

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions

December 2022 and January 2023

Rocks & Rails Show - December 9-11

Rocks & Rails, the club's annual Gem and Mineral Show, is on December 9 through 11 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 Rocks 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 in the KID'S AREA running a game, selling grab bags, or chatting about the club with visitors. We need the most help on Saturday for the 2:00-3:30 and 3:30-5:00 shifts. Help is also needed on Sunday for the 11:00-12:30 and 3:30-5:00 shifts. This is great fun for all ages!
- We need folks for SECURITY on Friday in the afternoon, Saturday in the afternoon, and Sunday in the morning.
- And, we can always use more people to help with show setup on Wednesday (December 7) from 10 am until about 2 pm and tear down on Sunday (December 11) 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.

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. There is still 10 linear feet of Artisan Table space available at \$6/ft. To reserve, email andrew.d.macgregor@gmail.com.

Display Cases

The display cases are always a great hit with the public and help to interest people in joining our club. We now have volunteers to fill all eight cases, displaying their rocks, minerals, fossils, and lapidary work. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to fill a case.

Holiday Party and Gift Exchange – Tuesday, December 20

To finish the year, come and join the fun at our annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 20. 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 in Barker Hall at Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place in Boulder. Enter the building from the parking lot on the west side.

January Club Meeting - Tuesday, January 10

Our speaker for our January meeting is Dr. Dennis Gertenbach, who will talk about **Lithium: Where Does It Comes From?** Today's society is dependent on lithium, a light metal that is found in everything from our cell phones, laptops, tablets, and other portable electronics to our electric cars. But, how is lithium produced? What countries produce lithium? And, how are lithium batteries made? Come to the meeting and found out.

Club meetings start at 7:00 pm in Barker Hall at the Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place in Boulder. Enter the building from the parking lot on the west side.

Jr. Geologists Activities

Our December activity is the Rocks & Rails Show on December 9-11. 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 Rocks 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!**

Fossils will be the program for our January meeting on Wednesday, January 18, starting at 6:30. We are meeting in Barker Hall 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.



2023 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.

Consider Helping as a Club Officer

The success of the Flatirons Mineral Club is due to many volunteers. Most important are our club officers who are responsible for the operation of our club. Consider serving as an officer this year. Your talents and expertise will continue to make the Flatirons Mineral Club one of the best in Colorado.

Here are the offices that are elected each year by the club membership. If you are interested in learning more about any of these, please contact Brian Walko at earthextractions@gmail.com or 303-931-4283.

President: The president is the leader of the club, presiding over the Board and monthly club meetings. This person is responsible for overseeing the administrative responsibilities of the club.

First Vice President: This person is responsible for our monthly club meetings, including arranging for speakers, the annual silent auction, and the towel show. The First Vice President steps in when the President is absent.

Second Vice President: The Second Vice President is responsible for club field trips, including finding trip leaders and scheduling trips.

Show Chair: This person is in charge of the annual club show.

Secretary: The secretary takes minutes at Board meetings and is responsible for club correspondence.

Treasurer: As the name implies, the treasurer is responsible for the finances of the club, including maintaining bank accounts and paying bills.

Board Member (2-year term): Board members provide guidance for the club, help the officers with their duties, and fulfill other club needs.

Other Rockhounding Events and Activities in the Area

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

- **Saturday, December 3**, beginning at 2:30 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. Paleo-themed holiday attire encouraged. Questions to Dan Winester at deadfishman@gmail.com.

Get ready for the WIPS 
Annual Auction!
Fundraiser for grants & scholarships
Saturday, December 3, 2022
2:30 to 5:00 p.m. (See full details below)

Everyone welcome to bid on or donate items at 100% to WIPS.
Members only may choose to sell with 50% of proceeds to WIPS.
Email Dan Winester at deadfishman@gmail.com in advance for donor/seller/bidder number.
POTLUCK EVENT: Enjoy a great selection of food from WIPS members.

- Beautiful crinoid plate (*Scyphocrinites elegans*) & other fossils from the Lee Covington collection
- 18" X 24" Gielee print of "Mammalian Dawn" art by R. Gary Raham
- Surprise goodies!
- Vintage Carnegie Collection toy dinosaurs

Clements Center
1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood
1:30 Doors open for setup • 2-2:30 Eating & setup
2:30-5 AUCTION • 5:30 Cleanup & payments • 6:30 Doors close

ROCKS & RAILS

December 9-11 10am – 5pm

Adults \$8 ::: Children 12 & Under Free with paid Adult

Seniors Over 60 \$5 ::: Discount Multi-day Passes Available

**Flatirons Mineral Club
2022 Annual**

Rock & Mineral Show

Gem and mineral dealers, exhibits, grab bags, rocks, children's activities and games, dig site, fossils, meteorites, tools, jewelry, fluorescent mineral display, and more!
Bring your treasures for free mineral identification.
Demonstrations include polishing rocks using lapidary equipment.



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**Boulder Model Railroad Club
45th Annual**

Model Railroad Exposition

Come one, come all, and enjoy the Boulder Model Railroad Club (BMRC) Exposition where you can see different Model Train Layouts for the young and old alike. The show will also have many displays of Model Train related items to both teach and entertain everyone. This includes many vendor tables where you can purchase railroad-related items just in time for the Holidays.



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ATM & Food Service Available at the Show

BOULDER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LONGMONT

MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING 9595 Nelson Road Longmont, CO 80501

Bad Weather? Call 303-591-2830 to see if we're open

