

The Lake George Gem and Mineral Club -

**Club News,
December, 2008**



Meeting Time 10:00 AM, December 13 at the Lake George Community Center!

Let's have a potluck brunch and look at mineral specimens! LGGMC will supply soda pop and coffee along with plates/napkins/forks/knives. For the potluck bring snack or light lunch food of some sort to share. This might include chips & dip or cheese or cut vegetables, fruit, ham/turkey/chicken chunks, crackers etc. You could also include goodies like brownies or fudge, cookies etc. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the Community Center.

As to mineral specimens, we'll have a traditional LGGMC "Towel Show". That means bring one or more minerals or cut stones that you'd like to show. It might be something like "Here's a rock I found in my driveway, what is it?" or it could be as complex as showing a mini-collection of Pakistani minerals that you bought. Just figure on putting them on the table on top of a towel or other piece of cloth with any labeling you think might be appropriate. This would be a good time to show what you found last summer! You can explain as much or as little as you feel comfortable doing about the specimens.

We'll have a short business meeting which will also include voting on Treasurer candidate Wayne Johnston. We'd also like your ideas on winter meeting topics that would be of interest. After that, it's serious snack time while we are viewing and talking about the minerals or cut stones on display.

We will also have the silent auction of items benefiting the LGGMC and lucky buyers.

Reminder: This is wintertime and in the event of adverse weather or dangerous road conditions we will cancel the meeting. Watch for email notice of cancellation or call one of the Officers.

Silent Auction: Bring specimens, books, etc. that you can spare to help the Club's treasury!

Field trips: Field trip coordinator Dan Alfrey mentioned that something *New and Interesting* is being planned for 2009 already.

- Be at the Next Meeting for another clue!



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Coming Events

- Western Interior Paleontology Society** Holiday Auction and Party, Lutheran Church of the Master, 14099 W. Jewell Ave, Lakewood, 7PM (see WIPS website for details) ... **December 13**
- Flatirons Mineral Club Show**, Main Exhibit Bldg., Boulder Co. Fairgrounds (see Club website for details) ... **December 12-14**
- Rocky Mountain Micromineral Association** meeting, "Symmetry 101" by Richard Parsons, 2-4PM in the Colo. School of Mines Geology Museum (Contact Richard Parsons at Richard.parsons@att.net for information) ... **December 14, 2-4PM**
- Denver Mining Club** Auction of mining memorabilia, 11:30-1:00PM, Country Buffet, 8100 W. Crestline Ave, Littleton ... **December 15**
- Colorado Scientific Society**, "Non-terminal meteorite impacts: the case for studying small cratering events", by Matt Morgan, 7PM, 2nd floor American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St., Golden ... **December 18**
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science** special exhibit: "Dinosaurs, Ancient Fossils—New Discoveries" ... **Through January 4**
- Tucson Electric Park RV Gem Show**, Kino Sports Complex, 2500 E. Ajo Way, Tucson; teprv.gemshow@yahoo.com ... **January 31-February 15, daily 9:30-5:30**

Club News

Steve Veatch presented, "The Amazing Story of Guffey", given at the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (CSMS) on November 20th. It was a big hit. Steve summarized the Lake George Gem & Mineral Club's project on defining a scientific project, completing research, and producing a final result. He pointed out that large number of Lake George Club members participated, and the end product was a written report, visual presentation, and referred abstract in a scientific journal. *Several CSMS members commented that the presentation showed how their club could do a similar project.*

Steve is also President of the Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds, Inc., and he asked that the following be included in this newsletter: The FFFB is a group of dedicated supporters of the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, outdoor education, and nature. Our group needs board members, to help meet our goals. The Friends meet once each month (second Thursday) at the Woodland Library. If you are interested in helping the Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds please call him at 748-5010.

At the November 8 Club meeting, the following were elected to serve as Club Officers for 2009:

President: John Rakowski

Vice President: Dan Alfrey

Treasurer: (no one was nominated, *Wayne Johnston* has since agreed to serve and it will be voted on at the December meeting)

Secretary: Becky Blair

In addition, *John Rakowski* has agreed to act as Show Chairman for 2009, with *Becky Blair* handling dealer contacts. Volunteers are needed to work on the show—please contact John. Congratulations on the newly elected officers, and many thanks for the outgoing officers, especially **Maury Hammond** and **Mary O'Donnell**, who served the club for so long.

November Field Trip. Beautiful weather on November 8 allowed about 25 Club members to visit an old amazonite/smoky quartz site near Lake George. Thanks to John Rakowski for leading the trip.

Dues are due!

\$15 for individuals 18 and older;

\$25 for a family (parents plus dependents under age 18).

Send them to

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PO Box 171, Lake George, CO 80827.

A membership application is included at the end of this newsletter.

***The Editor's
Thoughts for Today***

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Dear LGGMC Member,

Starting with next month's Newsletter, I plan to include a new "**Ask a mineralogist**" column. If you have a question of general interest (and not too complicated to answer in a few hundred words or less), get it to me by e-mail, phone, or personally at the next meeting. I'll do my best to dig up some information, if I don't know the answer myself.

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2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ - _____ E-mail _____

Names and ages of dependent members: _____

Annual membership - dues Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 are as follows:

- Individual (18 and over) \$15.00
- Family (Parents plus dependents under age 18) \$25.00

Annual dues are due on or before March 31. Members with unpaid dues will be dropped from the roster after this date. **Anyone joining after August 30 shall pay one half the annual dues.**

I hereby agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of this club.

Signed _____ Date: ____/____/____

I have previously been a member of Lake George Gem & Mineral Club. Yes ___ No ___

My interest areas include:

Minerals ___ Fossils___ Lapidary ___ Micromounts ___
Other _____

I would be willing to demonstrate any of the above for a club program or educational activity? If yes, which: _____

Please indicate which of the following activities you might be willing to help with:

Writing _____ Editor _____ Mailing _____ Local shows _____

Club Officer _____ Programs _____ Field trips _____ Refreshments _____

Questions about the club or club activities? **Contact John Rakowski (719) 748-3861**

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