

**Columbine Gem and Mineral Society  
Minutes of the March 12, 2009 Meeting  
Salida, CO at 6:30 pm**

- President Ron Cabe, presiding officer, called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm.
- Treasurer Donna Curtis reported \$3,344.51 in our checking account. Dues are still being accepted for the year.
- Minutes from the February meeting were read. John Schnaderbeck moved to approve the minutes as read, Cindy Peratt seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
- Lori Everhard, Vice President, has arranged for Forest Service Officer Chris Welker and DOW Officer Kim Woodruff, to talk on the Habitat Stamp for the May Program. In September, Chris Marchase, a numismatist, will talk about Joseph Leshner, his dollar, and the mining boom in Cripple Creek.
- Lori Denoyer distributed a tentative Field Trip Schedule. A multiple day trip to Grand Junction and Moab areas on May 9, 10, 11 led by Christina Johnson was discussed. Trip might include collecting petrified wood, agate and pseudo-morphs at yellow cat flats in Utah; petroglyphs at Thompson's springs, white barite in Grand Junction and dinosaur fossils, petrified wood near Fruita. Two possible field trips are: to the School of Mines Museum in Golden, using the Chaffee Shuttle and a possible Geology of Chalk Creek with Fred Henderson.
- First field trip of the season will be to Tee Pee Buttes, Florence. Those who sign up will be called with the particulars of where and when.
- Program was by Teena and Marten Swisher from Villa Grove who shared their trip experiences in Virgin Valley, Nevada in search of opal. Sites visited were Rainbow Ridge, Virgin Valley, And Royal Peacock. They found a large black opal.
- Ralph Eyler talked about the Antero field trip. Wear knee pads, high-topped boots and bring a walking stick. This is not a "your mother's" field trip...
- President Ron Cabe will send a letter to the Forest Service asking to preserve the Mary Murphy Mine buildings.
- Fred Jackson asked members to bring small specimens to meetings for the County Fair exhibit. He needs barite, amethyst and calcite among others.
- Next regular meeting is April 9, 2009. Bring Birthstone rocks.
- April Hostess is Karen Bertrand.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.
- Kathi Kier, Secretary

