

# The Lake George Gem and Mineral Club -

**Club News,  
May, 2010, 9:00AM**



## **Regular Meeting of the Lake George Gem & Mineral Club Saturday, May 8, 9:00AM at the Lake George Charter School**

**Directions:** The Lake George Charter School is on the south side of US 24, just West of the Post Office in Lake George. **Please Note: Dues are Overdue. Your 2010 dues must be paid and be current to attend the field trip! (You can pay that day)**

### **Brief Business Meeting, followed by Forever Mine Field Trip (rain, snow, sleet, or, perish the thought, fair weather!) Many Thanks to Townsend and Frankie Wolfe, claim owners**

**Trip leader:** Townsend & Frankie Wolfe ( townsendwolfe@excite.com )

**Directions:** Provided at club meeting

**Time:** Starting at 9:15AM

**Collectables:** Smoky quartz, amazonite, goethite, cleavelandite, white microcline, and maybe topaz (if you're real lucky!)

**Mileage:** About 10 minutes travel time from Lake George

**Hazards:** Rocky and steep terrain with loose gravel, dead/burned trees that can fall and/or poke you in the face; ticks, mountain lions, bears, stray barbed wire

**Terrain:** STEEP, rocky, loose gravel—BE CAREFUL walking/hiking

**Difficulty:** Moderate+

**Elevation:** 8500 or so

**Vehicle suggested:** 4-wheel drive

**Equipment:** Hiking boots, gloves, safety goggles, pick, shovel, first aid kit

**BRING YOUR OWN WATER—NONE AVAILABLE AT SITE**

**Additional comments:** Please fill in any holes that don't produce specimens; please meet up with Frankie & Townsend FIRST for dig orientation so you don't dig in areas just filled in. Kids and pets are welcome *if* well behaved. Please show your finds to Frankie & Townsend before you leave.

### **Coming Events**

**"Dinosaur Discovery Day"** public tour 10AM-3PM, Dinosaur Ridge Visitor Center; go ... **May 1**  
to website or call 303-697-3466 for information

**Colorado Mineral Society Silent Auction,** 11AM-3PM, Holy Shepherd Lutheran ... **May 8**  
Church, 920 Kipling St., Lakewood. All Welcome.

**Joint Lake George/Colorado Springs Pebble Pups Trip,** South Park peridot locality; ... **May 8**  
see April newsletter or contact Steve Veatch at 719-748-5010

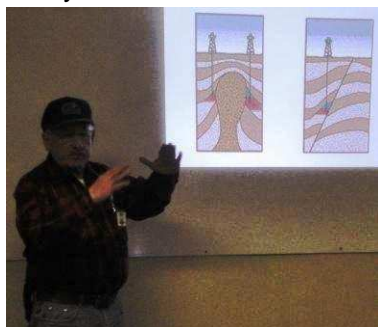
- Monthly Meeting, Columbine Gem & Mineral Society**, "History of Mine Lighting", by Bob Carnein, 6:30PM, Shavano Manor, 525 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St. (at J St.), Salida ... **May 13**
- Silent Auction**, Friends of Mineralogy, 12-3PM, Clement Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St. (near Colfax and Wadsworth), Lakewood ... **May 15**
- Capital City Rock & Gem Show**, Cheyenne, WY, American Legion Hall, 2001 E. Lincolnway ... **May 15-16**
- Monthly Meeting, Pueblo Rockhounds**, "History of Mine Lighting", by Bob Carnein, 7:30PM, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 10 University Circle, Pueblo ... **May 20**
- Monthly Meeting, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society**, 7:30PM, Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N. Hancock Ave., Colorado Springs ... **May 20**
- Combined Pebble Pups Field Trip** at Florissant Fossil Beds N.M. and Florissant Fossil Quarry, by Steve Veatch; Cost is \$13; details to follow ... **June 19**
- South Park Symposium #6**, Fairplay. History and natural resources of South Park, with afternoon field trip on "Ice age landforms of South Park" on 6/26. Fees vary with type of registration. E-Mail [pmdreski@usgs.gov](mailto:pmdreski@usgs.gov) for info. ... **June 25-26**
- "Rock Fair"**, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society Show, Western Museum of Mining and Industry, I-25 Exit 156A; see website for information ... **June 26-27**
- Annual Contin-Tail Mineral Show and Swap**, Rodeo Grounds, Buena Vista ... **Aug. 12-15**
- Lake George Gem & Mineral Club Gem & Mineral Show, Lake George**. See our website for information ... **Aug. 20-22**
- Creede, CO Mineral Symposium**, hosted by Colorado Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy. Talks and field trips; contact [dlconti@aol.com](mailto:dlconti@aol.com) for info. ... **Sept. 10-12**
- Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show**, Holiday Inn-Denver Central, 4849 Bannock St. (free admission and parking) ... **Sept. 15-19**
- Denver Gem & Mineral Show**, Denver Merchandise Mart, 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. at I-25 (exit 215). Theme is Minerals of the Creede Mining District, Mineral Co., CO. Admission charge; go to [www.denvermineralshow.com](http://www.denvermineralshow.com) for info. ... **Sept. 17-18**

## Club News

### *Please Welcome the Following New Members:*

Kate and Herbert Flather, Lorrie Hutchinson, Ron and Barbara Middleton, and Marilee & Lee Van Arsdale

>>About 22 members and several guests attended the April meeting, where President **John Rakowski** gave a talk on "How to drill an oil well". Guests included Dave Iles and Frank Shelby, along with new member Lorrie Hutchinson. The silent auction included nice skeletal quartz from North and South Carolina (donated by **Dick Lackmond**) and some geology books donated by **Steve Veatch**.



(Dan Alfrey photos)

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>>Field-trip coordinator **Dan Alfrey** has scheduled a great line-up of collecting opportunities, including the following:

- June 5: InterClub trip (hosted by CSMS) to private peridot claim in South Park. Contact **Yam** (ron.yamiolkoski@aecom.com) to sign up for this trip.
- June 12: InterClub trip to Spruce Grove topaz locality
- June 26: Restricted trip to Topaz Mountain Gem Mine (private claim)
- July 10: "PetraPlacer" (private claim; topaz)
- July 17-18: Last Chance Mine (Creede) (fee) agates & thunder eggs in Del Norte area (free)
- July 31: Restricted "Glacier Peak Amazonite Mines" (private claim); details to follow
- August 7: New Hope Amethyst Locality (Canon City club claim)
- September 18: Holcim Cement Quarry, Penrose (calcite, pyrite, fossils)
- September 25: GodSend (private claim; amazonite/smoky quartz)

Visit the LGGMClub.org website for details on these and regular updates on other trips. And, remember, **you must be a paid member to attend any Club trips.**

>>Notice that, although the New Hope trip was canceled because of bad weather, it will occur on August 7.

>>I have heard that our newsletter won some awards as presented at the Wichita Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies meeting in April, but I don't have any details yet.

>>Rumor has it that **Dan Alfrey** and **John Rakowski** did a reconnaissance visit to a possible Club claim at Wigwam Creek on April 17. Searching news will be announced at the May meeting.

Note: The club is looking for 4x4 posts for our claim corner markers. Please see Dan or John if you might have some that you would like to donate to a worthy cause!



**John Rakowski digs for gold at Wigwam Creek**  
(Dan Alfrey photo)

>>Best wishes to our Secretary, Marge Breth, recovering from a bout of bronchitis.



>>**Dan Alfrey** reports that the Alma Project is moving "full steam ahead". Research will focus on Buckskin Gulch, followed by the Mosquito and Pennsylvania areas, and then the Alma placers. **Steve Veatch** found some interesting information on early geological investigations by William Henry Brewer, whose papers are at the Sterling Library at Yale University. Team members visited the Park County Archives on April 16, and a trip is planned to the Arthur Lakes Library and Colorado School of Mines Museum in the near future. In addition, Steve is trying to arrange a low-level flight over the area in late spring. A very nice article by club member Norma Engelberg on the project came out in the Pikes Peak Courier View on April 28, p. 3-A.

## ***Pebble Pups Corner***

At the April meeting, **Steve Veatch** gave a presentation on "Field Methods for Collecting Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils". Attendance was good, and everybody had a great time.

**Dan Alfrey** has set up a new tab on the club website for a Pebble Pups slideshow. It's animated and real classy—check it out at [www.LGGMClub.org](http://www.LGGMClub.org).

**Steve Veatch** will give the May talk. The topic is "Fossils: Windows to the Past" and will include a virtual field trip to the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, in preparation for the June field trip.

Remember, the first Pebble Pups field trip is to the South Park peridot locality on May 8<sup>th</sup> 10am. Please contact Steve at 719-748-5010 for more information.

Future meetings will deal with Common Industrial Minerals (June) and Fluorescence and Phosphorescence (July).

Once again, the Pebble Pups group encourages all members who want to "sit in" to come to the meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, at 6PM, at the Lake George Charter School.  
◦ We are looking for specimens to give to the kids at the meetings, so go through that pile of rocks in your garage and see what you can spare. (Remember, we're looking for 8 to 10 samples of each).



Mr. Steven Veatch explains various field collecting tool uses.

Mr. John Rakowski has specimens for everyone to take home and keep.

Cool merit badges can be earned while having fun!

*(Dan Alfrey photos)*



**Lake George Gem and Mineral Club**  
Box 171  
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**2010 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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**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 an opportunity to learn about earth sciences, 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 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 10:00 AM. From April through September, we meet at 9:00 AM, 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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