.** The annual dues of \$13.00 can be given to Tom Hughes, our Treasurer, or sent to:

Treasurer F M C C
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Denver, CO 80211-0005

1999 F M C C Auction: June 3 at the Glendale Community Center, a flyer will be included with the May newsletter.

May meeting: Will be May 13.

"Local" Shows: March 26-28, 38th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Fort Collins Rockhound Club, Lincoln Center, 419 W. Magnolia, Fort Collins.

April 16-18, **Spring Show in the Rockies**, Holiday Inn North and the Best West Western Central.

April 23-25, **Rockin Into Spring**, Best Western Central.

Weather "Forecast": The weather forecasters tell us how dry it is and the people who measure the snow courses tell us the snow pack is below normal, what ever normal is in Colorado. This is a **La Nina** (and I can't find a tilde in this program) year, they say that 1995 was a **La Nina** (still can't find it) year also. It seems that before the last couple of years all we heard about was **El Nino** (still missing) weather patterns affecting us. Maybe it's an example of political correctness in spreading the blame for the weather around as in also using male names for hurricanes. In any case, in 1995 I seem to remember that the snow pack was

around 68% of normal in March, and some of us were discussing how the snowfield on Mount Antero might melt back enough that we could pursue float trails of aquamarine that were exposed in the late 1980's. **Then came the snows of April and May!** No we didn't set up camp at 12,000 feet on the July fourth weekend; the snow was still 5 feet deep in camp. The Antero season started August 4 that year, but who can out guess the weather.

Addendum to the next page: NYF ≈ Nb-Y-F ≈ Niobium-Yttrium-Fluorine

E. E. FOORD MEMORIAL PEGMATITE SYMPOSIUM

on

NYF Pegmatites

September 11 - 14, 1999

Held in association with and sponsored in part by:

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Information Circular # 2

TWO DAYS OF TALKS - BANQUET - FIELD TRIP

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 11, 1999

This symposium has been organized as a tribute to E. E. Foord. The meeting is scheduled to immediately precede the 1999 Denver Gem and Mineral Show, September 15 through 19. The symposium will address recent research and developments in the study of anorogenic pegmatites through a series of oral presentations (and possibly posters) and a field excursion to visit NYF pegmatites in the Pikes Peak batholith.

Contributions to any aspect of mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry and classification of NYF-type pegmatites are solicited.

Talks will be held at the Denver Museum of Natural History and are scheduled for Saturday September 11 and Sunday September 12.

A banquet and tribute to Gene Foord are planned for Saturday night September 11. Photos of Gene and comments or stories are solicited.

A field trip is planned for Monday September 13 and Tuesday September 14 to the NYF Pegmatites of the Pikes Peak batholith. The trip will include visits to the South Platte district and the Amazonite pegmatite district. The first day will be spent at the REE-rich South Platte pegmatites and the second day will include a visit to the Lake George/Crystal Peak amazonite-bearing miarolitic pegmatites. Participants will spend one night in a motel in Woodland Park. The trip will return to Denver mid-afternoon Sept. 14.

Extended abstracts of up to two pages will be accepted. An abstract volume will be published.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS IS JUNE 11, 1999

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ARE REQUESTED

PLEASE SUBMIT ABSTRACTS TO SKIP SIMMONS

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For those unable to submit abstracts electronically, please mail them to:
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Lodging arrangements and registration fees for the meeting and field trip are not finalized at this time. As soon as these arrangements are finalized, recipients of this circular will be notified.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you in Denver!

Sincerely,

Skip Simmons, Karen Webber, Al Falster and Jim Nizamoff, University of New Orleans

Jack Murphy and James Hurlbut, Denver Museum of Natural History

Daniel Kile and Peter Modreski, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver, CO

Symposium Organizing Committee