

JUNE MEETING

Learn about geodes at our June 14th meeting. Howard Gordon will be joining us at our June meeting to talk about geodes, those mysterious treasures lined with crystals. His presentation on June 14th will address the three types of geodes, based on their method of formation, that typically are found in rock shops. His emphasis will be on geodes found in extrusive volcanic rocks."

The meeting is in the North Community Room at Frasier Meadows, 350 Ponca Place, Boulder, CO 80303, starting at 7:00 pm. As you enter Frasier Meadows, just ask the receptionist for directions.

JULY MEETING

Our July 12th meeting will be the **annual specimen bagging party**, where we put specimens and labels in small plastic bags for filling grab bags at the club picnic. The meeting will be at the home of Karen Manley and Fred Hall, located at 4561 47th St., Boulder, 80301 (approximately one mile north of Jay Road on 47th Street). The bagging starts at 7:00 pm and the club will provide refreshments.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trip season is in full swing, with the following trips planned for June and July. To learn more about these trips and to sign up, go to the club website at <https://flatironsmineralclub.org/events/?type=field-trips>. Once you log in, you can sign up for any of these trips. Trips suitable for children are indicated with a *.

- **JUNE 23** - *Montezuma, Colorado to collect galena and pyrite
- **JUNE 29, 30, JULY 1** - Crawford, Nebraska to collect Oligocene fossils
- **JULY 7** - *Kremmling, Colorado to collect fossils
- **JULY 21** - *Two Creeks, Colorado to collect blue barite and calcite
- **JULY 28, 29** - Como Bluffs, Wyoming to help excavate dinosaur bones
- **JULY 28, 29** - *Delaney Rim and Kemmerer, Wyoming to collect turritella agate, stromatolites, and fossil fish

JR. GEOLOGISTS

We are planning several Jr. Geologists field trips this summer. Once plans are finalized, information will be emailed to families.

For information about the Jr. Geologists program, please contact Dennis Gertenbach at gertenbach@comcast.net or 303-709-8218.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

Each year our club honors a member as our Rockhound of the Year. Members nominate candidates and one is selected based on his/her/their contributions to the club. Please consider nominating a member for this honor. The nomination form is found on the last page.

CLUB PICNIC ON AUGUST 18 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Once again, our annual club picnic will be **at the Harlow Platts Park**, located at 1340 Gillespie Ave. Boulder, CO on Saturday, August 18th, starting at 11:00 am. More details will be in the July-August newsletter.

LAPIDARY LAB SPACE NEEDED

Our club has several saws, a Genie, and other lapidary equipment. Some of this equipment is scattered in club members homes, while other equipment is in storage. Many of you have indicated an interest in learning lapidary skills and using the equipment. Ideally, a club "Lapidary Lab" would be a great place to have this equipment available to club members and to teach lapidary skills. Years ago, equipment was set up at Charlotte Morrison's house, and members could use the equipment one night a week.

To reestablish this, we need a space to set up the equipment for our members' use. If anyone has space in a garage or other building that you would be willing to let the club use for our new lapidary lab, please contact Tally O'Donnell at phantom@indra.com. The club would be willing to cover utility costs.

OTHER ROCKHOUNDING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Thanks to Pete Modreski of the USGS for providing many of these.

- **Fri.-Sat.-Sun., June 1-3, Pikes Peak Gem & Mineral Show**, sponsored by the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society at the Norris-Penrose Event Center [new location], 1045 Lower Gold Camp Road #3, Colorado Springs. Fri-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. For information, see <https://www.rockandmineralshows.com/Search/ListingDetails/pikes-peak-gem-and-mineral-show-csms/33/false/false>.
- **Sat., June 2**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., "Garage Sale" of minerals by "**O' Dark Thirty Boyz Mining**", 9661 S. Johnson St., Littleton CO 80127. "Swing by and check out some minerals and talk rocks. We will have some food, wholesale flats, tumbling rough and mineral specimens." All welcome; you may contact them at ODarkthirtyboyzmining@gmail.com or 303-903-3663.
- **June 7-10, Fairplay Contin-Tail** rock, gem, and mineral show, MiddleFork RV Resort, 255 Highway 285, Fairplay, CO; see www.facebook.com/ContinTail.
- **Tues., June 12**, WMMI (Western Museum of Mining & Industry) Speakers' Bureau Lecture, "**An Introduction to Ore Microscopy**" by Dan Kile (USGS, retired). The lecture will begin at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm). \$5 per person, free for museum members. Please RSVP to 719-488-0880 or email rsvp@wmmi.org . At 225 North Gate Blvd., Colorado Springs.
- **Thurs., June 14**, 4:00 p.m., "**History of the Creede Mining Site**", the first in a series of "**EDTalks**", in the Boettcher Room at the CSM Arthur Lakes Library (1400 Illinois Street, Golden, Colorado). Ed Raines, Collections Manager at the CSM Geology Museum and recognized expert on Colorado minerals and mining history, will present a series of talks with an in-depth look at important mining districts of Colorado focusing on their history and geology. All are welcome.
- The full schedule of talks will be:
 - **June 14, 4 p.m., History of the Creede Mining Site**
 - **June 21, 4 p.m., Geology of Creede, Colorado**
 - **August 2, 4 p.m., History of the Gilman mines**
 - **August 9, 4 p.m., Geology of Gilman, Colorado**
- **July 12-15**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily, there will be a "**Home Rock Show (Sale)**" by John Haney, 4242 Thompson Court, Denver CO. 80216 (south of I-70, east of York St. & west of Steele St.). "Rough rock, slabs, cabs, fossils, amber, turquoise, minerals, crystals, gemstone bowls & boxes, lapidary equipment & supplies; discounts for lapidary students." Contact, rockisme@comcast.net, 303-296-8268.



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2018 Ballot for FMC / RMFMS / AFMS 'Rockhound of the Year'

The club membership each year honors an active member, or husband and wife team who have substantial accomplishment during the past year in promoting and furthering the FMC goals, or the club's "Mission Statement" as outlined in the Club By-laws.

Since inception of this program in 2002, the annual FMC recipients have been: Charlotte Morrison (2002), Paul & Martha Ralston (2003), Ray & Dorothy Horton (2004), John & Jeanne Hurst (2005), Ray & Joyce Gilbert (2006), Chuck & Jan Buda (2007), Cory Olin co-tie with Hallie & Dot Cook (2008), Shaula Lee (2009), Anita Colin co-tie with Gabi Accatino (2010), Mel & Charlotte Bourg (2011), Deborah Knox (2012), Ed Raines & Silvia Pettem (2013), Mike Smith (2014), Tally O'Donnell (2015), Dennis Gertenbach in 2016 and Trick Runions in 2017.

Please list your 2018 nominee below. You can also vote by electronic means. All voting information is confidential and is tallied and is then erased or shredded by Gerry Naugle. The FMC annual winners' names are sent to the RMFMS and AFMS offices for publication in their respective publications. Note: The annual FMC winner(s) are also inducted into the "*FMC Hall of Fame*" and their name(s) are engraved onto the club's *HOF Plaque*.

Your 2018 nomination is: _____

The person (or) persons should be honored because:

Submitted by, please print _____

Please return this paper ballot to Gerry Naugle (use the letterhead address above) by July 15th **or** (easiest), you can vote by leaving a message or text to: 303-591-2830 **or** by sending an e-mail to: gnaugle@earthlink.net

Voting results will be announced and the HOF Plaque at the 2018 will be on display at the annual club picnic. The picnic will be held on **Saturday, August 18th 2018** at the **Pavilion at Harlow Platts Park**, 1496 Gillespie Drive in 80305 (for the Google maps, or for a car GPS). The picnic starts at 11:00am with filling the grab bags and then lunch.

Thanks for participating!