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# Bay Area Mineralogists

## April 2010

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The Bay Area Mineralogists assemble on the second Wednesday of every month during the school year, unless diverted by extenuating circumstances. We now meet at the USGS Menlo Park in Building 3. See campus map at <http://online.wr.usgs.gov/kiosk/mparea3.html>.

Our room is located in Building 3, second floor where this map says "Conference Room" – note that the front doors are locked and you will have to come up the stairs on the Middlefield side of the building. Parking is free.

### **BAM April Program: John Magnasco, "Odd Twins, Heavy Stones, and Zero Interest"**

The March meeting always brings fond reminiscences of Tucson's annual mineral-orgy and plenty of new rocks to ogle – a tough act to follow, for sure. Fortunately, we're in good hands with John Magnasco!

John will be regaling us with stories of two of his favorite collecting geographies, Japan and

Korea. As for the cryptic title, you'll have to either take your best guess or come out and hear the talk straight from the mule's mouth!

Bring out your own goodies from Japan and Korea for show and tell – should be an entertaining evening.

### **In Search of a May Program**

That's the good news. On the flip side, May is currently looking a little bleak on the program front. BAM needs someone to step up and either help provide a speaker and topic or "rock the house" themselves.

Topics should ideally have some link to mineralogical, geological, or mining themes, but there's a lot of latitude on that front. Go out on a limb and share stories of your favorite mine, collection theme, or field (mis)adventures. If you can step up to the plate for May (or another month, for that matter) please let President Spence know, ([billspence777@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billspence777@sbcglobal.net)).

### **CCMA Update**

As per the notice circulated previously, one topic on the April 6 meeting of the San Benito County Supervisors was a review of the BLM's Environmental Impact Statement for the Clear Creek area. According to President Spence, the Supervisors voted 4-0 in favor of reopening county roads through the CCMA. This only covers the county roads, not the BLM land itself,

but it's a step in the right direction towards regaining access to the benitoite locality and other collecting areas in the CCMA.

## Letters to the BAM Editor

Please send your comments, content, compliments, and/or complaints to Don Windeler, don.windeler@rms.com, 650-591-1644.

## Geology Field Day at Pinnacles, Saturday, May 8

Speaking of cool stuff down San Benito way, Leslie Gordon from the USGS forwarded on this item. On Saturday, May 8, there will be docent-led geological tours and other activities all day long at Pinnacles National Monument. These will include walking tours of the San Andreas, informational displays and activities, and three tours of the Graniterock Quarry. In the evening there will be BBQ and live music – bring an instrument and participate if you like!

Space is limited on the quarry tours, so early registration is recommended. For additional information, check out <http://www.pinnaclespartnership.org/>

## Upcoming Shows

April 16-18  
Mariposa Mineral & Gem Show  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
5005 Fairgrounds Rd, Mariposa  
Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm

April 16-18  
Santa Clara Vly Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
334 Tully Road, San Jose  
16<sup>th</sup>, 9am-5pm; 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm

April 24-25  
Santa Cruz Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium  
Center and Church St.  
10am-5pm both days

April 30 – May 2  
Eastern Sierra Gem & Mineral Show  
Tri-County Fairgrounds  
Sierra St., Bishop  
30<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm, 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30-4pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-3pm