

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions

April and May 2022

Silent Auction - Tuesday, April 12

After two years, our club's silent auction will be back on Tuesday, April 12, starting at 7:00 pm. This year's auction will be at Mountain View United Methodist Church (355 Ponca Place in Boulder), where we are holding our monthly club meetings. The auction will be in Barker Hall in the basement of the church, which will give us lots of room for auction items. Park in the lot at the west side of the church, come in the main entrance and follow the signs down the stairs to the meeting room.

Over the past several years, the club has received several outstanding collections. Many of these items will be available at the auction, including fabulous minerals, fossils, and lapidary material. There will also be rockhounding books and tools to bid on.

A flyer with more information about the auction is at the end of this email blast. Please print and distribute the flyer to others who might be interested in coming to our auction.

Come to the auction and find those special specimens, books, or tools that you have been looking for. We can accept cash or check, but are unable to accept credit cards. If you like, please bring finger food to share.

Sellers: We welcome your rockhounding items to sell at the auction. You can designate 20%, 50%, or 100% of the sale to go to the club. Bid slips are at the end of this email blast. It is suggested that you print the number of bid slips you need and fill them out beforehand. You can email Gerry Naugle before the auction to get a seller-buyer number to put on your bid slips. The doors open at 6:05 to set up your items.



May Club Meeting - Tuesday, May 10

Dinosaurs, Crocodiles, and Turtles in Boulder County?



In 2016, animal tracks were discovered in the Upper Cretaceous Laramie Formation near the town of Marshall in an area of collapsed coal mines. This turned out to be the largest and most diverse tracksite in Boulder County, containing theropod and hadrosaur dinosaurs, crocodile, and turtle tracks and traces. Sue Hirschfeld and Beth Simmons will illustrate and discuss the tracks found and the coal mining history of the Marshall area.

Club meetings start at 7:00 pm at the Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place in Boulder. Enter the building from the south side.

Field Trips

A number of club field trips are in the planning stages, including trips to Six Mile Fold, Dinosaur Ridge, Capital Prize Gold Mine, Midnight Express Claim for fluorite and other minerals, gold panning near Ward, Hartsel barite, and Florissant fossils. Watch your email for details about club field trips as plans are finalized.



Jr. Geologists Activities

We have several activities planned for the Jr. Geologists during the next two months.

Jr. Geologists Meetings

We will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place in Boulder. Our next two meetings will be on April 20 and May 18. We will continue to work on badges, with separate programs for elementary school members and the older GeoExplorers. Watch you emails for information about these and other upcoming Jr. Geologists programs.

Tour of Fossil Preparation Lab

Tom Caggiano, the owner of Lost World Fossils, has invited GeoExplorers (middle and high school members) for a special tour of his fossil cleaning and preparation laboratory in Berthoud, Colorado, at 10 am on **Saturday, April 16**. During the tour, Tom will show us some of the techniques he uses to clean fossils that he sells. **There is room for only 6 GeoExplorers, plus parents, on the tour.** Sign up will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact me (gertenbach1@gmail.com) to sign up for the tour.

If your family would like to join the Jr. Geologists and you are not on our email list, please contact Dennis at gertenbach1@gmail.com to have your name added.

Other Rockhounding Events and Activities in the Area

Here are other activities of interest to rockhounds of all ages.

- **Friday, April 8**, at 7 pm. The **Denver Gem & Mineral Guild** is featuring our club president, **Brian Walko**, talking about **Fluorescent Minerals**. Brian will discuss mineral properties related to fluorescent lighting at an in-person meeting in Wheatridge. They are also planning to simulcast the presentation on Zoom. See the website for updates and the Zoom link: <https://denvergem.org>.
- **Friday-Sunday, April 8-10** is the **Colorado Mineral and Fossil Spring Show** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, 15500 E. 40th Ave., Denver CO. Many mineral, gem, and fossil dealers; no admission charge. Sponsored by RMGM Promotions. See <https://happeningnext.com/event/colorado-mineral-and-fossil-spring-show-april-8-10-2022-eid4sntquodoa1> for more information.



- **Tuesday, April 12**, at 4 pm is the **Western Museum of Mining & Industry** talk by Troy Zellers, taking an in depth look at The Wilfley Company. The invention of the Wilfley Table revolutionized gold mining, allowing much greater gold recovery from ores. Admission is free to Museum members and just \$5 per person for the general public. See <https://wmmi.org/education/> for details.
- **April 30 to May 7** is a **Book Sale** at the **Western Museum of Mining & Industry**. For more information, see <https://wmmi.org/>.
- **Saturday, May 7**, noon to 4:30. The **Colorado Mineral Society** is holding their **Silent and Verbal Auction** in Wheat Ridge. There will be a great selection of minerals, fossils, lapidary materials, books, and equipment. See <http://www.coloradomineralsociety.org/> and the flyer below for more information.
- **Now Open - Jurassic World: The Exhibition**. Get closer to dinosaurs than ever before at Jurassic World: The Exhibition. The Exhibition immerses audiences of all ages in scenes inspired by the beloved film. Now, the park that was only a promise comes to life. Discover the science of Jurassic World. Walk in the land of Jurassic giants. Come face to face with life-size dinosaurs. See <https://jurassicworldexhibition.com/> for more information.



Colorado Mineral Society's Silent and Verbal Auction Saturday May 7, 2022

Minerals, fossils, faceted stones, lapidary equipment and materials, books, jewelry, and fluorescent minerals

- Door prizes every half hour, raffle at 3:15pm
- Verbal auction at 1:00pm of museum quality specimens donated by supporters
- Special direct sale area of rocks and minerals, including bulk material, will occur during the auction; buy and carry home! Cash only
- One or more auction tables reserved for only children to bid on
- Special fluorescent minerals room
- Free parking and easy handicap access
- Limited refreshments so, if needed, bring your lunch
- Cash, Check, and Credit Card will all be accepted at the auction

NEW LOCATION:

**Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church,
7530 W. 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge CO.**

Directions: from Wadsworth head east on 38th to first street (Vance St). Turn right onto Vance St; parking is behind the building or on Vance St.

Time:

12:00pm to 4:30pm
Checkout will begin at 3:30pm

*****A special invitation is extended to non-CMS members to participate as sellers and buyers*****

Sellers Setup:

Starts at 11:00am (must go through check in desk, so arrive early)

Note for sellers: BID SLIPS MUST BE FILLED OUT PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE AUCTION!

Limit of sales to three flats of materials. Sellers can get copies of bidding slips on our club website:

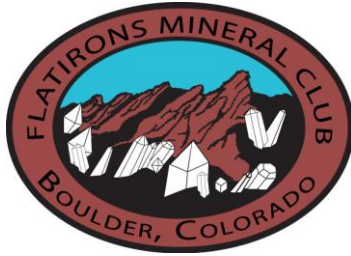
http://www.coloradomineralsociety.org/Silent_Auction_Bid_Slip.pdf

Contact Leslie Osgood, for a bidder number and/or seller letter, preferably by email at jandlosgood@gmail.com or at 303-986-4488 (leave a message and she will call you back)

General questions about the auction should be directed to Lesley Sebol by email at: lesleysebol@gmail.com

www.coloradomineralsociety.org





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**2022 Annual Silent Auction, starts at 7:00pm on
Tuesday, April 12th**

Seller's set-up starts at 6:05pm

**Mountain View Church, 355 Ponca Place in East
Boulder (in 80303) in the downstairs Barker Hall
Room (*it is the huge A-Frame looking church with south
facing solar-panels, located just west of the Frasier
Healthcare*)**

Minerals, Crystals, Fossils and Lapidary

Bring items to sell.....or just come to browse!

Sellers: Suggest to e-mail Gerry Naugle ahead of time to get a seller-buyer number, *then you can pre-fill your seller slips.*

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See us on our website, at:

<https://flatironsmineralclub.org>

