
Littleton Gem and Mineral Club

November 2017 Newsletter.



The **LGMC annual Silent Auction** will be Sat, Nov 11th.

See the next page for complete details about that.

Grab Bag News Update

At the October club meeting, both Steve Cable and Tom Henderson gave me grab bag specimens and the club thanks them. I will be out of town and not at the auction, so if you have grab bag specimens to donate, hold onto them until the December meeting.

I have a different grab bag related request now. I explained to our board that I've run out of storage space for grab bag stuff plus some club property used for our show booth. All my grab bag stuff is stored in my single car garage. Some of my space squeeze is because I've replaced my little red car with a new, larger silver one, and I've added few more model airplanes, making the garage difficult to work with. The board suggested that I ask club members if anyone has storage space available. Would anyone be willing to offer about 15 square feet of dry, semi-permanent ground level space? I would only need to access it several times a year. If you have any storage space the club could use, call me at 720-851-8510, or send an email to jkleber@att.net. Thank you.

~**John Kleber**, The Bag Begger

Letter from the President

I have often taken the time to tell people about the various aspects of the Gem and Mineral hobby. Or is it a rock hounding, or lapidary hobby? Certainly sometimes a business. Definitely a science. Often an art. The Littleton Gem and Mineral Club, as well as all the other clubs in our area, support and promote this diversified hobby and all its wonderful possibilities.

I sought to join a rock club about 8 years ago in the hopes that I could find interesting and beautiful rocks in our state. Sure enough the LGMC had field trips every weekend in the summer, not to mention their own mining claim! I dug some deep holes, found some pretty nice specimens, and got a lot of encouragement from others. Then I found out that there were "high end" collectors that had unbelievable specimens. I went to a few rock show and sales and was tempted to buy a few Colorado specimens. I found out about agates and how they could be shaped and polished. Then I bought a small Lortone machine and with the help of others in the club produced some nice cabochons as gifts to family and friends. I was shown how easy wire wrapping can be. Then came a string of club presentations about the geology and science of these rocks and minerals. There was so much more to it than what I was looking for. Then it dawned on me that it was all the other people that made this hobby so enriching. There are so many people willing to share what they know. So many friendly people willing to help you. And yes there are some real characters out there too. But we all come together at our club meetings to share and amaze each other with what we know or have found. I only wish I had joined a rock club ten or twenty years ago. I can only imagine the piles of rocks I would have scattered about my home and yard! But I certainly would have made even more new friends than I already have. I think that is why I really joined a rock club after all.

~**Charlie Wall**, LGMC President 2017

LGMC Annual Auction!!

Saturday, November 11th

Timetable of Events

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| 9:00 a.m. | Setup Tables. Could you help do that? |
| 11:00 a.m. | Sellers Setup |
| 12:00 p.m. | Silent Auction Begins |
| 1:00 p.m. | Verbal Auction and Business Meeting |
| 1:45 p.m. | Resume Silent Auction |
| 3:30 p.m. | Start checkout, hopefully done by 4:30p |

Where: Columbine Hills Church **gymnasium**
9700 Old Coal Mine Ave. Littleton, CO 80123-4006

What to Do:

A seller must fill out a bid slip for each item. The bid slip should include the name of the item, the location, and the seller's number. Be sure that your seller number is on the bid slip, both TOP and BOTTOM. No number means that 100% of the sale goes to the club. All regular auction slips must be printed on white paper only, pink paper for Flower Fund and blue paper for Children's table. Pink and blue slips are one hundred (100) percent to the club. You may contact **Lesley Sebol**, (contact info is below), for your seller/bidding number prior to the auction. Buyer and seller numbers can be obtained at the auction, but doing this prior to the auction can save some time waiting in line!

Pink Slips: Sunshine/Flower Fund Table: We ask each member to donate an item to this table, with 100% of the proceeds used for the club's Sunshine activities, including cards and memorial trees.

Blue Slips: Children's Table: This table is reserved for children's purchases only (ages 12 and under). Bidding is by ten-cent increments. Please donate a few items to begin or add to a Pebble Pup's collection. (This is 100% donation to the club.) Bring a little rockhound to get them started!

Bidding: You must use your bidder number for identification when bidding on an item. **The minimum bid and increment is 50 cents** (the Children's Table is 10 cents), unless a minimum bid is specified. No checkouts will be done until all the tables have been closed and the items distributed into the proper boxes. You may contact **Lesley Sebol** for your seller/bidding number prior to the auction. (lesleysebol@gmail.com preferred, or 720-999-1372 **if after 6pm weekdays or after 11am weekends – please not during the workday.**)

How to Pay:

Payment must be made with a check or cash.
NO CREDIT CARDS OR POST-DATED CHECKS.



What to Bring:

- ❖ **Members**, bring your minerals, gems, jewelry, fossils, books, and equipment to sell. **Non-Members** are limited to 2 flats of minerals. Club retains 20% commission.
- ❖ Bidding Slips (see attachment in this newsletter).

Auction Potluck

All members please bring a dish to serve 10 to 12 people.

Since the auction begins around the lunch hour, we need to be sure that we have plenty of food for our members and guests that will last the duration of the event.

Make your favorite pot luck food or consider one of the following: Cheese, vegetable/meat trays, dips & chips, rollups, fruit salad, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, Macaroni/potato/ tossed salad, deviled eggs, and of course, desserts.

The club furnishes coffee, punch, plates, utensils, napkins etc.

Please do not bring serving utensils to this event.

We have winners!

The Denver Mineral Show awarded plaques to these LGMC members, presented at the October meeting:

Prospector Trophy: **Randal Kokkinen** (Smoky quartz and amazonite, Colorado)

Junior Prospector Trophy: **Hunter Kokkinen** (Amazonite and quartz, Colorado)

Best Fossil: **Michael Hooten** and **Jim Hooten** (Devonian brachiopod, Garfield County, Colorado)

Best of Species Trophy:

Thumbnail - **Larry Havens** (Stephanite, Bolivia)

Individual Competitive Case Trophies:

Worldwide Thumbnails - **Nick North** (Masters)

Educational, Informed Audience, Other –

Dale Plume (Novice, "Complex Gold & Silver Ores of Colorado")

Educational, General Audience, Other –

Dale Gann (Novice, "Gold and Silver Ore to Coins and Bullion")

Show Chairperson

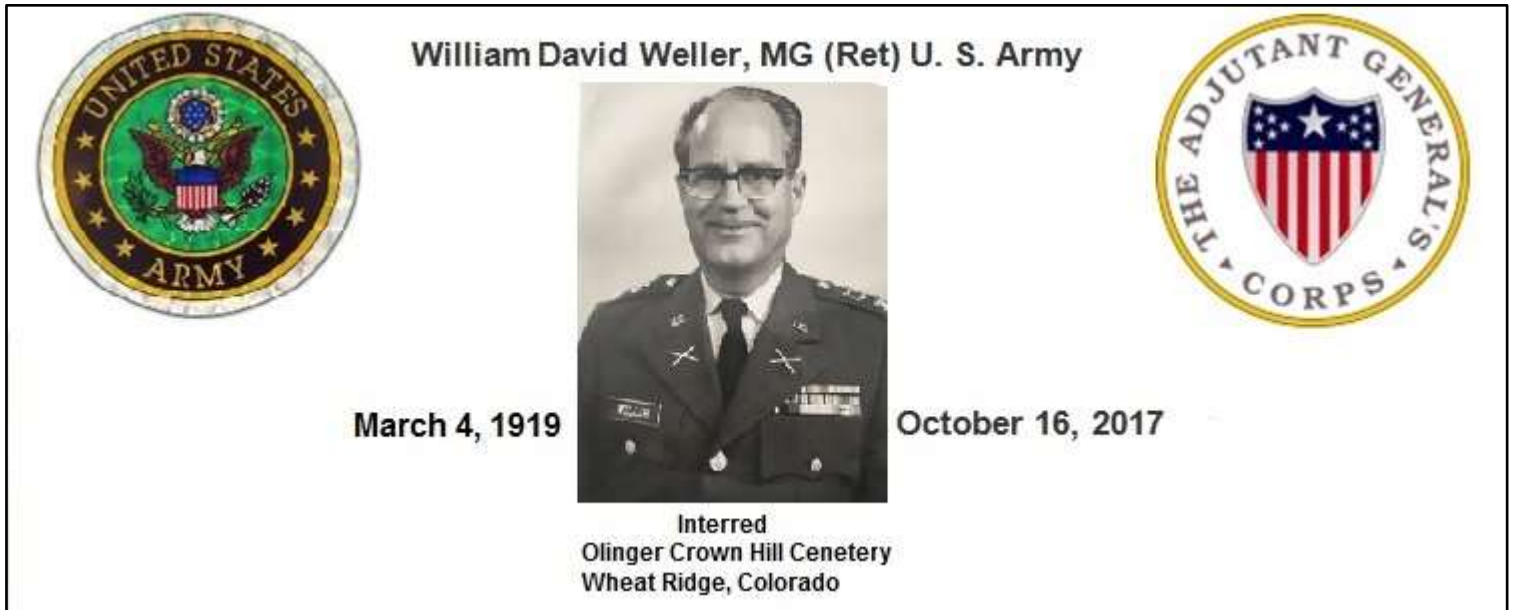
Lesley Sebol



Shown L to R: **Hunter, Randy, Nick, Lesley, Dale G., Larry, Jim, and Dale P.**

Remembering Dave Weller

Life Member of the Littleton Gem and Mineral Club

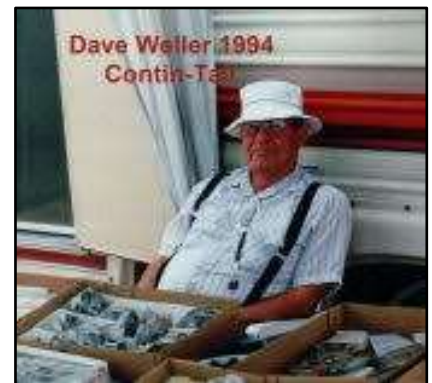


Dave Weller passed away on October 16, 2017 at the age of 98. His funeral service was Sunday, October 21, 2017 and interned with FULL MILITARY HONORS presented by the Colorado Wing of the Civil Patrol, the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs and the Colorado National Guard. Dave served in WWII and was the oldest former Adjutant General of Colorado. Our Colorado flag flew at half mast from the time of his death until his internment.

Very seldom did Dave discuss any of his involvement in the military. In fact, very few friends and some of his family did not know of the military life he had led or what he had done for our nation and our country. We LOVED him for being who he was, enjoyed his company, all the fun times we have had together and are THANKFUL we had the opportunity to have known him and had him in our lives.



DAVE WAS A TRUE FRIEND



<http://olinger-crown-hill-mort-cem.tributes.com/dignitymemorial/obituary/William-David-Weller-105395848>
<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Media/Videos/video/561032/>
<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/252459/major-general-william-d-weller-biography>
<https://coloradopolitics.com/oldest-living-former-adjutant-general-colorado-world-war-ii-veteran-interred-full-military-honors/>

Remembering (Sylvia) Nell Troxell

(Sylvia) Nell Troxell
(1931-2017)

Nell joined the Littleton Gem and Mineral Club in 1988 with her husband, Bob. (1931-2014). She was a member who was always there to help the club in any way she could. They belonged to the Cabber group, hosted many meetings and Cabber's Christmas parties in their home.

WHAT FUN MEMORIES!

Nell's profession was nursing. She practiced several years, which included the Red Cross. She was an expert seamstress which was proven by making her own wedding dress, gourmet cook, loved Colorado Symphony, Colorado Ballet, theater and was an avid gardener. She volunteered for Denver Botanical Gardens Library (26 years) and was President of the local Wildflower Club establishing a large garden at Cherry Creek Reservoir along with being extremely active in MANY other organizations.

Nell enjoyed her church and was Superintendent of Sunday School and contributed in many other projects and prayer groups.

She and Bob shared the responsibility of Hospitality chairs on the show committee for Denver Gem and Mineral Show for many years. She was recognized with a lifetime pass by the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council for her activity with the Littleton Club, Show Committee and the Denver Gem and Mineral Show.

When health became a problem for her she was unable to continue to be as active but did her crossword puzzles every day to keep her mind working. Nell has left many fond memories with family and friends who had the opportunity to have known her.

SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Nell's memorial service will be: Sunday, November 5th;
Hope United Methodist Church, 5101 S. Dayton, Greenwood, Village, CO.



Selected upcoming LGMC and Earth Science Events

Sat Nov 11 **LGMC Silent Auction**, Columbine Hills Church, 9700 Old Coal Mine Ave, Littleton CO
See Page 2 for complete details.

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Nov 17-19 Jeffco Rock Show, Jefferson County Fairground.

Tue Nov 21 **Faceters and Cabbers**, 7:30PM
Columbine Hills Church, 9700 Old Coal Mine Ave, Littleton CO



Thu Nov 23 Thanksgiving. Always remember that!

Wed Nov 29 **Mineral Study**. This month we will look at minerals from the states of Durango and Zacatecas in Mexico that some of us might have. All are welcome, and if you can come, let Steve know at stevecableisthinkingofyou@gmail.com
7pm, at the home of Steve and Cheryl Cable, 7571 S Cove Circle, Centennial. .

Fri Dec 15 **LGMC Christmas Party**, 6:30pm (starting earlier, for the potluck dinner.)

Jun 8-10 Rocky Mountain Federation regional convention, Fairplay, CO

LGMC Summary Minutes, Board Meeting

October 23, 2017

Location: The Church

Called to order at 7:10 pm

In Attendance: **Charlie Wall, Larry Havens, John Smith, Travis Leach, Lesley Sebol** and **Steve Cable**.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved with motion from Travis Leach and second by Lesley Sebol.

Treasurer's Report: For the period 9/1/17 to 9/30/17 – Income from dues received, and proceeds from sale of donated equipment; expenses: picnic chicken and speaker honorarium for Joe Dorris.

Motion to accept treasurer's report by John Smith; second by Travis Leach; motion carried.

Reminder: Any club member may ask the Secretary to see the treasurer's report at any regular club meeting.

Old Business

- Volunteer positions that need to be filled: Program Chair, Grab assistant, Field Trip assistant, Newsletter Editor and Refreshment Chair.
- Elected positions that need filling: President-Elect and 2-year Trustee.
- Sympathy card to **Bette Hurlbut** was returned due to incorrect address; correction made -will be re-mailed.
- Auction date was changed to November 11th.
- *Reminder to the Board:*

At the April Board meeting **Dale Gann** asked the Board to consider purchasing 1 or 2 corded microphones for the church. This would be a donation. Cost figures and need not as yet determined, THIS DISCUSSION WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. *THIS ISSUE WAS NOT TAKEN FROM THE TABLE IN OCTOBER AND NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IN NOVEMBER.*

New Business

New members: applications from new members: Bob and Crystal O'Fee, Scott Gaffri and Camille Schiraldi were reviewed and approved.

Club Auction was discussed at length to determine job assignments, schedule, etc. (See schedule in the *Highlites*).

Christmas Party discussions were begun. Date will be 12/15, beginning at 6:00 pm. Main courses likely brisket and chicken. Lesley Sebol suggested that the board might seek out some kind of performing group to be the highlight of the evening.

Programs: November: auction, December: Christmas Party. January - TBD

Field Trips: Hooten not present; no more trips for this year.

Mineral Study: November – 5th Wednesday (to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving) – Durango and Zacatecas, Mexico, at the Cables.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, 11/20/17 at the church

Adjourned 8:45 pm.

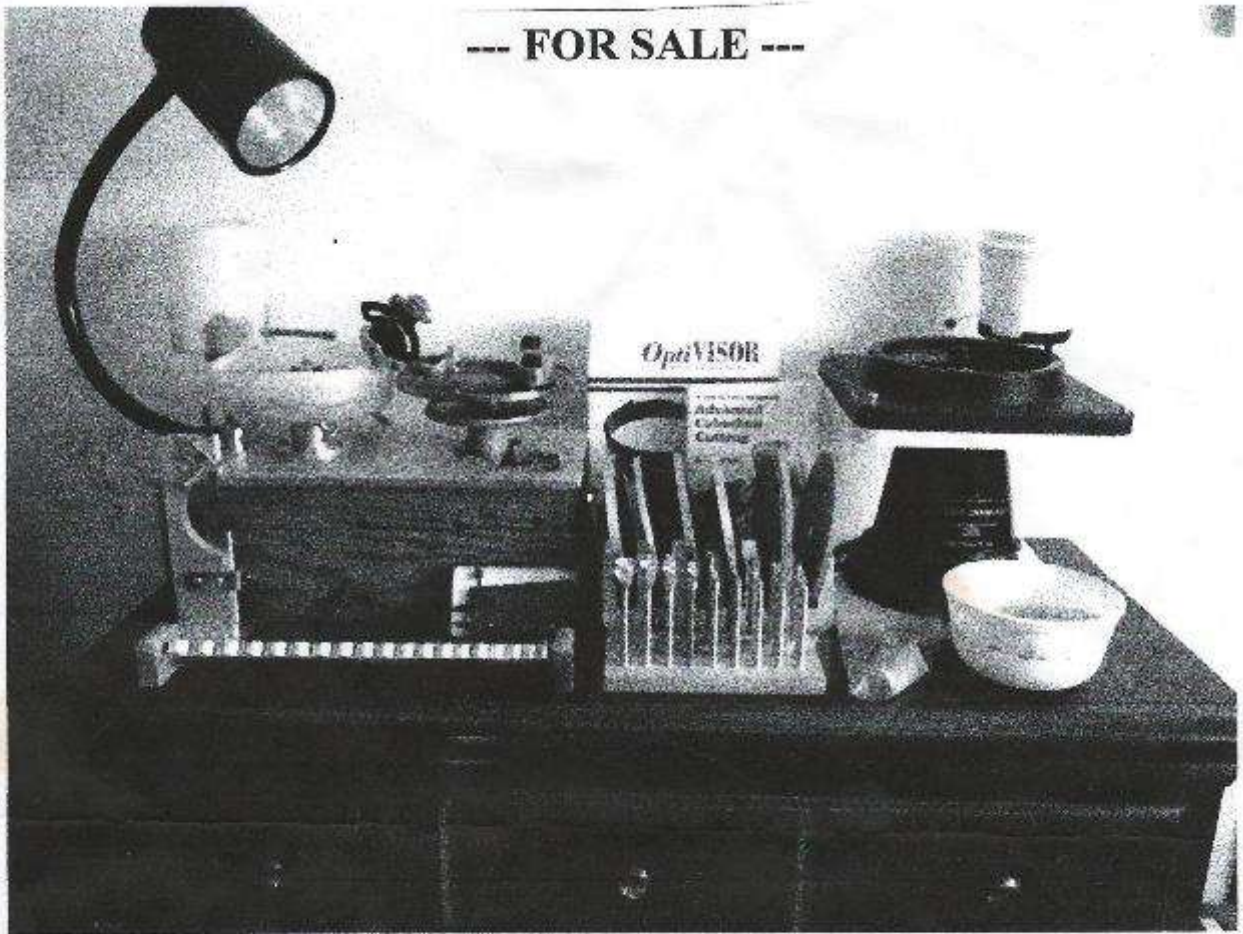
Respectfully submitted,

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Larry Havens, Secretary

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Lapidary equipment for sale



1: RAYTECH - SHAW FACETING MACHINE
WITH ALL ACCESORIES

2: HI - TECH CABOCHON CUTTING MACHINE
WITH ALL ACCESORIES

\$600.00 FOR ALL.

CONTACT: CARL KUNZE, 303-921-1513

--- FOR SALE ---

Club Announcements



Winners of the Best Specimen Awards

At the most recent club meeting in October, we voted on 3 awards:

- 1) Tom Odiorne Memorial Award for best specimen collected by a member in the last year.

[This winner will be announced at Dec. Holiday meeting.](#)

- 2) Best specimen over \$20

Larry Havens won the award for best specimen over \$20, shown to the right. This specimen is 3" tall x 3.5" wide

I know it sure looked amazing to me. Congratulations Larry!

- 3) Best specimen under \$20.

Sorry that I am not aware who won this. Send me a picture, and I will be glad to announce it in the next newsletter!



Gold prospecting equipment for sale

Chris Tharp, a friend of LGMC members Eric and Sarah Mitchell, has some gold prospecting equipment for sale, in particular a Venturi and a suction nozzle for a dredge. Chris tells me prices are negotiable, and he is willing to sell separately. Chris is at [859-684-2212](tel:859-684-2212). Several pictures and more information is posted on Craigslist, here: <https://denver.craigslist.org/for/d/prospecting-items-venturi/6350568390.html>

Welcome to our new members:

Bob and **Crystal, O'Fee**, **Camille Schiraldi**, and **Scott Gaffri**

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.

Do you know someone who could use some sunshine? Send a note to our sunshine coordinator and let her know, **Lynette Warren**, flywithle123@comcast.net.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the newsletter!

~Steve

LGMC Silent Auction Bid Form

Seller's #:

Item Description:

Minimum Bid: \$

Bidder # Amount Bid \$

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2017 Board of Trustees

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| President | <i>Charlie Wall</i> | 303-933-0368 |
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| Trustee (2 year term 2016 & 2017) | <i>Bill Jones</i> | 303-503-6288 |

Chairpersons & Appointed Officers

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| Trustee-at-Large | <i>Lou Conti</i> | 303-797-3205 |
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| Trustee-at-Large | <i>Jim Hurlbut</i> | 303-757-0283 |
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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 |
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| Denver Council Representative | <i>Nick North</i> | 303-840-1177 |
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| " " | <i>Mike Snively</i> | 720-981-0752 |
| " " | <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.

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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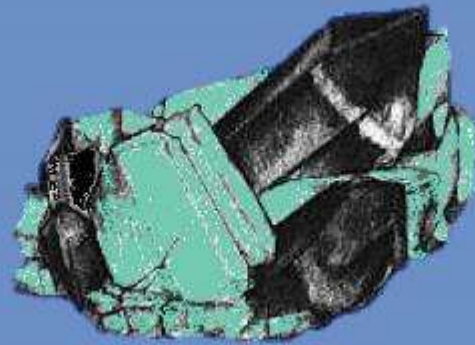
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