

Littleton Gem and Mineral Club

March 2017 Newsletter.



March Program, From Tomboy to Idarado, a Telluride Saga

Friday, March 17th, At the Columbine Hills Church,
9700 Old Coal Mine Avenue, Littleton, CO 80123.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at **7:30 p.m.**

Our speaker for the March 17th general meeting of the Littleton Gem & Mineral Club will be **Ed Raines**. His talk will be on the mining history of the Telluride area.

Ed Raines is a geologist, mineralogist, and mining historian. He is the collections manager for the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum. He is a past President of the Mining History Association. He has written numerous papers on the mining history, geology and mineralogy of many Colorado mining districts, and frequently gives lecture programs on these topics. Several of his papers have received special awards from Friends of Mineralogy. In 1997 he was recognized by the Clear Creek County Metal Mining Association for his work in promoting the mining industry through his writing and lecture programs. In 2000, Ed received a special State Honor Award from Colorado Preservation, Inc. for his work in historical preservation at Leadville. In 2002, he founded Geo-Historical Studies, a company specializing in consultation and special studies in Geology and Mining History. Ed has taught classes on "Mineral Identification" and "Geology of the Front Range" for the last 14 years and has led special Field Trips to Leadville, Cripple Creek, Central City, Boulder County, and Rocky Mountain National Park.

Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/LittletonGemMineralClub>

Wow, checkout the new LGMC Facebook page setup by one of our members, Stacey Lestina!

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for the Littleton Gem & Mineral Club. The profile picture is the club's logo. The cover photo is a historical map of the Telluride area. The main content area features an upcoming event: "March General Meeting" on Friday, March 17th at 7:30 PM, hosted by the Littleton Gem & Mineral Club community. The page also includes a "Send Message" button, a "Like" button, and a "Follow" button. The right sidebar contains information about the organization, including its location in Littleton, Colorado, and a link to the club's homepage at www.LittletonGemandMineralClub.com. The page also displays the number of likes and followers for the event and the club's location.

President's Message

March 2017

The first day of spring is less than 3 weeks away! I think I have cabin fever, well sort of. I would love to get out into the hills, (Harris Park), and to get away from the house, the city, and work. Our hobby provides the opportunity but the snow pack is slowing me down at the moment. I guess I'll have to hunker down for a while yet. I can only watch so many episodes of Gold Rush and the Hoffmans so I'm going to try my hand at creating a few cabochons to set for bolo ties, and Shelley and I need to get another batch of agates tumbling, that's 4 weeks that will take us into Spring! And I'm looking forward to the upcoming speakers at our club meetings.

That reminds me...it's obvious that everyone really enjoys the break time at our meetings. That is of course a big reason we all go to the meetings. I feel like a heel when I have to break up the party and get everyone to return to the meeting. It's the opportunity to visit with friends that we see only once a month or so. We get the chance to make new friends and exchange rock knowledge. Plus we get to splurge on the delicious food that members volunteer to bring and share with everyone. None of this would happen without the diligent work of Anne Jenkins who sets up the "dining room" and then cleans up afterwards. We all owe Anne a big Thank You for taking such good care of us. Anne is a shining example of how our club functions and operates on volunteering and goodwill.

We are 2 months away from perhaps the most well attended club meeting of the year. May 19th is our Founder's Day celebration, AND the announcement of the summer's diggin' and field trip schedule. You should definitely put that one on your calendar. This year we plan to hold the meeting in the Sanctuary and have the trip information and sign-up sheets on tables in the hallway. Founder's Day commemorates our club's long and rich history, close to 60 years! Along with other clubs in the area we have helped to generate a sizeable amount of scholarship money for students studying at the Colorado School of Mines. We help organize and run the big Denver Gem and Mineral Show each September. We help provide public awareness regarding collecting our state's mineral resources. And we pull amazing specimens out of the ground! So please be sure to attend the club meeting in May. We will celebrate the past and look to the future of the Littleton Gem and Mineral Club.

I'll see you at the club meeting!

~**Charlie Wall**

Grab Bag News

Please bring grab bag any specimens you have to the meeting, including new rough you want to donate. If you need any supplies, let me know. I will also have some specimens to bag if anyone has the time for that this Winter and Spring.

~ **John Kleber**, The Bag Begger

Selected upcoming LGMC and Earth Science Events

Thu Mar 9 Mel King is presenting "Spanish Colonial Shipwrecks of Florida" March 9th 2017 1:30 pm at the Denver Art Museum Sharp Auditorium Hamilton Building

Fri Mar 17 Littleton Gem and Mineral Club Monthly Meeting

Our speaker will be **Ed Raines, From Tomboy to Idarado, a Telluride Saga 7:30PM**, at the Columbine Hills Church. 9700 Old Coal Mine Avenue, Littleton, CO. All are welcome.

The refreshment volunteers for March are: **Lynette Warren, Matthew Mazezka** and **Charles Borawa**. If one or two more people could also bring something that might be better. (Thank you!)

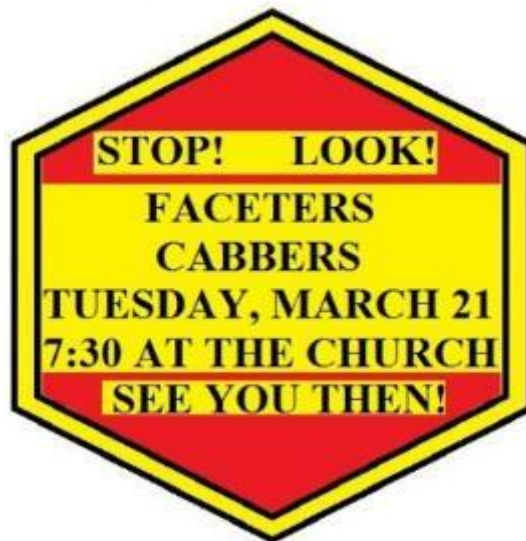
Tue Mar 21 Faceter's and Cabber's Group.

Third Tuesday as usual
See Announcement to the right.

Wed Mar 22 Mineral Study, 7PM. Everyone, the next Littleton Mineral Study Group will be held at the home of Nick North. 752 Meadow Station Circle, Parker Co 80138, email znixter@msn.com.

Please note that the mineral study group is moving to the 4th Wednesday of the month to better accommodate the busy schedules of the regular attendees.

The topic is suggested by Larry with slight modification by Nick. Please bring your odd/bizarre minerals, or minerals that look like something else. For example Nick has a pyrite that looks like an owl. Odd/bizarre minerals could include strange looking, or better yet, minerals that have an unusual association. For example, fluorite and calcite would be common, but fluorite with silver would be very unusual. Please let Nick know if you will be able to make it.



Mar 31-Apr 2 Fort Collins Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Fort Collins Rockhounds Club, at the McKee 4-H Building, Larimer County Fairgrounds/The Ranch, I-25 exit 259. 4-8 p.m. Fri., 9-6 Sat., 10-5 Sun.

Fri Apr 1 North Jeffco Gem & Mineral Club Silent Auction 6:45 p.m., APEX Community Center, Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada. Setup at 5:30, auction begins at 6:45. All are invited.

Apr 14-17 Colorado Mineral and Fossil Spring Show, Crowne Plaza Hotel - Airport, 15500 E. 40th Ave. Denver, CO. For more info, see: <http://www.rockygems.com/colorado-mineral--fossil-spring-show-2017.html>

Apr 29-30 "Announcing another ridiculously exciting Book/Garage Sale" at the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum 1310 Maple St., Golden. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Thousands of maps; hundreds of books, journals, minerals, fossils, etc. Prices vary by item or box. Most prices will drop throughout the event. Information: [303-273-3815](tel:303-273-3815).

Sat May 13 Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter, Silent Auction. Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood CO, 12:00-4:00 (setup begins at 10:30 a.m., auction begins at 12:00, verbal auction 1:00, all tables will close by 3:00 p.m., checkout follows).

June 2-4 Pikes Peak Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society. At Mortgage Solutions Financial Expo Center, 3650 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs.

July 21-24 Gold and Silver Deposits in Colorado, a symposium cosponsored by the Friends of the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum and DREGS (Denver Region Exploration Geologists Society). "The event will feature two days of talks (July 22 - 23) and two days of field trips (July 21 and 24) to historic Colorado gold and silver mining areas."

Aug 20 LGMC Summer Picnic, Sterns Park, South Shelter

Sept 22 LGMC monthly meeting, 4th Friday rather than the usual 3rd Friday to avoid the week of the Denver Rock Show

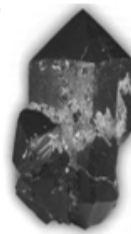
**North Jeffco Gem & Mineral Club
Silent Auction**

Friday, April 14th, 2017
APEX Community Recreation Center
6842 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada, CO 80003

Setup at 5:30 PM
Seller limits on number of items to sell:
Club Members – No limit
Non-members – Maximum of 30 items

Auction Begins 6:45 PM
Checkout Begins Immediately After Auction
No Early Checkout
Free Parking, Free Admission

◆ jewelry ◆ gems ◆ minerals ◆
◆ bake sale ◆ crafts ◆



◆ free refreshments ◆
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Colorado Mineral & Fossil Spring Show

**Hosted By
Rocky Mountain Gems & Minerals
P.O. Box 100187
Denver, CO 80250**



Rock/Mineral Collection Sale

After 60+ years of rock hounding and collecting, Dan Lovitt has decided it is time to reduce and disperse most of his accumulated material. This is an eclectic collection and includes many different rocks, minerals, fossils and even some landscape/yard art material. The largest volume of rocks will be of fossil wood (petrified wood); approximately 2500 – 3000 pounds. The second largest group of material will be of agates, jaspers and various other workable stones; approximately 1600 -1900 pounds. Next will be mineral specimen; approximately 30 – 35 Flats/containers. There will also be about 60 smaller pieces, a few medium to large pieces and some slabs of Wyoming, Nephrite jade and many pieces of obsidian.

The collection will *be somewhat* organized by Tumbling Material, Tumbling/cabbing material, slabbing/cabbing material, mineral specimen, fossils and other collectables.

Samples of some of the material are as follows:

Fossil Wood – WY, CO, NE, UT, AR From one ounce to 50 pound pieces (many wind or water smoothed)

Agate – Brazilian (slabs to 20 pound pieces collected in the 60s), Wyoming ; small amounts of Lysite , Youngite, Sweetwater, Turitella (fossil snails), stromatolite,(petrified algae), oolite – Mexican; lace, banded agate, sagenite nodules - Colorado; black agate nodules, Petrified Wood-Utah; red agate, petrified wood - Thunder eggs (about 100) Tree agate, Montana, Black snake, African blue lace

Jasper—Bloodstone, Picture, Colorado orbicular, Chicken track, mookite, many other reds, blues, greens, tans

Minerals—Quartz, Selenite, Barite, Calcite, Malachite, Beryl, Hanksite, aragonite, crocidolite, gold and blue(tiger eye/tiger iron), aventurine, fuchsite, fluorite, sodalite and many other small specimen in plastic boxes

Fossils - Common sea life-ammonites, baculites, belemnites, coral, shells, etc. of many kinds from Co, WY, SD, NE - Dino bone from CO, UT, IA, WY

Other—Larger pieces of Rose Quartz, Blue Mountain Quartz, common WY agate, Petrified Wood, carving talc, Onyx, Black/green Nephrite WY Jade, various jaspers, stromatolite, turitella, soolite (pink jade), obsidian .

Sale dates/times:	Saturday April 22, 2017	8:00 – 5:00
	Sunday April 23, 2017	10:00 – 3:00
Location:	7045 Pine view Drive Littleton, CO 80125	

Soft drinks/water and hot dogs for all guests –small gifts for all children under 12

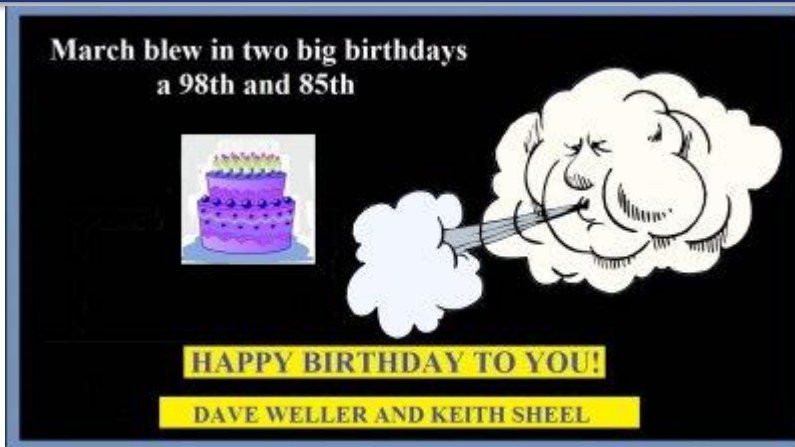
Club Announcements

Welcome to our new Members!

Gus and **Laurie Hansen, Boyd Brookhart, Toni** and **Leigh Freeman, Sheri** and **Daniel Atencio-Church**

Moving? Change of Address, Email or Phone Number? Ready to go paperless?

Please notify **Ian Duncanson** of any changes at idunc@q.com or 303-798-9174.



Club Membership Dues

The annual membership dues are \$20.00 per family or individual per year and are due on January 1st of each year. **Ian Duncanson** will have a table setup at the Monthly meeting to renew membership dues or you can mail them in to LGMC P.O. Box 283, Littleton, CO 80123

Club Vests

Show your club support at the meetings and other events! **Ian Duncanson** has club vests available for sale.

\$18 for small and medium sizes
\$19 for large and X-large sizes
\$20 for XX-large and XXX-large

Price includes vest, sewed on club patch (on back) and a club pin

Hazardous Weather Policy

If driving conditions are perceived as dangerous, a decision will be made by 5:30 pm on the night of the meeting by the club President as to whether to cancel or not. The President will notify the trustees and officers. If you have any questions about a meeting, taking place, please contact one of the officers or trustees listed on the last page of this newsletter.



GET WELL WISHES

If you know of a club member or family who is having a health problem or other problem, and who could be encouraged by receiving a thinking-of-you card, please let us know so that we may encourage them.

Call our new sunshine coordinator **Lynette Warren** [303-956-4634](tel:303-956-4634), or send her an e-mail flywithle123@comcast.net noting "LGMC Sunshine" on the subject line. Thank you.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the newsletter!

~Steve

LGMC dues for 2017

Please bring the following form to the next meeting with your \$20 check:

Name(s) _____

Dues payment (\$20) _____ **Renewal**

Email address: _____

LGMC Summary Minutes – Board Meeting

2/20/17

Location: Columbine Hills Church

Called to order at 7:10pm

In Attendance: Charlie Wall, Stacey Lestina, Travis Leach, Nick North, Steve Cable, Jim Hooten, Lesley Sebol, Gus H, Ian Duncanson, Bill Jones.

Treasurer's Report: Income primarily from dues received; expenses: several postal/postage items and major outlay for one year's rent to Columbine Church. Motion to accept by Jim H, Second by Nick N, unanimous approval.

Membership: Reviewed and approved applications from new members Gus and Laurie Hansen, Boyd Brookhart, Toni and Leigh Freeman, Sheri and Daniel Atencio-Church.

Old Business

- The club needs a Denver Show Committee Representative: Proposed that **Charlie** read descriptions of open volunteer positions at club meetings so people know what is involved.
- Updated Letter of approved signatures – Did **Larry H** write a letter?
- Auction date for 2017 – There will be no conflict this year as the Jeffco show is cancelled for remodeling this year.
- Club Saw: Is pending transfer from Steve Whitcomb to **Charlie W**.
- Newsletter distribution issue: We found that we needed to update the e-mail address for 1 person.

New Business

- Received a greeting card from Jim Hurlbut. **Jim H** will check with Larry for followup.
- Community Exhibit: Bemis has remodeled and no longer has space. **Jim H** will check 2 alternate libraries for interest. **Charlie** will check the Ridge Rec Center and the Littleton Adventist Hospital for interest. **Charlie** will ask Dan Lovitt about availability of a display case.
- Beth Simons is requesting that each area club lead a field trip at the RMFMS convention to be held in Fairplay, June 2018. **Bill J** will ask Beth about how insurance will be managed. **Charlie** will ask Larry if he is going to Albuquerque and could be the LGMC representative.

Programs: Bill J described the possible speakers who might be available in upcoming months.

Website: **Steve C** will give Gus H the access information. **Gus** will investigate what we have now, and check the feasibility of different updates to the website.

Facebook: Stacey L has been developing a Facebook site. **Stacey** and **Travis** will ask their contact about improving the resolution of the LGMC logo graphics.

Faceters and Cabbers: Next meeting anticipated third Tuesday of each month.

Mineral Study: Next meeting will be anticipated the 4th Wednesday of each month, with Mar 22nd the next mtg.

Next Board Meeting: Mon, Mar 20th, 7pm, Columbine Hills Church, room 115.

Adjourned 8:43pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve C

☞ 2017 Board of Trustees ☞

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" "	<i>John Kleber</i>	720-851-8510
Mineral Study Group	<i>Bob Zartman & Nick North</i>	303-973-0405

Meetings: The Littleton Gem & Mineral Club meets the third Friday of each month, September through May, at the Columbine Hills Church, 9700 Old Coal Mine Avenue, Littleton, CO 80123. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Club and section meetings may deviate from their regular schedules due to holidays, shows, inclement weather, etc.

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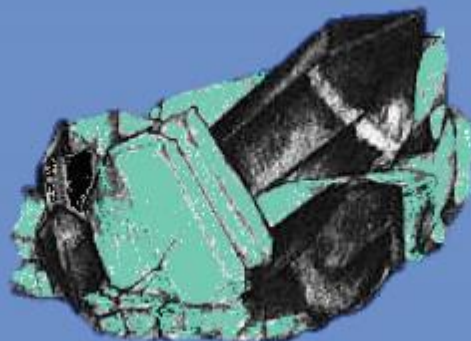
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