

Littleton Gem and Mineral Club

June 2017 Highlites Newsletter

Lots of pictures in this edition!



Grab Bag Sewing Party

Our 4th Annual Grab Bag Party on June 25, 2017 was a huge success and I would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped with this project. By the end of the day, the specimen workers put up 1034 bags of specimens and we ended up with around 450 ready-to-fill cloth bags (made at the party and some made prior at individuals homes). We are close to our annual goal of 500 bags and with the balance of the bags to be completed by the picnic in August. Thank you to all who attended and those who have contributed elsewhere. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the wonderful help of the following:

Rachel Bochantin

Nancy Caras

Rosanne French (Home Bag Making)

Anne Jenkins (Fabric Donation)

Nancy Kimber

Nick Kimber

John Kleber

Carol Nielson-Alt

Leslie Sebol

Maxine and Keith Sheel

John Steele (Fabric Donation)

Susan Steele (Fabric Donation)

With a hearty thanks to you all, your help was greatly appreciated. ~**Lynette Warren**



Pictures from the Grab-Bag Party

Left to Right: Carol Nielsen-Alt, Nancy Caras, Maxine Sheel

Lesley Sebol, Nancy Kimber

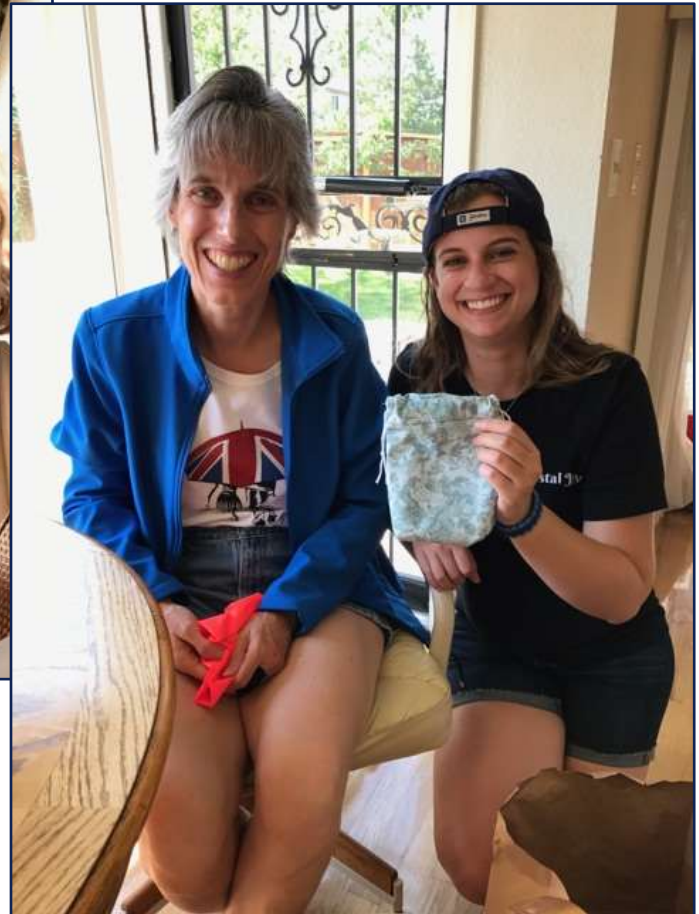


Nick Kimber, Keith Sheel, John Kleber,
Rachel Bochantin

Maxine Sheel



Rachel Bochantin



Nancy Kimber, Rachel Bochantin
(Rachel's First Grab Bag)

Stuff'n the [grab] bags

The club will again include grab bag stuffing with the picnic this year! After stuffing ourselves with great food we can stuff grab bags. You can stretch your legs while the picnic tables are reorganized for the grab bag stuffing. For those who do not make it into the grab bag stuffing line, there will be loose specimens and supplies for labeling specimens for inclusion in future grab bags. Or you can just socialize and cheer on the stuffing line!

While we do this, we will be visiting, swapping stories and laughing to aid our digestion. Do bring your helping hands and collecting stories as well as any bags and specimen donations for future years.

If anyone needs any grab bag supplies, let me know ahead of time and I'll see that they get to the picnic. Call me (720-851-8510) or send me an email (jkleber@att.net). **John Kleber**, The Bag Beggar

Denver Show Volunteer Opportunities

The Denver Gem and Mineral Show is needing volunteers for the following positions described below:

Please contact **Lesley Sebol** at lesleysebol@gmail.com, [720-999-1372](tel:720-999-1372) for further information and additional contacts. Thank you for helping the Denver Show!

DENVER GEM AND MINERAL SHOW JOBS 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 lghavens4@gmail.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.

GRAB BAGS, PINS, POSTERS SALES AREA: Chair George Daggett, geoddaggett@hotmail.com. 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 lghavens4@gmail.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: Regina Aumente 505-867-0423 or raumente@aol.com Workers needed Thursday through Sunday. Minimal Typing required.

VOLUNTEER CHECK IN: Chair Sharon Hannu 303-429-2519 or sahannu@centurylink.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 Martin Hannu, 303-550-4936 or icd55mph@centurylink.net . 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.

Denver Gem & Mineral Show Mini Report 50th Anniversary Show

July 2017

The Denver Gem & Mineral Show is only a few short months from now. The dates are September 15 - 17, 2017. The location is the usual Denver Mart, 451 E. 58th Avenue (exit 215 on I-25). The Show Chair is Lesley Sebol, 720-999-1372 or lesleysebol@gmail.com.

MOST IMPORTANTLY - DON'T FORGET IT IS OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW! AND THE THEME IS GOLD AND SILVER. Gold and silver are both native elements and belong to the isometric crystal system. As crystals, they are usually small but develop in beautiful fanciful shapes such as cubes, octahedrons, and dodecahedrons, sometimes forming clusters of such crystals. They also form wire-like forms, sometime in masses like nests. For pictures of some of these, check out the publicity posters and postcards for the show. The exhibits and offerings of the dealers should be spectacular this year. Be sure to use the posters and postcards to publicize the show. Show them to your friends and where ever you go. Keep a supply in your car. The clerk at my bank was very impressed and said he would be sure to attend the show. Don't forget an engaging 50 year history has been written by Mark Jacobson and will be available at the show. It is complete with numerous pictures.

HERE'S ANOTHER MOST IMPORTANTLY - REMEMBER IT TAKES 400 PLUS VOLUNTEERS TO PUT ON THE SHOW. Have you volunteered yet to help with the show? There are many easy jobs available. These are Security; Admissions; Hospitality; Grab Bags, Pins & Poster Sales; Volunteer Check In; Show Set Up, Show Take Down, Exhibits, Clerks to Assist Judging, Dealer Check In, and Schools. In addition, there are a couple important positions on the Show Committee that are currently vacant. These are Signs and Take Down. The Signs Chair orders new dealer and other signs for this year's show and puts them up on Thursday before the show. Of course, there is quite an inventory of signs from prior shows and a helpful job description for this task. The Take Down Chair organizes disassembling the show cases and the case liners. Both of these jobs could be taken on by a pair of chairs. If you have a buddy with whom you work well, the pair could take on the responsibility of either of these jobs. That would make it much easier. There are also Show Committee members willing to assist new people with their responsibilities. So think about it. We really need help!

NOW FOR THE FUN PART - YOU MAY HAVE HEARD RUMORS THAT THE GOLD PANNING WILL BE SALTED WITH GENUINE GOLD NUGGETS. That is correct! In honor of the 50th Anniversary, \$5,000 of gold nuggets will be purchased and used to salt the gold panning. Anyone is eligible to pan for them. Actually, you will pan for gold colored washers, which will be exchanged for gold nuggets. Of course, there is a limit of one gold nugget per person. So try your luck! You may be a winner!

Respectfully submitted, [Judy Knoshaug](#), Show Committee Secretary

Pictures from the Honey Bee Field Trip, 6/24/17

Sent by **Jim Hooten**
Randy Kokkinen, Pam & George Schmitt, Bryan Aller,
Clint & Rachael Kaiser and son, **Jake**.



Nancy Kimber, Nick Kimber, group of diggers with Sanya Richardson (blue) in foreground, **Rachael Kaiser** and son, **Jake**.



Paul Hatfield and **Clint Kaiser**, group of 7 people scattered across the claim, **Travis Leach** and **Stacey Lestina**, combo smokies & microcline from Travis & Stacey.



Pictures from the Tourmaline field trip, 6/17/17

(If there are more pictures from this field trip, let me know! ~Editor)

Sent by **Jim Hooten**

Shellie & Charlie Wall, Arby Thomas, Anthony & Candice Thomas, Brett Medici, quartz & Tourmaline in pegmatite.



Selected upcoming LGMC and Earth Science Events

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

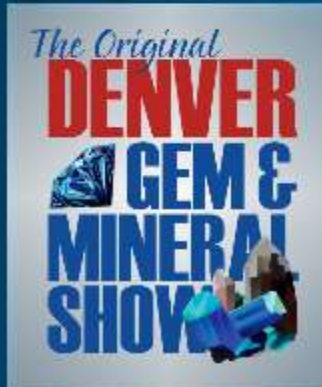
Fri Sept 22 **LGMC monthly meeting**, 4th Friday rather than the usual 3rd Friday to avoid the week of the Denver Rock Show

See also the LGMC Website for the Field Trip calendar. <http://littletongemandmineralclub.com/>



Gold on Quartz - 4.5 carats
Ernesto, Dept. Min., San Miguel de Allende,
Guanajuato State, Mexico collection
Jill Board photo

50th Anniversary



SEPT 15 - 17, 2017
DENVER MART
\$5,000 GOLD GIVEAWAY! *
DENVERSHOW.ORG

The Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corp. organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes.
*Tokens found in the Gold Prospectors of Colorado panning tables can be exchanged for gold nuggets, which will be distributed at the sole discretion of the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council. Gold Panning is available exclusively to and is free for children 12 and under. Limit of one token/nugget per child. Tokens must be exchanged prior to the close of the show on Sunday, Sept 17, 2017. See website for details.

Club Announcements

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! Please send questions, articles, announcements and pictures for future newsletters to stevecableisthinkingofyou@gmail.com. Thanks! **~Steve Cable**

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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.

The Littleton Gem and Mineral Club is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, The Colorado Federation of Gem and Mineral Societies, and the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council.

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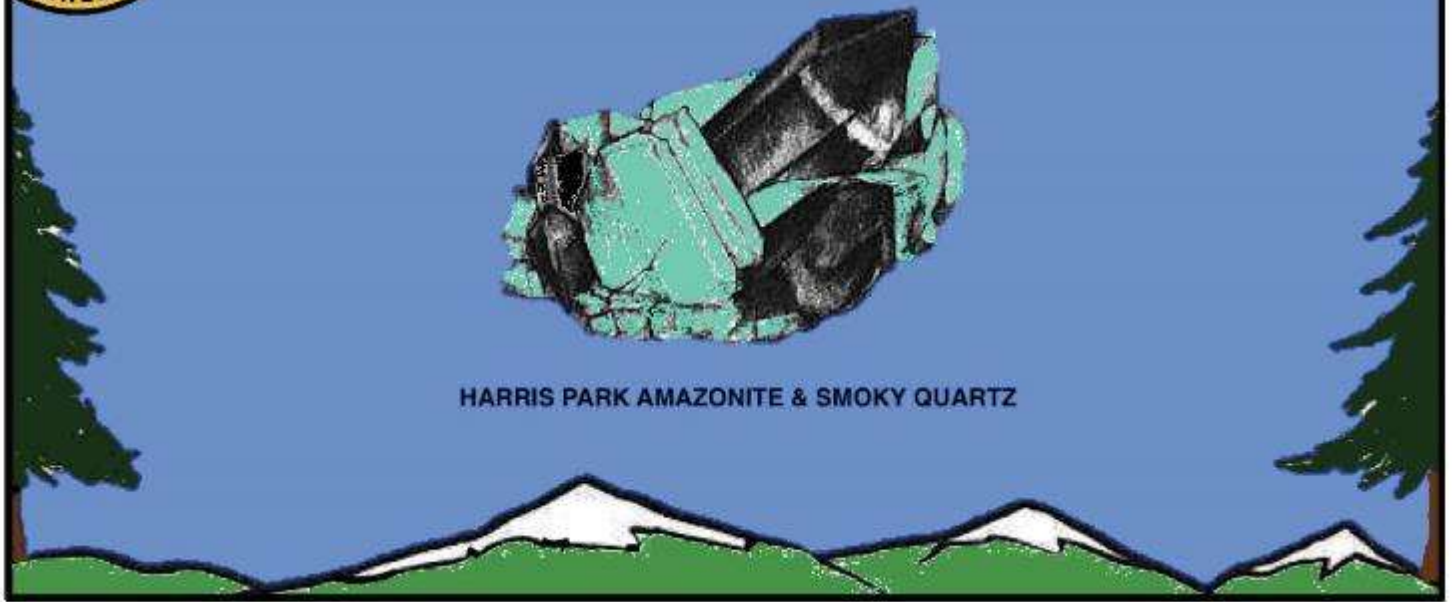
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