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ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS

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Rockhound Ramblings is the official newsletter of the North Jeffco Gem and Mineral Club. Our purpose is to promote the earth sciences through programs at our monthly meetings, which are held the second Friday of each month. Opportunities to learn more are through field trips, local shows, and social interchange between members. Our meetings are held at the North Jeffco Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Boulevard, Arvada, CO 80003. Our dues are \$20 per family. Individual member dues are \$15. Dues for families or individuals living more than 100 miles from our meeting place are \$15.

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Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

The Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council

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Visit our Web Site: <http://www.peaktopeak.com/njeffco/index.php>



DATES TO REMEMBER: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Apr 3rd Monthly Meeting of the Denver Show Committee—Denver Museum of Nature and Science - 7:30 PM
- Apr 11th Monthly Meeting of the North Jeffco Gem and Mineral Club - **Silent Auction**
Set up 5:30PM—Auction Begins 6:45 PM
North Jeffco Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd.
- Apr 24th Craft and Facetors group - Lake Arbor Center at 7:30 P.M.
- Apr 23rd Mineral Study group - Lake Arbor Center at 7:30 P.M.
- Apr 28th April Newsletter Deadline – Please be sure all newsletter. information is submitted by this date to keep the newsletter timely.

Refreshments

Donna Rae
Cheryl Harrison
Eldon Honeywell
Jerry Davidson

Door Prizes

No Door Prizes
Silent Auction

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Welcome to our newest members

Jeanne and John Babcock

Ken, Kay, Chris, Evie, Liz, Vernon, Michelle, and Susan Paulsen



Dan Aber, Bob Berry, Michael Granberg, Kyle Handy, Eldon Hunewell,
Jim Johnson, Bill Jones, Kevin Larsen, Brett Medici, Evie Paulsen,
Susan Paulsen, Marsha Pedersen, Ruth Sawdo, Andrea Sirls,
Laura Sterner, and Cherie Vittum

April Silent Auction

North Jeffco Gem and Mineral Club Silent Auction April 13
APEX Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada
Setup-5:30 PM; Auction begins 6:45; Auction Ends about 9:15

Along with the usual items – rocks, minerals, lapidary, jewelry, baked goods, the auction will have a number of pieces of rock equipment (some antiquated, most in good operating condition) and related merchandise. Some items are listed below:

Star Diamond grinder /polisher combo with 5" blade.

MLE grinder/polisher with 5" blade. Has lamp, water tank, end plate with 6 inch pads. Also has associated templates for cabs.

Highland park grinder/polisher (2 wheels) with motor, lamp, and switch

Lee faceting machine, motor, some laps, quill, two index wheels 96 & 64.

8 inch saw, motor, but no blade

Free standing shaft (heavy duty) and heavy duty motor. Has two wheels and step-up pulley.

Grinder with two wheels; no motor

Jewelry's polisher (only 12" wide)

Highland Park 10 inch flat lap with motor , polish disk, and lead weights

Small electric oven with temperature gauge

Multiple containers of grit, and some polishing agents

New 6" diamond grinding wheel

MK 6" new saw blade

Rock clamp to increase the versatility of a saw vice

Small alcohol lamp/torch

Miscellaneous items – sanding belts, jewelry templates, bolts, nuts, casters, step-up pulleys, etc.

Minutes from Club and Group Meetings and Notices

North Jeffco Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Meeting Minutes March 10th, 2012

President Chuck Digby called the meeting to order at the Apex Community Recreation Center.

VIP Passes – Chuck Digby said the Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council has a new lifetime VIP pass for free admittance to the Denver Gem & Mineral Show. He noted the pass is for members who have provided much service to their club, show and/or Council in past years but are no longer capable of volunteering due to age or physical limitations. Judy Knoshaug nominated John and May Hansen and Ruth and Dave Macklin for the VIP pass and briefly described their services to the club and show. Chuck asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Judy said she would present these four members for the VIP pass at the March Council meeting.

Silent Auction – Chair Merlene Solis said she had bid sheets and the volunteer sign up sheets for the auction. She added set up is at 5:30 p.m. and the auction will run from about 6:45 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. on Friday, April 13th. She reminded everyone there is no limit on the number of auction items for members and a limit of 30 items for non-members.

Merlene said she hoped everyone was looking forward to the auction for a fun evening.

Treasurer's Report – Martin Hannu said the club has money in the bank and a more detailed report will be given later.

Minutes – Chuck Digby asked if there were any changes to the Secretary's minutes of the February meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented in the newsletter.

Grab Bags – Vicki Aber said she has plastic specimen bags for anyone needing them and cloth for making the cloth grab bags.

Refreshments – Michael Granberg circulated the refreshment sign up sheet since it is not full.

Dues – Lisa Emerson reported dues need to be paid for 2012. She added no future newsletters will be sent if dues are not paid. Lisa also said name badges are available for any members wanting them but they need to be ordered in groups of several.

Denver Gem & Mineral Show – Judy Knoshaug talked about the Denver Gem & Mineral Show coming up September 14 – 16. She added the show is fun and fabulous but many volunteers are needed to put on the show. Judy also had flyers and small posters to advertise the show and encouraged members to take and use them.

Craft/Faceters Groups – Chuck Digby said the Craft and Faceters Groups will be meeting as usual on Tuesday, March 20th at the Lake Arbor Center.

Mineral Study Group – Chuck Digby said the Mineral Study Group will be meeting as usual on Monday, March 26th at the Lake Arbor Center.

Minutes from Club and Group Meetings and Notices

North Jeffco Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Meeting Minutes March 10th, 2012 (continued)

Field Trips – Chuck Digby announced Bret Medici has accepted the Field Trip Coordinator position for this year. Ron Knoshaug said he and Judy will lead the usual trip to the Book Cliffs in the early part of May with more information to be provided later.

Guests – Guests were introduced: Jeanne Babcock said she retired today, is a Colorado School of Mines graduate, and has collected rocks for a long time. Ken Paulsen is a former employee of both AMAX and the New Jersey Zinc Co. and worked at the Gilman mine. He added he has lots of specimens from Gilman to play with in his old age. Vince Matthews, Colorado Geological Survey, said he came to hear Pete Modreski's talk.

Door prizes were drawn and refreshments served. Afterwards, Dr. Pete Modreski, U.S. Geological Survey presented a most interesting program titled "23 Pegmatites in 5 Days – A Colorado Field Trip Saga".

Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug, Secretary

Craft Group

The Craft Group met on March 20th at the Lake Arbor Center. Only Anne Voyles and Judy Knoshaug attended. They talked about many subjects including all the fun on past field trips, grandchildren, and, of all things, childhood diseases. Anne had whooping cough when she was about 5 and later the measles followed by the mumps. How unlucky! Judy had both types of measles and chickenpox but never the mumps. How fortunate it is that there are vaccinations for these diseases so children no longer have to suffer with them. Some of them can cause lifetime health problems. Anne and Judy also bagged about 150 sunstones for grab bags at the Denver Gem & Mineral Show. Any club member is welcome to join the Craft Group for an enjoyable evening. We meet the second Tuesday after the monthly club meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Knoshaug

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Facetors Group

The Factor's Group met at 7:30 on March 20th at the Lake Arbor Club House as usual (the second Tuesday after our monthly rock club meeting). Mike Morian, Dave Voyles, Betty Duvall & Charles Roubique were at the meeting. We each showed off the stone that we have been working on for the past month.

The club faceting machine is now available for anyone who is interested in learning how to facet and Charles said he would work with anyone who would like to learn to facet, since he has a machine exactly like the club machine. We usually lend out the club machine for approximately 6 months to give a club member a chance to find out if faceting is a hobby they would enjoy. After the meeting we met with the craft group for snacks and drinks. They were a fun ending to a wonderful evening and we thank Judy for bringing them. We will have our April meeting at the same time and place, so I hope some of you factors or "want to learn faceting" people can come by, show off your gemstones and talk about faceting. We like to keep the meeting talks mostly about the art of cutting gem stones without getting too far off topic.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Morian (Group lead)

Mineral Study Group

No Minutes submitted this month

THE SILENT AUCTION IS COMING IN APRIL – APRIL 13TH

BESIDES BEING A LOT OF FUN, THE SILENT AUCTION IS AN IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR YOUR CLUB. THE PROCEEDS HELP TO KEEP THE DUES LOW AND TO PAY FOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT EVERYONE ENJOYS. SO BE SURE TO COME AND ENJOY!

SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION

More workers are still needed to help at the silent auction. These are CHECK-IN CLERKS, CHECK-OUT CLERKS, CASHIERS, and CONTROL MONITORS. Sign up sheets will be at the March meeting. If you would like to help and aren't able to attend the March meeting, call Merlene Solis (720-212-5550). These are easy jobs but are vital to the success of the auction. A Check-Out Clerk must know how to operate a calculator. Thanks for those who have already volunteered for a job. If you forget what you have volunteered to do, the list will be at the check-out area during the silent auction. In addition, more flats are needed so that items brought may be put into the buyers flats and unsold items may be stored in the seller flats until the end of the auction.

SELLERS: The Silent Auction cannot be a success without much good quality merchandise to sell – the more variety the better. The Senior Center doors will open at 5:30 pm. The auction will start at 6:45 pm. Seller codes will be given out at the door or you may call or email Merlene Solis in advance. You must use the North Jeffco bid sheet. You may copy the one in this newsletter. The bid sheet for 2011 is the same as for 2010. Each bid sheet must have your seller code on it, a minimum bid that is acceptable to you and that is no less than \$1.00 (exception is the Children's Table), the percent of your donation to the NJGM Club (must be at least 25%), and a description of the item. The item number is for the seller's benefit. Space is provided if you wish to keep track of what you sell. The minimum percentage to the club is 25% but you may donate more, up to 100%, should you wish. The description of the item is important because many times that will entice the buyers, and after the purchase, the buyer will know what treasure they have acquired.

BUYERS: Buyer numbers will be given out at the door on the night of the auction or you may call or email Merlene Solis in advance. Buyers will use this number to bid on the items of interest. Sales taxes will be applied to purchases at check out time and is the responsibility of the buyer.

MINIMUM BID AND MINIMUM BID INCREASES: Except for the Children's Table, all items for sale at the auction must start with at least a \$1.00 minimum bid. A higher minimum bid as set by the Seller is acceptable and up to the Seller's discretion. The minimum bid increase on all items is \$0.50.

UNSOLD ITEMS: Unsold items will be removed from the tables and set aside in flats. All Sellers must remove their unsold items from the Senior Center by 10 pm after the close of the auction.

AT RISK: All items presented for sale are at the Seller's risk. Control Monitors will keep each table under surveillance and "do not touch" signs will be available. Sellers should consider packaging valuable items so they will be secure on the tables.

BAKE SALE: Bring whatever home-made goodies you wish to donate to the sale. The baked goods are always very popular at the auction and usually sell like "hot cakes". All monies from the bake sale are donations to the club and sales taxes are not collected on these items. Bake sale items are paid for at the bake sale table.

CHILDREN'S TABLE: Only children ages 15 and under may bid on items on these tables. No minimum bids nor minimum bid increases are required on items on this table. Because items on this table usually sell for very small amounts and to ease the bookkeeping, the club would request that all items on this table be donated 100% to the club.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL OR EMAIL Merlene Solis at 720-212-5550 OR linumas@gmail.com

North Jeffco Gem & Mineral Club Silent Auction

Friday, April 13th, 2012

APEX Community Recreation Center

6842 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada

Setup at 5:30 PM

Seller limits on number of items to sell:

Club Members – No limit

Non-members – Maximum of 30 items

Auction Begins 6:45 PM

Checkout Begins Immediately After Auction

No Early Checkout

Free Parking, Free Admission

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gems

“minerals ”

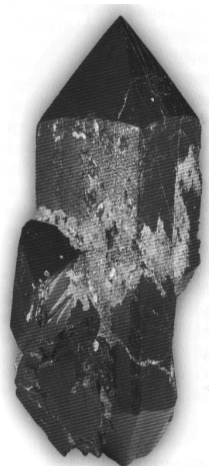
“ bake sale

“crafts ”

“ free refreshments ”

“ public invited ”

**If you need a finished piece of jewelry,
rough material to fashion yourself,
a specimen for your collection,
or an interesting and fun evening,
this is the place.**



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Rock and Mineral News

Gem, Jewelry, Mineral Silent Auction

Friday, April 13th at the APEX Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada. Jewelry, gemstones, mineral specimens, craft-work, and rock-craft equipment may be available for sale. Event begins at 6:45 pm, checkout starts about 9:15 pm. No early checkout. Free admission, free parking, and free refreshments will be served. Cash or check only. For more information, call Merlene Solis at 720-212-5550 or email at linu-mas@gmail.com.

April 20-22, Colorado Mineral and Fossil Spring Show, Ramada Plaza Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn), 4849 Bannock St, Denver, CO 80216 (frontage road on west side of I-25, north of I-70); free admission and parking; hours 10-6 Fri. & Sat., 10-5 Sun. For more info see http://www.mzexpos.com/colorado_spring.htm

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