

**Columbine Gem and Mineral Society  
Minutes of the May 14, 2009 Meeting  
Salida, CO at 6:30 pm**

- Vice President Lori Everhard, presiding officer, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.
- No Treasurer's Report at this meeting.
- Minutes from the April meeting were read. Lori Denoyer moved to approve the minutes as read, Jim Drennen seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
- Lori Denoyer discussed the Field Trip Schedule. The New Hope Amethyst Claim is the next field trip with the Canon City group, led by Steve Jones. Members are urged to sign up in advance for the scheduled field trips at each meeting. Christina Johnson's led field trip to Grand Junction and Moab areas was considered a fun success by those 7 members who made the trip.
- Chris Welker from the Forest Service was the first of 2 speakers, Kim Woodruff with the DOW the 2<sup>nd</sup> to speak on access permits, the Habitat Stamp, hazards, and noxious weeds on BLM and Forrest Service lands.
- Chris Welker is working with Dick Lackmond to obtain a Forest Service rock collecting permit for the Society in surrounding counties which may or may not be feasible. Until then, it is suggested that the society check with each Forest Service before planning to collect as a group on Forest Service lands. However, individuals do not need to check with each Forest Service before collecting on Forest Service lands provided individuals abide by the following guidelines for casual rock collection whether with the society or on their own. Do not collect cultural resources such as arrow heads, coprolites are exempt. Do not dig deeper than 6 inches. Use only hand tools. A total of 250 pounds per year is the individual limit on rock collecting. Want more? File a Plan of Operations before proceeding.

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- Kim Woodruff with the DOW explained the Habitat Stamp is required for visiting in the State Wildlife areas and in the Colorado Division of Wildlife State Trust Lands. No stamp is needed for collecting individually or with the Society on BLM or Forest Service lands. A fishing license and the Habitat Stamp include a fee for search and rescue. Check with the local office for prices. Just a search and rescue card may be purchased. Noxious weeds are

showing up in DOW lands and should be reported. Go to [www.cwma.org](http://www.cwma.org) for more information on identification of myrtle spurge, leafy spurge, yellow star thistle, oxeye daisy, Dalmatian toadflax, and dame's rocket. Rules for hiking in bear country are: keep trash in vehicles, lock vehicle, no food in tents, keep a clean camp, do not sleep in clothes you cook in and do not leave toiletry items in tent. For rattlesnake avoidance: be careful around large rocks and sunny area, watch where you put your hands, listen, and quickly seek medical attention if bit.

- Next regular meeting is June 11, 2009. Show & Tell: Items made with rocks
- Thanks to Jim and Nancy Drennan for refreshments.
- June refreshments will be provided by Dwayne Argaud and Linda Solomon.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.
- Kathi Kier, Secretary