

## INFORMATION FOR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITORS

### The 55th Denver Gem & Mineral Show September 15, 16, 17, 18, 2023

The 55th Annual Denver Gem & Mineral Show will take place at the Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th Street, Denver.

**"Gem Minerals: Nature's Bling" is the 2022 Show Theme.** We hope to have many spectacular exhibits from both institutions and individual collectors that reflect the myriad possible interpretations of the theme.

For the 2023 show, **only** these competitive options will be offered: **Adult and Junior Prospector, Species and Best of Fossil.** A "Best of Show" award is being considered to recognize the best exhibit of fine specimens.

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

\*\*\*\*\* **AWARDS POLICY:** In any category of competition in which there is only a single entry as of the deadline date, said competition category will be canceled, and the owner of the sole entry will be notified.

**For the Adult and Junior Prospector, Species, and Best of Fossil exhibit cases, the show committee will line the cases. You need only bring your entry(ies) to be placed in the appropriate case. With specimens that display better on some kind of mount, please be sure the specimen will be stable and firmly affixed to the mount.**

Labels should provide adequate information for the interested public to understand your entry. Include at least the specie name of the specimen and the locality. Typed or professionally printed labels are preferred to hand-written labels.

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

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If you are interested in entering a NON-COMPETITIVE case in the show, please contact Larry Havens, [lwrnchavens@comcast.net](mailto:lwrnchavens@comcast.net), or 303-757-6577.

# ENTRY FORM FOR SPECIAL COMPETITION – BEST OF SPECIES

## Entry Deadline is Friday, September 1, 2023

Each year the Denver Show Committee chooses a theme for special competition. For the 2023 Show, the committee has chosen "**Gem Minerals; Nature's Bling**". For this competition, enter mineral specimens that are gem crystals, material subject to some kind of lapidary or jewelry application, gem fossils or organic gem material. 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 **10** categories listed below on the entry form (thumbnail, toenail, miniature, cabinet, oversize cabinet, field collected, best of Colorado, gem fossil, organic gem and lapidary/jewelry). Specimen quality will be judged on the basis of established standards for the entry and locale. Workmanship for lapidary/jewelry entries (*featuring theme mineral*) must be that of the exhibitor. (THE SIZE-RESTRICTED ENTRIES MUST BE MINERAL SPECIMENS.) This competition is open to any individual, but not to institutions, groups, or clubs. 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.**

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 this statement.

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

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

Species Competition	Deadline for Entries is September 1, 2023
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 _____	No Size Limit (Provide dimensions of the specimen)
Best Of Colorado _____	" " " " " " " "
Lapidary/Jewelry _____	<b>*Entry must be mineral specimen!</b>
Gem Fossil _____	
"Organic Gem" _____	

### AWARDS POLICY

**In any category of competition in which there is only a single entry as of the deadline date, that category will be dropped from the competition. The owner of the lone specimen will be notified.**

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

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

**For further information contact:**

Larry Havens 303-757-6577 ([lwrnchavens@comcast.net](mailto:lwrnchavens@comcast.net))

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# ENTRY FORM FOR SPECIAL COMPETITION – PROSPECTOR TROPHY

## Entry Deadline is Friday, August 25, 2023

### The Prospector Trophy Competition (Best Specimen Personally Collected in the Field)

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 period from the end of the closing date of the 2022 show to August 25, 2023.

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. **Specimens collected from FEE sites will be allowed.**

**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.**

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 this statement.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

### Prospector Trophy - ENTRY DEADLINE – August 25, 2023

1. Specimen Description/Approximate Size
2. Specimen Description/Approximate Size
3. Specimen Description/Approximate Size
(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 – BEST FOSSIL TROPHY

Entry Deadline is Friday, August 25, 2023

## 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 from the end of the 2022 show to August 25, 2023. 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 (3) 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**, if available, 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  
*Amphiplaga brachyptera*  
CHORDATA – Osteichthyes  
Green River Fm. – Eocene  
Kemmerer, Wyoming

Common Name  
Genus/Species  
Phylum/Class  
Formation/Age  
Location

BELEMNITE  
*Pachyteuthis densus*  
MOLLUSCA: Cephalopoda  
Sundance Fm. – Jurassic  
Como Bluff, Wyoming

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 – August 25, 2023

1. Specimen Description/Approximate Size  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Specimen Description/Approximate Size  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Specimen Description/Approximate Size  
\_\_\_\_\_

(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, August 25, 2023**

**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.

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 Prospector Competition.

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

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

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Prospector Trophy - ENTRY DEADLINE – August 25, 2023**

1. Specimen Description/Approximate Size

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Specimen Description/Approximate Size

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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