

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions

August and September, 2020

With the current safer-at-home guidelines in effect for Colorado, many club activities for August and September have been canceled. Watch your email for updates on future activities.

Annual Club Picnic - canceled

Our club picnic, scheduled for August 15, has been canceled. Boulder Parks and Recreation has canceled all group permits through the rest of the year. Our reservation was successfully transferred to Saturday, August 22, 2021, at the Harlow Platts Park pavilion starting at 11:00 am.

Club Meeting

Thursday, September 10. We will continue our online meetings with a video of the Sweet Home Mine, near Alma, Colorado. The Sweet Home Mine is world-famous for its beautiful red rhodochrosite crystals, sought by mineral collectors throughout the world. The video explains how the mine was developed to extract these magnificent specimens. An invitation to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to everyone the day before the meeting. To quote Gerry Naugle, the video presenter: "Must see TV for all Colorado mineral enthusiasts."



Field Trips

At this time, only the rescheduled **North Table Mountain trip on Saturday, August 29**, is planned. However, the status of this trip is up in the air right now with the current restrictions. All who are signed up for the trip will be notified if the trip will happen.

Once the social distancing guidelines are relaxed, we hope to schedule additional club field trips.

Jr. Geologists Activities

The Jr. Geologists will have a **field trip to collect quartz crystals** at a private ranch on **Sunday, August 9**. The trip is limited to 20 kids; contact Dennis at gertenbach1@gmail.com to sign up.

We continue with the **Mystery Mineral of the Week** activity, with a photo of a mineral specimen sent to the Jr. Geologists families for the juniors to identify. From the picture of the specimen, plus using additional clues, the 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 email each Thursday for the Mystery Mineral of the Week.

Denver Gem and Mineral Show - canceled

Unfortunately, the Denver Gem and Mineral Show in September is another victim of the COVID-19 virus.

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. All contributors will receive a nice wulfenite specimen like the ones shown in the photo. If you need help with your contribution, please contact Dennis. **Deadline is August 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, August 6-9**, the 2020 **Buena Vista Contin-Tail** outdoor gem and mineral show is **CANCELED**.
- **Friday-Sunday, August 14-16**, the **Lake George Gem and Mineral Show** is **CANCELED**
- **Thursday-Sunday, August 15-18**, the **Woodland Park Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show** is **CANCELED**
- **Saturday, August 29**, is the rescheduled Dinosaur Ridge Boy Scout Day. The event will be from 9 am to 3 pm at the Visitors Center, which is located at 16831 W. Alameda Pkwy in Morrison, just east of the Hogback. See <https://dinoridge.org/>.
- **September 11-19** is the Fall Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show at the Hotel Crowne Plaza, DIA Hotel and Convention Center, 15500 E 40th Ave Denver, CO 80239. See the information to the right and their website at <https://www.coloradomineralandfossilshows.com/colorado-mineral-and-fossil-shows-2020.html>.

A promotional poster for the Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show. The top half is green with the word "COLORADO" in large, bold, black letters. Below it, "Mineral and Fossil Show" is written in a smaller font, followed by "SEPTEMBER 11-19, 2020". A purple flower icon is in the top right corner. The bottom half is orange and features a photograph of a fossilized ammonite shell. Text on the right side lists "Retail . Wholesale Minerals . Fossils Meteorites Handmade Jewelry and MORE!". At the bottom, "FRMGMPROMOTIONS" is written in small letters, and "FORWARD!" is written in large, bold, black letters.