

# Bay Area Mineralogists January 2005 Newsletter

Next meeting January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Foothill College, Room P-24, Geology  
Building, Los Altos, California

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Welcome to the January 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.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Welcome to the new year! 2005 promises to bring many BAM field trips and several interesting guest speaker presentations. The central topic for discussion at the January meeting will be planning for the year. You will find a worksheet for the first half of 2005 for your notes and homework on future field trips. This year, we would like as many members as possible to play a role in the approval of sites, the locality research, and election of the point person for each trip. So use this sheet as a work copy, jot down your notes, and plan to voice an opinion on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **December Meeting Review**

The December BAM meeting featured a slide presentation by Bill Spence on The Smithsonian Museum Mineral Collection. Bill gave an excellent 45 minute talk with plenty of slides on most of the major collection pieces in the museum today. We also had a surprise presentation on amazonite from Ethiopia by member Rock Currier. He gave details of a recent trip to Ethiopia in search of amazonite and provided a very informative slide presentation on the terrain, the mineral deposits, and the local culture. Thanks, Rock, for the added surprise!

We also held the "Silent Night Auction" to kick off the new Guest Speaker Fund for 2005. The auction had 30-40 specimens of all kinds with the entire lot being sold. There were some pretty good bargains to be had! Total funds netted were \$168.

## **January Meeting Agenda**

The January 12<sup>th</sup> BAM meeting will feature an original 8mm video on The Champion Mine in the White Mountains of Nevada. Stan Bogosian will coordinate the video and the discussion on the history and activities of this famous locality. It produced andalusite for the production of spark plugs in America in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. We are asking all members to bring in any mineral specimens and provide details of any collecting experiences regarding the Champion Mine. Several members have made multiple trips there in the past three years and much has been improved in the main mining camp area. So bring your "stuff" in and be prepared for an interesting evening at the first meeting of 2005 on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 2005 BAM Field Trip Agenda/Worksheet

### JANUARY

No formal field trip. Stan Bogosian conducts presentation on Champion Mine. Select a person/persons to provide upcoming Tucson show summary with photos and verbal presentation.

### FEBRUARY

Field trip will be the traditional one, The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. Members attending this show will present findings at the March meeting. March Field trip open for discussion. Localities on the table include Darwin and Clear Creek.

### MARCH

Subject of the meeting will be Tucson Show review. April field trip open for discussion. Localities on the table include Nevada sites.

### APRIL

Presentation will be "Digital Photography of Minerals" to be given by member Dan Evanich. The talk will provide basic digital photo techniques, printing techniques, and a review of entry level cameras and printers. Talk will include handouts on selecting proper equipment and how to get started. May field trip open for discussion. Possible localities include Arizona wulfenite localities and Topaz Mountain trip.

### MAY

It's time to get serious about field trips. May field trip locality will be selected site/sites provided by member Steve Perry. Specific California and Western Nevada sites will be announced at the March or April meeting.

### JUNE

June field trip tentatively slated at Bill Whaley Indian Allotment tungsten claim. Member John Magnasco working on site approval and mineral research. Alternate site includes The Pine Creek area in the Eastern Sierra.

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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.