

COLORADO SECTION – APRIL 2012

Monthly Meeting

May 17, 2012

Annual Awards Banquet Dinner
Meet at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:00pm
McCormick's Fish House & Bar
1659 Wazee St.
Denver, CO 80202

Speaker: Ron Parratt, "An Update on Exploration Activity in Nevada."

Ronald L. Parratt is the Executive Chairman of Renaissance Gold Inc., a Nevada focused precious metals exploration company headquartered in Reno, Nevada. Mr. Parratt has over 30 years of exploration experience including 19 years with Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corp., five years with Homestake Mining Company and eight years with AuEx Ventures. Mr. Parratt is a member of the Advisory Board for the Mackay School of Earth Sciences & Engineering, a Fellow of the Society of Economic Geologists and a member of several other professional organizations. He is a registered Professional Geologist in California and Wyoming and a Certified Professional Geologist of the American Institute of Professional Geologists. Mr. Parratt holds a Bachelor of Science in Geochemistry and a Master of Science in Economic Geology both from Purdue University.

Prior to the speaker, Peter Dolph will be recognized for his contributions to the Colorado Section. Also both 25 and 50 year members of SME will be recognized.

Cost: \$45 per person
Students welcome at \$15 per person with reservation

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Information on the SME Community and/or registering for this event is also on page 4 of this newsletter.



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Colorado Section Board of Directors 2012-2013 Elections Slate

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50 and 25 Year Members Recognition

The Colorado Section of SME is pleased to recognize members achieving 50 and 25 years of continuous membership in the National SME. It is these members, dedicated to the advancement of our mining industry, which have allowed the SME to continue to be a valued service to the worldwide mining community. The Section would like to recognize these members at our May Awards Banquet Dinner. If you have been contacted by Thomas Lien, Colorado Section Membership Chair, as being one of these members, please contact him or respond to his requests by April 17th. We look forward to seeing you at the May 17th dinner meeting!



Rare Earth Elements Workshop

The “Rare Earth Elements (REE) Workshop” is designed to bring awareness to an increasingly important class of minerals for the development of advanced technologies and renewable energy. The workshop will provide an overview of the current state of the REE industry, discuss the environmental implications of mining and processing REE, and examine the issues associated with the disposal and recycling of products containing REE. The workshop will be an opportunity to enhance coordination on the topic of REE, both within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and across governments, and to promote greater national consideration of the potential effects of greater REE extraction with regard to the environment.

The workshop information is as follows:

EPA Region 8 Office
Conference Center, Second Floor
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202

May 10, 2012, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Please visit

<http://www.epa.gov/region8/about/directions> for directions to the EPA Region 8 office.

Registration for the workshop can be found at <http://www.trainex.org/REE>, and there is no charge to register.

Event flyer and more information can be found on the Colorado Community web page:

<http://community.smenet.org/SMENET/Resources/ViewDocument/?DocumentKey=71713a50-62e7-4c74-a875-8bacb0762838>

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Mineral Processing Division 62nd Annual Meeting – “Does Size Matter (Is Bigger Always Better)?”

The Mineral Processing Division – Colorado SME Section will be holding their 62nd Annual Meeting on April 26-28, 2012. The event will take place at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The program has yet to be finalized but will be posted in next month's newsletter.

Thursday, April 26: Registration and Technical Presentations, Reception and Dinner with keynote speaker

Friday, April 27: Luncheon with keynote speaker, Evening Social Reception, Dinner/Dance

Saturday, April 28: Golf Tournament, Evening Social Reception.

Please Contact Gill Porter at 303-674-4756 or Jenny Pergola at 303-451-7677 for all questions regarding the event.

Hotel Reservations: The Broadmoor - 1-800-634-7711, Ask for the SME conference rate, Code SMECOLO



Taste of Colorado Exhibit moves to Leadville

This report from the Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation is an update on the work to move the Taste of Colorado exhibit to the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum in Leadville, plus 2011 work to update “Teacher Corner” exhibits at NMHF&M, WMMI in Colorado Springs and CSM’s Geology Museum in Golden.

The move of the 40 ft x 40 ft exhibit to Leadville to build a “Kids Zone” occurred in phases. In June, the heavy hardware (9 ft welded aluminum gold pan, display cases, handout tables, etc.) was moved to the museum and the Matchless Mine (for the summer season) and dozens of handouts were laid out for museum visitors. We then purchased, tested and installed the electronics for the three-machine, interactive Computer Island in September (after a summer long project to upgrade the building’s wiring - which we paid for). In October we began the installation of the flat screen DVD players with short presentations to give basic information about “The Importance of Mining and Minerals to a Strong America” (theme of the exhibit). Large exterior and interior signage was then designed, to be installed in the spring.

Other work last year involved planning/negotiating the large “Railroads & Mining: Building the West” exhibit for the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden (more than 80,000 visitors/year - most are families - thus hopefully voters.)

Guy Johnson, Exhibit Coordinator

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SME Community



The SME Community allows members to easily interact and communicate online, empowering groups such as committees & sections to work effectively. Groups may also form around topical areas and shared interests, spawning knowledge communities. Social tools such as commenting capabilities and ranking stats will ensure quick and easy access to the most relevant/popular information.

To enter the SME Community, go to <http://community.smenet.org/> or look for the SME Community link on the SME homepage (www.smenet.org). Then, **GETTING STARTED** on the SME Community takes four simple steps:

1. Login with your SME user ID. All current SME members have their own user ID and password. If you don't know your ID/password, contact SME Member Services at 1-800-763-3132.

2. Click on "My Profile" to update your SME Community Professional Profile. Your profile is populated with the basic information from your current member record within our secure database. You don't have to add any more information if you choose not to. Adding a photograph is also optional. However, the additional fields will let you tell other members a bit more about yourself. Share only what you're comfortable including. You can change your profile at any time.

3. Set your Profile Preferences.

4. Adjust your Email Subscriptions. Managing how much email you receive from the Community couldn't be easier and it's all on one page!

Please take a few minutes to watch the Video Tutorial at: <http://youtu.be/aMKPkP856YU>

Once your profile is ready, go to the SME Community home page and look at the **GET CONNECTED** box for more video tutorial links on topics such as: How to join Discussion groups, How to use the Member Directory, How to share & view Library files and How to view & post Blogs.

You may join any of the open groups to begin reaching out and networking with other members who share a discipline or an interest. Each group has its own discussion thread which is an enhanced version of a list server.

Questions? Please contact: Heather Gravning at gravning@smenet.org

http://www.smenet.org/page/index.cfm?title=SME_Community_Overview

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Through the event page, you may pay by credit card, or submit your RSVP using the option to pay at the event by cash or check. If you pay by credit card online, you will be assessed a small processing charge (\$1.35 for this event).

Once you have selected to "**Register Now**" on the event page, if you are not already logged in, you will be taken to the login page. Use your SME national login credentials, **or** create an account as a non-member. Payments are taken through the Section's PayPal account.

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