

Bay Area Mineralogists April 2005 Newsletter

Next meeting April 13th, 2005
Foothill College, Room P-24, Geology
Building, Los Altos, California
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Welcome to the April issue of The Bay Area Mineralogists (BAM) newsletter. The purpose of our club is to further spread the knowledge and interest of mineralogy in our world today and promote awareness in the field of natural sciences as they pertain to the geosciences.

April Meeting Agenda

“RED TREASURE”

The subject matter of this month’s meeting has changed to a general meeting format and a video presentation featuring the Sweet Home Mine and the production of its world-class rhodochrosite specimens. This is the recently released video production on the history of the mine and its mineral specimen preservation. Total viewing time is about an hour and 20 minutes this evening.

I will re-schedule this month’s original topic of speaking about digital photography for a later time in year. Over the past couple of months, I haven’t had time to prepare a quality presentation and am not sure if I will be able to attend the April meeting due to a heavy travel schedule. Work and travel have taken up all the extra time I have in the immediate future, but I am looking forward to doing a presentation later this summer or fall.

2005 BAM Field Trips and Meeting Agenda

MAY

Open for a specific locality. Check with Stan Vance of the Fresno club as there will be a trip to Rush Creek area on May 21st. Stan will be leading several mineral collecting trips during the summer and all BAM members are invited to join in. We will have a calendar of events by his club at the upcoming March meeting. Thanks to Stan for adding to our selection of collecting trips this year.

JUNE

Stan Bogosian will be heading on a trip to Topaz Mountain and Gold Hill in Utah. The trip is slated for May 9-12 with interested parties traveling to Topaz Mountain and meeting for collecting on May 9th and 10th. Travel will commence to Gold Hill on Saturday morning (or possible Friday afternoon, depending on collecting success) and move to Gold Hill, Utah.

Editor's Stage

I have been producing the monthly BAM newsletter/meeting notice for the past few years and find myself in a bit of a pinch for time now. Recently I changed employers and the work time demands have increased quite a bit. Last year was a fabulous year for field trips and I feel very fortunate to have been a good part of all of them. My participation this year will be curtailed some and I am asking other members to step up and offer their time and assistance in organizing and conducting more trips this year. We could also use some help in the newsletter publication area since I know there is a lot of potential within the club and it could be much better in content. If you have time and want to help in growing our organization, let President Rick Kennedy know by contacting him at the address below or speaking with him at the next meeting.

Sincerely,
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Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at Foothill College, Room P-24, Geology Building, Los Altos Hills, California. 8-10pm. Take highway 280 North from San Jose toward San Francisco to the El Monte exit and head west.