

# *Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions*

## *December 2023 and January 2024*

### **Rocks & Rails Show - December 8-10**

Rocks & Rails, the club's annual Gem and Mineral Show, is on December 8 through 10 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 Rock 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 setup 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  
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for information about the  
areas where we need help.

Contact Charlotte at [showvol46@gmail.com](mailto: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. Artisan Table space available at \$6/ft. To reserve, email [andrew.d.macgregor@gmail.com](mailto: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 have eight cases for club members (both juniors and adults) to showcase their rocks, minerals, fossils, and lapidary work. All the cases have been spoken for. Thanks to everyone who is making a display this year.

## **Holiday Party – Tuesday, December 19**

To finish the year, come and join the fun at our annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 19. 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 Frasier Parlor at the south end of Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place in Boulder. Enter the building from the south side of the church.

## **Club Meeting - Tuesday, January 9**

Our speaker for the January club meeting is **Brian Walko**, club president, speaking about **Uranium of the Jamestown Mining District**. Check the January-February club newsletter for details about the meeting.

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**

The Jr. Geologists will not have a monthly meeting in December. Families are encouraged to come to the Rocks & Rails Show, December 8-10, and the Holiday Party and Gift Exchange, December 19.

Volunteers of all ages are needed in the kids' area at the Rocks & Rails Show to run games and sell grab bags. Jr. Geologists can also run the Rocks R Magic Shows while helping in the kids' area. And volunteers get in the show free!

**Beginning in January, Jr. Geologists meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month.** By moving the meeting night, we will be able to meet in Room 215, where we met for volcano night in May. This room is much larger than the one we used this fall, and we will have more room for our activities. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 16, starting at 6:30 pm.**