

# **INFORMATION FOR NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITORS**

## **Denver Gem & Mineral Show September 14, 15, 16, 2018**

The 51<sup>st</sup> 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 and wholesale dealers as well as exhibits from major museums and private exhibitors.

**Minerals of Mexico** 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 13, from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m.** Please check in at the exhibits desk, located on the east side, inside the front entrance of the Merchandise 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.

## **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 may not receive votes: 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 COMPETITIVE case in the show, please contact Larry Havens, [lwrnchavens@comcast.net](mailto:lwrnchavens@comcast.net); [lghavens4@gmail.com](mailto:lghavens4@gmail.com).

## Denver Council Show Cases

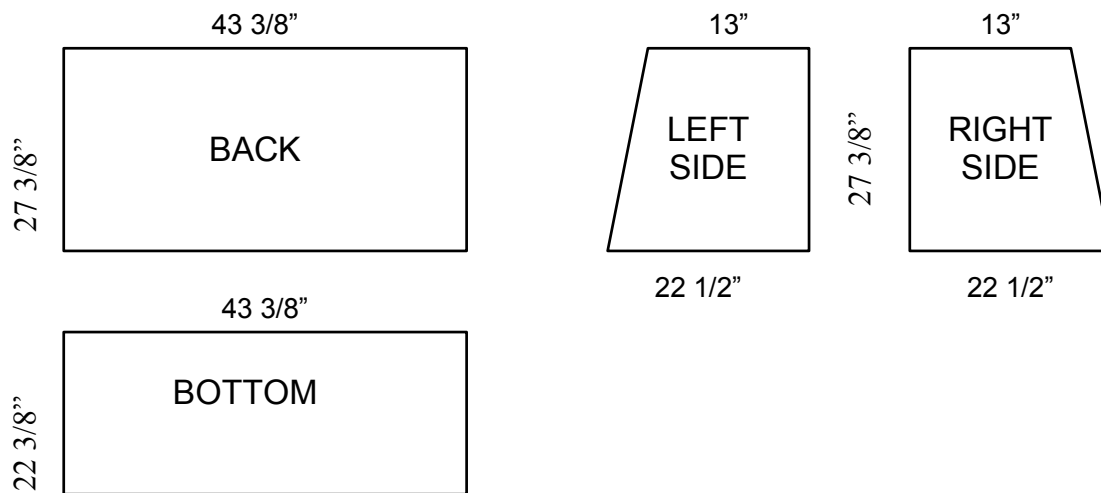
**Case Design:** The display cases provided have a glass front with solid wood sides, back, and floor. Two light bulb sockets with LED bulbs and an exhaust fan are attached to the top section.

**Lighting:** All exhibitors 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. ***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 NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT

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(ENTRY DEADLINE – FRIDAY, August 31, 2018)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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. All liner/riser sets must be kept together, and any risers not needed in your case must be stored behind the drapes below the case. I request the use of –

Light color liners \_\_\_\_\_ Dark color liners \_\_\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

For further information contact:

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