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The annual New Mexico Mineral Symposium provides a forum for both professionals and amateurs interested in mineralogy. The meeting allows all to share their cumulative knowledge of mineral occurrences and provides stimulus for mineralogical studies and new mineral discoveries. In addition, the informal atmosphere encourages intimate discussions among all interested in mineralogy and associated fields.

The symposium is organized each year by the Mineral Museum at the New Mexico Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources.

Abstracts from all prior symposiums are also available: https://geoinfo.nmt.edu/museum/nmms/abstracts

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The collection of the New Mexico Mineral Museum in the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources (NMBGMR) includes selected mining artifacts and memorabilia. Two important donations of well-documented mining artifacts were recently made to the Museum and Bureau. One, from longtime museum benefactor, Phil Bové of Santa Fe, includes many large pieces from the Cash Entry and other mines of the Cerrillos District, Santa Fe County, New Mexico. A highlight is a mine cage from the Cash Entry, Figure 1 (Kelsey McNamara and John Rakovan for scale). The second donation, from Desiri (Henderson) and Al Pielhau of Golden New Mexico, includes a hoist and 5-stamp stamp mill built in Golden to crush gold ore from the load deposits of the New Placers District, Santa Fe County, New Mexico. All of the larger artifacts from these donations will be permanently displayed in the west courtyard of the NMBGMR building, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, New Mexico.

Museum staff in a mine cage! This piece was used at the Cash Entry Mine in the Cerrillos District, NM and was donated by Phil Bové.

Golden Stamp mill (built c 1885) behind the Henderson Store, Golden, NM. Donated by Desiri and Al Pielhau.

Mining historian Paul Secord has published a pamphlet on all of the pieces in the exhibit, ISBN:9798327979727, which is available in the NMBGMR bookstore and online through Amazon.

Mining Equipment Displayed

1. Golden Stamp Mill c.1885, "New Placers" - Henderson
2. English Iron Works Hoist, c.1910, San Pedro Mts. - Henderson

3. Hand operated rope winch for shaft and drift mining, 19th century, "New Placers" - Henderson
4. Air Compressor, Black Hornet Prospect, Cerrillos Hills - Bové
5. Mine Cage, Cash Entry Mine, Cerrillos Hills - Bové
6. Drive belt wheels connected to a diesel engine, Cerrillos Hills - Bové
7. Ore feeder, Cash Entry Mine, Cerrillos Hills - Bové
8. Head Frame Sheave, Cash Entry Mine, Cerrillos Hills – Bové
9. Ore Bucket, Willow Creek District, New Mexico - Bové
10. Ore Car, New Mexico? – Bové

Part of the mining artifact exhibit (north side) in the west courtyard of the NMBGMR building.