

# The Original Denver Gem and Mineral Show

## September 2021 Update

### Hardrock Summit Announcements

The 2021 Denver Gem & Mineral Show (DGMS) in conjunction with the Hardrock Summit will be held at the Colorado Convention Center from **September 16-19, 2021**. The Hardrock Summit includes two downtown venues, the Convention Center and the Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel. The new Evolution show (Sept 16-19) will be located at the Convention Center along with the DGMS and the shows will be **open to the public each day from 10:00am to 5:00pm**.

Visit [hardrocksummit.com](http://hardrocksummit.com) and [denvershow.org](http://denvershow.org) for more details about this exciting new event and to purchase online tickets for \$10 per day (children under 12 years old have FREE admission).

Evolution will also have special exhibits including:

- Fabulous Fluorites (DGMS)
- Alma and its Treasures (the Rhodochrosite reunion) – exciting info coming out shortly
- The incredible Trilliant of Gene Meieran
- The World's largest Martian meteorite
- The Meteorite Room <https://vimeo.com/525247321/5eaa896e11>
- The Hamlin Necklace

The Sparkle & Joy/AGTA/ICA Denver Show (Sept 18-21) will be at the Sheraton Hotel, and is open to qualified trade professionals, buyers, retailers, and invitation-only VIP consumer attendees. A free shuttle will go between the two venues. We are grateful for the opportunity to be part of the debut year of the Hardrock Summit, which is positioned to be Denver's premier gem, mineral, and fossil show.

The DGMS will occupy the space on the upper, entry level of the Convention Center. The DGMS 2021 show will include the fluorescent room, club tables, display exhibits, a kids room with gold planning, Mr. Bones, education exhibits, and 20+ dealers. The theme of the 2021 DGMS is ***Fabulous Fluorite***.

### Club Volunteers Needed Plus New Information for Volunteers!!

We still need volunteers for both the DGMS and Evolution Shows, especially the club tables. We just found out that we are not allowed to scan tickets, so the volunteer positions have been revised (see below). Volunteers are required to work a minimum of **4 hours** and will get free admission to the Convention Center shows all 4 days and entrance into the Sparkle and Joy Show at the Denver Sheraton Hotel. Parking for volunteers will be reimbursed at the Volunteer Check-In Table up to \$12/day, which is the rate for the adjacent Convention Center parking garage. You can also park in other surface lots, take RTD Light Rail, or use Uber/Lyft and get reimbursed up to \$12, so bring a receipt with you to the Volunteer Check-In Table. Parking meters are only 2 hours and costs \$1 an hour; however, you will get a ticket if you feed the meter and park more than 2 hours. Parking reimbursement will only occur on the days you actually volunteer. A map on how to get into the Convention Center parking garage and other possible parking locations will be provided to the volunteers next week.

Hardrock Summit will now allow volunteers with a volunteer badge into the Sparkle and Joy Show at the Denver Sheraton Hotel (September 18-21). A free shuttle bus will run between the Convention Center and Sheraton Hotel every 30 minutes. The Sparkle and Joy Show is a wholesale show, so you will not be unable to purchase anything from dealers if you do not have a business license, but you can still look at some fantastic jewelry. ***In addition, the world's largest topaz exhibit will be at the Sparkle and Joy Show.***

**Note:** Hardrock Summit would like the volunteers on the public days of the Show to wear black pants and a black shirt (or dark blue) if possible to make a more uniform look for the show to help the public identify you as a volunteer that can help with questions or directions. This is important if you are working at the information booth or as a greeter. Show Committee Members should wear their vests.

The volunteer positions and descriptions for the Denver Gem and Mineral Show and Evolution Show are below. We will be contacting volunteers next week to set up times during the day.

- **Display Case Set-up and Tear Down** - 30 to 40 wooden display cases to put together and take down – Tuesday 10am-2pm and Sunday 5pm-9pm
- **Information Booth** – Sitting position to answer questions and direct people to shows. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 10am-5pm
- **Volunteer Sign In Table** – Sitting position to sign in volunteers and hand out badges and work assignments. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 9am-5pm
- **Greeters/Provide Directions to Attendees** – Standing position to direct the public to the shows and provide information. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 10am-5pm
- **Dealer Unloading Drop-Off Area** – Direct dealers/exhibitors to drop-off and unloading area, direct and help dealers as needed, coordinate with union staff who will push carts and pallet jacks for dealers. Tuesday 10am-10pm, Wednesday 7am-10pm, Sunday 6pm-10pm, and Monday 10am- 5pm
- **Grab Bags/Pins/Posters** – Sell to attendees. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 10am-5pm
- **Club Tables** – Standing/sitting at club tables to answer questions, do demonstrations. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 10am-5pm. Identify what club table you will be working at.
- **Fluorescent Room** - Answer questions. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 10am-5pm

An online volunteer sign up is located at the following link and instructions for the sign-up are provided in a separate attachment:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D45A5AD2EA2F94-denver>

You can also contact Amber Brenzikofer at [amberbrenzikofer@gmail.com](mailto:amberbrenzikofer@gmail.com) to sign up. **Please sign up by September 9<sup>th</sup>** so we can get your badges printed. The online volunteer signup is just to sign up for specific days and assignments. Hours will be determined each day for each position next week. If there are only specific hours you can work on a certain day, you can add that to the notes when you sign up online.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Brenzikofer, 2021 DGMS Chairperson, at [amberbrenzikofer@gmail.com](mailto:amberbrenzikofer@gmail.com) or 720-480-5234.