

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions

June and July, 2020

With the safer-at-home guidelines in effect for Colorado, all club activities for June and July have been either postponed or cancelled. We hope that the pandemic subsides later this summer and we can resume our activities, even on a limited basis. Watch your email for updates on future activities.

Club Meetings

Thursday, June 11, will be our second online meeting on Zoom. This month is a **Member Collage**, where club members give short presentations on a subject of interest. Here is what we have so far:

- Trick Runions will talk about his discovery of *Vaderlimulus tricki*, a fossil horseshoe crab named after him.
- Dennis Gertenbach's presentation will be on the crinoids from McCoy.

We still have space for one or two more members to give a 10- to 15-minute presentation at the meeting. Contact Jean at jporr@mindspring.com about presenting at the meeting. An invitation to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to everyone the day before the meeting.

If you missed our meeting in May, you can catch Beth Simmons' presentation about iron production in Boulder County at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LC0ByMOH2CM&feature=emb_logo&fbclid=IwAR1x_Xwg2ckhiUhxRJz1jklO4lcHvdlA5D1JnPRLMPnft9IEmAcT-7yqHg0.

Field Trips

At this time, no field trips are planned for the next two months. Once the social distancing guidelines are relaxed, field trip dates will be announced.

Jr. Geologists Activities

The juniors met online using Zoom this past month, and another meeting is being planned. Details will be sent to the Jr. Geologists families.

Also, each week, the Jr. Geologists are sent a picture of the **Mystery Mineral of the Week** to identify. From the picture of the specimen, plus using additional clues, juniors need to identify the mineral to have their name entered into a drawing for the specimen. If they also send something interesting about the mineral, their name is entered a second time. Watch your emails each Thursday for the Mystery Mineral of the Week.

Annual Club Picnic

At this time, the annual picnic is still on for **Saturday, August 15** at Harlow Platts Park, the same place as the last several years. The park is 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. Afterward lunch, we will present several awards, including our Rockhound of the Year.

An update on the picnic will be in the July-August newsletter.

Field Trip Coordinator Needed

The field trip coordinator schedules field trips for club members during the warm weather months. This person works with other club members to identify new locations for trips and trip leaders to lead them. The field trip coordinator is also a club Board member.

Please consider volunteering for this position. Gabi has agreed to help the field trip coordinator with this job. Plus, other Board members are more than willing to assist you. To learn more about the requirements, please contact Gabi at accatino@colorado.edu or Brian at earthextractions@gmail.com.

Write an Article for the Club Newsletter

One of the best features in each club newsletter are articles and other contributions by club members. Club members have a wide range of interests in earth science and rockhounding and are willing to share their interests with other members through articles, photos, poetry, and artwork.

Consider submitting an article, photo, poetry, or artwork for July's newsletter. We are looking for items from all age groups, including adults and Jr. Geologists. You can send your newsletter contribution to Dennis at gertenbach1@gmail.com. If you need help with your contribution, please contact Dennis. **Deadline is June 26.**

Other Rockhounding Events and Activities in the Area

Here are other rockhounding-related activities for both adults and juniors that you might be interested in. Thanks to Pete Modreski of the USGS for providing many of these notices.

As of now, here is the status of these summer activities. If you plan to attend any of these, please check their websites for the latest updates before you go.

- **Thursday-Sunday, July 23-26**, is the **Fairplay Contin-Tail Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show** at Fairplay River Park. For details about the show and a map to the location, please see <https://www.rockandmineralshows.com/Search/ListingDetails/fairplay-gem-mineral-jewelry-show/990/false/false>.
- **Thursday-Sunday, August 6-9**, is the 2020 **Buena Vista Contin-Tail** outdoor gem and mineral show at Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds. This is Colorado's longtime famous and best attended tent and tailgate rock swap and show. Details at <https://bvrockshow.com/>.
- **Friday-Sunday, August 14-16**, the **Lake George Gem and Mineral Show** is **CANCELLED**
- **Thursday-Sunday, August 15-18**, is the **Woodland Park Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show**. Information can be found at http://woodlandparkrockandgemshow.com/?page_id=140.