

Tips & Chips December 2009 Newsletter of the Denver Gem & Mineral Guild



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Regular meeting are held on the 2nd Friday of the month at the Geology Building, Berthoud Hall, at 1516 Illinois Street on the campus of the Colorado School of Mines in Golden and start at 7:30 pm. Regular Guild meetings are not held June-August.

DGMG CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th

Plan to join fellow Guild members for an evening of fine eats and festivities at our annual Christmas Party!!

When: Saturday, December 12, 6:00 pm

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church
3695 S. Acoma St
Englewood, CO 80110

**Have you remembered to contact Janie Bennett to let her know that you will be attending?
janiemube@comcast.net, 303-986-9056 (H) Don't Forget! Food must be ordered...**



**Merry
Christmas
Guild
Members!**



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Maxine Scheel
Luke Westervelt
Denzil Wiggins
Kris Johnson



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Gloria & Carl Charette
Dorthy & Harold Williams
Debbie & John Rakowski



D.G.M.G. BOARD REPORT

President - Joe Payne

I am looking forward to the pop corn party December 6th...at .Debbie & Fred Olson's home. We will also be stuffing grab bags there for our February Show. It has been a very good year. Thank you all for making it so easy.

The Slate for the Board for 2010 was voted in at the regular November meeting:

President: Karlene Fry
Vice President: Jim Dennis
Secretary: Janie Bennett
Show Chairman: Joe Payne
Newsletter Editor: Beth Simmons
Ways and Means: Gideon Breithaupt and DaveSanchez
Field Trips: Bill Piety
Treasurer: Ron Snelling
Historian: Marjie Payne
Membership: Linda Burns & Pat Henley
Web Master: Bob Johnson
Grab bags: Rick Estes
Hospitality: Debbie Baldwin

**December 6th.....Our Annual "Pop Corn Party".....at Debbie & Fred Olson's home:
1236 Madison, Denver, CO 80206**

***The November Board Meeting precedes our "Pop Corn Party" preparation for the
December Christmas Party-all members please come and help out.***

**December board meeting: January 8, 2010.....Marjie & Joe Payne's home.
*This will be a joint board meeting. A reminder and details will be sent out.***

Vice President - Kris Johnson

I just want to say THANK YOU! to everyone in the club that has stepped in and taken over my position. I am sorry I could not finish out my position, but things have not gone well for me in the last 6 months and I just can not fulfill my position. I am very sorry and do not feel real good about myself bowing out. THANK YOU again for everything everyone has done.

Treasurer & Grab Bags – Ron Snelling

No Report. We will need grab bags and materials for shows throughout the year. If you have Grab Bag specimens from your summer collecting please get in touch with me. **303-460-9656 (H)**.

Hospitality – Janie Bennett

POPCORN PARTY – December 6

The “Popcorn Party” is the Guild’s “ Pre-Christmas Party.”

All club members are invited to come and help and have a good time!!

When: December 6 at Debbie and Fred’s home
1236 Madison St. Denver, CO 80206
1pm -Board meeting
2pm -Members arrive for many important projects:

WE NEED ALL OF YOU!!!!

- Make Carmel Corn
- Make “goodie bags” for Christmas Party
- Make centerpieces (bring Christmas decorations.
Glue guns, scissors, wire cutters, extension cords)
- Stuff grab bags for the February Show!!!
- Potluck Dinner when the work is finished!!!!

PLEASE BRING

- Already popped, unsalted popcorn (a large sack full)
- Very large stainless mixing bowls, wooden spoons and cookie sheets.
- Food to serve 10-12 for the potluck (club will provide meat)



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From Hampden and Broadway

Go south on Broadway to the first stoplight (Kenyon)

Turn west (right) one block to Acoma

Church on the Northwest corner of Kenyon and Acoma

Parking lots directly south (across the street)

West of the church (Kenyon and Bannock)

Enter the building from the south door

HELPERS NEEDED AT 5:00 PM TO SET UP

FOOD

Bring a dish that will serve 10-15

Bring a serving utensil for your food

Club will provide meat, rolls, beverages, plates and utensils

A - B Main dish

C- I Salad

J- P Vegetable dish

Q-Z Dessert

Santa Claus plans to make a visit and is looking forward to handing out presents to boys and girls (both good and bad) of all ages. There will be a gift exchange for all who chose to participate. Bring wrapped gift items related to the hobby in the \$10 range. Please identify gifts for children and make sure they go into the "kid's bag." Remember those "stupid" or "senior moments" with Gag gifts that will go into an "adult bag" for Santa to distribute. There will also be a door prize drawing for all who attend.

PROGRAM

Marjie Payne will again present a video program featuring last year's Christmas Party, the 2009 DGMG Show and other club events.

BOB AWARD

Please submit Bob Award nominations to President Joe Payne. Remember all those "senior moments" of fellow club members

Historian – Marjie Payne

The Christmas Program for this year relives The Denver Gem and Mineral Guild's activities from the 2008 Popcorn Party through most of 2009 including field trips, the picnic and shows. I may not be the one to play the video as I will be going through chemotherapy on December 11th, but I will be there in spirit and wish everyone a most Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year! Joe will run the show if I am unable to go- bless his heart!

Membership – Dave Sanchez

If you are interested in joining our club, the annual membership is \$15/individual, or \$25/couple. New members and up-dating old members: ***Please include your full name, address, telephone number(s), e-mail address, plus birthdays and anniversaries dates.***
See Attachment at end of T&C.

Ways & Means – Connie Garcia, Jim Dennis & Karlene Fry

No new report at this time.

Field Trips – Bill Piety & Gideon Breithaupt

No new report at this time.

Tips & Chips Editor – Wayne Pound

I am turning over the Tips & Chips after this issue. I have appreciated the opportunity to get to know the Guild from the capacity of Editor. I attempted to bring in a strong visual format to the T&C and attempted to offer-up some collecting locals for our members. Our new editor, Dr. Beth Simmons, is quite involved in local Colorado geology and will be able to bring in interesting articles on area events and geology in general. Please send Beth articles to share with our membership. It is your contributions that make the editorship position easier and more fun. You may now address your e-mailings to Beth providing changes of address, news information, and all the things you need to e-mail out to the Guild membership.

Beth Simmons, e-mail: [cloverknoll@comcast.net], 1420 S. Reed, Lakewood, CO 80232.

**DISPLAYING AT THE DGMG SHOW – FEBRUARY 26- 27- 28,
2010
JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
THEME: “Jefferson County – Full of Rocks”**

Beth Simmons, exhibit chair, cloverknoll@comcast.net or 303-986-9693

We are returning to the Fairgrounds after our very successful shows! The exhibit building is huge, well lit, and gives us great opportunity to impress and sell our hobby. Let's make this the greatest show ever for exhibits, demonstrations, and information!

CALLING ALL GUILD MEMBERS!

Put in a case full of your most beautiful items that show that are from Jefferson County! (Okay – we'll take others, too!) Or demonstrate your talents!

DISPLAYS

We need to have at least 32 cases to even begin to fill the hall. Each DGMG member needs to put in one case each! The theme, “Rocks from Jefferson County,” doesn't allow a lot of leeway in choice of items but we'll take rocks from elsewhere), and displays needn't adhere to the theme. We expect lots of fossils (which usually aren't pretty), some historical mining paraphernalia (which definitely is not pretty), but lots of beautiful faceted and cut stones that ARE pretty (but probably didn't come from Jefferson County. Lots of silver work, jewelry, beading, maybe even meteorites (not pretty unless your name is Fred Olson).

Attached is a small, short form. Please fill it out and give it or email it to Beth Simmons prior to February 1. We can then plan where to put your **CASES**. Instructions will be forthcoming to all exhibitors about setup and takedown times.

DISPLAYERS:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TYPE OF DISPLAY(S)- (Circle all that apply)
Lapidary, Jewelry, Fossils, Minerals, Educational, Mining history, Ores, Other (List details below)

HOW MANY DISPLAYS? _____
DO YOU NEED A COUNCIL CASE(S)? Yes NO

DEMONSTRATORS

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TALENT TO BE DEMONSTRATED: (Circle all that apply)
Lapidary, Carving, Faceting, Wire wrapping, Beading, Mineral identification, Fossil identification, Fluorescent (things that glow in the dark),
Amount of table space needed – 4 feet 8 feet Other (open floor space)

Area Events of a Geological Interest

Dr. Peter Modreski, USGS, Denver

December 6: Denver Gem & Mineral Guild, Pop Corn Party at Debbie and Fred's home at 1236 Madison St. Denver, CO 80206, 1pm -Board meeting, 2pm -Members arrive for many important projects:

December 10: Sandstorms to Snow Leopards: The Cretaceous Tourist in Mongolia, by Kirk Johnson, Chief Curator and Vice President, Research and Collections Division. "In the summer of 1997, Johnson traveled to remote areas of Mongolia's Gobi Desert with a Mongolian-Japanese-American team in search of fossil plants from the time of the dinosaurs. Join Johnson for a lively evening as he describes his experiences with Asian dinosaurs, extinct plant life, and wrestling in central Asia."

December 11-13: Flatirons Gem and Mineral Show, Boulder County Fairgrounds, 9595 Nelson Rd. (Nelson & Hover), Longmont, CO; see <http://bcn.boulder.co.us/community/fmc/> for details (10-6 Fri., 9-5 Sat., 10-5 Sun.) [*P.S., a presentation at 2-3 p.m. Sunday at this show, "How to Identify a Mineral, by Pete Modreski, USGS"*]

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Science Fair Judges Needed

In addition to those mentioned in my last email, two more Denver school science fairs have been scheduled for January and volunteers for all of them are very much appreciated. The complete list of coming science fairs follows; for all except the Grant Ranch School, please contact Debbie Turner, Community Resources, Inc., 720-424-2300, debbie_turner@dpsk12.org. Judging for all of these will take place in the mornings of the respective days.

Thurs., Dec. 10, Grant Ranch K-8 School, Littleton; contact Susan_Workman@dpsk12.org

Tues., Jan. 12, Smiley Middle School, 2540 Holly St., Denver

Fri., Jan. 15, Bryant-Webster K-8 School, 3635 Quivas St., Denver

Thurs., Jan. 7, Grant Middle School, 1751 S. Washington St., Denver

Sat., Jan. 23, Denver Public Schools District Science Fair, to be held at the Denver Zoo

January 30-February 14, 2010: The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show

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New Members and Up-Dating Old Members

Full name(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Birthdate(s): _____

Anniversaries date: _____

The annual membership is \$15/individual, or \$25/couple. You can join at the next meeting, or mail in your membership fee to Dave Sanchez, 10001 W. 69th Ave., Arvada, CO 80004.

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