

# Tucson 2002

*by Dave Thorpe, photos by Dave DesMarais and Jack Purson*



Here are the photos of the Tucson Mining Artifact Collectors show, hosted by Don Dalton and Terry McNulty. This one is a typical scene in the show room showing master deal-maker Bob Schroth at left. He had the largest number of items for sale: dozens of candlesticks, oil wicks, carbides, tins, boxes, and books. On the right (foreground) is Terry Berardy (San Francisco, CA). He brought some interesting items, collected personally, that included drill bit sharpeners, a dyamite cooler, and several boxes. Next, behind him is Randy Marcotte of northern California. Shortly after this photo, he bought a large lot of candlesticks from Bob. Behind him, from Georgetown, Colorado, is Leo Stambaugh. Behind Leo is Chuck Tesch from Wyoming, always in search of the rare stick. Tucked away in the corner on the left, is Larry Kuester of southern California.



Here is a shot from the center of the room. With his back to us in the black hat is blasting expert John Kynor.. He brought a W. H. Laundry candlestick that was sold to Dave Thorpe. In the center with the grey shirt is Leo Stambaugh.

Below, Leo is seen again at his table of very collectible Colorado artifacts. The famed Justrite stick-lamp was present, but alas, no price listed....trade only!





On the right is Mike Nevius, of Nevada City, California. He will be hosting the western show in June. The miniature ore car, seen in the background is a reproduction. These were for sale at a very reasonable price. Below is the auction which followed dinner. At the far right is Cap Tin Bob (Schroth) with his finger raised high. The photo

does not do justice to the animated performance Bob gave. Immediately in front of him is Al Winters of the Homestake Mine. He and Chuck Tesch assisted Bob in the auction.





On the left is Jerome newcomer Blue Boelter, and tucked in behind her is Dave Thorpe. Note the regulation table cover. Dave's table displayed his usual array of aftermarket gas-gaskets as well as several nice cap lamps. On the right foreground is Terry Berardy, and in the back is Gary Brinkley. A final shot below shows Mike Bergman's table. Mike, a Chicago mineral dealer, also caters to the artifact collectors as a sideline. He brought several high-end safety lamps.



Here are some other photos of the auction items taken by Jack Purson:

