

# INFORMATION FOR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITORS

## The 50<sup>th</sup> Denver Gem & Mineral Show September 15, 16, 17, 2017

The **50th Annual Denver Gem & Mineral Show** will take place at The Denver Mart (451 E. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave., just east of 1-25, Exit 215). This show will feature over 125 retail dealers as well as exhibits from major museums and private exhibitors.

**Gold and Silver** is the show theme this year, and it is hoped that we will have many spectacular exhibits from both institutions and individual collectors.

\*\*\*\*\* **Please note the entry deadlines on the ENTRY/INFORMATION sheets.** \*\*\*\*\*

Display areas and cases will be assigned on a space-available basis. You will receive a confirmation of your application. Exhibitors are encouraged to use their own cases if they are of a size and style that complement the Denver Council cases. Please do not plan to use a flat, unlit case, as this will not show your exhibit to its best advantage.

**Set-up hours are Thursday, September 14, from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m.** Please check in at the information desk, located on the west side, inside the front entrance of the Mart, for information on case location and badges for entrance to the show (maximum two per exhibit). Cases must be taken down immediately after the close of the show at 5 p.m. and clearing of the floor on Sunday.

### **Preparation of Exhibits:**

It is requested that all cases be lined. Constructing a bottom liner and riser, or using fabric draped over risers, is a quick way to greatly improve the appearance of your exhibit. Side and back liners can provide a background to attach large labels, maps, photographs, or other items that add interest to your display. Use liner and label colors that complement your specimens. **Note: current dimensions and instructions for liners on the next page.**

Labels must provide adequate information for the interested public to understand your case. Include at least the specie name of the specimen and the locality. Your label might also note such details as “personally collected, whether it has received lapidary treatment, an explanation of any special features of the material or other pertinent information.” Typed or professionally printed labels are preferred to hand-written labels.

If desired, the ownership of your exhibit may be indicated on a label or with a business card; however, it is not permissible to indicate availability for purchase or prices.

Please provide a description of your exhibit on the entry form; this information assists us in designing a more interesting exhibit layout.

Putting together an attractive display can be time-consuming and challenging, but the rewards, both personal and for the hobby as a whole, make it a worthwhile endeavor. Thank you for your interest in exhibiting at the Denver Gem & Mineral Show.

### **NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE IN AWARDS POLICY AS OF 2016:**

**(Applies to Denver Special Competitions: Species, all 3 Prospector competitions, Best of Fossil and Pearl)  
In any category of competition in which there is only a single entry as of the deadline date, NO trophy will be awarded in that category. The owner of the lone entry will be notified and offered the option of withdrawing the entry. It is hoped that said owner would choose to exhibit the entry for the enjoyment of our attendees.**

### **DENVER GEM & MINERAL SHOW COMMITTEE SPECIAL AWARD**

#### **C. E. Withers Award**

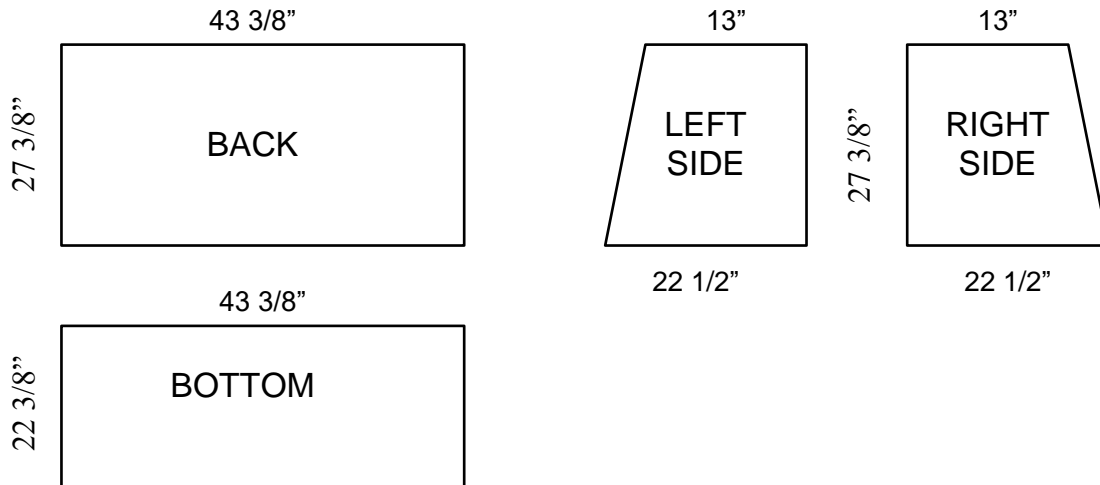
This trophy honors the memory of a man who was committed to the improvement of displays in the Denver Gem & Mineral Show. No special entry form is required, and a given exhibit may win this award only once. The eligible case with the highest number of points, determined by a vote of the members of the Show Committee, will win the trophy. Entries will be judged on showmanship, quality, and educational value. Adherence to the show theme is not a requirement. The following are eligible to enter: an individual, a couple or a family. The following are not eligible and will not be included on the ballot: dealers, commercial miners, individual competitive cases, cases exhibited by aggregate groups (MAD, HAM, club cases, Denver special cases like the Pearl competition, etc.).

If you are interested in entering a NON-COMPETITIVE case in the show, please contact Larry Havens, [lwrnchavens@comcast.net](mailto:lwrnchavens@comcast.net), [lghavens4@gmail.com](mailto:lghavens4@gmail.com) or the show website: [www.denvermineralsshow.com](http://www.denvermineralsshow.com).

## Denver Council Show Cases

- Case Design: The display cases provided have a glass front with solid wood sides, back, and floor. Two light bulb sockets with LED bulbs and an exhaust fan are attached to the top section.
- Lighting: All exhibitors will be limited to 120 watts of electricity per case.
- Care of cases: It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to take proper care of the case and liners. Do not use staples or tacks to fasten a liner to the walls of our wooden cases. ***Because of recent damage to some of our new liners use of double-sided tape, mineral tack (or similar), and glue is not allowed.*** Clean the inside of the glass with a lint-free cloth before requesting your case to be closed. This is critical if you have dark liners.
- Showmanship: Liners are requested in all cases. Also consider risers or platforms, which greatly add to the attractiveness of many displays. Labels should be neat and legible. ***Please note that text or photos more than 18" above the floor of the exhibit may not be easily visible to the adult viewer.***

*Measurements: All measurements listed below are **LINER DIMENSIONS**. Please note: the cases are handmade; there will be slight variations in size. Your liners should fit snugly against each other in the back and sides. Don't be too concerned if your back or side liners are a little shorter than the inside of the case. That area will not be visible to the viewers.*



Typically, cardboard or plastic sign material  $\frac{1}{8}$ " or  $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick is used. The back liner fits in first, then the two sides (they will hold the back in place), and finally the bottom, which holds the bottom edges of the sides and back. ***Allow for the thickness of your liner and fabric.***

# ENTRY FORM FOR COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT

## The 50<sup>th</sup> Denver Gem & Mineral Show

September 15, 16, 17, 2017 - The Denver Mart, I-25 at 58<sup>th</sup> Ave.

(ENTRY DEADLINE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017)

The exhibitor is responsible for the exhibit throughout the show, including set-up and takedown. Guards will be on duty at all times; however, neither the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council nor the Denver Show Committee assumes responsibility for any loss or damage. The exhibitor's signature on this form constitutes assent to this statement.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

AFMS Affiliated Society (required) \_\_\_\_\_

This exhibitor is a member in good standing of the AFMS-affiliated society listed above.

Society Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Competitive cases will be judged using the AFMS Uniform Rules, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, updated for 2017.

The exhibitor is responsible for determining the correct Division and Class.

Master \_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_ Society \_\_\_\_ Jr. Society \_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Reference class of restriction for BF or FC \_\_\_\_\_  
Specify contents/subject of Restricted (X, Y, or XY), Open Division (A), or Educational cases

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I request the use of a Denver Council case. \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide your own liners and risers.) I plan to bring my own case (indicate size) \_\_\_\_\_.

Names for I.D. Badges: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

I (We) agree to abide by the above rules and procedures.

Exhibitor(s) Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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# ENTRY FORM FOR SPECIAL COMPETITION – BEST OF SPECIES

## Entry Deadline is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Each year the Denver Show Committee chooses a theme for special competition. For the 2017 Show, the committee has chosen **Gold and Silver**. For this competition, enter gold or silver specimens (MINERALS CONTAINING GOLD OR SILVER AS MAJOR CONSTITUENTS ARE ELIGIBLE). An individual may enter only one specimen in each size or type category. A trophy will be awarded for the best *Species* entry in each of the **8** categories listed below on the entry form (thumbnail, toenail, miniature, cabinet, oversize cabinet, field collected, Best of Colorado, and lapidary/jewelry). Specimen quality will be judged on the basis of established standards for the species. Workmanship for lapidary/jewelry entries (featuring theme minerals) must be that of the exhibitor.

This competition is open to any individual (amateur or professional), but not to institutions, groups, clubs or businesses. An individual may enter only one specimen in each category.

**Entries for this category will be placed in special group cases provided by the Denver Show Committee. Pieces may not be part of a regular competitive or non-competitive display.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

### Best of Species Deadline for Entries is September 1, 2017

Thumbnail	_____	Specimen fits in a 1" cube as displayed
Toenail	_____	Specimen fits in a 1.5" cube as displayed
Miniature	_____	Specimen fits in a 2" cube as displayed
Cabinet	_____	Specimen fits in a 5" cube as displayed
Oversize Cabinet	_____	Specimen must fit into standard 4' case
Self-Collected	_____	Specimen personally collected by exhibitor
Best of Colorado	_____	Specimen must be from Colorado
Lapidary/Jewelry	_____	Cabochon, sphere, faceting, intarsia, jewelry, etc. featuring theme minerals

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Names for I.D. badges 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) of Exhibitor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**ENTRY FORM FOR SPECIAL COMPETITION – PEARL TROPHY**  
**Entry Deadline is Friday, September 1, 2017**

**The Richard M. Pearl Trophy**

This trophy is awarded to the exhibitor of the best crystallized mineral specimen entered in this competition. The trophy is given in honor of Professor Richard M. Pearl, a longtime Colorado resident, who was instrumental in organizing both the American Federation and the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and Past President of both. He was the second "Certified Gemologist" recognized by the American Gem Society, as well as the author of many books on Colorado geology and mineralogy. The competition is open to all exhibitors. Entries may be any **crystallized mineral**, thumbnail or larger, from any locality; the exhibitor must own the specimen. Quality, on a worldwide basis, will be the only criterion by which each mineral specimen will be judged. The exhibitor will be limited to three entries for this trophy in a given year. A specimen is eligible to win this trophy only once. An exhibitor shall not be eligible to enter this competition for two years following the receipt of the Pearl Trophy.

**Specimens entered this category will be placed in special group cases provided by the Denver Show Committee. Specimens may not be part of a regular competitive or non-competitive display; nor may any specimen be entered in multiple Special Competition categories. For instance, a specimen physically entered in the Species Competition case may not also be judged in the Pearl Competition.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Richard Pearl Trophy – Deadline for entry is September 1, 2017**

**1. Specimen Description/Approximate Size**

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**2. Specimen Description/Approximate Size**

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**3. Specimen Description/Approximate Size**

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Names for I.D. badges 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) of Exhibitor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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# ENTRY FORM FOR SPECIAL COMPETITION – PROSPECTOR TROPHY

## Entry Deadline is Friday, September 8, 2017

### The Prospector Trophy Competition (Best Specimen Personally Collected in the Field - Note new rule below.)

This trophy is awarded in honor of the countless miners, prospectors, and mineral collectors who preceded us and collectively made a monumental contribution to the Earth Sciences. The trophy is given to the best field collected mineral specimen found during the year preceding the opening date of the 2017 show. The specimen(s) entered must have been personally (and actively) collected in the field by the exhibitor and may be any species, from any locality and any size. An exhibitor may enter up to three specimens. A specimen is eligible to win this trophy only once. Eligibility for the Prospector's Trophy is strictly limited to amateur participation. Those persons operating a mine or mining claim (particularly operations utilizing mechanized equipment) with the intent of specimen recovery for resale, principally commercial collectors, paid miners, individuals under contract, or owners and/or operators of working mines, are not considered to be of amateur status. Dealers or other "professionals" collecting on a recreational basis on properties other than their own are exempt from this restriction. **New Rule: Specimens collected from FEE sites or found on commercial collecting sites that require the purchase of specimens, once found, ARE NOT ALLOWED. Direct any questions about these rules to Larry Havens.**

**Specimens entered this category will be placed in special group cases provided by the Denver Show Committee. Specimens may not be part of a regular competitive or non-competitive display; nor may any specimen be entered in multiple Special Competition categories. For instance, a specimen physically entered in the Species Competition case may not also be judged in the Pearl Competition.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

#### Prospector Trophy - ENTRY DEADLINE – September 8, 2017

1. Specimen Description/Approximate Size

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2. Specimen Description/Approximate Size

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3. Specimen Description/Approximate Size

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(Eligibility is restricted to amateur participants.)

Names for I.D. badges 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) of Exhibitor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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# ENTRY FORM FOR SPECIAL COMPETITION – CLUB PROSPECTOR TROPHY

## Entry Deadline is Friday, September 1, 2017

### Club Prospector Trophy

Any member club of the Greater Denver Gem and Mineral Council is eligible to enter up to three specimens collected after September 18, 2016 on club-sponsored field trips. When the club installs its case on set-up Thursday, the club representative will designate the three specimens to be judged to the Judging Chair or designee. The Judging Committee will then number the designated specimens (1 through 3) in the same direction in all the entered cases. An aggregate entry, such as a vial of gold dust, or a group of loose topaz crystals would not constitute an eligible entry. A gold nugget or a single topaz crystal, or group of crystals on a single matrix, would be eligible.

The specimens should be displayed in a standard Denver showcase with supporting information about the field trips. Maps, pictures, drawings, etc. can be used to make an attractive case that would be of interest to viewers. One third of the case score will be on showmanship as defined in the AFMS Rules (see below for the language of the rules\*) as well as the use of supplementary, information options as suggested above. The other 2/3 of the case score will be double the highest score from among the three quality scores awarded to the specimens.

**Scoring Example:** (changed for 2014)

#### Club X enters

- Specimen # 1 which earns a quality score of 65
- Specimen # 2 which earns a quality score of 87
- Specimen # 3 which earns a quality score of 83

- The judge assigns a showmanship score of **80** to the case.
- The highest specimen score (# 2) is **87**, double that to **174** and add the showmanship score of **80** and the case earns a score of **254**.
- In the case of multiple judges, scores would be averaged.
- The club case with the highest score wins the trophy.

\* **AFMS Showmanship Rule for Minerals (Division B, Rule 2.2):**

**Showmanship** shall refer to the ability of the exhibitor to use the material exhibited, the background material, lighting, arrangement, and labeling features (such as size, neatness, etc.) to create a display which will attract and hold the interest of the viewer upon the specimens exhibited.

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Club Prospector Entry Form: Club Name _____
Club Officer or Contact _____ Phone _____
Address _____ E-mail _____

Names for I.D. badges 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) of Exhibitor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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# ENTRY FORM FOR SPECIAL COMPETITION – BEST FOSSIL TROPHY

## Entry Deadline is Friday, September 1, 2017

### The Denver Council Trophy for Best Fossil (Best Fossil personally collected in the field)

This award is intended to encourage exhibitors to display fossils at the Denver Show, and to increase public awareness of the importance of this aspect of Earth Science. The trophy is given to the best field collected fossil found during the year preceding the opening date of the 2017 show. The fossil(s) entered must have been personally (and actively) collected in the field by the exhibitor and may be any species, from any locality and any size (must fit in a four foot case). An exhibitor may enter up to three fossils. **Each specimen must be labeled following AFMS fossil labeling rules as modified for the Denver Show. Labeling rules may be found on the AFMS web site ([www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)).** **IN ADDITION, the FORMATION must be cited on the label.** The labels below are offered as examples. The information may be shown in any logical order so long as all required information is included.

TROUT PERCH <i>Amphiplaga brachyptera</i> CHORDATA – Osteichthyes Green River Fm. – Eocene Kemmerer, Wyoming
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Common Name
Genus/Species
Phylum/Class
Formation/Age
Location

BELEMNITE <i>Pachyteuthis densus</i> MOLLUSCA: Cephalopoda Sundance Fm. – Jurassic Como Bluff, Wyoming
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A fossil is eligible to win this trophy only once. Eligibility for the Best Fossil Trophy is strictly limited to amateur participation. Those persons operating a mine or mining claim (particularly operations utilizing mechanized equipment) with the intent of specimen recovery for resale, principally commercial collectors, paid miners, individuals under contract, or owners and/or operators of working prospects, are not considered to be of amateur status. Dealers or other "professionals" collecting on a recreational basis on properties other than their own are exempt from this restriction. Direct any questions about these rules to Larry Havens.

**Specimens entered in this category will be placed in special group cases provided by the Denver Show Committee. Specimens may not be part of a regular competitive or non-competitive display; nor may any specimen be entered in multiple Special Competition categories.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

#### Best Fossil Trophy - ENTRY DEADLINE – September 1, 2017

1. Specimen Description/Approximate Size

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2. Specimen Description/Approximate Size

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3. Specimen Description/Approximate Size

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(Eligibility is restricted to amateur participants.)

Names for I.D. badges 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) of Exhibitor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**ENTRY FORM FOR SPECIAL COMPETITION**  
**JUNIOR PROSPECTOR TROPHY FOR EXHIBITORS, AGES 6 THROUGH 14**

**Entry Deadline is Friday, September 8, 2017**

**The Junior Prospector Trophy Competition**

**(Best Mineral Specimen Personally Collected by an individual, aged 6 through 14)**

This trophy competition follows exactly the same guidelines as those of the traditional Prospector competition; therefore, please refer to the full description of this competition on the enclosed form in this packet. The main requirements for the Junior Prospector Competition are:

- **The entrant must be between six and fourteen years of age.**
- **The entrant may enter up to three mineral specimens (not fossils).**
- **The specimen(s) entered must have been personally (and actively) collected in the field by the exhibitor and may be any species, from any locality and any size.**
- **A specimen is eligible to win this trophy only once.**
- **Eligibility for the Prospector's Trophy is strictly limited to amateur participation and may not be collected from a fee site or purchased, once found, from a commercial site.**

Specimens entered this category will be placed in special group cases provided by the Denver Show Committee. Specimens may not be part of a regular competitive or non-competitive display; nor may any specimen be entered in multiple Special Competition categories. For instance, a specimen physically entered in the Species Competition case may not also be judged in the Pearl Competition.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Prospector Trophy - ENTRY DEADLINE – September 8, 2017**

1. Specimen Description/Approximate Size

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2. Specimen Description/Approximate Size

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3. Specimen Description/Approximate Size

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(Eligibility is restricted to amateur participants.)

Names for I.D. badges 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_

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