

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions

December 2024 and January 2025

Rocks & Rails Show - December 13-15

Rocks & Rails, the club's annual Gem and Mineral Show, is on December 13 through 15 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 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, mineral identification on Sunday, 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. This is great fun for all ages!
- We need folks for SECURITY on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Working security involves walking around the show wearing an orange vest to discourage shoplifters. Any problems are reported to the ticket table.
- And we can always use more people to help with show setup on Wednesday (December 11) from 10 am until about 2 pm, and tear down on Sunday (December 15) from 5 pm 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 up to help with any of these jobs. Everyone's help is needed to make the show successful.

Club Artisan Sale Tables

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. For more information about reserving space at the artisan sale tables, email Andrew at 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. There are still several cases available. Please contact Dennis at gertenbach1@gmail.com to reserve one.

Holiday Party – Tuesday, December 17

To finish the year, come and join the fun at our annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 17. 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 always 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 14

What Jurassic Park Got Wrong is the program for January's club meeting. The Jurassic Park and Jurassic World movies have been a big hit with all dinosaur lovers. But not all the dinosaur scenes from these movies are true to science. Come and watch some of the best clips from the movies, while you learn from **Dennis Gertenbach** about some of the dinosaur fallacies in these movies.

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 13-15, and the Holiday Party and Gift Exchange, December 17.

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!

Our next monthly Jr. Geologists meeting will be Tuesday, January 21 in Barker Hall at the south end of Mountain View United Methodist Church, starting at 6:30 pm.

Elections for 2025 Officers

Elections for club officers for 2025 will be held at the January 14 club meeting. Here are the candidates for 2025.

- President: Brian Walko
- First Vice President (Program Chair): no candidate
- Second Vice President (Field Trip Chair): no candidate
- Secretary: Sharon Dooley
- Treasurer: Gerry Naugle
- Directors (serving a 2-year term): Tally O'Donnell, Anita Colin, and Dennis Gertenbach

As you can see, we have two positions without a candidate for next year. The First Vice President works with the Board to arrange speakers for the monthly club meetings. The Second Vice President coordinates with field

trip leaders to schedule field trips for the year. If you are interested in helping the club in either of these positions, please contact Brian Walko at bwalko@earthextractions.com or talk with him at the Rocks & Rail Show or Holiday Party.

Maxine Sheel's Celebration of Life

Lois Maxine Sheel, age 86, passed away in her sleep on Monday, November 11, 2024. Many of you may know Maxine from her participation in the Denver Gem and Mineral Show and as a seller at many of the other club shows. Maxine was a lifelong member of the Littleton Club and the Denver Guild. A celebration of life for Lois will be held Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary & Cemetery, 6601 South Colorado Blvd, Centennial, CO 80121.

WIPS (Western Interior Paleontological Society) Silent Auction

The WIPS annual silent auction and potluck is **Saturday, December 7, from 2:30-5:30 p.m.** at the Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow Street in Lakewood. All are welcome to bid on fossils and fossil-related items. See below for more information.



Get ready for
WIPS
Annual Auction
Our fundraiser for grants & scholarships

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 • 2:30-5:30 pm



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 deadfishrman@gmail.com in advance for donor/seller/bidder number.
Bid forms available on westernpaleo.org Member Services page. PDF & Excel formats.

POTLUCK EVENT:
Enjoy a fun, fossiliferous foodfest with your WIPS friends!
Items valued from \$20 to \$1,100!
Kid-friendly prices for some items.

Fossils, art, replicas, collectables, and Much More!

Clements Center
1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood

- 1 pm doors open for setup • 2-2:30 eating/setup
- 2:30-5:30 AUCTION (Verbal auction 3:30)
- 5:30 payments start, followed by clean-up & checkout by 6:30