

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions

December 2021 and January 2022

Rocks & Rails Show - December 10-12

Rocks & Rails, the club's annual Gem and Mineral Show, is on December 10-12 at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont, 10 am to 5 pm each day. Adult admission is \$8 and children 12 and under are free with a paid adult. 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. Lots of great rocks, minerals, and fossils to see, plus you can purchase special gifts for your friends and families (and maybe something for you, too).

Volunteer at the Show

This Show runs with VOLUNTEERS. We need help from set-up on Wednesday morning until breakdown on Sunday night. This is your club and we need your help to put on the show. From kids to grandparents, we need you all! **Volunteers get into the show for free all weekend!**

- Help is needed for SECURITY and in the KIDS CORNER, perhaps running a game, selling grab bags, or chatting about the club with visitors.
- Four or five people are needed to help with show setup on Wednesday, December 8 from 10 am until about 2 pm. We will be setting up tables, chairs and electrical cables, so this is mildly physical labor.
- We also need another 5 to 6 people on Sunday evening December 12 from 5:30 until around 8 pm to help undo what we put together on Wednesday.



**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP
AT THE ROCKS 'N RAILS SHOW
THIS YEAR.**

Contact Char Bourg at
showvol46@gmail.com
for information about the
areas where we need help.

Contact Charlotte at showvol46@gmail.com to sign to help with any of these jobs. Everyone's help is needed to make the show successful.

Display Your Best

The display cases are always a great hit with the public and help to interest people in joining our club. We still have cases available for you to showcase your rocks, minerals, fossils, and lapidary work. To reserve a display case, please contact Dennis Gertenbach at gertenbach1@gmail.com.

Club Artisan Sale Table

This year we are continuing the opportunity for club members who are not dealers to sell their own creations or rock collections at our December show in Longmont. This can include bulk rocks, slabs, jewelry, and other rockhounding items. If you would like to join this endeavor, please contact Andrew MacGregor at andrew.d.macgregor@gmail.com for more information and to reserve your place.

Holiday Party and Gift Exchange – Tuesday, December 14

To finish the year, come and join the fun at our annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 14. It's 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 will go home with you.

The party starts at 7:00 pm at Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place in Boulder (right across the street from Frasier Meadows, our previous meeting place). Enter the building from the south side.

January Club Meeting - Tuesday, January 11

Our January club speaker is our own president, Brian Walko, who will talk about **Fluorescent Mineral Collecting in the Socorro, NM Area**. Last year, Brian put together a five-day trip, exploring some of the more notable historic mines in the Socorro/Magdalena, New Mexico area. The schedule included the Blanchard, the Desert Rose, the Nitt, the Graphic, and the Kelly Mines to collect fluorescent minerals from this world-renowned area. Brian will talk about his adventure, with beautiful photographs of the area and the fluorescent minerals they found.

Club meetings start at 7:00 pm at the Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place in Boulder (right across the street from Frasier Meadows, our previous meeting place). Enter the building from the south side.

Jr. Geologists Activities

Our December activity is the Rocks & Rails Show on December 10-12. In addition to coming to and enjoying the show, there are other opportunities for your family to participate. These include:

- Helping to run games and selling grab bags
- Putting together a display case for the public to enjoy.
- Demonstrating special rocks and minerals at one of the Jr. Geologists' fabulous Rock R Magic Shows, held several times on Saturday and Sunday.

Contact Dennis at gertenbach1@gmail.com to sign up. If you volunteer for the show, you get in free!

Gemstones will be the program for our January meeting on Wednesday, January 19, starting at 6:30. We are meeting at the Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place in Boulder. Come in the west doors from the parking lot.

If your family would like to join the Jr. Geologists and you are not on our email list, please contact Dennis at to have your name added.

2022 Dues are Due!

Dues are still only \$18 per household. You can pay in two ways:

- Pay Gerry Naugle, Treasurer and Membership Chair, at any FMC monthly meeting.
- Send a check made to "Flatirons Mineral Club" to P.O. Box 3331, Boulder, CO, 80307. Please do not send cash in the mail.

Other Rockhounding Events and Activities in the Area

Here is one other activity of interest to rockhounds of all ages.

- **Saturday, December 4**, beginning at 3 pm, the **Western Interior Paleontological Society** will hold their **Annual Auction Fundraiser** at Clements Center, 1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood (1 block NW of Wadsworth and W. Colfax). Bid on earth science books, fossils, fossil replicas, minerals, art, and much more. Enjoy potluck refreshments provided by our members. Proceeds benefit WIPS grants and scholarships for research and education in paleontology. Anyone is welcome to bid, buy, or donate (100% to WIPS). Must be a WIPS member to choose to be a seller/donor at 50% to WIPS, 50% to seller. Masks required. Paleo-themed holiday attire encouraged. Questions to Dan Winester at deadfishrman@gmail.com.



Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Proceeds benefit grants
& scholarships in
paleontology

*Find your dream fossil!
Or become Santa for your favorite fossilophile!*

Annual Auction Fundraiser
Clements Center, 1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood
(1 block NW of Wadsworth and W. Colfax)

- Great family fun for all!
- Fossils, replicas, minerals, art—you never know what you'll find!
- Enjoy potluck refreshments.
- Doors open at 2 p.m. for set up. Silent auction begins at 3 p.m. Verbal auction at 4 p.m.
- To sell items (50% to seller, 50% to WIPS), you must be a WIPS member. Non-member sales are 100% donation.
- **Masks are required at the event.**

*Anyone is welcome to come, enjoy the auction and bid on items!
Dress to express your paleo-holiday spirit!*

Questions? Email deadfishrman@gmail.com



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