

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions August and September 2022

Annual Club Picnic - Saturday, August 20

This year's annual picnic is at Harlow Platts Park, the same place as previous picnics. The main pavillion 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. Roll-up sandwiches and beverages will be provided by the club.

At the picnic, we will honor our Rockhounds of the Year, plus hand out awards for writing newsletter articles.



The Flatirons Mineral Club Rockhound of the Year plaque.

Gold placer Field Trip – Saturday, August 13

This trip is for people interested in learning the science and art of gold placer mining. Miners can keep all gold collected.

You can find more details and sign up for these trips at the club website at <https://flatironsmineralclub.org/>. Click "Member Login" and sign in, then go to "Field Trips". From there, you can select the field trips you would like to join.

Denver Show Volunteers Needed

This year's Denver Gem & Mineral Show will be **September 8-11** at the Colorado Convention Center, with the theme of "**Collecting Colorado.**" The show needs volunteers to make this year's show a success. Jobs include selling grab bags, pins, and posters; helping to set up before the show or tear down after the show; or volunteering to "work anywhere."

By volunteering, you will get into the show for free and have your parking fees/bus expenses reimbursed. To find out more or sign up to volunteer, please contact Anita at anitacolin@hotmail.com.

Club Meeting Featuring Ed Raines – Tuesday, September 27

We have added a special club meeting in September featuring Ed Raines talking about "**The Coming of Age of Hydraulic Processes.**" Come and learn about how this technique has been used to recover gas and oil from the Niobrara Formation in the Denver Basin.

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.

Jr. Geologists Activities

We are planning several Jr. Geologists activities for the next two months. As more activities are planned, information will be emailed to the Jr. Geologists families.

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 for rockhounds of all ages.

- **Saturday, August 6**, is the **Western Saloon Night Fundraiser** for the **Western Museum of Mining and Industry** in Colorado Springs starting at 6 pm. For more information, see <https://wmmi.org/news-events/western-saloon-night-fundraiser.html>
- **Thursday-Sunday, August 11-14**, is the annual **Buena Vista Contin-Tail Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show** at the Buena Vista rodeo grounds. The show runs from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. For more information, see <https://bvrockshow.com/>
- **Thursday-Sunday, August 18-21**, is the **Woodland Park Gem and Show** at the Ute Pass Saddle Club Grounds from 9-5 each day. No admission is charged. See <http://woodlandparkrockandgemshow.com/>.
- **Friday-Sunday, August 19-21**, is the **Lake George Gem & Mineral Show**, featuring over 30 vendors. The show runs 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily. See <https://www.lggmclub.org/>.
- **Saturday, August 20**, is **Family Days** at the **Western Museum of Mining and Industry** in Colorado Springs. The day features hay rides, blacksmithing, gold panning, machinery demos, and more. See <https://wmmi.org/plan-your-visit/exhibits.html>
- **Wednesday, August 31**. **Dinosaur Ridge** will have **Behind-the-Scenes Collections Tours at three Colorado museums**: Dinosaur Ridge Discovery Center, Morrison Natural History Museum, and Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Experts at each site will lead special behind-the-scenes tours. See <https://dinoridge.org/programs-and-events/travel-and-field-programs/>
- **Thursday-Sunday, September 8-11**, is the **Denver Gem & Mineral Show** at the Convention Center. Information about the show is at <https://www.denvermineralshow.com/>.
- **Friday, September 9**, will be the **Mines Museum Open House** from 6-9 pm. Meet with other rock, mineral, and fossil lovers and see the new exhibits, while enjoying appetizers and drinks. See <https://www.mines.edu/museumofearthscience/> for the location of the Mines Museum on the CSM campus in Golden.
- **Saturday and Sunday, September 24-25**, is the **Grand Junction Gem & Mineral Show** at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. Saturday, from 9-6 and Sunday from 10-4. Admission is \$5. See <http://www.grandjunctionrockclub.org/shows/> for more information.