

Our Mission

The Cañon City Geology Club is a non-profit educational club operating since 1928. Our mission is to 1) increase member knowledge of the earth sciences pertaining to minerals, gems, rocks, and fossils; 2) promote and perpetuate knowledge of the lapidary arts; 3) encourage field trips; 4) study the earth sciences, particularly of geology and mineralization in place; 5) encourage greater public interest and education in minerals, gems, and fossils by cooperating with local educational institutions with presentations of local mineral specimens and with examples of lapidary art.

For more information about CCGC, please visit us at a club meeting or go to the club website:

www.canoncitygeologyclub.com

Cañon City Geology Club is run by member volunteers. Please consider joining and volunteering.



CCGC is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.



Activities

Field trips are planned during the spring, summer and fall, and all members are encouraged to participate. We have sponsored many trips to the various gem, mineral and fossil rich areas in Colorado, and we regularly visit the New Hope claim, an amethyst mine owned by the club a few miles northwest of Cañon City.

Classes are scheduled during the winter months on topics such as mineral identification, wire wrapping, cleaning rocks/minerals/fossils and others. Field Trip and Activity Schedules can be found on our website: www.canoncitygeologyclub.com

Programs

A short educational program given by visiting experts on geology, paleontology, mineralogy or other topics is usually held in conjunction with our meetings. We also have show-and-tell events by members.

Join us:

Our meetings are the second Monday of each month (except July and August) at 6:00 p.m. for our business meeting and at 7:00 p.m. for an interesting and informative program.

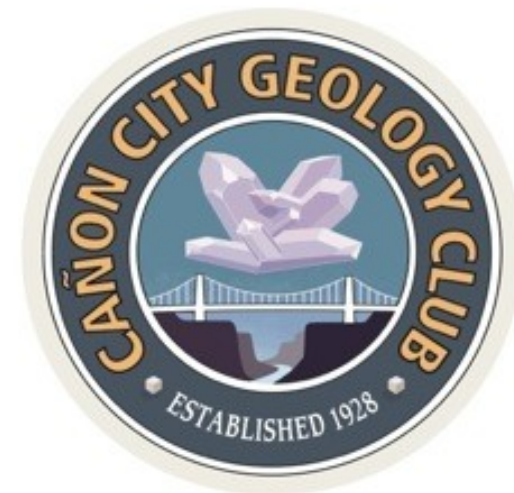
The venue is the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church, 9th and Main St., Cañon City. Our meetings are open to the public and we encourage visitors.

For more information and to get an application for membership, email: ccgeologyclub@gmail.com or visit

www.canoncitygeologyclub.com



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Established in 1928
Oldest Rockhounding Club in
Colorado

Show and Tell



Amethyst from the New Hope claim

Show and Tell events at meetings, allow members to display what they've found on field trips. It's a great educational time where members get to share their experience with others.

Club History



Professor Frederick Carl Kessler, Cañon City high school teacher, often took his students on field trips. On one of those field trips, the group discovered the stegosaurus fossil that later became the Colorado State Fossil. Kessler founded the Cañon City Geology Club in 1928. It is the oldest geology club in Colorado and one of the first four geology clubs west of the Mississippi.

Field Trips



Steve Veatch guiding field trip at Florissant Fossil Beds



New Hope Amethyst Claim field trip for members



Sea Urchin found on a field trip by a member at TeePee Buttes

Programs



Members and guest enjoying program.



Steve Wolfe teaches class on Stratigraphy

CCGC also holds a Silent Auction during our monthly business meeting where members and guests can bid on unique gems and minerals to benefit our scholarship fund.

Local Geology

We in Fremont County are so fortunate to have world-class geology and paleontology in our back yard. The geologic history of Fremont County begins with 1.7 billion year old Precambrian rock. Cañon City and the surrounding counties contain some of the richest geological history in America, giving us the opportunity to study it in place.