

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions

June and July 2023

Evening “Field Trip” to Discuss Rocks, Eat Snacks, and Bag Specimens – June 13

On Tuesday, June 13, we will have an evening “field trip” in Barker Hall at Mountain View United Methodist Church (our regular meeting place). We will start the evening studying a table of prize rocks, discussing what they are while eating snacks. Then, we will bag specimens for grab bags. At the end of the “field trip,” there will be a drawing for everyone to pick out a prize. Everybody gets a prize!

The “field trip” will begin at 7:00 pm in Barker Hall at Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place in Boulder. Park in the west parking lot and come through the main entrance of the church. Following the signs down the stairs to Barker Hall.

Don’t Miss These FMC Field Trips in June & July

The field trip season is off to a roaring start with the **Edgar Experimental Mine** and the **CU-Boulder Map Library** field trips behind us. Next up is our “double-header” trip on June 10th to Idaho Springs to visit BOTH the **Phoenix Gold Mine and the Argo Mill & Tunnel**. There will be gold panning, Colorado history, mines, tunnels, and rails. Plan on having a good time with like-minded folks. Our website has all the details and signup information.

Next, we’re off to **Hartsel, Colorado**, on Sunday, June 25th, to collect barite. This is a classic collecting trip that many FMC colleagues wanted on this year’s calendar. The trip will be led by Anita Colin. Check your inbox or visit our website to find out more - this trip has a limit of 25 people.

In July, we’ll be back in the mountains on Saturday the 15th for another exciting trip, this time to **Florissant Fossil Quarry**, in Florissant, CO. This legendary quarry yields fossils from leaves, spiders, and more, and is located near the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument (<https://www.nps.gov/flfo/index.htm>). Details are being worked out, so please stay tuned.

Just to mix things up, July 29th has another trip that’s close to home as we visit the **National Center for Atmospheric Research**, or NCAR, at Roberts Mesa, in Boulder. We’re trying something new with this one by asking members of the public to join us as we go on an FMC-guided hike and tour. We’ll check out the NCAR visitor center, architecture, and displays before heading out for a hike that reveals the geology, quarries, climbing routes, and history of the area. This trip will also give you a chance to share your love of geology and your FMC experiences with the public.

Many thanks to those who shared ideas for these trips during the fall and winter- it’s super exciting to see them materialize!

Will Rehm, FMC Field Trip Chair

Wanted: Field Trip Photos

During field trips this summer, consider taking photos during your trip and of your best finds to include in future newsletters. Please send your best ones to Dennis Gertenbach at gertenbach1@gmail.com.

Rockhound of the Year Nominations Due July 15

Each year, the club honors an active member or husband-and-wife team who has contributed to the success of the Flatirons Mineral Club. Our first Rockhound of the Year was honored in 2002, and each year since, a club member has been selected as our Rockhound of the Year by the club membership.

Recipients for this honor are first nominated by club members. Please consider nominating someone this year - perhaps someone who leads field trips, helps organize the club show, assists with club meetings, or helps with the Jr. Geologists. A nomination form can be found at the end of this email blast.

Please return your nomination to Gerry Naugle by **July 15**. It can be mailed to Flatirons Mineral Club, P.O. Box 3331 Boulder, CO 80307-3331, or emailed to Gerry at gnaugle@earthlink.net.

Annual Club Picnic – Saturday, August 19

This year's annual picnic is at Harlow Platts Park, the same place as previous picnics. The main pavilion is located just south of the South Boulder Recreation Center at 1360 Gillespie Drive in Boulder. 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 fill grab bags for sale at the Denver Gem & Mineral Show and our club show this fall, plus honor our Rockhound of the Year and present other awards.

Jr. Geologists Activities

There are no monthly Jr. Geologists meeting during the summer, but several activities are in the planning stages. Jr. Geologist families will receive an email, once plans are finalized.

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

Other Rockhounding Events and Activities in the Area

Here are other activities of interest in the area for rockhounds of all ages.

- **June 9-11 (Friday through Sunday)** is the **Pikes Peak Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show**, sponsored by Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society at Norris Penrose Event Center, 1045 Lower Gold Camp Road, Colorado Springs. Friday noon-7 pm, Saturday 10-5, and Sunday 10-4. Admission is \$5 per day, \$8 for multiple days, 12 and under free. More information at <https://pikespeakgemshow.com/>.
- **June 13 (Tuesday)**, 4:00 to 5:00 pm. The **Western Museum of Mining and Industry** in Colorado Springs will feature **George Papic**, recently retired Senior Geologist for Newmont Corporation, presenting a fascinating look at **Cripple Creek and Victor**. This will be an informative discussion of the mining history and geology of the Cripple Creek mining district and why this gold deposit is so unique and famous around the world. This lecture is free for museum members and only \$5.00 for guests. Please feel free to call 719-488-0880 if you have any questions. You can sign up for the talk at <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/wmmi/items/213075/calendar/2023/06/?flow=41147&full-items=yes>.

- **June 30 (Friday)** The Mines Museum of Earth Science and Dinosaur Ridge are cohosting a talk by **Dr. Dean Lomax**, a well-known British paleontologist at the Mines Museum. Dr. Lomax is rapidly gaining a large international following for his exciting work in paleontology, or as the Brits spell it, palaeontology. There are limited seats available for Dean's presentation on his travels and discoveries from 6-7 p.m., followed by a reception and book signing with refreshments in the museum from 7-8 p.m. Books will be available for purchase & signing! Tickets can be purchased at <https://dinoridge.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/dinoridge/eventRegistration.jsp?event=4680&>.
- **July 14-16 (Friday through Sunday)** The **Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies** (of which our club is a member) has its **annual convention** this July in Casper, Wyoming, held in conjunction with the Natrona County Rockhounds Show and Convention. The show features rough rocks, gems, minerals, lapidary and rock hounding equipment and supplies, and hand-crafted jewelry by vendors from numerous states. There will also be displays, games, silent auctions, door prizes, and events for adults and children. Several field trips are planned, including trips to collect Sweetwater agates, petrified wood and botryoidal agates from the Shirley Basin, and prairie agate and banded iron. The convention packet containing the schedule, registration form, and hotel information can be downloaded at https://www.rmfmts.org/files/ugd/da64e5_1c3e9cc71c3c4a84a45862511f52ad01.pdf.



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2023 Ballot for FMC / RMFMS / AFMS 'Rockhound of the Year'

The club membership each year honors an active member, or a husband and wife team who have made substantial accomplishment during the past year in promoting and furthering the FMC goals, as per the club's "Mission Statement" which is outlined in the Club By-laws.

Since inception of the new version of this program in 2002, the annual FMC recipients have been: Charlotte Morrison (2002), Paul & Martha Ralston (2003), Ray & Dorothy Horton (2004), John & Jeanne Hurst (2005), Ray & Joyce Gilbert (2006), Chuck & Jan Buda (2007), Cory Olin co-tie with Hallie & Dot Cook (2008), Shaula Lee (2009), Anita Colin co-tie with Gabi Accatino (2010), Mel & Charlotte Bourg (2011), Deborah Knox (2012), Ed Raines & Silvia Pettem (2013), Mike Smith (2014), Tally O'Donnell (2015), Dennis Gertenbach (2016), Trick Runions (2017), Jean Orr (2018), Craig Hazelton (2019), Brian Walko in 2020, Susan Peach in 2021 and Will Rehm in 2022.

Please list your 2023 nominee below. You can also vote by several electronic means. All voting information is confidential and will be tallied and is then erased /or/ shredded by Gerry Naugle. The FMC annual winners' names are sent to the RMFMS and AFMS offices for publication in their respective newsletters. Note: The annual FMC winner(s) are also inducted into, and their names are engraved onto the 'FMC Hall of Fame (HOF) Plaque.

Your 2023 nomination is: _____

The person (or) persons should be honored because of (brief summary):

Submitted by, please print _____

Please return this ballot to Gerry Naugle (use the above letterhead address) by July 15th
Or (the easiest means possible) by sending an e-mail to: gnaugle@earthlink.net

Voting results will be announced and the HOF Plaque at the 2023 annual club picnic at the **Pavilion at Harlow Platts Park**, 1496 Gillespie Drive in 80305, on Sat, Aug 19th. More info on that picnic in the club newsletter, and the picnic starts at 11:00am on that day.

Thanks for participating !