

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions

Club Picnic, Saturday, August 17

This year's annual picnic is on **Saturday, August 17** at Harlow Platts Park, located just south of the South Boulder Recreation Center at 1360 Gillespie Drive, Boulder, 80305. The picnic starts at 11:00 am. Folks with last names beginning with A-M are asked to bring a covered dish and folks with last names beginning with N-Z should bring a dessert. BBQ sandwiches and beverages will be provided by the club. As in past years, we will start our get together by filling grab bags and then eat lunch. Afterwards, we will present several awards.

Jr. Geologists: At the picnic, we will make a special project using fire agate and peridot.

Field Trips

We still have two more field trips planned for the year. For more information about these trips and to sign up, please log in on our club's website at <https://flatironsmineralclub.org/>.

Date	Trip Site	What to Collect	Leader
August 31	Missouri Hill	Limonite pseudomorphs, quartz crystals	Gary Rowe
October 5	Baculite Mesa	Baculites and other invertebrate fossils	Charlotte Bourg Dennis Gertenbach

Jr. Geologists Activities

- August 5 hike to see the fossil turtle tracks discovered south of Boulder this past year. To sign up, contact Dennis Gertenbach at gertenbach1@gmail.com.
- August 17 club picnic to complete a special project using fire agate and peridot.
- Help at the club table at the Denver Gem and Mineral Show, September 13-15. Contact Dennis Gertenbach at gertenbach1@gmail.com to sign up.

Boulder Creek Hometown Festival, Saturday, August 31 - Monday, September 2

The Flatirons Mineral Club will have a booth at the 2019 Boulder Creek Hometown Festival on Labor Day weekend, Saturday, August 31 through Monday, September 2. We will be giving out free rock samples, challenging visitors to try our rock-matching game, and telling people about the club and our show in December. Please consider helping us with this fun activity. Email Anita Colin at anitacolin@hotmail.com to volunteer or to get more information.

Needed: Club President for Next Year

Please keep in mind that the club needs your help in many ways and right now, we need a member to step up and replace Gabi as president of the club. The starting date is October. Please give a little of your time to FMC. Not more than six board meetings a year and most other business can be handled at home in your pajamas. Contact Gabi Accatino at accatino@colorado.edu for more information.

Denver Show Volunteers Needed, September 13-15

The Denver Show is run entirely by club volunteers! During the three days of the show, scores of volunteers are needed to sell tickets, collect tickets, sell grab bags, serve food to the other volunteers, patrol the show as "security eyes", and work at the individual club tables. This year you can even sign up for a volunteer "sampler" to work at several different jobs to find your favorite. Also, at the show our club has a table where we run games for kids and talk to visitors about our club's activities. We feature a display case with specimens we have collected at our field trips.

- To sign up to help at the show, please contact Anita Colin at anitacolin@hotmail.com.
- To help at the club table at the show, please contact Dennis Gertenbach at gertenbach1@gmail.com. **We also need specimens from field trips for the display case at our club table.** Contact Dennis if you have specimens for the display.

September Club Meeting, September 5

Our program at the meeting will be "Still Crazy (About Franklin) After All These Years" by Bob Carnein. Although mining ended in 1986, the zinc deposits of Franklin and Sterling Hill, New Jersey, continue to excite the interest of geologists, mineralogists, mineral collectors, and industrial historians, in the U.S. and worldwide. The obvious appeal of fluorescent minerals (of which the Franklin district currently boasts 98) sometimes obscures the fact that its complex geologic history has generated more than 379 minerals (72 of them first described in the district) during more than one billion years of terrestrial chemical recycling. The result is arguably one of the most diverse mineral assemblage on any planet in our solar system.

Join the Parade to Promote the Denver Gem and Mineral Show

The Denver Gem and Mineral Show is set to participate in two of the largest Denver Metro area parades this year to help promote the show to a wider audience. The first of these is the **Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Parade on August 10**, and the second one is the **Arvada Harvest Festival Parade on September 7**. Come joins us for a day of fun and help spread the word for the Denver Show! Volunteer positions for both parades range from truck+trailer driver, second driver/navigator, to walkers and wavers who will sit/stand on the trailer. The parades will each be about two to three hours long and would require walking or standing on the trailer and waving. Please fill in the form below marking which position you'd like to volunteer for and what size t-shirt you would like. For questions, you can contact the parade coordinator Iva at 720-469-2926 or iva.veselinova@gmail.com.

- [Volunteer Sign-Up for Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Parade August 10, 2019](#)
- [Volunteer Sign-Up for Arvada Harvest Festival Parade September 7, 2019](#)

Other Rockhounding Events and Activities in the Area

Here is a list of rockhounding-related activities in the area for both adults and juniors that you might be interested in. Thanks to Pete Modreski of the USGS for providing these notices.

- **Aug. 8-11, Contin-Tail rock & mineral show**, Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds, Buena Vista, CO; see www.facebook.com/ContinTail
- **Fri.-Sat., Aug. 9-10, "Caribou, 150th Anniversary, Celebrating Nederland's Mining History"**. Aug. 9, 7:00 p.m., guest speaker Silvia Pettem, "Cornwall to Caribou" at Nederland Mining Museum, 200 N. Bridge St.; Aug. 10, Nederland Community Library Foundation Booksale, live outdoor music, meet pack burros, mountain authors meet & greet, world champion rock driller demonstration, guest speaker Tom Hendricks, "Live Like a Miner" activities, Gillespie House tours and children's activities, and more.
- **Aug. 15-18, Woodland Park Rock, Gem, & Jewelry Show**, Woodland Park, CO; see <https://www.facebook.com/woodlandparkrockandgemshow/>
- **Aug. 16-18, Lake George Gem & Mineral Show**, sponsored by the Lake George Gem and Mineral Club, Lake George, CO. See <http://www.lggmclub.org/>
- **Sept. 6-15, Colorado Mineral and Fossil Fall Show**, Crowne Plaza Hotel - Airport, 15500 E. 40th Ave. Denver, CO.
- **Sept. 7-8, 1st Annual Denver "Just Minerals Event"**, Embassy Suites Hotel, 4444 N. Havana St.; wholesale and retail mineral dealers.
- **Sept. 8-16, Denver Coliseum Mineral, Fossil, and Gem Show**, Denver Coliseum; see <http://www.coliseumshow.com/>

- **Wed., Sept. 11**, 6-9 p.m., **Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum Annual Open House**, to showcase new exhibits for the opening of the Denver Gem and Mineral Show. 1310 Maple St., Golden CO; all are invited. Campus parking is free after 5 p.m.
- **Sept. 11-14, Denver Fine Mineral Show**, Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd.; see <http://finemineralshow.com/denver/>
- **Thurs., Sept. 19**, 5:30 p.m., **Colorado Scientific Society** hosts an evening of short oral talks and poster presentations; all are welcome. At the Arbor House, Maple Grove Park, 14600 W. 32nd Ave., Golden (Applewood area). Social time, refreshments, and poster viewing, 5:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m., oral presentations (4 15-minute talks).
- **Sat.-Sun., Oct. 5-6**, the Colorado Scientific Society will host a weekend field trip, **“Geology and Geoheritage of the Florissant-Cañon City-Florence area”**. It will include Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument; Skyline Drive by Cañon City; Royal Gorge; the Florence coal, oil, and gas basin; the Cope-Marsh quarries at Garden Park; and the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine. You must be a CSS member to take part, but anyone may join the Society if they wish to go on the trip; see <http://coloscisoc.org/>.