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DENVER 2018: “MINERALS OF MEXICO”

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1. Long line of visitors of the Denver Gem and Mineral Show at the Expo Building of Merchandise Mart. Photo: Michael B. Leybov, September 14, 2018.

Photo 2–3: Novelties of Denver-2018.

2. **Euclase** crystal. 1.7 cm high. Brumado, Bahia, Brazil. New Finds of 2018. Specimen: Alex Schauss. Photo: Jeff Scovil.
3. **Quartz** included by **actinolite** (byssolite). 8.6 cm wide. Zeballos, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada. New Finds of 2018. Specimen: Tyson's Fine Minerals. Photo: Jeff Scovil.



The Denver Mineral Show 2018 was held in Denver (Colorado, United States) on September 7–17 at twelve sites scattered over the whole town. In fact, these were twelve independent shows, which were arranged by different promoters, but the names of these shows were sometimes so similar that they could hardly be distinguished from one another. All of them were united in Denver thanks to a single shared idea, which can be formulated as “*Minerals in Nature and among People*”. The scopes and extents of the individual shows did not allow anybody to visit all of them during the show days and thus forced him or her to make a choice. We had time to attend just a few of the shows: “Minerals, Fossils, Gems & Jewelry Show” simultaneously held at two sites: at the Denver Expo and Denver Coliseum; “Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show” in Crown Plaza DIA; “Fine Mineral Show Denver” in the Marriot Denver West; and of course, the crown of the shows, “The Denver Gem & Mineral Show” in Expo Hall of the Denver Merchandise Mart, which is traditionally considered to be the Main Show.

The high class and high state of this main show was confirmed again this year. This was not only thanks to the brilliant shows of the top dealers, such as Dona & Wayne Leicht, Bryan Lees, Daniel Trinchillo, Dan Weinrich, Scott Werschky, and Brian Kosnar, who are famous among mineral collectors around the world, but also (and far from the least) because beautiful dedicated displays, which were devoted this year to minerals from Mexico. Owing to a long series of special issues of the *Mineralogical Records* centered on Mexico's minerals, we were quite familiar with them (at least we had thought so).

Nevertheless, the exhibitions of the Main Show left an imperishable impression. It is worth mentioning that the name of one of the exhibits, namely that of the Museum of the University of Wollongong, Australia, was “Magnificent Mexico”.

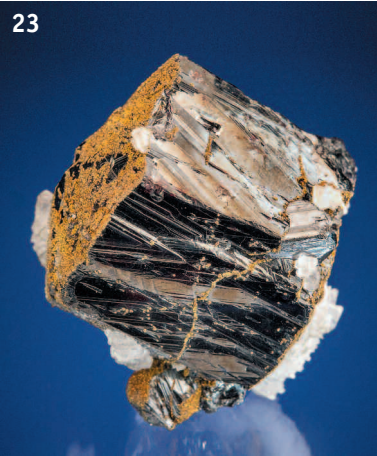


4. **Adamite**. 14 x 6.4 cm. Ojuela mine, Mapimí, Durango, Mexico. Specimen: Martin Zinn.
5. **Wulfenite**. 8.5 cm wide. Ahumada mine, Sierra de los Lamentos, Villa Ahumada, Chihuahua, Mexico. Specimen: Martin Zinn.
6. **Wulfenite** with **mimetite**. 5 cm high. San Francisco mine, Cucurpe, Sonora, Mexico. Specimen: Scott Rudolph.
7. **Adamite**. 6.4 cm high. Ojuela mine, Mapimí, Durango, Mexico. Specimen: Scott Rudolph.
8. **Scorodite**, **quartz**. 5.1 cm high. El Cobre mine, Zacatecas, Mexico. Specimen: Scott Rudolph.
9. **Fluorite** on **sphalerite**. 15.3 cm wide. Naica, Chihuahua, Mexico. Specimen: Scott Rudolph.

Photo 4–9: Jeff Scovil.

21. **Pyrargyrite** with **calcite**. 3.6 cm high. Fresnillo, Zacatecas, Mexico.
22. **Acanthite**. 5.2 cm high. Las Chispas, Sonora, Mexico.
23. **Pyrargyrite** crystal with **pyrite**. 3.8 cm high. Fresnillo, Zacatecas, Mexico.
24. **Acanthite** on **calcite**. 3.8 cm across. Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico.
25. **Polybasite** with **pyrite**. 2.9 cm across. Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico.

Specimens: Terry Wallace.
Photo: Jesse La Plante.



The authors of this exhibition, the curators of the Museum and mineral collectors organized a high day for the visitors: actually every window showcased specimens of the highest class, and the visitor could admire many of the expositions for hours. Photos of just a small portion of these specimens are published in our journal by courtesy of the authors and thanks to the excellent photographers.

As usual, an elegant composition of specimens of Mexican calcite was on display in the window of the Cincinnati Museum Center, presented by its curator Terry Huizing. Visitor's attention was captured for a long time by the showcases of Martin Zinn, three of which were devoted to individual mineral species: quartz, adamite, and wulfenite.

The huge show-window presented by Gail & Jim Spann abounded in mineralogical masterpieces from Mexico and thus justified the name of the display: "*A Medley of Mexican Marvels*".

Other expressive exhibits were displayed by Scott Rudolph, Peter Megaw, and Kerith Graeber. The latter put on display an unforget-

table cumengite crystal from Boleo, Santa Rosalia, and fluorapatite from Durango.

Jim and Imelda Klein presented a charming exhibit of their specimens from a worldwide famous mine: the Ojuela mine in Durango. About one hundred of specimens featured more than twenty mineral species: adamite, legrandite, paradamite, pyrargyrite, hemimorphite, rosasite, wulfenite, and many others.

The visitors were magnetized by the splendid selection of specimens of silver minerals from Mexico presented by Terry Wallace.

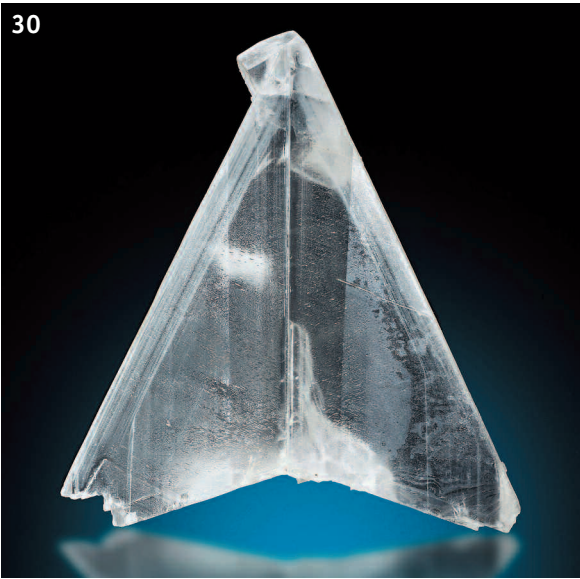
The museum exhibits left nobody indifferent. It is worth recalling a rather small selection on masterpieces displayed by the Smithsonian Institution, including a cluster of beautiful legrandite crystals on rock from Durango. Detailed descriptions are undoubtedly deserved by practically all of the expositions at the exhibit, but we obviously cannot give them herein and limit ourselves to these cursory notes, hoping that the photographs of the specimens may at least partly counterbalance shortages of the text.



29. **Calcite** on **stibiconite**, 16 cm tall. Wadley, Municipio de Catorce, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Specimen: Terry Huizing. Photo: Jeff Scovil.

30. **Calcite**, twinned on {01-12}. 11 cm tall. Porvenir mine, Areponapuchic, Municipio de Bocoyna, Chihuahua, Mexico. Specimen: Terry Huizing. Photo: Jeff Scovil.

31. **Calcite**, twinned on {02-21}, with **palygorskite** (white) and **romanechite** (black). 14 cm tall. Palmarejo mine, Municipio de Chinipas, Chihuahua, Mexico. Specimen: Terry Huizing. Photo: Brian Greenwood.



26. **Calcite** with included **novacekite**. 21 cm tall. Animas mine, Francisco Portillo, Santa Eulalia district, Chihuahua, Mexico. Specimen: Terry Huizing. Photo: Jeff Scovil.

27. Manganese-rich **calcite**. 5 cm. Aranzazu mine, Municipio de Concepcion del Oro, Zacatecas, Mexico. Specimen and photo: Terry Huizing.

28. **Calcite** with **goethite**, twinned on {02-21}. 12 cm tall. Potosi mine, Francisco Portillo, Santa Eulalia district, Chihuahua, Mexico. Specimen: Terry Huizing. Photo: Jeff Scovil.

