

2024 DENVER GEM & MINERAL SHOW INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS (With Updates)

Most of you are probably aware that 2024 is again a year of change for the Denver Gem & Mineral Show/Hardrock Summit collaboration. Our venue has moved from the Colorado Convention Center to the Westin Hotel at 10600 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, CO 80020 (1-303-410-5000; www.westindenverboulder.com). See their website for details and amenities. The hotel is between Denver and Boulder, immediately north of the intersection of US 36 and 104th/Church Ranch Blvd. Hardrock is likely offering a special room rate for the run of show (see their website: www.hardrocksummit.com for details). There are also numerous other motels relatively close to the show site. Equally convenient are numerous restaurants offering a full range of dining options. Exhibitors and show-goers will appreciate the free, on-site parking.

Our 2024 show theme is “Mineral Oddities”. Attached is a discussion of some of the possible options for those who want to reflect the theme with their exhibits. As always, it is not required to exhibit show theme related contents in an exhibit. It is required, however, for competitive entrants in the “Species Competition”.

Addressing an annual concern, I am happy to report that a vertical gate will be lowered at the close of the show each day preventing any access from the public areas of the hotel. Police officers will patrol the site both day and night.

As of this mailing, changes are still likely, and I will keep you posted.

For those of you who may wish to enter our competition offerings, we have expanded our competitions to the following: Adult and Junior Prospector, Best of Fossil, Species Competition, and new for 2024 – the Pearl Competition and the Club Prospector competition.

I hope many of you will continue to support our mission to educate and surprise the visitors to our show with your wonderful exhibits. They are what set us apart from the retail/wholesale only shows in the area.

A later mailing will include the usual forms for entering all of our exhibit options. I would appreciate your letting me know you intend to enter an exhibit as soon as possible. When you do so, I will immediately send the appropriate forms for your choice of entry.

Sincerely,
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