

ROCKS & RAILS, OUR CLUB'S SHOW – FRIDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7-9

One of the club's highlights is the annual Rocks & Rails Show at the Boulder Fairgrounds in Longmont. Our show is run in conjunction with the Boulder Model Railroad Club, so you can enjoy lots of rocks, minerals, and fossils, plus model trains in the other half of the building. The show features gem and mineral dealers, exhibits, speakers, fluorescent minerals, classes, and children's activities including games, grab bags, and the Rock R Magic Show. See the flyer to the right for more information about the show.



Volunteers Needed: We can use your help at the show. If you can spare some time, please considering volunteering in the following areas: security, set up, take down, or the kids' area. Contact Charlotte at rckhnd4252@gmail.com for more information and to let her know where you would like to help.

Club Artisan Table: One feature of our show is the Club Artisan Table. Bring your rocks, minerals, jewelry, or other rock-related items to sell at our Club Artisan Table, open only to club members. Contact Kevin at knotheis@gmail.com for more information.

HOLIDAY PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE - DECEMBER 13

To finish the year, come and join the fun at the annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 13. It is a time to exchange gifts and share snacks and stories with one another. So, bring a gift and some snacks to share with others.

One of the highlights of the evening is the annual gift exchange. Bring a wrapped \$5 to \$10 mineral-related gift. The gift exchange is great fun, with gifts exchanging hands throughout the evening. Members young and old will have a great time and you never know what gift you will go home with.

The party starts at 7:00 pm in the North Community Room at Frasier Meadows, 350 Ponca Place, Boulder, CO 80303. Just ask the receptionist for directions to the North Community Room when you come into the building.

ROCKS & RAILS

December 7-9 10am – 5pm

Adults \$5 :: Children 12 & Under Free with paid Adult

Discount 3-day admission pass available on Friday

<p style="text-align: center;">Boulder Model Railroad Club 41st Annual</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Model Railroad Exposition</h3> <p>Come one, come all, and enjoy the Boulder Model Railroad Club (BMRC) Exposition where you can see many different Scale and Toy Train Layouts for the young and old alike. The show will also have many displays of Model Train related items to both teach and entertain everyone. This includes many vendor tables where you can purchase railroad-related items just in time for the Holidays.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> bouldermodelrailroadclub.org</div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Flatirons Mineral Club 2018 Annual</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Rock & Mineral Show</h3> <p>Gem and mineral dealers, exhibits, speakers, grab bags, rocks, children's activities, kids' wheel, dig site, fossils, meteorites, tools jewelry, classes, and more! Bring your treasures for free mineral identification. Demonstrations include polishing rocks using lapidary equipment, gold panning, and silversmithing.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> flatironsmineralclub.org</div>
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ATM & Food Service Available at the Show

BOULDER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LONGMONT

MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING 9595 Nelson Road Longmont, CO 80501

Bad Weather? Call 303-591-2830 to see if we're open

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JR. GEOLOGISTS ACTIVITIES

Although the Jr. Geologists are not meeting in December, your family will enjoy two activities this month.

- The Jr. Geologists will demonstrate mineral properties in their Rocks R Magic shows on Saturday and Sunday at 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm. To sign up for one or more of these times, please contact Jacque (mahans1017@yahoo.com) and Dennis (gertenbach1@gmail.com).
- Your family can also volunteer at the kids' table, helping to run games and sell grab bags. All Jr. Geologists who help at the kids' table will receive something special; plus, volunteer parents get into the show for free. To sign up to help, please contact Char (showvol46@gmail.com).



In January, we will resume our monthly meetings on the third Wednesdays, where we will continue learning more about fossils.

ED RAINES' MINERALOGY CLASS - STARTING MARCH 4

Ed Raines is teaching his Mineralogy Class starting on March 4 at 6 pm. It will go for 10 weeks on Mondays until May 6 at the North Community Room at Frasier Meadows. The cost will be \$75 each for 10 members. (The cost for the class is \$150 each, but the club subsidizes half the cost.) Sign-ups start on December 15 on the club's website (<https://flatironsmineralclub.org/>).

You can contact Gabi Accatino (accatino@olorado.edu) if you have questions about the course.

CLUB MEETING – THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

For our January meeting, our speaker will be Bob Raynolds, Research Associate at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and Adjunct Faculty for the Geophysics Department of the Colorado School of Mines. He will reprise his 2017 talk at Mines about Colorado Stratigraphy for us.

Club meetings begin at 7:00 pm at the Frasier Meadows North Community Room, 350 Ponca Place, Boulder, CO 80303. When you enter the building, ask the receptionist for directions to the meeting room.

DUES ARE DUE

A friendly reminder that the annual dues are due on October 1, 2018. Dues are still only \$18 for one or more immediate family members. You can pay in two ways: Send a check made to "Flatirons Mineral Club" to P.O. Box 3331, Boulder, CO 80307 or pay Gerry Naugle, Treasurer, at any FMC monthly meeting.

OTHER ROCKHOUNDING EVENTS OF INTEREST - Thanks to Pete Modreski of the USGS for providing many of these.

Sat.-Sun., Dec. 1-2, Dave Bunk Minerals, annual end-of-year open house and mineral specimen sale. All are welcome: at his shop, 5695 Yukon St., Olde Town Arvada; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sat., 10-5 Sun.

Mon., Dec. 3, 2:00 p.m., WIPS (Western Interior Paleontological Society) annual auction. Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood. "All are welcome to attend; proceeds benefit grants & scholarships in paleontology; earth science books; fossils, fossil replicas, minerals, art, "you never know what you'll find";

potluck refreshments provided by our members". Doors open at 2 p.m. for setup, silent and verbal auctions take place from 3 to 5 p.m. See the flyer on the next page for more information.

Tues., Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m., Rocky Mountain Map Society, monthly meeting, **"How maps reveal (and conceal) our history"**, by Susan Schulten, University of Denver; Denver Public Library, 5th floor, Gates Room, free and open to the public.

Tues., Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Gates Planetarium, **"Cities, and a World, at Risk"**, by Dr. Bob Raynolds. Colorado Scientific Society annual President's Address; 6:30 p.m. social time, 7:00-9:00 p.m., presentation and discussion. All are welcome; no admission charge. See <http://coloscisoc.org/> for more information.

Annual Auction Fundraiser

Clements Center, 1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 9,
2018
2-5 PM

Proceeds benefit grants & scholarships
in paleontology



Join the Western Interior Paleontological Society for our annual auction!

- Earth science books donated from two large private collections
- Items donated by Triebold Paleontology, Dinosaur Brokers, PaleoBond, New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science, Museums of Western Colorado and others
- Fossils, fossil replicas, minerals, art — you never know what you'll find!
- Enjoy potluck refreshments provided by our members.
- Doors open at 2 p.m. for setup. Silent and verbal auctions take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Anyone is welcome to come, enjoy the auction and bid on items.
- To sell items (50% to seller, 50% to WIPS), you must be a WIPS member or sponsored by one.



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Questions: email our auction coordinator at deadfishman@aim.com