

INFORMATION FOR NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITORS
Denver Gem & Mineral Show
September, 10, 11, 12, 13, 2026

The **58th Annual Denver Gem & Mineral Show** will be held in collaboration with the **Hard Rock Summit** at the **Westin Westminster Hotel, 10600 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster 80020.**

The show theme is - **Red, White and Blue. See included discussion of the theme.**

We hope to have many spectacular exhibits from both institutions and individual collectors.

A "Peoples Choice" Award is being considered for entries in this category.

***** **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 on Wednesday, September 9; times to be determined. Please check in at the exhibits desk.

Cases must be taken down immediately after the close of the show on and clearing of the floor on Sunday.

Preparation of Exhibits:

While we prefer you provide your own liners and risers to compliment your exhibit, the committee has a limited number of liners, some with matching risers. One of these sets may be requested on a first requested - first served basis. See entry form option for making a liner set request. 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 names of the specimens and their 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.

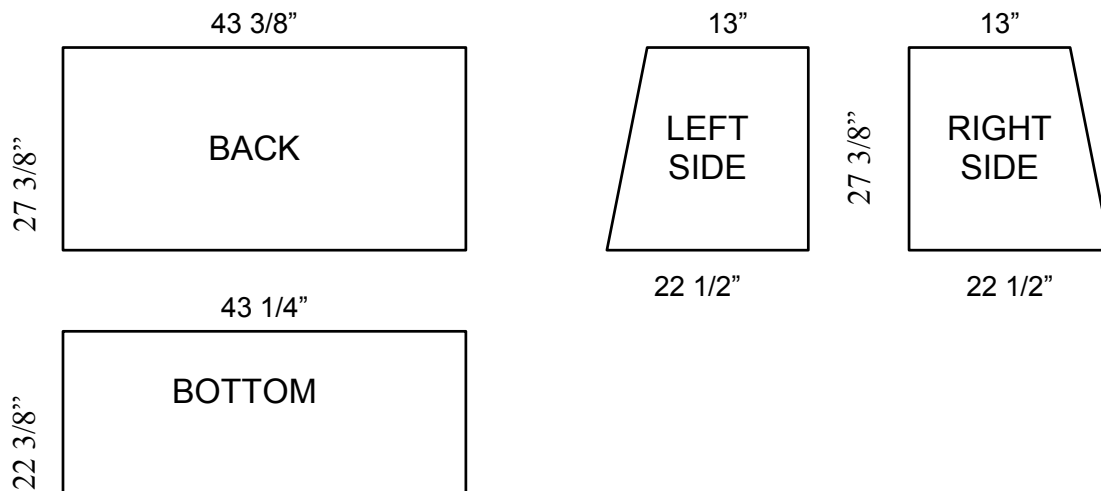
Please provide a description of your exhibit on the entry form; this information assists us in designing a more interesting exhibit layout.

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.

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 60 watt equivalent LED bulbs are attached to the top section.
- Lighting:** All exhibitors using their own case 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. ***Mineral tack, glue or glue guns are 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 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, foam core board 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 material and fabric.***

ENTRY FORM FOR NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT
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(ENTRY DEADLINE – MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026)

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 acknowledges consent to the liability statement.

Name _____ Date _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City, State, Zip _____

Cell phone or number to contact you during the show: _____

Description or Title of your Exhibit

I request the use of a Denver Council case. _____. I plan to bring my own case (indicate size)

_____.

While we prefer you provide your own liners and risers to compliment your exhibit, the committee has a limited number of liners, some with matching risers. Check your color preference from the choices below. Please, also, indicate a second choice. I request the use of –

Light color liners _____ Medium color liners _____ Dark color liners _____ # of Risers _____

Please check any of the items below that apply to your entry:

_____ exhibit belongs to an individual, couple or family; _____ entrant is a dealer; _____ entrant is a professional miner; _____ entry is by a group (i.e. MAD, HAM, Club)

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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