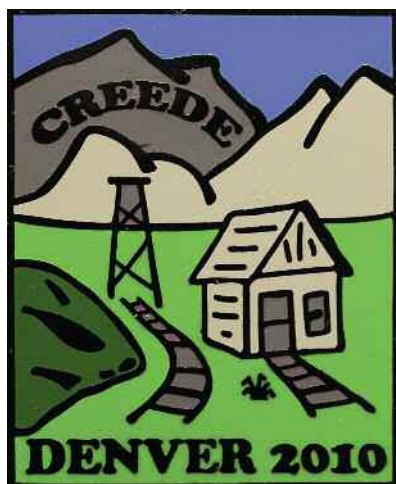


DENVER-2010: NOTES ON SHOW

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The Denver 2010 pin

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Mr. Bones – traditional feature of the Denver Show

The Merchandise Mart main entrance

The picturesque snow-capped ridges of Rocky Mountains surrounding the city, autumn leafage in the nearby forests and city parks, flocks of Canadian wild grey geese leisurely crossing the streets – these all are distinguishing features of Denver, the host city of the show – which became memorable to the guests right after the first visit. Every great annual mineral show possesses its own character, its image which is created and constantly improved by the organisers. And Denver show, held every year at the beginning of autumn (17-19 September this year), is not an exception.

The main part of the show is located in the halls of Merchandise Mart – the display cases are surrounded by the mineral dealers' stalls and booths selling minerals, lapidary and jewelry. Between them, along wide passages, Mr. Bones – the revived giant dinosaur skeleton – makes its unhurried way, "eating up" the visitors from time to time. This walking monster is a light-weight plastic replica of a real skeleton found by paleontologists. It is coming to life by a thew of one of the Organizing Committee members. The frightful-looking creature is a magnetic object for all the visitors, especially for the kids. Interaction with children, educational games and easy-science programs is one of the crucial elements of the show activity. One out of two exhibition halls is almost entirely occupied with interactive programs for the children. Here they can learn a lot about the mineral world.

Geologists from the U.S. Geological Survey tell about the planet Earth interior investigation, or how to do and read geological maps. In the same place one can start on with petrological hornbook: to see and to touch rocks – igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic – and ores of the most significant metals: gold, copper, iron, aluminium... Next to it the young geologists – the students of Colorado School of Mines – demonstrate geological field equipment, tools for mineral collecting and teach how to use it. For everyone who seeks the gold rush experience – there is a real gold panning workshop with free pans for every gold-digger. And, finally, piles of bags with 5-6 small com-





1. 2010-Denver Show committee - working together to create a great Mineral Show!
Front row (left to right): Glen Smith, Marsha Smith, Barb Melby (2010 Show Chair), Gail Beamer, Katherine Brannan, Sharon Hannu, Maxine Sheel, K. C. Larsen;
Back row (left to right): Larry Havens (2011 Show Chair), Jordan Sawdo, Ron Knoshaug, Ray Story, Carl Bird, Lillian Mee, Emily Epstein, Tom Mee, Don Beamer, Martin Hannu, Michael Granberg, Tom Reilly, Bill Chirnside, Kevin Larsen

2. Wayne Leicht (Kristalle) and Tony Kampf (NHM of LA County)

3. Laurent Thomas (Polychrome) and Will Larson (Pala International)

4. Kevin Dixon (Alpin Mineral Co.) and Johannes Keilmann (Mineralientage Munich)

5. "Diamond" smile

6. "Borscht Brothers" – Dr. Bruce Geller, Director of GM CSM and Jay Halpern

7. The Youngest Mineral Dealer at the Show

8. Daniel Trinchillo (Fine Minerals International) and Keith Proctor