

Denver Gem & Mineral Show – September 15-18

The 2023 Denver Gem & Mineral Show (DGMS) in conjunction with the Hardrock Summit will be held at the Colorado Convention Center from September 15-18, 2023. The Hardrock Summit has 4 shows at the Convention Center this year, including the Evolution Show, Sparkle & Joy Jewelry and Gemstone Show, DGMS, and AGTA Gem Fair.

Visit <https://hardrocksummit.com/#summit> and <https://denvermineralshow.com/> for more information.

The DGMS will occupy the same space as last year on the upper, entry level of the Convention Center. The DGMS 2023 show will include about 30 dealers, fluorescent room, club tables, speakers (see list below), display exhibits, education and public sector tables, gold panning, Mr. Bones, and grab bags. The theme of the 2023 DGMS is **Gem Minerals: Nature's Bling**.

Hours for the Show are Friday through Sunday 10:00am to 6:00 pm and Monday 10:00am to 3:00pm. Admission for Hardrock Summit this year is **FREE**; however, everyone is required to register to obtain a visitor ticket, which allows you to enter all the shows all 4 days. If you plan to attend the show, you can pre-register before the show to skip the registration lines by going to the following link <https://tickets.hardrocksummit.com/en/shop/tickets>, entering your information, and a ticket will be emailed to you that you can print out and bring with you. You can enter up to 5 tickets under one registration. Lanyards will be available at the show if you want to wear your ticket as a badge.

Volunteers Needed

The non-profit Denver Gem & Mineral Show is put on by seven Denver-area gem, mineral, and fossil clubs. Your participation as a volunteer is the life blood of a successful show and we need about 200 volunteers. Volunteers should work a minimum of 4 hours and will be reimbursed for parking/public transit reimbursement (up to \$12 per day) on the day(s) you actually volunteer (cash in hand at the end of your shift!). The Convention Center parking garage is \$12 per day. We encourage you to take public transportation and there is a light rail station across the street from the Convention Center.

Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D45A5AD2EA2F94-2023> It's easy-peasy. You will get a reminder before the show and a "badge" to print out and bring with you. We need people to help at our club table and at the check-in booth. If you are volunteering to help at our club table, put "Flatirons Mineral Club" in the comments. If anyone has questions, email Anita at anitacolin@hotmail.com.

Speakers List

Below is the list of speakers and their talks as part of the Hardrock Summit and DGMS. All talks will be in Room 401 near the entrance to the Hardrock Show.

Friday, Sept 15

11:00 am	Jeff Scovil, Photographer	The Drehers, A Legacy of Beauty
12:00 pm	Stephen Nash, Senior Curator of Archaeology at Denver Museum of Nature & Science	The Enchanted Gem Carvings of Vasily Konovalenko
1:00 pm	Kim Vagner, Executive Director of Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals	Gem Minerals of the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals
2:00 pm	Jenna White, Colorado School of Mines; Kimberly Collins, Kimberly Collin Colored Gemstones; and John W. Ford, AGTA	AGTA and Colorado School of Mines Update on the Transparent and Traceable Gemstone Supply Chain Initiative
3:00 pm	John Rhoads, D&J Rare Gems	Colorado Faceted Gemstones
4:00pm	Rebecca Boyajian, Gemological Institute of America (GIA)	Knowledge Session: GIA Updates

Saturday, Sept 16

11:00 am	Ed Raines, Curator of Mines Museum of Earth Science	The Quest for Great Wealth from Free Stuff
12:00 pm	Laura McCall, Manager of Lizzadro Museum Shop	Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art-Sharing the beauty of hard stone carvings for over 60 years
1:00 pm	Bill Larson, President, Pala International, Inc.	San Diego County Tourmalines, and recent finds at the Tourmaline King
2:00 pm	Kimberly Collins, Kimberly Collins Gems; Nikkai Israileff, ASBA, USA, Inc.; Robyn Dufty, DuftyWeis Opals, Inc.; and John Bradshaw, John J Bradshaw; Moderator: John W. Ford, AGTA	AGTA Shares It's Love of Colored Stones and Cultured Pearls
3:00 pm	Renata Laffer, Executive Director of Mines Museum of Earth Science	Crowns and Cleavage – Gems from the Mines Museum of Earth Science

Sunday, Sept 17

11:00 am	Mark Ivan Jacobson	Spodumene – An Exotic Gemstone
12:00 pm	Albert O. Ray, Mine Claim Owner	Unearthing the Beauty of Chihuahua, Mexico
1:00 pm	Brian Walko, Earth Extractions, LLC and Conrad North, Past President of the Fluorescent Mineral Society	Silver Foxes of Fluorescence
2:00 pm	John Pollard, Senior Director of Education at International Gemological Institute (IGI) and Neil Beaty, ICGA Appraiser	Assessing, Appraising & Advising Consumers on Colored Stones
4:00 pm	John Pollard, Senior Director of Education at IGI	What's Happening Here and Now? New Color, Fun Features and Sharing