

The Lake George Gem and Mineral Club -

Club News

March, 2017



Dues are due; membership application is at the back of the newsletter! Membership closes on March 31.

March 11 Meeting Starts at 10:00 AM

Program for the month: Saturday March 11:

Our business meeting will be followed by a presentation by **Joe Dorris**. Well known as a mineral dealer and star of the “Prospectors” show, Joe and his family operate several mining claims in the Lake George/Tarryall area. He will talk about **Pegmatites of the Lake George Area**. What you may not know is that Joe is also a published author of several western novels. Besides his illustrated talk, he will have some minerals and copies of his novels for sale at the meeting. Maybe you can buy a signed copy!

We still have some Lake George Gem & Mineral Show tee shirts that are available in sizes L and XL for \$15. These have the small club logo on the left front chest and the large logo on the back. They are very high quality Hanes shirts. We are also ordering new LGGMC ball caps that should arrive in time for the meeting.

Also, during the meeting, **we will continue a silent auction** for some cool specimens and other items donated by Club members. If you have “extra” items that you’d like to donate, please bring them and we’ll add them to the auction.

Coming Events

- ✓ ✓ Several mineral, fossil, and geology clubs meet relatively nearby and encourage visitors. These include:
 - > **Cañon City Geology Club**, meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6PM in the United Methodist Church, Cañon City;

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>**Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society**, meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7PM in the Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N. Hancock Ave., Colorado Springs;

>**Columbine Gem & Mineral Society**, meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30PM in the meeting room, Mt. Shavano Manor, 525 W. 16th (at J St.), Salida;

>**Pueblo Rockhounds**, meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30PM in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 10 University Circle, Pueblo.

✓ ✓ **Pete Modreski** and others sent notices of the following upcoming events:

Thurs., Mar. 2, 4:00 p.m., Van Tuyl Lecture at Colorado School of Mines, **Oklahoma Earthquakes, Injection of Produced Water, and Hydraulic Fracturing**, by Jeremy Boak, Oklahoma Geological Survey. Berthoud Hall Room 241, all are welcome. For the complete Van Tuyl schedule see http://inside.mines.edu/GE_Lecture-Series .

Thurs., Mar. 2, 7:00 p.m., **Collecting Microminerals**, by **Richard Parsons**. Friends of the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum's "First Thursday" lecture series on the CSM campus in the Ben H. Parker Student Center, Ballroom E, Maple Street, Golden. Socializing begins at 6:30 PM and the lecture will start at 7:00. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Sat.-Sun., March 4-5, **Journey to the Jurassic – Exploring the Morrison Formation**, WIPS (Western Interior Paleontological Society) 10th Founders Symposium. Green Center, Colorado School of Mines campus, Golden.

Sun., March 12, **Volcanism on the Colorado Plateau**, by Bob Knapp, Florissant Scientific Society monthly meeting, 1:00-2:30; optional potluck at noon (bring some goodies); UCCS Osborne Center, Rm. B215, all welcome.

Fri.-Sat.-Sun., Mar. 31-Apr. 2, **Fort Collins Gem & Mineral Show**, sponsored by the Fort Collins Rockhounds Club, at the McKee 4-H Building, Larimer County Fairgrounds/The Ranch, I-25 exit 259. 4-8 p.m. Fri., 9-6 Sat., 10-5 Sun.

Fri.-Sat.-Sun., Apr. 14-17, **Colorado Mineral and Fossil Spring Show**, Crowne Plaza Hotel - Airport, 15500 E. 40th Ave. Denver, CO. See <http://www.rockygems.com/colorado-mineral--fossil-spring-show-2017.html> .

Sat., May 13, **Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter, Silent Auction**. Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood CO, 12:00-4:00 (setup begins at 10:30 a.m., auction begins at 12:00, verbal auction 1:00, all tables will close by 3:00 p.m., checkout follows).

Fri.-Sat.-Sun., June 2-4, **Pikes Peak Gem & Mineral Show**, sponsored by the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society. At Mortgage Solutions Financial Expo Center, 3650 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs.

Fri.–Mon., July 21-24, **Gold and Silver Deposits in Colorado**, a symposium cosponsored by the Friends of the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum and DREGS (Denver Region Exploration Geologists Society). "The event will feature two days of talks (July 22 - 23) and two days of field trips (July 21 and 24) to historic Colorado gold and silver mining areas."

✓ ✓ Please welcome the following new members:

Alexander, Aja & Leland, Colorado Springs
Apodaca, Amy, Highlands Ranch
Bell, Billy & Debra, Colorado Springs
Bell, Chris, Colorado Springs
Brill, Kerry & Kathy, Colorado Springs
Cavanaugh, Paul & Amanda Welch, Englewood
Chernik, Michael, Cheshire, CT

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Clarke, Charles, Colorado Springs
Dukette, Michelle, Divide
Fisher, Matt & Amanda Barta, Colorado Springs
Gall, Shane, Colorado Springs
Hutchinson, Mike & Lorrie, Colorado Springs
Johnson, Karen M., Peyton
Johnson, Mark & Jervae, Florissant
Jones, Stephen, Coaldale
Keilman, Chris & Adriana, Littleton
Laing, James & Alison, Woodland Park
Mahan, Joe & Susan, Bailey
McBride, Marianne, Fountain
McClure, Marc H., Monument
McMillin, Corey, Colorado Springs
Roberts, Cary, Craig
Santoro, Edgar & Sue, Divide
Schoenstein, Dan, Colorado Springs
Tedesco, Ted & Family, Parker
Volkov, Danyar, Fountain
Warrington, Kyle & Amira Leffler, Colorado Springs\

✓ ✓ **Bob Baker** sent this note about this summer's field trips:

2017 Field Trips

Linda Watson, Bob Baker, John Sprouse, and John Rakowski recently met to begin planning this season's collecting trips. We are working on a large list of past favorites and some new, exciting trips. We will be going to the **Baculite Mesa** to collect fossils, and we are also planning a trip to the **Great Salt Plains State Park** in Oklahoma to collect delicate hourglass selenite crystals. Several claim owners have already responded positively to requests for field trips and we are in the process of setting dates. Dick Lackmond has volunteered to lead trips to the Baculite Mesa, Calumet Mine, and the Eureka Mine. We still need interested members to help assist on field trips.

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✓ ✓ **Bob Carnein** will do a class on the basics of mineral identification on April 29 for the Cañon City Geology Club. Details will be at that club's website.

✓ ✓ **Frank Rosenberg** sent the following summary and photos of our February 11 program: Saturday Feb 11, Donovan Sutters gave an informative presentation as part 2 of his Mineral Specimen Cleaning and Preparation, which he previously presented to the club. Because of some technical difficulties, this presentation became more of a question and answer period, which resulted in a high level of audience participation. Thank you Donny!
For those of you who wish to learn more on this subject, Donovan Sutters hosts a public Facebook Group known as Mineral Specimen Cleaning and Preparation.



✓ ✓ Many of you may wish you could make it to the Tucson show. **Mark Stephan** did and sent the following report on what he saw:

Tucson 2017 One participant's perspective:

Many of you may not know me yet, but I'm **Mark Stephan** of **Gems By Mark**. The past 3 years I've had the opportunity to partner with **Pu Tzu** of **The Uncarved Block** for satellite shows at his Riverpark (Pueblo) show. The partnership works great, he gets additional show venues with a confident manager, and I get to show my work at the world's greatest mineral and gem show. SO a bit about this year.

Pat Thomas, our friend Michelle, and I left our Lake George Home for our first RV journey during the clear weather window of January 25th and arrived at the Sentinel Peak RV park (just blocks from all the shows in a nice neighborhood) on January 27th. My show started on the 30th, so there was time to explore. It was Michelle's first Tucson Gem show, and, as you might expect, she had NO IDEA just how big it is: about a dozen hotels with every room a vendor, tent shows the size of large shopping malls, and small very fine galleries of the most exceptional specimens and artists. As I had a few days before work, I set up my faceting station in the RV, and away we went.

First stop: Riverpark Inn Hotel. This, in my opinion, is the best of the hotel shows actually IN Tucson proper. (If you have an unlimited budget, however, or just want your mind blown with all the highest end galleries in one hotel, don't miss the "Westward Look" show.) Riverpark, however, is in the center all the Tucson action, with a couple other hotel shows and smaller tents shows running for a mile on the west side of Interstate 10. Our local, Golden, CO friends, cutters, and more, Brett and Allyce Kosnar of Kosnar Gems, show there. I'm sure many of you know them. In addition to a full hotel of anything from glass beads to Smithsonian quality specimens and stones and everything in between, there are tents set up filled with even more. It's easy to spend more than a full day just here, but there is so much more to see. Riverpark (the Pueblo show) is also the main show point for my partner in rocks.

Some points about Tucson shopping: If you are a specific collector, looking for a specific mineral (or in my case seeking facet rough), you've got to stay focused on your actual planned shopping days. I can hit 25 rooms in an hour until I find a vendor who has something I'm interested in opening my wallet for. Basically, if they don't have what you're hunting, breeze through. Personally, at this point in my Tucson experience I'm hitting suppliers I've cultivated in past years and doing the breeze thru to see what else could spark my wallet). When you want to just look at pretty rocks in general, don't think of it as a shopping trip. You'll fare far better if you take this approach.

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✓ ✓ **Frank Rosenberg** sent this report about a new book of interest to local collectors:

There is a new book that I am sure will be of interest to both new and experienced collectors alike. This book is available only at LULU.com

**THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF MINERAL COLLECTING and still counting
by RAY BERRY**

Paperback, 76 Pages

Ray Berry is an amateur geologist/mineralogist with exceptional abilities in field collecting in the Pikes Peak pegmatites. This book covers his many years of finding museum quality crystals. He relates his and his wife, Eloise's experiences, starting in 1970 without mineral knowledge, and learning to find these elusive gems. Ray is a 46-year member of the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society. This book will give encouragement to every field collector that there are still mineral treasures to be discovered. Ray's examples are undeniable support of his advice: "I have constantly told novices that they should not allow others to tell them, 'There is nothing on that hill.'" Joseph L. Dorris, Glacier Peak Mining and TV show Prospector, said "Ray's words and finds should be an inspiration to all of us who follow in the tracks of this remarkable man." There are more than 95 color photographs of his self-collected minerals, most keyed to descriptions of finding them!

✓ ✓ **Wayne Orlowski** sent several interesting links, including the following:

✓ **Living Rock - An Introduction to Earth's Geology** video Introduces concepts such as Geologic Time, Continental Crust, Plate Tectonics, Volcanic Activity, Earthquakes, Subduction Zones, Erosion, and Glaciers. Read more : <http://www.geologypage.com/2015/07/living-rock-an-introduction-to-earths-geology.html#ixzz4ZEdLNDyN>

✓ ...and another: **Evidence of a "lost continent,"** thought to be left-over after the ancient supercontinent Gondwana began breaking up some 200 million years ago. Pretty basic talk but with an interesting fact at the end about out of place and very old zircons trapped in young basalt.

Here's the link: <http://earthsky.org/earth/lost-continent-indian-ocean-mauritia-zircon>

✓ ...and (this is really cool): a drone video of Iceland: <https://vimeo.com/175777474>

✓ ...and this about Woodland-Park-area earthquakes: <http://earthquaketrack.com/us-co-woodland-park/recent>

✓ ...and this cool photo:



Dike in the Canary Islands (note offset of bedding)

✓ ✓ Upcoming LGGMClub programs include the following:

April: Conrad North on fluorescent minerals.

May: John Rakowski on basic collecting techniques.

✓ ✓ And here is the latest installment of “Bench Tips” by Brad Smith (www.BradSmithJewelry.com):

BENCH SHEARS

When cutting sheet metal, it's quicker and easier to use a set of shop shears as compared with using a hand saw. The cut is not as precise, but many times you don't need that. Shears will easily cut up to 24-gauge sheet, and some will cut 22- or even 20-gauge.

Current prices for shears run from \$13 to \$22 in jewelry catalogs, and the Joyce Chen scissors recommended on some jewelry blogs run more than \$20. But we found a cheaper alternative at the 99 Cent Store - some gardening utility scissors that were only \$1.07.

I buy a half dozen of them at a time for use in my jewelry classes. They're great for cutting bezels, trimming around a bezel cup and cutting a piece off a larger sheet.



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BEZEL CLOSER

A bezel closer is a steel punch that makes quick work out of pushing the metal down over a round stone and burnishing it. The working end is a concave cavity that fits over your bezel or prong setting and is pushed and twisted to capture the stone. Sets can be purchased but are expensive and contain many sizes you will probably never use. If all you need is one or two sizes, here's how you can make them yourself.

Find a good quality, round steel rod a little larger in diameter than your bezel cup or prong setting. Cut a 5-inch length. File both ends flat. Locate the center of one end, center punch a divot, and drill a small pilot hole about 5 mm deep. Remember to use a little oil as lubricant when cutting steel.

Select a ball burr a bit smaller than the steel rod but slightly larger than the bezel. Enlarge the pilot hole to a full hemispherical cavity. Test for proper fit with your bezel. Bezel should first contact the cavity about a third of the way in. When the size is correct, polish the cavity using Zam on a length of chopstick in your flexshaft. If the tool is not polished, it will leave scratches on your bezel or prongs.

When using the tool, the first step is to capture the stone correctly. I usually work by hand and push the punch straight down over the bezel or prongs. This causes the metal to start bending over the stone. Next I inspect with a lens to be sure the stone is staying level. This is repeated until the stone is seated on its bearing and can't move anymore.

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See all Brad's jewelry books at Amazon.com/author/Bradford Smith

Notes from the Editor

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I recently received a copy of a 10-year history of the Lake George Club, compiled in 2008 by the late Mary O'Donnell. Thinking that all members might like to know more about their club, I've summarized the "high points" below.

1998

After discussions and meetings among a group of local people, the Lake George Gem & Mineral Club started up in 1998. Charter members were: **Randy & Mary Fischer, Dave & Anna Johnson, Bob Madole, Tom Maralvelas, Joel Pearce, Michael Sandifer, Dianna Spano, Bill Swanson, Elizabeth & Richard VanVliet, Ralph & Shirley Ward, and Wayne Wedora.**

1999

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Although there were no Club officers, **Dave Johnson** or **Bob Madole** chaired the meetings, which were first held on Thursday evenings in the Lake George Community Center and later moved to the second Saturday of the month at the Mountain Shadows restaurant, in Lake George (now the purple store that sells hemp products). Our first show was held in “the local park” during the summer, but many members left for warmer climates in the fall. As a result, at one point, only 4 members remained, including **Bob Madole**, **Mary O’Donnell**, **Mike Sandifer**, and **Ralph Ward**. There were discussions about how to increase membership, and dues were set at \$15 for individual and \$25 for a family (the same as today).

2000

The Club began to grow, with 14 regular members and some summer people. A constitution, mission statement, and membership form were approved, and the first officers were elected in the fall. They were: President—**Bob Madole**; Vice President—**Dick Keefe**; Secretary—**Mary O’Donnell**; Treasurer—**Betty Dickson**; and Editor—**Mary O’Donnell**. **Dave Johnson** arranged with **Lyle Johnson** to organize a show in the field next to the Lake George Post Office, after the show in the park attracted a poor turnout. **Mike Sandifer** and **Joel Pearce** volunteered to be in charge of the new show. New member **Richard Parsons** proposed that a towel show be held each Christmas.

2001

Membership grew to 24, and the Club established a PO box (the same as today). Meetings included regular presentations by members, and the newsletter grew to include member articles and items from the CSMS Pick N Pack. **Mike Sandifer** and **Joel Pearce** recruited 14 dealers for the show, and various members helped with advertising and dealer recruiting. A decision was made to hold the show the weekend after the ContinTail show in Buena Vista. A local club sold hot dogs, drinks, and snacks. **Mary O’Donnell** developed the Club logo, which was made into a stamp for stationery. Field trips included visits to the Sweet Home mine, Bonanza, Picket Wire Canyon, St. Elmo, and a dig on Dan Wiley’s claim.

2002

Club membership was 42, including many from **Steve Veatch’s** prospector’s class. This was the summer of the Hayman fire, despite which we met with a Forest Service representative to obtain a day-use permit to collect in the area. Fire fighters were camped in the park across Rt. 24 from the show. Show banners were ordered, and a table with free samples for kids was set up near the entrance. **Richard Parsons** developed formal field-trip rules and a sign-up sheet for trips, which included the Calumet mine, Quartz Hill, the Godsend claim, the Agate-30-Mile area, Wilkerson Pass, and the Cresson mine.

2003

Club membership dropped to 40, but there were 42 vendors at the show in August, including **Rich Fretterd** with a 30-pound smoky quartz crystal. We had to turn away a few dealers, and we completely filled the parking spaces. **Richard Parsons** took care of our incorporation papers with the state. We decided to offer an annual scholarship for Park and Teller County seniors who wanted to pursue a career in the geological sciences. Thanks to **Andy Weinzapfel**, we received a grant from Conoco and prepared mineral-study kits for teachers in Woodland Park, Cripple Creek, and Fairplay. Field trips included a South Park peridot locality, the Godsend claim, Alma placer, Missouri Ridge/Marshall pass, Quartz Hill, topaz collecting in the Tarryalls, and Lyle Johnson’s Alaska jade hearth.

2004

Richard Parsons took over as Editor and expanded the newsletter. Club membership stood at 41, and we had 35 vendors at the show, and, after a remarkable recovery from being hit by a car, **Lyle Johnson**, age 91, was able to attend. The Johnson family set up a corporation to oversee their assets, including the show site, and permission was granted for the 2005 show (and this has continued up to the present day). Mineral cases were set up in the Cripple Creek High School and

Lake George School. Field trips included Illinois gulch—Rainbow falls, the Godsend claim, a tour of skarns at localities west of Lake George, and Quartz hill.

2005

Club membership crept up to 46, and 34 dealers signed up for the show. Returning dealers were given preference for spaces and for front-row locations. We donated \$500 to the Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds, which was used to make a film about the National Monument. Thanks to several local collectors and Club support, we set up a first-class mineral exhibit at the Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum, in Florissant. We also contributed \$500 to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to help with purchase of a Mt. Antero aquamarine pocket. Field trips included Badger flats area, Western Eagle claim, Fourmile Creek area, the 39-Mile volcanic area, and the Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum.

2006

Membership shot up to over 60, and 40 vendors set up at the annual show. Several local businesses were helpful with advertising, and **Maury and Grace Hammond** made kettle corn. Lake George Pizza provided a runner to deliver pizzas and slices, and we had a pizza party for those who helped with show set-up. Thanks to a grant from the Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council, we added a case and made other improvements at the Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum. New donations included specimens from Cripple Creek and Victor Mining Company and a 1.2-carat faceted rhodochrosite from **Dick Keffe**. We agreed to provide \$500 to support a summer intern at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. We also donated \$250 to the Western Museum of Mining and Industry, which allows Club members free admission with their Club card, which was created by **John Rakowski**. Club trips included Porcupine cave, the Badger Flats area, the Godsend claim, one of **Joe Dorris's** claims, **Dave Harvey's** Hartsel barite locality, a petrified wood site in Wyoming, and the White Cloud pegmatite.

2007

Membership continued to grow, to over 96. The show was canceled because of construction activity to rehabilitate the dam in Lake George. We held silent auctions at many meetings and had a new-member orientation at the WWMMI in June. **Andy Weinzapfel** received an award from the American Federation of Mineral Societies for his paper on the Florissant lineament. **Dan Alfrey** established the Club website, and he and **Brent Garrity** acted as co-webmasters. We donated track lighting to the PPHS Museum and \$500 to the Florissant Fossil Beds for a summer intern. **Douglas Breder** volunteered to review our finances, and **John Rakowski** published an article about the Club in the Ute Country News. Field trips visited the Godsend claim, Hartsel barite locality and malachite site, a peridot locality in South Park, the Petra Placer topaz locality, Manitou Formation fossils near Woodland Park, **Andy Weinzapfel's** brecciated jasper claim, Mt. Antero, the Clare quarry in Florissant, and a "behind the scenes" tour at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument.

2008

Membership was now over 118, and the August show returned with 38 dealers. However, cold, rainy weather resulted in several dealers leaving early, and some got stuck in the mud and needed to be towed out. T-shirts with the Club logo stitched on were sold before the show. Members enjoyed the silent auction, which made as much as \$50 at a meeting. An e-mail list of members was set up for better communication, and the website has attracted a lot of attention and several new members. We

enjoyed updates from **Steve Veatch** and Fossil Beds interns supported by the Club. Field trips visited the Petra Placer, Hartsel barite locality, and the Godsend claim.

1998-2008 Programs

1998: No programs

1999: Bob Madole (Lapidary); Ralph Ward (Jewelry setting and cutting); group topics by various members.

2000: Chet Hawkins (Garnets); and programs on tourmaline, epidote, feldspar, topaz, diamonds/kimberlite (Mike Sandifer), rhodochrosite, and gem cutting (Bob Madole).

2001: Programs included a video of the Dave Wilbur collection (Richard Parsons) and talks about quartz, dinosaurs, topaz, goethite, amazonite, turquoise, smoky quartz & amazonite, and amethyst.

2002: Richard Parsons (Geology); Forestry Dept. (road access); Rich Fretterd/Steve Veatch (smoky quartz/amazonite); Bob Holder (agate); Megan Kabele (Harman fire); beryl; Steve Veatch (Wilkerson Pass); Ray Berry (onegite).

2003: Lyle Johnson (Alaska jade); wulfenite video; Jack Thompson (topaz); Anne Black (meteorites); Loren Lowe (Alma gold); Dennis Beals (minerals of Mexico); David Vardiman (Cripple Creek); Andy Weinzapfel (Geology of Crystal peak).

2004: Pete Modreski (Colorado rocks, minerals, and gems); Beth Simmons (Arthur Lakes expedition).

2005: Loren Lowe (specimen gold); Bob Madole (lapidary demonstration); Richard Parsons (continental drift/plate tectonics); Ray Berry (mineral collecting); Steve Veatch (intern programs).

2006-2008: Steve Veatch (paleontology of Florissant Fossil beds); Richard Parsons (crystal symmetry), Bob Carnein (silicates); Pete Modreski (Colorado and worldwide pegmatites); Andy Weinzapfel (how to use public domain information to find collecting sites); Steve Veatch (intro to paleontology).

Past Presidents include: Dave Johnson (Club leader 1998-99), Bob Madole (2000), Richard Parsons (2001-03), Loren Lowe (2004-05), Andy Weinzapfel (2006-07), Maury Hammond (2008), John Rakowski (2009-12; 2015-16), Glenn Hagggett (2013), Suzanne Core (2014), and John Sprouse (2017).

2017 Membership Application, Lake George Gem & Mineral Club

Box 171, Lake George, Colorado 80827

www.LGGMClub.org

Date: _____/_____/20____

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ - _____ Email (please print) _____
(required to receive newsletter and field-trip info)

Names/ages of family members (if family membership) _____

Dues for Jan 1 through Dec. 31 each year are as follows (please check membership type):

____ Individual (18 and over).....\$15.00

____ Family (includes dependents under age 18).....\$25.00

Dues are due on or before March 31. Members with unpaid dues will be dropped from the roster on April 1.

I agree to abide by the Club constitution, by-laws, and rules regarding field trips and club claim visits.

Signed _____ Date: _____/_____/20____

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

My interest areas include (check all that apply): Minerals____; Fossils____; Lapidary____;
Micromounts____; Colorado geology____; Pebble Pups (ages 7-17)____; Mining History____;
Crystallography____; Other _____

I am willing to give a talk/presentation to (the Club) or (Pebble Pups) on _____
_____and/or lead a field trip to (list)_____

I am willing to participate/help in the following ways (can choose more than one): Club Officer____;
Newsletter Editor/Writer____; Local Show/Show committee____; Nominating Committee____;
Winter Programs Committee____; Field Trips____; Art (badges)____; Membership Coordinator____;
Website Assistance____; Pebble Pups____; Other (be specific)_____

Questions about the Club or Activities? Visit the website or contact a Club officer.

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The Lake George Gem and Mineral Club is a group of people interested in rocks and minerals, fossils, geography and history of the Pikes Peak/South Park area, Indian artifacts, and the great outdoors. The Club's informational programs and field trips provide opportunities to learn about Earth science, rocks and minerals, lapidary work and jewelry making, and to share information and experiences with other members. Guests are welcome to attend, to see what we are about!

The Club is geared primarily to amateur collectors and artisans, with programs of interest both to beginners and serious amateurs. The Club meets on the second Saturday of each month at the Lake George Community Center, located on the north side of US Highway 24 on the east edge of town, sharing a building with the county highway shops. **In the winter, we meet at 10:00AM. From April through October, we meet at 9:00AM, to allow more time for our field trips.**

Our organization is incorporated under Colorado law as a nonprofit educational organization, and is a member of the Colorado, Rocky Mountain, and American Federations of Mineralogical Societies. We also sponsor an annual Gem and Mineral Show at Lake George, where collectors and others may purchase or sell rocks, minerals, fossils, gems, or jewelry. Annual membership dues (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31) are \$15.00 for an individual (18 and over), and \$25.00 for a family (parents plus dependents under age 18).

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