
Bay Area Mineralogists January 2018

Meeting: Wednesday, Jan 10, 2018; 7 pm
USGS, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park
Building 3, 2nd Floor, Rm 3-237

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The Bay Area Mineralogists meet monthly during the school year, on the second Wednesday, at the U.S.G.S. in Menlo Park, on the second floor of Bldg 3, where the campus map says "Rambo Auditorium."

(<http://online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/map.html>) The front doors will be locked so you'll have to come up the exterior stairs on the Middlefield Road side of the building. Parking is free.

NOTE: If you heard that the meeting date was changed to Jan 17 – disregard! We changed it back to the usual date of Jan 10.

January Program: My 2016 Mining Season – Four projects, three localities and nearly three months in the field!

By Rick Kennedy

Rick will share his amazing experiences in 2016 at various projects including: Jackson's Crossroads Amethyst mine in Georgia, Petersen Mountain in Nevada and the California Blue Mine in Southern California. Rick always has entertaining stories to tell us, and interesting information to share and this will be no exception!



Amethyst on quartz, Jackson's Crossroads



Topaz, California Blue Mine

Show & Tell

Let's celebrate the new year by showing off our favorite acquisition(s) (by any means) from 2017.



Smoky sceptor, Petersen Mountain

Rick Kennedy pre-Tucson Open House

Rick's annual Tucson preview will be on Sunday, Jan 14th. Besides having all of Tom Ellis' collection, it will be the first showing of the California Blue Mine production from their November dig. This event will run from 10 a.m. until 6-ish, at 5360 Colony Park Circle in San Jose. (If you get lost, Rick's cell phone number is 408-529-9690.)

Welcome New Member!

Mere moments before giving his talk in December, Joe Ogierman handed over \$5 and became our newest BAM member. Welcome, Joe – come visit us again sometime!

Diana Weinrich, 1964-2017

Diana Weinrich (of Weinrich Minerals Inc., Grover, MO) passed away on December 26, 2017. Gail Spann says: "She was too young, but her surgery did not fix what was wrong with her heart". Dan and Diana travelled the world in pursuit of fun and fine minerals, and many of us encountered Diana and her sparkling personality at one show or another. She will be greatly missed, and to Dan we send our condolences.

Upcoming Event

Jan 26-28, Pacific Micromount Conference, Fallbrook CA (new location!)

<http://www.mineralsocal.org/pacific-micromount-conference/>

Tucson AZ Gem & Mineral Shows

Jan 19-Feb 14 (±), various hotel shows

www.tucsongemshows.net/coming.html including:

Jan 27-Feb 10, Tucson City Center Hotel

Jan 30-Feb 05, New Mineral Show (Year 2)

Feb 02-05, Westward Look

Feb 08-11, TGMS Annual Show, "Crystals and Crystal Forms"

No BAM Meeting in February

As usual, there will not be a BAM meeting in February, since many of us will be in Tucson enjoying the gem & mineral shows there.

If you go, enjoy the shows, spend wisely, and we look forward to seeing your Show & Tell offerings in March!

Tucson Dinner

At the January meeting we'll decide on a date and location for our "official" BAM dinner gathering in Tucson – look for an email announcement shortly after the meeting.

Dues are Due! Only \$5!

You can pay at a meeting, or by mail to Dan Carlson at P.O. Box 666, Belmont, CA 94002. As mentioned last month, you can add any amount for our annual mindat donation.