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January 10, 2020

7:30 PM, CSM Berthoud Hall Room 109

"The Top Ten Mineral Localities of the World"
Speaker: Phil Persson

The following is a brief, somewhat arbitrary list of the world's "Top Ten" such mineral locales, and each mineralogical 'treasure chest' will be covered briefly in this photo-oriented talk. The localities are, in no particular order: Franklin and Sterling Hill New Jersey (USA), Mont Saint Hilaire Quebec (Canada), Broken Hill New South Wales (Australia), Tsumeb (Namibia), Khibiny and Lovozero (Russia), the Illinois-Kentucky Fluorspar District (USA), Bisbee (Arizona), the Ojuela Mine (Mexico), the San Diego County Pegmatite District California (USA), and the Jachymov District (Czech Republic). Each of these localities has, whether by historical prominence, mineralogical and geological diversity, or volume of attractive crystallized specimens, contributed greatly to the advancement of mineral collecting over the past ~500 years. (Con't on page 4)

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Where and what time is the DGMG MEETING? (Follow the signs in the building!)

The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Geology Building, Berthoud Hall, Room 109 (lower level), 1516 Illinois Street, Colorado School of Mines, Golden. Entrance is on the south side ground level or through the north main door of the building (Stairs or elevator). Photo is of the east entrance along Illinois Street. The hospitality and junior meeting (6:30) room is across the hall from the meeting room—full of sweets and healthy treats for socializing after the meeting. Parking is at a premium along the streets of campus. There is a small parking lot north of Berthoud Hall, west of Guggenheim. Go down Illinois all the way to 13th, turn left, then left again up Maple. Go in the first driveway to the left at the top of the hill. There are handicapped places on the south side of building, accessible by driving through the pedestrian zone.

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56 years of DGMG Kudos, Celebrations, & Events

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An "Assistant" is the officer's backup in case of illness or other reason they can't do their job.
 Every officer needs an "Assistant"!
 Join up! Say YES when asked!

January Birthdays:

Sue Childs
 Audrey Christensen
 Mike Fleetwood
 Ellen Hardy
 Jimmie Klein (Our oldest!)
 Bryan Lopez
 Grace Luchtenburg
 Patrick Lyons
 Sue Panciocco
 Iva Vesilina
 Suli Zeyrek

January Anniversaries:

The Bennett's
 The Harrison's



January Sunshine Spotlight

**EVERYONE IS HEALTHY!
 STAY THAT WAY!**



DGMG T-Shirts and Vests for Sale!

If you are interested in purchasing youth t-shirts, send size and quantity. (cost will be determined when order is placed—roughly \$20/shirt). In addition, Guild t-shirts and vests will be available at the July picnic. (\$10/for shirt, \$25 for vest)

**CONTACT SANDRA LUCERO TO
 INFORM HER OF SUNSHINE REQUESTS**

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Quote of the Month:

“EARTH is a ROCK!”

Watch the DGMG Webpage for more!

THE DENVER GEM AND MINERAL GUILD—56 Years old!



Founded in 1964, the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild pursues exploration, experimentation, and education in the earth sciences; the discovery, development and preservation of minerals and mineral deposits; and the advancement, encouragement and utilization of the principles of art and craftsmanship as applied to gems and minerals.

The Guild meets on the second Friday of the month at 7:30 pm at Berthoud Hall on CSM Campus, except for June, July, August, and December. Picnics, field trips, and parties replace regular meetings those months.

Deadline for article submission for the Tips & Chips is the 20th of each month. Email photos and articles to editor Beth Simmons at cloverknoll@comcast.net. Exchange with other newsletters is invited, and reprinting of material from this newsletter with proper attribution is encouraged.

2019 DGMG CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A persistent page—watch monthly for additions! PUT THIS ON YOUR FRIDGE!!!



HOSPITALITY FOR 2020

Chairman:

STILL VACANT

Sandra Lucero

will bring the plates and cups and plastic ware for the spring months

January: **Joe Walkowich**

Beverages: **George Daggett**

February: **Marj Becker**

Beverages: **George Daggett**

March: **Marj Becker**

Beverages: **George Daggett**

April: **VACANT**

Beverages: **George Daggett**

May: **Debbie Baldwin**

Beverages: **George Daggett**

FRIDAY JANUARY 10 2020

6:30

GOLDEN DIGGERS PROGRAM

STONE AGE TOOLS

7:30

DGMG MEETING

SPEAKER: **PHIL PERSSON**

"THE TOP 10 MINERAL LOCALITIES IN THE WORLD"

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14 2020

PROGRAM TBA

SHOW—FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2020

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

BE THERE OR BE CUBIC!



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Happy New Year to our Denver Gem & Mineral Guild members and our families. There is little doubt that the year 2020 will be a rockin'- good year. Let's kick it off with our annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds beginning Friday, February 28. Our show features many display cases, like the September Denver show, and a loyal and dedicated group of dealers. Naturally, we will need a village of participants to help with setting up, working the club booth to sell grab bags and to have engaging conversations with our patrons. There is no shortage of opportunities to get involved in producing a successful show. Everyone is invited and you don't need a reservation; just show up and become part of the show. (see page 5) We even provide food for volunteers and for dealers (the dealers really appreciate our hospitality in providing food and beverages in the kitchen). **Beth Simmons** and **Linda Burns** are the parties in charge, so if you have any input ahead of time, please let them or me or any board member know of your thinking. In the meantime, we hope to see you at our January meeting on the 10th at 7:30.

Rock on!

George

2020 Calendars FOR SALE!

Only about 30 copies left!

\$10— stunningly beautiful!

2020 DGMG Show Report

by **Beth Simmons**, Show Chairman

What do you plan to exhibit at our show?
We have **ONLY ONE CASE** remaining to fill! Let Beth know if you want it!

Special exhibits include the Sherman Dugan Museum and Phoenix Mine ore minerals, Ernie Hanlon's amazonite, DGMG carvings, Linda Burn's new fluorite case (in prep for the Denver show).

DGMG CARVING CASE AT DGMG SHOW and **FOURTH** ANNOUNCEMENT OF WORKSHOP

The club's carving case will be in our show in February. Sandy Cline is planning to return the 3rd week of May for a week long workshop!

We need 10 participants! Plan ahead! Let Beth know if you plan to participate.

“The Top Ten Mineral Localities of the World”

**Philip M. Persson
11655 West 28th Place, Lakewood Colorado 80215**

Something most collectors have pondered at some point in their collecting career is “What exactly are the “top mineral localities” in the world? And what constitutes a “world-class locality”?

In the end, the answer is highly subjective, depending on the person’s interests and experience in mineralogy and what drives them as collectors. There are 'mineralogical rainforests' such as Canada’s Mont Saint Hilaire or Russia's Kola Peninsula which, while not especially well-known for aesthetic crystallized specimens, host an incredible diversity of mineral species- a seemingly infinite combination of a finite set of elements which attests to the unique geologic conditions under which they formed.

Then there are also locales that have produced iconic and beautiful examples of one or perhaps a few minerals, but are otherwise fairly 'simple.' Colorado's Sweet Home Mine or the Elmwood Mine in Tennessee fall into this category.

The best localities are those that successfully bridge the gap between these extremes; those that have produced beautiful, highly collectible crystals but also have a deep appeal to the academic mineralogist or serious systematic collector. The following is a brief, somewhat arbitrary list of the world’s “Top Ten” such mineral locales, and each mineralogical ‘treasure chest’ will be covered briefly in this photo-oriented talk.

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DGMG SHOW PREPARATION NEWS:**These are the exhibits on the list for 2020 to date:**

LOBBY: DGMG Hard Rock Café; DGMG Club Claims
SOUTH WALL and around SOUTH PILLAR:

Phoenix Mine

Dave Sanchez (2)- Jewelry

Keith Sheel- Faceted stones

Ernie Hanlon—Amazonite

Maxine Sheel

Sandy Walden—agates (of course!)

Larry Jankowski

Ron Snelling- Faceted Stones (of course!)

George Daggett- Minerals

DGMG Carvings

Beth Simmons—Stony Steeds

NORTH WALL and around NORTH PILLAR

Seamans Museum- Donna & Jeff Self

Merlin Schreffler- Artifacts

Pete Modreski- Minerals

Dennis Gertenbach- Colorado Fossils

EAST WALL:

Linda Burns- Fluorite

Bob Pfeiffer (2) - Collectors' specials

Marj Becker- Bring me a rock!

Tyler Strand- Smoky Quartz, etc.

STAGE: **(There is one case available there)**

Golden Diggers

BACK HALL:

Jim Dennis (2-3)- Fluorescent Exhibit

These are the dealers on the list to date:

Moss Rock Shop

D&J Rare Gems

Earthstone: The Solitaire

Orca Gems

Spirit Whispers

Hands of Spirit

Jensen Meteorites

Mineral Stope

Morgan Trinkets

Sidewinder Minerals

Blackstone Lapidary

Self-Aware Minerals

K&M Enterprises

Dan's Used Rocks

Morocco's Fossils

Costigan's West Minerals

Rockhound Studio

Vicky Schlepp

Rocky Mountain Mining Company

Down-to-Earth Rockshop

The Amethyst Rose

JBL Minerals

Danz Rocks.

We need small to medium sized mineral specimens for the kids'

Digging Experience at the show.

They don't have to be museum quality. If you have extras from your prospecting adventures this past year, please bring them to the January show for Susanne

Peach. She needs to bag them AHEAD of the show so the Digging Experience goes smoothly and efficiently. Thanks!

Only two dealers need to pay their 1/2 deposit yet!

Rest are PIF!

Sign-up sheets will circulate at the meeting. So far they are pretty bare-naked.

THURSDAY Set-up HELP NEEDED!

Electrical: Deb Baldwin

Table Skirting: Merlin Schreffler, Sue

Childs, Wendy Carley

Case setup: George Daggett, Joe

Walkowich

Sandwich bar: **NEED HELP!**

Fluorescent Exhibit: Jim Dennis

Club tables: George Daggett

FRIDAY:

Wendy Carley will assist Linda

Front Desk: 10-1: Merlin Schreffler

1-5—Sue Childs

4-6— **HELP!**

Club table-

Grab bags: 10-12- Wendy Carley

Grab bags 12-4— Deb Baldwin

4-6— **HELP!**

Fluorescents: Jim Dennis **HELP!**

Hospitality Room: Sandra Lucero

HELP!

On Stage:

Crystal Dig: Susanne Peach **HELP!**

FRIDAY NITE DINNER: (\$10)

Marj Becker and Helper

Linda Burns

Beth Simmons

Sue Childs

NEED 40 others!

SATURDAY:

Hospitality Room: Sandra Lucero (HELP!)

Fluorescents: Jim Dennis **HELP!**

Front Desk: 10-1— Sarah Reece

1-4— Merlin Schreffler

4-6— **HELP!**

Club table-

Grab bags: 10-12-Wendy Carley

12-5:30— Sarah Reece, Sandy

Walden, Chauncey Walden

On Stage:

Crystal Dig: Susanne Peach **HELP!**

SUNDAY:

Hospitality Room: Sandra Lucero **HELP!**

Fluorescents: Jim Dennis **HELP!**

Front Desk: 10-1— Sarah Reece

1-4— Marj Becker

4-6— **HELP!**

On Stage:

Crystal Dig: Susanne Peach **HELP!**

Club table-

Grab bags:

10-12- Wendy Carley

12-4:30- Sarah Reece

Fluorescents: Jim Dennis **HELP!**

SHOW SHUTDOWN:

Case breakdown/loading:

T.J.

Tyler Strand

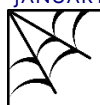
Joe Walkowich

HELP EVERYWHERE!

We know that everyone pitches in during the show, but we'd like to be assured that members know what job they volunteered to do, when!

Email Beth Simmons (cloverknoll@comcast.net) to volunteer for any position, any time.

She'll add your name to the lists!



Web Corner – Web and Computer Resources for Rockhounds

Easy Ways You Can Promote Our DGMG Show Online – by Bob Johnson

Our **DGMG Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show** is just weeks away, and you can help spread the word by visiting our *new* Show Facebook Page. Please take some time to view the many posts (you are probably in one!) Please Like, Follow, Share, and Comment. When we get to 2000 likes, Facebook will unlock additional features for us. Additional posts will be added in the coming weeks. If you click on “Follow” you will be notified on new posts. <https://www.facebook.com/DGMG.Gem.Show>

See you at the Show!!!

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Costigan's Minerals West returns to the DGMG Show in 2020 with quality mineral and fossil specimens, and a ton of high grade lapidary rough!

Costigan's Minerals West/ Rockman69
Business & Economy Website

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The DGMG Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show is an educational event. Watch here as Dr. Simmons talks about her display from the 2019 Show, where she explains how many dinosaurs were first discovered right here in Jefferson County CO. I can't wait to see what she brings to the 2020 Show!

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SPOTLIGHT ON JANUARY'S SPONSOR:

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DGMG members: Donna and John Rhoads
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raregems@amigo.net; Gemaholics.com

See them at our show!



Donna is the gemstone photographer. I think you'll agree these are some pretty nice pictures of cut stones! And their webpage is a lesson in gemstones! Read it and learn! Because it's January, here are some of their garnets.



17879 Almandite Garnet Star

Md Dk Reddish Brown, 18.28 cts oval cabochon measuring 17.7x13.2x7.4 mm, translucent, from Madagascar. A fine garnet cabochon with a strong 4 ray star. People in Idaho claim that star garnets are only found there. Here is an example of a star garnet from another location that in addition to India, Sri Lanka, and East Africa also produce garnets that when cut display a star.



17350 Andradite Garnet

Md Dk Brownish Orange, 1.36 cts round brilliant cut measuring 6.6x4.4 mm, v It incl, from China. One of the few new location gems we saw in Tucson this year (2019) and then with only a couple of dealers. These gems are faceted from rough recovered from the beds of the Yellow River.



15884 Hessonite Garnet

Dk Orange, 35.02 cts cushion cut measuring 20.2x15.8x12.0 mm, v It incl, from Sri Lanka. A very large hessonite of darker color and containing the inclusions that are typical of hessonites.



17068 Rhodolite Garnet

Dk Pinkish Red, 11.35 cts shield cut measuring 15.3x13.2x8.0 mm, eye clean, from Sri Lanka. A larger rhodolite of very fine color and clarity. Prices for larger rhodolite garnets have increased substantially during the past year.



18629 Spessartite Garnet

Md Dk Orangish Red, 10.31 cts oval cut measuring 13.0x10.9x7.9 mm, eye clean, from Mozambique. An exceptional, flame red spessartite in a very large size and top clarity as well.



30070 Hessonite Garnet

Md Lt Orangish Gold, 1.75 cts chk cushion, 7.4x6.6x4.6, v It, Sri Lanka.



How to identify and make Stone Tools

January 10, 2020 - Golden Diggers Meeting: 6:30 PM

At our upcoming , January 2020 Golden Diggers meeting we will continue to learn about Stone Age Tools & Art. (Section 14 AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Handbook)

We learn how to make stone tools. (14.2)

Specimens of modern arrow heads and flake chips will be given away for your collection.

14. Stone Age Tools & Art

Section 14.2 Making Stone tools By AFMS Rockhounds of America Handbook

Rocks have different properties and textures. For instance, obsidian is smooth and makes flakes with razor-sharp edges, kaolin (clay) is soft and moist and easily shaped when first dug from the ground, and granite is coarse and heavy. Early humans and stone-age cultures have taken advantage of the properties of different rocks to make tools and art from them.

Types of Stone tools

- a) **Tomahawks & Grinding Stones.** For tomahawks and grinding stones, seek heavy rocks that have been rounded and smoothed in a river bed, along an ocean beach, or in a deposit of glacial till. Tomahawks can be made by cutting a foot-long section of a tree branch, notching one end, inserting an oval or oblong stone, and securing it in place by wrapping and tying a length of thick leather string. For a grinding stone, seek a well rounded, coarse-grained rock (granite, basalt, etc.) that will fit comfortably in the palm of your hand. Match this with a large, flat slab of rough rock (perhaps a foot in diameter), and work grinding hard kernels of corn.
- b) **Arrowheads & Spear Points.** Stone-age peoples craft arrowheads and spear points from rocks such as flint, agate, jasper, and obsidian. There are various techniques for crafting a point, from hard- and soft-hammer percussion to pressure flaking. Percussion involves striking flint or obsidian with antler, bone, or another rock. Pressure flaking involves poking at the flint or obsidian with the pointed end of an antler segment or other tools to chip off small flakes along the edges of an arrowhead or spear point.



WARNING!! We will not do a knapping exercise! Knapping produces razor sharp edges (sharper than scalpels) and can send sharp shards flying through the air. Eye protection is a must, as are thick leather gloves. Even then, one guarantee is that knapping will lead to cuts—and sometimes very nasty ones!

(con't next page)

Wiggins family arrowhead collection made during the 1920s

Resolve or Plan—December 31, 2019

By Marj Becker

Here we are
At the end of a year.
And the end
Of another decade.

Some folks make
New Year resolutions
Only to break them
In the first day
Or week
Or month.

Making New Year resolutions
Is not for me.
I make plans
Instead.

To break a resolution
Seems like failure to me.
I don't take kindly
To failing.

Not accomplishing a goal
Simply means a chance
To regroup, to re-imagine
And try again.

Even though one day
Leads into the next,
The end of a year
The end of a decade

Feels as though
A newer kind of day
Will be there for us
Tomorrow.

Make your plans
And know that
If you don't reach
Most of your goals

According to your
Timeline,
You can always
Regroup and re-imagine
And go forward.



THIS YEAR

I will make a genuine
and dedicated effort to

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DGMG PARTIED! It became a BENCHMARK AFFAIR!

But no photos from the popcorn party! Linda Burns took photos at the holiday party

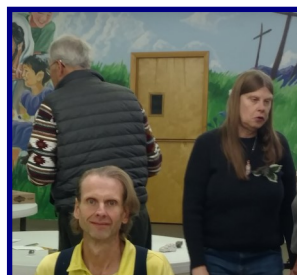


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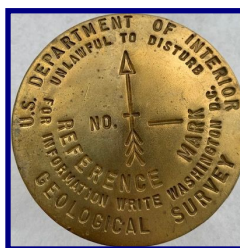


DGMG Grab Bag
Chairman Joe Walkowich
(the hat lit up!)



Kids of all ages
participated in
Susanne's rock
painting activity

Elf Pete Modreski
grading mineral
quizzes



Elf Pete awarding the prizes for the mineral quiz!
Wrapped in topographic maps were unused BENCH
MARKS! (It was SO USGS!) THANK YOU PETE!



Winning GOLD Benchmark went to Susanne Peach!



The Gore Mountain Garnet (January birthstone) Mine, NY

By Beth Simmons and Pete Modreski

The one **garnet** specimen Pete exhibited in the mineral quiz at the holiday party attracted much interest. It didn't have a **garnet** shape; but had flat parallel sides that looked like cleavage planes. But they weren't.

The **garnet** came from Gore Mountain, NY, a world famous geology site that yields the hardest **garnet** in the world, making this **garnet** extremely rare. The **garnet**-bearing rock is a metamorphosed gabbro; gabbro being an intrusive igneous rock of the same composition as basalt. But now being metamorphosed, it is composed mostly of hornblende, a black iron-rich amphibole mineral. The rock can be described as a **garnet** amphibolite, with garnet megacrysts. The **garnet** is almandine (iron-rich **garnet**) with a hardness up to 7.5. Other minerals present in the rock besides hornblende and garnet include plagioclase feldspar and hypersthene (a pyroxene mineral). The age of the gabbro is said to be about 1150 million (1.15 billion) years old, and the **garnet** crystals themselves developed slightly later, and are about 1050 million years old, about the same age range as that of the Pikes Peak batholith in Colorado.

The **garnet** crystals, with some gemmy portions, are as much as 35 cm (14 inches) in size; the largest **garnet** found to date was over a meter in diameter! The Barton **garnet** has an unusual and beautiful ruby red color that flashes in the sun. In 1969, the Governor of New York, Nelson Rockefeller, made the Barton **garnet** the New York State Gem Stone. Though large and pretty much inclusion-free, they are not of much gem value, because they are highly fractured, and crack apart into thin (few mm) slices readily along almost perpendicular fracture planes. That gives the appearance of being a mineral with perfect cleavage, but, **garnet** has no true cleavage.

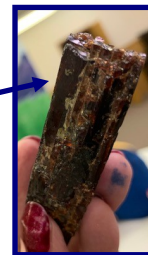
However, the pervasive fracture planes make this **garnet** a particularly good abrasive, as it fractures into smaller pieces with sharp edges and corners, which is what one would like in an abrasive (such as, for example, in use for **garnet** paper). Even though the **garnet** is slightly harder than the silica in glass, the fracturing allows **garnet** powder to be used to clean glass— even at Corning Glass Works and for telescope lenses!

Henry Hudson Barton began mining **garnet** on Gore Mountain for abrasives in 1878 (that's almost 150 years ago!), about the time Coloradoans were still in the gold phase! The Barton Mine **still** supplies most of the world's supply of **garnet** for abrasives, now working a deposit near the original quarry (see postcard).

Tours of the **Garnet** mine started in 1933, making that phase of the operation historical, also. The trained staff take groups of any size into the **garnet** mine site and lecture on the geology, mining history and present day operations. Time is given following the brief lecture for individuals to collect **garnet** rocks for rock gardens or "**garnet** gems that can be faceted" or tumbled for jewelry.

Here in Colorado, you can visit a very nice boulder of this **garnet** amphibolite from Gore Mountain along the sidewalk outside the national headquarters of the Geological Society of America, in Boulder; the address is 3300 Penrose Place (just south of the Diagonal Highway 119, between 28th St. and Foothills Parkway). Here is a picture of it!

Interested in visiting the mine? The address is 1126 Barton Mines Road P.O. Box 30, North River, NY 12856. Check out their online webpages: <https://garnetminetours.com> <https://www.barton.com/history-barton-mines-corporation>

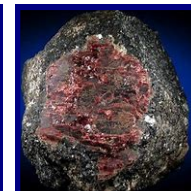


Barton Garnet Mine on Gore Mountain, Adirondacks, NY postcard, 1970, "Garnet Mine—Main source of world's supply of abrasive garnet. Barton Mines Corporation. North Creek, New York"



Henry Hudson Barton

Pictures from **Garnet** Mine Tours site, MinDat, Susanne Peach, John Betts, Pete Modreski



Calendar of Coming Events by Pete Modreski

Mon., Jan. 6, 7:00 p.m., monthly meeting of the Western Interior Paleontological Society (WIPS), “**The Cartographic Roots of Colorado**”, by Wes Brown.. At *(new meeting place for WIPS!)* in Petroleum Hall, at the Green Center, 924 16th St., Colorado School of Mines campus, Golden. All are welcome; come at 6:15 for social time & refreshments. See <https://www.westernpaleo.org/> for more info and an abstract of the presentation.

Thurs., Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m., bimonthly meeting of the Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter: “**The Pala Gem Pegmatite District, San Diego County, California**”, by Ryan Bowling. All are welcome; Berthoud Hall, Room 241, Colorado School of Mines campus, Golden.

Mon., Jan. 13, 7:00 p.m. (social time at 6:00), DREGS (Denver Region Exploration Geologists Society) monthly meeting, “**DREGS GOES TO IRELAND - The Irish Zn Pb Orefield**”, by Drs. Paul Bartos and John Dreier. Berthoud Hall room 241, CSM campus, Golden; all are welcome. See <http://www.dregs.org/index.html>.

Thurs., Jan. 16, 4:00 p.m., Van Tuyl Lecture series at CSM, **Diverse Environments of Advanced Argillic Alteration (Mineral Stabilities; Hypogene, Steam-heated, and Supergene Formation; Exploration Implications)**, by Antonio Arribas, University of Texas at El Paso. Berthoud Hall room 241; all are welcome.

Thurs., Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m., **Deciphering the timing and causes of Great Unconformity erosion: An example from Pikes Peak, Colorado**, by Rebecca Flowers, Univ. of Colorado. At the monthly meeting of the Colorado Scientific Society, Berthoud Hall *(new meeting place for CSS!)* Room 241, Colorado School of Mines campus, Golden; all are welcome; come for social time & refreshments at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. See abstract & more info at <https://coloscisoc.org/>.

Thurs., Jan. 30, 4:00 p.m., Van Tuyl Lecture series at CSM, **The Rare Earth Elements: A Tale of Plumes, Magmas and Aqueous Fluids**, by A. E. Williams-Jones, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. **Berthoud Hall room 241; all are welcome.**

Feb. 13-16, 66th Annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society (TGMS), Tucson Convention Center, Tucson, AZ. “The main show” in Tucson; other, commercial shows, in the city are open beginning January 26, 27, 28, 29, or earlier.

Thurs., Feb. 20, 7:00 p.m., **Petrologic evolution of Platoro magmatic system after the eruption of the Chiquito Peak Tuff, San Juan Volcanic Locust, Colorado**, by Amy Gilmer, US Geological Survey.

Monthly meeting of the Colorado Scientific Society, Berthoud Hall Room 241, Colorado School of Mines campus, Golden; all are welcome; social time & refreshments at 6:30, meeting at 7:00.

Fri.-Sat.-Sun., Feb. 28-Mar. 1, **Denver Gem & Mineral Guild, Jewelry, Gem, and Mineral Show**, Jefferson County Fair Grounds, 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO. Free parking & free admission; hours 10-6 Fri. & Sat., 10-5 Sun.

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For more lecture series during the year see:

Colorado Café Scientifique in Denver, monthly lectures on science topics held either at Blake Street Station or Brooklyn’s, Denver; open to the public, no charge other than refreshments you may choose to purchase; see <http://cafescicolorado.org/>.

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Calendar of Coming Events (con't)

Colorado Scientific Society (3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.), see <http://coloscisoc.org/> . Meets at Berthoud Hall Room 241, CSM campus, Golden, except when noted otherwise.

CU Geological Science Colloquium (Wednesdays, 4 p.m.)

see <http://www.colorado.edu/geologicalsciences/colloquium>

CSU Dept. of Geoscience Seminars (Fridays, 4 p.m.),

see <https://warnercnr.colostate.edu/geosciences/geosciences-seminar-series/>

Van Tuyl Lecture Series, Colorado School of Mines, (Thursdays, 4 p.m.): <https://geology.mines.edu/events-calendar/lectures/>

Denver Mining Club (Mondays, 11:30), see <http://www.denverminingclub.org/> .

Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Earth Science Colloquium series, 3:00-4:00 p.m., VIP Room unless noted, meeting dates and day of the week vary. Museum admission is not required;

see <http://www.dmns.org/science/research/earth-sciences/>

Denver Region Exploration Geologists Society (DREGS); usually 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Room 241 Berthoud Hall, CSM campus, Golden; <http://www.dregs.org/index.html>

Florissant Scientific Society (FSS); meets monthly in various Front Range locations for a lecture or field trip; meeting locations vary, normally on Sundays at noon; all interested persons are welcome to attend the meetings and trips; see <http://www.fss-co.org/> for details and schedules.

Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter, usually meets on the 2nd Thursday of odd-numbered months, 7:30 p.m., Berthoud Hall Room 241, CSM campus, Golden; see <https://friendsofmineralogycolorado.org/>.

Golden Beer Talks (2nd Tuesday, 6-8 p.m.), at the Buffalo Rose, 1119 Washington Ave., Golden. Doors open at 6; Talk begins at 6:35; Intermission – 7-7:15; Q&A/clean up 7:15-8. “Golden’s grassroots version of TED talks, Expand your mind with a beer in your hand”, <http://goldenbeertalks.org/>

Nerd Night Denver is a theater-style evening featuring usually 3 short (20-minute) TED-style talks on science or related topics; held more-or-less monthly at the Oriental Theater, 4335 W. 44th Ave., Denver; drinks are available; for ages 18+. Admission is \$6 online in advance, \$10 at the door. See <https://www.nerdnitedenver.com/> .

Rocky Mountain Map Society (RMMS; Denver Public Library, Gates Room, 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.), <http://rmmaps.org/>

Western Interior Paleontological Society (WIPS); beginning January 2020, WIPS will meet on the 1st Monday of the month, 7 p.m., in Petroleum Hall, Green Center, 924 16th St., Colorado School of Mines campus, Golden See <http://westernpaleo.org/> .

Please note: Pete has been maintaining and distributing this calendar of geologic events for many years. He is now planning to retire from the USGS. BUT he’s planning to keep the calendar going.

SAYS PETE:

“just as a personal thing to do, as a public service. I'll write to everyone on my mailing list, to ask/confirm that they all still want to receive these emails, coming from me personally and not from the USGS. If I do this rigorously, as I probably should, and ONLY keep those people on my mailing list who respond to my request to write back and confirm that they want to keep receiving emails, I'm sure that my list will shrink to probably 1/10 of what it is now. If I do it the other way, and only remove those people who write back and say "remove me from the list", then it would be the opposite, probably only 1/10 or less would be removed!”

So let Pete know if you want to be on his list!

JEWELRY, GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Gems

Books

Displays

Minerals

Sculptures

DEMOS:

Flint Knapping

Wire Wrapping

Fluorescence

Polishing

Faceting



Fossils

Geodes

Jewelry

Crystals

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DEALERS:

Over 20 Sellers

***Free
Admission!***

February 28 – March 1, 2020

Hours: 10-6 Friday & Saturday 10-5 Sunday

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

15200 W. 6th Ave. – (W. 6th Ave. & Indiana, Golden)

No food available onsite; restaurants nearby

Grab Bag Sales proceeds applied to scholarship at Colorado School of Mines

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DISPLAYING AT THE DGMG SHOW – FEBRUARY

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

THEME: “The Best of the DGMG”

Beth Simmons, exhibit chair, cloverknoll@comcast.net or 303-986-9693

Once again, we are returning to the Fairgrounds after our very successful shows there! And hope it doesn't snow all weekend. The exhibit building is huge, well lit, and gives us great opportunity to impress and sell our hobby. Let's make this the greatest show ever for exhibits, demonstrations, and information!

CALLING ALL GUILD MEMBERS!

Put in a case full of your most beautiful items! Or demonstrate your talents! Golden Diggers will have their own exhibit space and demo space on the stage. Also we will have one table of the the “Minerals that Do Things” exhibit, manned by college geology students.

DISPLAYS

We need to have at least 25 cases to fill the hall. The theme, “**The Best of the DGMG,**” allows a lot of leeway in choice of items but we'll accept displays from anywhere, collected anytime, and displays that don't adhere to the theme. We expect lots of fossils (which usually aren't pretty), some historical mining paraphernalia (which definitely is not pretty), and lots of beautiful faceted and cut stones that ARE pretty and may have been self-collected on a DGMG field trip in years past. Lots of silver work, jewelry, beading, maybe even meteorites.

Attached is a small, short form. Please fill it out and give it or email it to Beth Simmons prior to **February 10**. We can then plan where to put your **CASE(s)**. Instructions will be forthcoming to all exhibitors about setup and takedown times.

DISPLAYER:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TYPE OF DISPLAY(S)- (Circle all that apply)

Lapidary, Jewelry, Fossils, Minerals, Educational, Mining history, Ores, Other
(List details below)

HOW MANY DISPLAYS? _____ JUNIOR? _____

DO YOU NEED A COUNCIL CASE(S)? Yes NO

DEMONSTRATORS

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

TALENT TO BE DEMONSTRATED: (Circle all that apply)

Lapidary, Carving, Faceting, Wire wrapping,
Beading, Mineral identification,
Fossil identification, Fluorescent minerals

Amount of table space needed – 4 feet 8 feet
Other (open floor space)

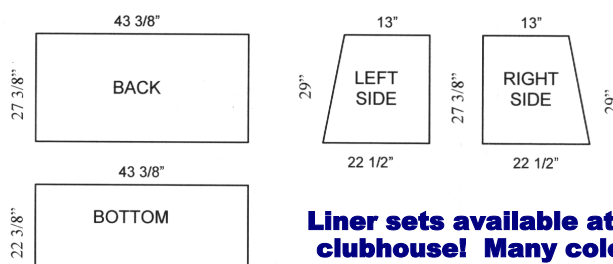
Cut this liner plan off before turning in your form!

(Unless your liners are already done, wrapped in plastic, and good to go!)

Our customary fluorescent exhibit will be in the back hall, manned by Jim Dennis and other DGMG members (volunteer!).

Bring any fluorescent specimens you wish to add to the exhibit.

The new DGMG fluorescent lights will be sure to bring out the best colors!



Liner sets available at the clubhouse! Many colors!

Typically, cardboard or plastic sign material 1/8" or 1/4" thick is used. The back liner fits in first, then the two sides (they will hold the back in place), and finally the bottom, which holds the bottom edges of the sides and back. *Allow for the thickness of your liner and fabric.*

IT'S RE-UP TIME!

You have until the end of March to Re-up your DGMG membership! But do it now! Makes it easier on the membership committee! Don't forget the waiver forms for EACH PERSON!

DENVER GEM AND MINERAL GUILD MEMBERSHIP 2020

☐ Renewal ☐ New Membership

Annual Dues:

- ☐ Individual=\$15.00
- ☐ Family=\$25.00 (Family is one or two adults, living at the address, and your children, under 18)

Primary member _____ Birthday _____
 Name _____ Month _____ Year _____
 Phone number _____ Email address _____

Spouse/Partner _____ Birthday _____
 Name _____ Month _____ Year _____
 Phone number _____ Email address _____

Anniversary Month _____

Junior Member _____ Birthday _____
 Name _____ Month _____ Year _____

Junior Member _____ Birthday _____
 Name _____ Month _____ Year _____

Junior Member _____ Birthday _____
 Name _____ Month _____ Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

☐ Check this box if you DO NOT want your name, phone number and email address included in the Members Only section of the DGMG website.

interests and Skills (check all that apply)

- Fossils
- Lapidary
- Faceting
- Jewelry
- Have a collection
- Display at shows
- Attend mineral shows
- Willing to volunteer at shows
- Field trips

☐ Mineral collector: (list favorites)

☐ Willing to share special skills with others:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Return membership form, liability form for each person, and payment to Membership Chairman at a monthly meeting or mail to:

DGMG
Membership Chairman
1420 S. Reed Street
Lakewood, CO 80232

DENVER GEM AND MINERAL GUILD

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

By signing below, I acknowledge that all activities sponsored or conducted by the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild (DGMG), a Colorado non-profit organization, may be hazardous and may result in loss, damage, or death.

With full knowledge of these dangers, and in consideration for my acceptance as a member of the DGMG and participant in any and all field trips and activities sponsored by the DGMG, and the services and amenities to be provided by the DGMG in connection therewith, I confirm that I have read the foregoing and voluntarily assume all risks of such damages and hazards occurring in connection with the activity. I hereby agree for myself, all my family, and heirs to RELEASE the DGMG and any of its trip leaders, club officers, club members, hosting property owners and claim owners, instructors, guides, or representatives from liability, claims, demands, or any causes of action.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT AND BY SIGNING IT, I AM GIVING UP MY RIGHT TO SUE OR OTHERWISE MAKE ANY CLAIM against DGMG or any of its trip leaders, club officers, club members, hosting land owners and claim owners, instructors, guides, or representatives which may arise during my participation in any and all activities of the DGMG or activities I conduct as an individual on DGMG owned or leased properties.

I intend this RELEASE OF LIABILITY to be effective whether or not any loss, damage, injury, or death RESULTS FROM NEGLIGENCE of the DGMG or any of its trip leaders, club officers, club members, hosting land owners, and claim owners, instructors, guides or representatives. I understand that negligence means failure to do an act which a reasonably careful person would do, or the doing of an act which a reasonably careful person would not do, under the same or similar circumstances to protect himself, herself, or others from injury or death.

I agree to be solely responsible for my own safety and to take every precaution to provide for my own safety and wellbeing while participating in the activities of the DGMG. Also, I understand that on DGMG trips, there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise, which may be necessary to deal with potential injuries to which I may be exposed. I understand that these risks exist and notwithstanding them, I wish to participate in DGMG activities.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT AND HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF ITS CONTENTS BEFORE I HAVE SIGNED IT. ALSO, I PLEDGE TO UPHOLD THE CODE OF ETHICS ATTACHED TO THIS RELEASE.

Printed Name (Please print legibly): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW

I am the legal guardian of the above minor and have read the above RELEASE. I hereby consent to the terms of the RELEASE on behalf of the named minor and give my consent to the participation of the above-named minor in all activities of the DGMG on the terms stated.

Signature: _____ Date: _____