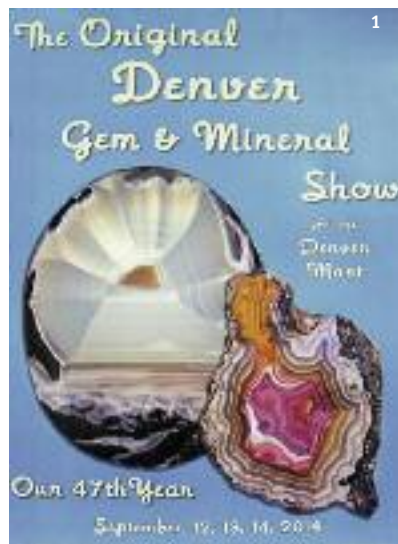


THE 2014 DENVER GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

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1. Poster of Denver 2014 Show.
Photo: Peter Modreski.

2. **Agate** with smoky quartz.
St. Egidien, Saxony; Technische Universität
Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany.
Photo: Peter Modreski.

3. Thunder eggs, **Agate**. Lava Cap Deposit,
Deming, New Mexico, USA. Specimen: Spanish
Stirrup Rock Shop. Photo: Lori Coleman.

The 47th annual Denver Gem and Mineral Show took place September 12–14, 2014 at the Denver Mart (formerly called the Denver Merchandise Mart), in Denver, Colorado. Generally accepted to be the 2nd-largest mineral show in North America, this “Main Show” is sponsored by the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council, a non-profit association of eight area gem, mineral, and fossil societies.

This is not the only gem and mineral show taking place in the Denver area that week; some nine other independent gem and mineral shows take place during the preceding week to ten days, making for a total of some 154 dealers at the main show, and a grand total of about 825 dealers. The “satellite” shows included the Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show, organized by Marty Zinn, at the Ramada Denver Plaza Central; the Denver Coliseum Mineral, Fossil, and Gem Show; the Miner’s Cooperative Mineral Show (outdoors in tents in the Denver Coliseum parking lot); the Denver Expo Gem Show, at the National Western Stock Show complex; the Colorado Independent Warehouse Show; the JG&M Expo Denver, at the Quality Inn Central; the Bead Renaissance Show, at the Denver Mart Plaza Room; and the International Gem & Jewelry Show, in the Denver Mart Pavilion Building. And there was a new show held for the first time this year, the Denver Fine Mineral Show, hosted by Dave Waisman and held at the Denver Marriott West hotel in Golden, with many of the same dealers who appear at the Westward Look Mineral Show in Tucson.

“Agate” was the theme of the main show, and the displays included many outstanding exhibits featuring agate worldwide, by institutions and private collectors; a few are illustrated here. The diversity of form, color, and worldwide occurrence of agate was well covered.





12. **Proustite**, Twinned crystal. Schneeberg District, Erzgebirge, Saxony, Germany. 2.2 cm. Specimen: Edward Rosenzweig, *Edwards Minerals*. Photo: Joe Budd.

13. **Silver**. Kongsberg, Norway. 13.2 cm. Specimen: *The Collector's Edge*. Photo: Thomas Spann.

14. **Topaz**. Tribute Pocket, Pikes Peak, Teller County, Colorado, USA. 3.9 x 3.3 x 2.0 cm, 188 carats. Found in 2012. Specimen and Photo: Edward Rosenzweig, *Edwards Minerals*.

by *High Noon Productions*, producers of the then-upcoming “*Prospectors*” Weather Channel television show, about filming at their mining claim. Although Joe’s original intention would have been to terminate mining operations as planned and resume the next year, he decided to extend the mining season into September so the video crew could be present to document what might be found. The first major specimen to be extracted from the pocket – a large smoky quartz crystal with attached large amazonite – was named “*The Icon*” as they considered it to be “*an iconic example of the best of that pair of minerals*”, and they applied this name to the whole pocket too. The “*Icon*” specimen is on the right-hand side of the exhibit in the accompanying picture showing their whole exhibit case at the Denver Show, as it appeared after the additional crystals once present were reattached to the piece.