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# Littleton Gem and Mineral Club

## April 2017 Newsletter.



### April Program, Opals of the World

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 April 21<sup>st</sup> general meeting of the Littleton Gem & Mineral Club will be **Sandy Craig** of Orca Gems, who will talk on opals from around the world.

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## President's Message

April 2017

Happy Spring Everyone!

I want to thank everyone who signed up at our March club meeting to volunteer at the September Denver Gem and Mineral Show. We have 29 names after just one passing of the clipboards. Some signed up for multiple positions and some signed up for multiple shifts. In 2016 the LGMC had 41 volunteers sign up and in 2015 there were 46. It seems that the magic number is in the 40s. I'll be passing the clipboards again at the next two meetings. Our club list of volunteers must be submitted to the show committee in June. I believe I've heard that the LGMC routinely is the most represented club when it comes to volunteering for the September Show so let's keep up our outstanding reputation. You can find descriptions of the various positions to volunteer for in this month's Highlites. [See next page!]

For the last three years I've sat at the club booth on the Saturday afternoon shift and met all kinds of people and kids. Other club officials drop by as do show organizers. It is a great way to meet more folks in the rock hobby! I've always worn my LGMC vest when walking around the show and that gets more conversations going. This year I'll volunteer with Security for the first time. I'm certain that will initiate a lot of interesting topics to discuss. In a way security might be the best job on the list. You get a free t-shirt, you just walk around visiting whatever rooms or booths, and you get a radio to call the security head if you see anything. And you get into the show for free for three days. That's my kind of volunteering!

I hope to see everyone at the club meeting.

~**Charlie Wall**

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## Grab Bag News

I was not able to make it to the March meeting and I apologize to anyone who brought in grab bag items for me. I plan to make it to the April meeting, with specimens to bag if anyone has the time for that this Spring. 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. Thanks!

~ **John Kleber**, The Bag Begger

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# Denver Gem and Mineral Volunteer Positions

We need help!! The following is a list of jobs that need volunteers. Read them over and sign up for the job(s) that you would like to do. This show is all volunteers. No one is paid. Please come by and join us. You can meet new people and receive free admission by volunteering. Sign up sheets will be available at your club meetings. The chair person for each committee is listed. Call or email if you have questions about the job.

**WORK ANYWHERE:** Check this box if you want to volunteer but are not sure what you want to do. The different committee chairpersons will contact you to talk about how you can help.

**CLUB BOOTH:** Your own club will have a booth and will need to have someone demonstrating or answering questions. You can recruit new members this way. See your club chairman for details of what your club is planning.

**SECURITY:** Chair Bruce Sales 303-775-2808 or oscar51686@yahoo.com. The main job is to patrol the show floor and the parking lots. Orange security vests and walkie-talkies are provided. Security volunteers do not attempt to apprehend suspected shoplifters, but radio back to the security head. Volunteers are asked for 4-hour shifts at a time. Other security at the show is provided by the Mart and contracted by the Show Committee.

**CLERKS TO ASSIST JUDGING:** Chair Larry Havens 303-757-6577 or lwrnchavens@comcast.net. Clerks are needed to assist with judging during the show. These individuals must be willing to work with a team of judges throughout Friday and be able to neatly and accurately record judge's comments. This is a good place to learn first hand the rules and protocol of judging.

**HOSPITALITY:** Chairs Kevin and KC Larsen 303-429-6976 or mail@klarsens.net. Need volunteers every day to serve coffee and tea, donuts and snacks to the volunteers and dealers.

**SALES AREA:** Chair Michael Granberg 303-456-5211, email mdgranberg@comcast.net. This job is sales of grab bags, posters, and pins and is fun because you work mostly with kids. Many volunteers are needed on Friday morning when the school children are at the show.

**ADMISSIONS:** Chair Kathy Honda 303-556-4498 or email kathine.honda@ucdenver.edu. These are sitting jobs for hand-stampers, ticket-takers and ticket-sellers (need cash handling experience making change and working fast when the crowds arrive).

**EXHIBITS :** Chair Larry Havens 303-757-6577 or lwrnchavens@comcast.net. Volunteers are needed Thursday to assist the exhibitors as they register and set up their cases. Help is needed in cleaning the glass window in cases each day for fingerprints, etc.

**DEALER CHECK IN:** Martin Hannu Cell 303-550-4936 or icd55mph@centurylink.net  
Workers needed Thursday through Sunday. Minimal Typing required.

**VOLUNTEER CHECK IN:** Chair Sharon Hannu 303-429-2519 or sahannu@qwest.net. Job is Wednesday through Sunday, keeping track of the volunteers and giving out badges. This is a sitting job.

**SHOW SET UP:** Chair Lee Brown 303-280-2544 or email lwbrkn2@comcast.net. Volunteers are needed to set up Wednesday from about 9:00 a.m. until the setup is finished. We will be cutting plastic, skirting tables, assembling exhibit cases, etc.

**SHOW TAKE DOWN:** Chair Tally O'Donnell 720-409-6982 or email phantom@indra.com. Volunteers are needed Sunday after 5 p.m. Strip tables, take down cases, pack away risers, cases, etc.

**SCHOOLS:** Chair Judy Knoshaug 303-423-2923 or jrknoshaug@comcast.net. Help with the school kids, give them a brief talk about the show, and guide them into the show entrance. Friday morning from about 8:30 a.m. to noon.

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## Would you like a Library cart?

Here is a tip from Lynette Warren

The Auraria Library has these book carts they are giving away. They would make great rock carts because they are sturdy, on wheels and can support a lot of weight. Anyone interested will have to pick them up quick, they will be gone in a couple of weeks. Please contact Katherine Honda at [303-556-4498](tel:303-556-4498).



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## Keith's Lapidary Class

We took on the project of making our first cabochons. Then some of us cut our first faceted stone. It was so fascinating and relaxing to do and then to look at what you just made with your own two hands. WOW!

We had such a FUN time! THANKS, KEITH AND MAXINE



[See more pictures on the next few pages!]

# Cabbing and Faceting class

Ron Wanker sent these pictures of his first faceting project....a brilliant round Sunstone.



More pictures from the Cabbers and Faceters projects.





Here are their displays at the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild Show in Feb. at the Jeffco Fairgrounds.



# Selected upcoming LGMC and Earth Science Events

**Fri Apr 14 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

**Tue Apr 18 Faceter's and Cabber's Group.** Third Tuesday as usual, 7:30pm, at the Columbine Hills Church.

Hope some of you will be bringing some new projects you have made. We had a nice turnout last month, LET'S DO A REPEAT!  
~Keith

**Fri Apr 21 Littleton Gem and Mineral Club Monthly Meeting**  
Our speaker will be **Sandy Craig, Opals of the World**, 7:30PM, at the Columbine Hills Church. 9700 Old Coal Mine Avenue, Littleton, CO. All are welcome.

The refreshment volunteers for March are: **Kate and Bob Chavez, Karen Runner and Anne Jenkins.** (Thank you!)

**Apr. 22-23 Rock/mineral collection sale** (8-5 Sat., 10-3 Sun.). See announcement from Dan Lovitt e-mailed separately. 7045 W. Pineview Dr., Littleton 80125. For more description of material to be sold, please write to or [Daniellovitt@aol.com](mailto:Daniellovitt@aol.com).

**Wed Apr 26 Mineral Study**, 7PM. To be decided, hopefully to be announced at the Chapter Mtg April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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 6 Colorado Mineral Society's Silent and Verbal Auction**, 11 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 920 Kipling St. (3 blocks north of West 6th Ave.) Lakewood, CO 80215. "Minerals, fossils, faceted stones, lapidary pieces, books, jewelry, and fluorescent minerals. Door prizes every half hour, raffle at 2:45pm. Special verbal auction at 1:00 pm of

## North Jeffco Gem & Mineral Club Silent Auction

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 ◆

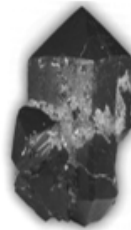
◆ free refreshments ◆

◆ public invited ◆

If you need a finished piece of jewelry, rough material to fashion yourself, a specimen for your collection, or an interesting and fun evening, this is the place.

Sellers & Buyers Welcome

For more info call Bill Jones 303-503-6288  
Or email [sidewindermin@comcast.net](mailto:sidewindermin@comcast.net)



museum quality specimens donated by special dealers. Abundant parking, refreshments, and easy handicap access. A few auction tables reserved for only children to bid on. Checkout will begin at 2:45pm (cash or check only). \*\*A special invitation is extended to non-CMS members to participate in this auction as sellers and buyers.\*\* Limit of sales to three flats of materials. Sellers can get copies of bidding slips on our club website (fillable and printable pdf file): see <http://www.coloradomineralsociety.org/> . Checkout will be by bidder number, so contact Leslie Osgood at 303-986-4488 for a bidder number and/or seller letter. Any questions about the auction should be directed to Ben Geller by phone at 303-550-5993 or by email at geller520@gmail.com .”

**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). For more info see <http://friendsofmineralogycolorado.org/> .

**Aug 20 LGMC Summer Picnic,** Sterns Park, South Shelter

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

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## LGMC Summary Minutes – Board Meeting

3/20/17

**Location:** Columbine Hills Church

Called to order at 7:06 pm

**In Attendance:** Charlie Wall, Larry Havens, Travis Leach, Nick North, Jim Hooten, Lesley Sebol, Ian Duncanson, John Smith, Dale Gann.

Secretary Larry Havens asked that the record note his thanks to Steve Cable for filling in as secretary at the February meeting. Minutes were approved as published with motion from Jim Hooten and second by Nick North.

**Treasurer’s Report:** For the period 2/1/17 to 2/28/17 - Income entirely from dues received; expenses: postage items and a late deposit of auction proceeds.

Lesley notified the board that our insurance is due for renewal on 4/26, but that a different underwriting company will be servicing the policy so, in essence, a replacement policy will have to be executed. Such a change may mean higher premiums. May prove beneficial to explore alternate sources for coverage. Travis L. has connections to contact for possible alternatives.

Lesley noted that our bank requires a balance of 10,000 in savings for the club to receive free banking services.

Motion to accept treasurer’s report by Jim H, Second by Travis L., motion carried.

### Old Business

- Denver Show Committee Representative: Lynette Warren has come forward to accept this position.
- Updated Letter of approved agents/signers for claim to the BLM – Larry has still to write this letter.
- Auction date for 2017 – Fairground’s remodeling plans are somewhat up in the air. It may be necessary to change our auction date after all.



- Club Saw: Steve and Mel Whitcomb are keeping the saw and are willing for club members to come when the need arises to use the saw even if they are not home, offering to leave garage door open. The board recommends a courtesy call to make an appointment. John Smith suggested that the Whitcombs could specify one or more dates per month when the saw would be available for members use.
- Club case (donated by Dan Lovitt) – Jim Hooten contacted the Koebel Library that would be willing to allow us a display opportunity, and in partial answer to the question of storing the case when it not out for display, Jim offered to let the library keep the case for its own use so long as we had “dibs” for 1 or 2 months a year. Charlie will follow through with Ridge Rec Center and Hospital.
- Jim Hurlbut’s note and Larry’s response: Larry sent Jim a greeting card, and Charlie passed the note around so Board could see what was written.

### **New Business**

- New members: Ian D. presented applications from new members: Sharon and Peter Holsapple, Ryan and Jules Miles and 3 children (Leo, Sam and Max), Larry Nelson, Olivia Hall and Gail Henry.

Ian ordered 5 more club vests in L and XL sizes.

- Beth Simons is requesting that each area club lead a field trip at the RMFMS convention to be held in Fairplay, June 2018. LGMC has offered to host a small group on our Harris Park claims. The RMFMS carries insurance to cover field trip participants.
- Should we run the ad for Dan Lovitt’s rock and mineral sale in the *Highlites*? Board approved with informal vote.
- Charlie reported that 25 members have committed to volunteer activities at the Denver Show.
- Charlie reports that Nancy Kimber has suggested a new approach for the club booth. She offered to organize the sign up for the club booth duties during the Denver gem and Mineral Show in September. She will have a sign-up sheet at our club meetings and she will keep the schedule.

**Programs:** Bill Jones emailed his report: April will be the Opal talk; James Hagadorn and Joe Dorris will cover September and October.

**Website:** Gus Hansen was not present. Travis reports that a hi-res version of the club logo was found.

**Facebook:** Stacey L. (via Travis) reports progress is being made.

**Faceters and Cabbers:** Next meeting: April 18th and third Tuesday of each month thereafter

**Mineral Study:** the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, with Apr 26<sup>th</sup>. Host and topic TBD.

**Field Trips:** Jim Hooten had nothing to report.

**Show Council:** Nick North reported that the Council approved 5 grants totaling \$11,900.

Next Board Meeting: Mon, April 21<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Columbine Hills Church, room 115.

Adjourned 8:20 pm. Motion – Jim Hooten; Second – Nick North

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Havens, Secretary

# Club Announcements

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

Please notify [Ian Duncanson](#) of any changes at [idunc@q.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 🌀 2017 Board of Trustees 🌀

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|---|----------------------|--------------|
| President                                 | <i>Charlie Wall</i>  | 303-933-0368 |
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### 🌀 Chairpersons & Appointed Officers 🌀

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| Junior Historian              | <i>Chloe Lovitt</i>                 | 303-791-3112 |
| Photographer                  | <i>Bob Zartman</i>                  | 303-973-0405 |
| " "                           | <i>Mike Snively</i>                 | 720-981-0752 |
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| Hospitality                   | <i>Nick North</i>                   | 303-840-1177 |
| Grab Bags                     | <i>John Kleber</i>                  | 720-851-8510 |
| Web Administrator             | <i>Gus Hanson</i>                   |              |
| Show Committee Representative | <i>Open</i>                         | Open         |
| RMFMS & AFMS Representative   | <i>Jim Hurlbut</i>                  | 303-758-7654 |
| Denver Council Representative | <i>Nick North</i>                   | 303-840-1177 |
| Cabbers & Faceters Group      | <i>Keith Sheel</i>                  | 720-532-0784 |
| " "                           | <i>Mike Snively</i>                 | 720-981-0752 |
| " "                           | <i>John Kleber</i>                  | 720-851-8510 |
| Mineral Study Group           | <i>Bob Zartman &amp; 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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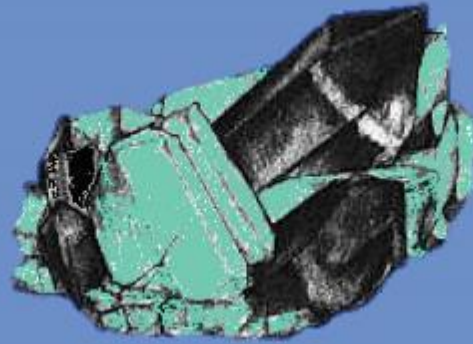
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