
Littleton Gem and Mineral Club

April 2018 Newsletter.



The next Club meeting will be Friday, April 20th, same time and place as usual, 7:30PM, at the Columbine Hills church. Hope to see you there!

April Program:

"Self Collected, Self Cut Gems" by **John & Donna Rhoads**

John and Donna are the owners of D&J Rare Gems in Salida, Colorado.



Check out some of their amazing gemstones at:

<https://djraregems.com/product-category/gems-cut-by-us/>

Grab Bag News

The LGMC is planning for our Fifth Annual Grab Bag Sewing Party!

Lynette Warren and **John Kleber** have offered to host the sewing party to make our cloth grab bags and fill specimen bags. We are planning the party at Lynette's house on Sunday, April 22, from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

As before, John Kleber will bring rock specimens, labels and plastic bags for anyone not sewing, and they can bag them up. Also, you can bring specimen donations to the party for John.

After all the work is done we will relax and re-energize with a pot luck meal, so bring your favorite food to share.

Please contact Lynette Warren at 303-956-4634, flywithle123@comcast.net if you would like to attend.

Field Trip Planning

Educational Field Trip to Cripple Creek/Victor Gold Mine

As mentioned at an earlier General Meeting this year, I am looking into organizing a tour of the Cripple Creek/Victor Gold Mine for this summer. I would first like to get a preliminary indication of interest from members. No date set yet. Cost is \$8 per person. This is a very exciting and educational trip, lasting less than 2 hours. Transportation is provided. It is all above ground.

Please email Jim Hooten as soon as possible (jahooten@msn.com) if you would be interested in attending this fun tour. I will contact the mine and follow up with more information. Thanks.

~Jim Hooten

Letter from the President

Colorado's digging season is finally right around the corner! After 9 months of working at the Gordonsville / Elmwood Mines in Middle Tennessee, I will finally be returning home to Denver next week.

Exploring the seemingly endless vugs filled with colorful crystals that line the walls of these massive industrial zinc mines has been an incredible experience. Unfortunately words and pictures don't come close to conveying the scope and scale of standing in the middle of a tunnel with glittering crystals everywhere you look. But that certainly won't stop me from trying! I am looking forward to sharing my many pictures, stories, and specimens with our club.

If you haven't already, please make sure that you volunteer for the Denver Gem and Mineral Show. There are a number of different roles and opportunities to choose from. Volunteering is an amazing way to get involved and is very helpful to the club, not to mention free admission to the show!

You don't want to miss our presentation this month! Joining us from Salida, Colorado, Donna and John Rhoads will be sharing some of their stories and photos about self-collected and cut gems. John and Donna are sure to inspire and will have every rockhound daydreaming about the beautiful pieces they'll find this summer!

There's no place like home, especially when your home is Colorado! I can't wait to get home and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on April 20th.

Sincerely Yours, **Travis Leach**

Denver Gem & Mineral Show Mini Report

April 2018

September 14 - 16, 2018 will see the 51st Denver Gem & Mineral Show. The show will be held at the usual location, the Denver Mart, 451 E. 58th Avenue (intersection of I-25 and 58th Avenue). "Minerals of Mexico" is this year's theme. The show Chair is again Lesley Sebol, who can be reached at lesleysebol@gmail.com or 720-999-1372. Lesley always welcomes new ideas regarding the show. The show is aiming for the future with ideas, exhibits, activities and opportunities.

Planning is under way for the show and here is a sampling of the speakers and exhibits to whet your appetite. Some of the speakers are as follows: Terry Wallace, Jr. on "The Silver Legacy of the Mexican Altiplano", Peter Megaw on "Minerals of Mapimi", Thomas Moore on "The Ojuela Mine", and Brad Cross on "Agates of Chihuahua". If it's Mexico, there has to be agates in there somewhere. Of course, the exhibits will be spectacular as well. Aquarium cases are reserved for some premier exhibitors such as Peter Megaw, Kerith Graeber, Gail and Jim Spann, Scott Rudolph, and Marty Zinn. Terry Wallace will be exhibiting Mexican silver specimens (who could guess). Phil Richardson will display Mexican pyrites. Alberto Ray will exhibit Mexican agates. The Houston Museum of Natural Science is returning with a display of their exceptional Mexican minerals. The exhibits are always a highlight of the show and this year will be no different.

The Show Committee is committed to bringing you a superb show every year. However, we cannot do it alone. **WE NEED THE HELP OF ALL THE EIGHT LOCAL CLUBS.** The clubs are our support. Right now there is a need for a new Historian, a two-person position, and a Set-Up Chair. The Historian(s) photographs all the exhibits plus some of the activities and attendees, creating a history of the show. The Set-Up Chair is responsible for set up of the show on the Wednesday preceding the show. Set up entails covering the dealer tables in the aisles and east area with plastic and assembling the wood display cases. The Set-Up Chair does not do this alone. There is a list of experienced persons from prior years that help. The Set-Up Chair needs to confirm the list of volunteers. The main floor is the responsibility of the contract decorator.

In addition to the two positions mentioned above, there are several that need an assistant. These are Buildings and Grounds, Dealers, Door Prizes, Tear Down, Trophies & Ribbons, and Volunteers. So give it some thought. Where else could you put your many talents to use for such a worthy endeavor?

The Show Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month except February, July and December. Tag along with your club representative (each club has one) to see what it's all about. You may serve as an At Large member until you find the niche that suites your talents. The committee has met at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science for many years. Starting this April, there is a possibility the meetings may shift to the conference room at the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum. The conference room is across the hall from the museum entrance. The Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council will continue to meet at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

Respectfully submitted, **Judy Knoshaug**, Show Secretary

Selected upcoming LGMC and Earth Science Events

- Fri Apr 13** North Jeffco Gem, Jewelry, Mineral Silent Auction, at the APEX Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada, CO 80003. Jewelry, gemstones, mineral & fossil specimens, cabochons, craftwork, and rock-craft equipment may be available for sale. Part of the proceeds goes to scholarships at the Colorado School of Mines and the CSM Geology Museum in Golden. Looking for a finished piece of jewelry, a mineral or fossil specimen, a cabachon, or rough material to fashion yourself? Choose from the private collection of club members. Silent auction begins at 6:45 pm. Check-out is about 9:15 pm. Cash or check only. No early check-out. Free refreshments and a bake sale! See flyer on a page below.
- Apr 14** **Auction** to benefit the School of Mines Geology Museum, The Crowne Plaza, DIA (Atrium) 15500 E. 40th Ave Denver, CO 80222, **6PM – 9PM** after the show, Verbal and Silent Auction, Food, Drinks, Cake & Fun – part of the Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show. See flyer on a page below.
- Tue Apr 17** **Facters and Cabbers Meeting**, 7:30, Columbine Hills Church
- Fri Apr 20** **LGMC Club Meeting**, 7:30pm 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. See page 1 for program topic. Special Thank You for our April Refreshment Volunteers: **Nick North, Kelly Olsen, Carol Nielsen-Alt, and Anne Jenkins.**
- Apr 22** **LGMC Grab Bag Party**. See page 1 for more details.
- Apr 28-29** Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum Sale – see flyer on a page below.
- Wed May 2** **LGMC Mineral Study** group will be studying **Halides**, which are a group of minerals whose principle anions are *halogens*. Halogens are a special group of elements that usually have a charge of negative one when chemically combined. The halogens that are found commonly in nature include Fluorine, Chlorine, Iodine and Bromine. Halides tend to have rather simply ordered structures and therefore a high degree of symmetry. The typical halide mineral is soft, can be transparent, is generally not very dense, has good cleavage, and often has bright colors. Fluorite and Halite are common halides. Others include Atacamite, Boleite, Calomel, Carnalite, Chlorargyrite, and Sylvite. 7pm. At Nick North's house. If you would like directions, call Nick at 303-840-1177. Thanks go out to Jim Cox for hosting us in March for a look at the "Stans".
- May 5** Colorado Mineral Society Silent and Verbal Auction – see flyer on a page below.
- Sun, May 20** Friends of Mineralogy Silent Auction – see flyer on a page below.
- Jun 20-22** Regional Convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Rapid City, SD
- Oct 20** **LGMC Annual Silent Auction.**

North Jeffco Gem & Mineral Club Silent Auction

Friday, April 13th, 2018

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

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**CSM Geology
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1310 Maple Street, Golden, CO



Friends of the Museum Members Only Sale

Saturday, April 28, 2018

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Members receive a 20% discount on purchases
(Drop by and become a member!)

The Public Sale

Saturday, April 28, 2018, Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A large selection of minerals, rocks, books, maps, journals,
fossils, etc. Prices vary by item or box.

Most prices will drop throughout the event.

Information: ph. 303-273-3815



Colorado Mineral Society's Silent and Verbal Auction Saturday May 5, 2018

***Minerals, fossils, faceted stones, lapidary equipment
and materials, books, jewelry, and fluorescent minerals***

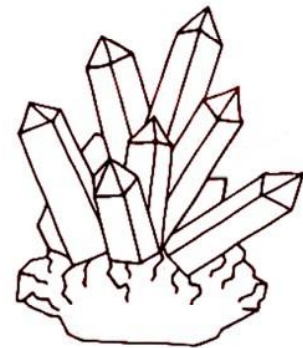
- Door prizes every half hour, raffle at 2:45pm
- Special verbal auction at 1:00pm of museum quality specimens donated by special dealers
- Abundant parking, refreshments, and easy handicap access
- A few auction tables reserved for only children to bid on
- Special fluorescent minerals room

Location:

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
920 Kipling Street (3 blocks north of West 6th Ave.)
Lakewood, Colorado 80215

Time:

11:00am to 2:45pm
Checkout will begin at 2:45pm (Cash or Check Only)



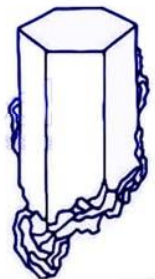
****A special invitation is extended to non-CMS members to participate in this auction
as sellers and buyers****

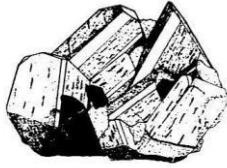
Limit of sales to three flats of materials. Sellers can get copies of bidding slips on our club website (fillable and printable pdf file):

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: auction.coloradomineralsociety@gmail.com





Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter-**Silent Auction**

Sunday, May 20, 2018

**Setup begins 10:30 a.m., Auction begins at 12 noon
Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood CO**

All are invited to come & bring material to sell, and to bid on items

Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter is having its silent auction of mineral specimens, rocks, fossils, books, faceted stones, jewelry, lapidary pieces and mining memorabilia. Please bring your auction materials for setup beginning at 10.30 AM. All (members or not) are invited to bring specimens to sell, and to participate as bidders/buyers. Items brought to the auction may be designated as a 20%, 50%, or 100% donation to FMCC.

Time: Our auction will be on **SUNDAY, May 20** (new day & weekend from last year!); setup will begin at 10:30 a.m., auction to begin at 12 noon, a live auction of special items will begin at 1 p.m., all tables will be closed by 3:00 p.m., and checkout should be completed by 4:00 p.m.

Location: Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, located one block northwest of the intersection of West Colfax Ave. and Wadsworth Blvd. The entrance and parking lot are off Yarrow Street, on the south side of the building. Go north on Yarrow Street from Colfax.



Auction bid slips are attached on a separate page, and will also be available at the auction during setup. Sellers can also get copies of our bidding slips at our website:

www.friendsofmineralogycolorado.org *Note to sellers, PLEASE use our current bidding slips, not old ones which may differ, from previous years. Thank you!*

Any questions about the auction should be directed to Jeff Self, 303-898-7539, selfawareminerals@gmail.com, or Pete Modreski, pmodreski@aol.com, 720-205-2553. To be assigned a seller / bidder number in advance, please contact Lou Conti, dlconti@aol.com, 303-797-3205.

Club Announcements

Welcome to our new members!

Steve & Bev Rice (rejoining after a 3 year hiatus)
Phil & Agape Jaklich



Membership renewals can be sent now to **P.O. Box 283, Littleton, CO 80160**

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.

COUNCIL CASES FOR SALE! Silent Auction

These cases were purchased in 2008 and for safety reasons can't be used at the September Show anymore. Description: (see pictures) Hexagonal, 6 feet tall. Casters were added on the bottom for mobility. I would recommend they be removed once they've found a home.

They can be viewed at Dave Bunk's Store in Arvada, 5695 Yukon St.

Sales are final, you haul away.

Auction starts April 2 and closes at noon April 14.

The council paid \$1500.00 each;
the current opening bid is \$400.00 for each case.
Bidding sheets will be taped to each case. We'll need your name and phone number. Good luck!

Ron Snelling
Buildings and Grounds, DGMS

ron.snelling22@icloud.com

303-880-7956



LGMC Summary Minutes, Board Meeting

March 19, 2018

Location: Church

Called to order at 7:04

In Attendance: **Charlie Wall, Larry Havens, Stacey Lestina, Ian Duncanson, Dan Lovitt** and **Ron Wankner**.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as published with motion from Wall and second by Stacey.

Treasurer's Report:

For the period 2/1/18 to 2/28/18 – Income from dues received. Expenses included payments to one silent auction seller, postal expenses, and holiday party table favors.

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Wall; second by Lestina; motion carried.

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

Field Trips: **Jim Hooten** sent no updates or changes to current field trip activities.

Programs: Stacey reports that the April talk will feature **John** and **Donna Rhodes** presenting on Gems and Gem Formations. They are the owners of D&J Rare Gems in Salida.

Hospitality: Stacey has created new sign-books for members and visitors.

Highlites: If another member is willing to help the club as the next editor, that would be most-helpful for the club and would free Steve to help the club in a different way.

Facebook: Stacey encourages members to submit possible content to her. She also recommends that we post pre and post information about our meeting presenters – pictures, reviews, etc.

Website: **Kollin Olsen** has indicated an interest in working on the website.

Denver Show Comm.: Neither Lesley Sebol, nor Lynette Warren was present to report.

Old Business

- Parking-lot garage sale idea is still pending final action and an implementation plan.
- Proposal that the membership list be divided up among board members with the intent that each board member would, in his/her own way, reach out to the members in their portion of the list to encourage service on committees and volunteering for the show, remind them to pay dues, answer any questions about club activities, etc. Still to be implemented.
- Ian reported that he has begun phasing out printing and mailing *Highlites* to members. Ian will check those members with email addresses who are receiving mailed versions to let them know a hard copy will no longer be mailed. He will encourage as many as possible without email addresses to get one.
- Grab bag storage – Dan Lovett and **John Kleber** will coordinate possible materials storage at Dan's.

New Business:

- Planning needs to begin relating to potential loss of Church as meeting venue.
- Planning for Founders' Day (May meeting) begun. Main activities include Field trip previews and a short verbal auction. Planning to be continued as major agenda item at the next board meeting.

Faceters/Cabbers: April Meeting will be **Keith Sheel's** last to run or attend this activity at the church.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, 4/23/18 at the church.

Adjourned 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

~**Larry Havens**, Secretary

I need to stop being the newsletter editor now. Would you be interested to help the club as the next newsletter editor? If so, you can let me know.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the newsletter!

~Steve

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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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