



DALLAS MINERAL COLLECTING SYMPOSIUM

**New Two-Day Webinar Series and
Online Auction
AUGUST 22-23, 2020
and
Arkenstone Gallery Tour
AUGUST 21, 2020**

**We're looking forward to "seeing" you digitally next
weekend for our 2020 Dallas Symposium, featuring
Greatest Hits from our decade of archives.**

SCHEDULE

Following our traditional format, we'll be hosting a live video chat and gallery tour on Friday night - it's not quite the same as our normal 300-person open house, but we'll do our best to show some beautiful material, take some random Q&A and stay entertaining!

This year's talks are split into a two-day event from 12PM to roughly 5PM on both Sat., Aug 22 and Sun., Aug 23. **A schedule of talk times is included below.**

These events are free to access, and an access link will be emailed, posted on social media, and listed prominently on DallasSymposium.org. We ask that you consider making a donation to our benefiting organizations (details below) as an access fee.

BENEFIT AUCTION

This year's annual **benefit auction will be hosted online**, via MineralAuctions.com, to allow worldwide participation. The auction proceeds assist valued organizations, Mineralogical Record, Rocks & Minerals, Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, and mindat.org. We will have **two separate auctions closing on Saturday and on Sunday evenings, at 5:30 PM CDT.**

If you have an interest in participating in the benefit auctions, **please register on MineralAuctions.com ahead of time** - a preview of the auctions will be emailed to registered accounts early, with public bidding opening on the evening of Thursday, August 20.

DONATIONS

In lieu of charging access fees for the webinar series, we are asking each of our digital attendees to please make a donation to assist our benefiting organizations. If you'd like to send a donation in early, information is below and will also be shared during the talks or available on DallasSymposium.org.

[Donation Information and Links](#)

**LINKS TO ACCESS THE EVENTS WILL BE
EMAILED, POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND
LISTED ON DALLASSYMPIOSIUM.ORG**

FRIDAY, AUG 21

**Join Rob Lavinsky for an informal live chat and tour
around The Arkenstone Gallery**

5-6 PM CDT

SATURDAY, AUG 22 LINEUP

Tune in at 12 noon CDT for events

Talks will be presented in the following order

(Exact start times coming soon)

Analytical Techniques on Earth and Mars

Dr. Bob Downs (2013)

Exploring the Mines of Dal'Negorsk, Siberia

Rock Currier (2012)

Blistered Fingers: Field Collecting in the Western USA

John Cornish (2016)

The Tsavorite Story

Bruce Bridges (2017)

Formation of Open Pockets of Collectible Crystals in Metallic Deposits

Dr. Peter Megaw (2012)

• Talks are scheduled to end around 5PM •

Saturday Auction Scheduled to Close at 5:30PM

SUNDAY LINEUP

Tune in at 12 noon CDT for events

Talks will be presented in the following order

(Exact start times coming soon)

Live Tour at the Spans

Gem-Forming Pegmatites: How Nature Makes Big, Clear Crystals

Dr. David London (2012)

Little Wonders: Connoisseur Thumbnails in the Contemporary Collector Market

Jim Houran (2014)

Tsumeb: A Mineralogical Paradise

Dr. Rob Howell (2015)

**Dangerous Beauty: Minerals of the Hindu Kush
Opening Afghanistan and Pakistan for Mineral Specimens**

Herb Obodda (2012)

Around the World in 80 Years

Bob Jones (2018)

• Talks are scheduled to end around 5PM •

Sunday Auction Scheduled to Close at 5:30PM

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