

SHOWCASE



Martian & Lunar Meteorites

Out of this World Acquisition

One of our continuously popular displays, especially with children, is the meteorite exhibit. When the Director & Curator notices visitors admiring the meteorites on exhibit he will often ask if they would like to hold one- and of course they always say, "Yes!" We have a nice, hand-size, nickel-iron meteorite from Canyon Diablo that we often use to let visitors hold, which usually leads to, "Wow, that's heavy." In April this year, the Museum participated in the University's annual *Give Back to the Pack* fundraiser, with the goal of being able to acquire some really special meteorites for both display and to allow visitors to touch. Thanks

to generous donations by our supporters and a gift from the Keweenaw Community Foundation, we were able to obtain two lunar meteorites, and two Martian meteorites. One of each will be used for display in the gallery, and the second of each will be available on occasion for visitors to handle- which has already happened and brought smiles to those who've held them. The specimens were obtained from Minnesota Meteorites, to whom we are thankful for donating a lunar meteorite slice signed on the back by astronaut Ed Lu. We hope to have Craig Zliman of Minnesota Meteorites visit in late October to give a talk about meteorites - stay tuned for details!

Keweenaw Mineral Day Success!

The A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum's annual surplus sale turned out to be a record breaker this year! This was made possible by our excited customers and the enthusiastic effort of our staff, and also by utilizing, for the second time, the format of multiple discount tiers, 0, 20 and 40% off specimens. We would love to thank everyone who came to check out the sale - you always keep us striving to improve the process and support the museum's mission! One hiccup this year was how slow the checkout line became at times (and thank you ALL for your patience with us), so for next year's sale, we plan to implement an express line for customers with a smaller number of items to create a more efficient experience for customers.



2026 KMD Surplus Sale



2026 Denver Gem & Mineral Show

We Won the Show over a Century Ago!

At the 2026 Denver Gem & Mineral Show, the Museum displayed nine of the 90 incredible, historic, minerals from the original "Paris Collection" that was first showcased at the 1900 Paris Exhibition. A custom-designed case was built in Paris for the exhibit, and ultimately housed a variety of minerals from Europe and the United States, including sulfur, azurite, malachite, hematite, 20 calcite, 11 quartz, 7 fluorite, 6 galena specimens, and more. After taking the Silver Medal Award at the Exposition Universelle, the case and collection was shipped back to the United States where it was later displayed at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Worlds Fair. There it won the gold award! While in Denver, Director & Curator John Jaszczak presented a talk on "Jewel of the Copper Country - History and Highlights of the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum."



1900 Paris Collection

