

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions

Club Meeting - Thursday, October 10

At our October club meeting, **Beth Simmons** will tell us about the **iron furnace on Marshall Mesa**. It's hard to believe that there was iron mining and smelting right here in Boulder County. Come to the meeting to learn about this interesting part of our history.

Also, in October we **elect the club officers and Board directors**. These offices are listed on page 18 of the last club newsletter. Consider volunteering to help the operation of the club. For more information about the duties of these officers or to volunteer to serve on the Board for the next year, please contact Gabi at accatino@colorado.edu.

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.

Annual Towel Show - Tuesday, November 12

If you're new to the club, you're probably asking yourself, "What is a Towel Show?" Each year, members bring specimens they have collected, as well as lapidary and jewelry work they have completed, to show the other club members. The specimens are displayed on a towel, hence "The Towel Show".

Prizes are awarded to both adults and juniors in the following categories: personal field trip, club field trip, lapidary/jewelry, best mineral, best fossil, best ugly rock, and even best towel. Everyone votes for their favorites. So, pick out some of your best specimens in as many categories as you like, make labels for them, and bring them to display on your towel.

The Towel Show will start at 7:00 pm in the **Left Hand Grange in Niwot** (195 2nd Avenue, Niwot, 80544). If you are bringing items to show, plan to arrive 10 minutes early to set up your display. Also, bring some snacks to share with everyone.

Rocks & Rails, the Annual Club Show - December 13-15

Every December the Flatirons Mineral Club teams up with the Boulder Model Railroad Club to bring a weekend of rocks, minerals, and model trains to the community! Sounds crazy but it works. Come and enjoy the show, where you can see and purchase beautiful specimens, and enjoy member displays, kid's activities, and model trains. **And, volunteers make it happen!** More details will be in the November newsletter. So, mark the dates on your calendars and come join the fun.

Jr. Geologists Meetings - Wednesdays, October 16 and November 20

We kick off the monthly meetings this month, with lots of fun activities as we earn badges on different earth science subjects. We will have a mineral to identify each month, plus will begin polishing rocks in the rock tumbler again this year.

Lapidary: We are scheduling special weekend times for the Jr. Geologists to cut and polish rocks using the club's lapidary equipment. Details will be emailed to the Jr. Geologists families.

The Jr. Geologists program is open to all Flatirons Mineral Club families. Meetings start at 6:30 at the Meadows Branch Library at 4800 Baseline Rd, Boulder, CO 80303 (behind the Kaiser Permanente

medical offices). For information about the Jr. Geologists program, please contact Dennis at gertenbach1@gmail.com or 303-709-8218.

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.

- **Tuesday, October 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Western Museum of Mining and Industry Speakers' Bureau Lecture: **Cripple Creek's Cresson Mine: The Untold Stories**, by Ben Elick. WMMI, 225 North Gate Rd., Colorado Springs. \$5 per person, free to museum members. RSVP to 718-488-0880 or rsvp@wmmi.org; to book in advance at <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/wmmi/items/108438/calendar/?flow=41147>.
- **Saturday, October 12**, the Colorado School of Mines will host the Mines Museum Spooktacular. This is a free family activity and children are encouraged to wear costumes. More information is to the right.
- **Tuesday, October 15**, Donald Sweetkind, Geologist at the USGS, will speak about **From Uravan to Rulison: Tales from Colorado's Nuclear Past** as part of the "Golden Beer Talks" at the Buffalo Rose, 1119 Washington Ave., Golden. Doors open at 6; Talk begins at 6:35 with Q&A afterwards.
- **Saturday, October 19, 9 am–3 pm, "Girl Scout Day" at Dinosaur Ridge.** All Girl Scouts, friends, and family are invited as well as non-scouts. Representatives from local STEM-focused organizations will lead hands-on activities for Girl Scouts and work toward earning badges! For more information, see <http://dinoridge.org/girl-scout-day/>.
- **Saturday, October 19, noon-3:30 pm, Littleton Gem & Mineral Club Silent & Verbal Auction,** Heritage United Methodist Church, 7077 S. Simms Street, Littleton, CO 80127-3241. Seller set up starts at 11 AM, Silent auction starts at Noon, Verbal auction starts at 1 pm, Checkout starts at 3:30 pm. Bring your minerals, gems, jewelry, fossils, books, and equipment to sell. Club retains 20% commission. Non-club members are limited to 2 flats. Payment is by cash or check. Email Lesley Sebol at Lesleysebol@gmail.com for more information.
- **Friday-Sunday, November 15-17, Denver Area Mineral Dealers Annual Show** to be held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. See below for more information.



Annual Gem & Mineral Show
November 15-17, 2019
Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Halls
15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM, Sun. 11 AM - 4 PM

Public
Welcome!

Gems, Jewelry, Carvings, Books
Minerals, Fossils, Lapidary

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| Artisan Jade | Lithos/Lithographic |
| Black Stone Lapidary | Mineral Stope |
| Bright Star Gemstones | Morocco's Fossils |
| Buckskin Booksellers | Moss Rock Shop |
| Costigan's Minerals West | ORCA Gems |
| Cut Edge Gems | O'Dark Thirty Boyz |
| D & J Rare Gems | Phantom Minerals |
| Dan's Used Rocks | Pinnacle 5 Minerals |
| Earthstones-The Solitaire | Porter Minerals International |
| G & C Creations | Prospector's Choice |
| Hands of Spirit | riverun Designs |
| Jensen Meteorites | Rocky Mtn. Mining |
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