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The Bay Area Mineralogists assemble on the second Wednesday of every month during the school year. 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 June Program: Ted Hadley, “Adventures in Mineral Collecting”

In June we pick back up on the original, travel-disrupted program for last month. Long-time member Ted Hadley catches us up on what’s been happening in his world for the past half year.

He introduces, “A nearly six-month adventure exploring, hiking, and mineral collecting in southeast California and northwest Arizona is related. In addition to some popular localities, many old, scarcely visited prospects were

explored. Beautiful scenery was encountered almost everywhere.”



Ted's home on the road, or just a danged good reason to stop? (T. Hadley photo)

Not often we get a log from *that* long of a road trip – should be interesting. Bring your favorite rocks from SoCal and northern Arizona for show and tell.

The Changing of the Guard: In Search of BAM Officers

As previously noted, President Spence will be stepping down from his run as president of BAM come the summer break. Bill has been president of the club / warden of the asylum since 2007 and (among other things) has helped usher the CCMA back to collectable status – definitely has earned a break.

So, we need some folks to step up and help with the duties of running the club. Please be thinking about roles you'd be willing to fill; historically we've also had treasurer (Dan Carlson), newsletter editor (yours truly) and field trip chair (Dan Evanich), so should anyone want to move around or volunteer to pick up a spot this is the time to do it.

Organizations like BAM don't just happen – they're built on the strength and contributions of their membership. So whether we vote on a ballot, acclaim a sole volunteer, or assign stuff to someone who didn't show up, come on out and help decide our future!

Summer Fun: Picnic Plus, Hiatus

As always, June marks the last regular meeting of the school year. We break for July and August so folks can go off and take vacation, collect rocks, and just kick back in general.

Doesn't mean BAM completely shuts the doors, of course. For one, the annual picnic will be held at Stan Bogosian's place in Saratoga on Saturday, August 16, from 11am to 4pm. As always, there will be grilled comestibles, excellent mineral and book auctions, and companionship a-plenty. Mark your calendars and expect an e-mail with further details as the summer progresses.

On the following weekend, August 23-24, the San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society will be holding their 60th anniversary show at the Hall of Flowers in SF. The theme will be "All That Glitters"; the show exhibit chair is Bammie Barb Matz, so consider displaying some of your precious critters either in a stand-alone case or a BAM contribution (to be recruited). BAM members historically have also manned a mineral ID and membership recruiting table, so please consider volunteering for the same when the time comes.

All good fun and means to get to know your fellow BAM members – don't miss it.

Award for MinRec CG+F Issue

As previously noted, last December the Mineralogical Record rolled out a special

supplement devoted to minerals of the "Crystal Gazers and Friends", a variety of collectors from northern California. Most displaying were associated with the Crystal Gazers, but the list also included numerous BAM or joint members between the organizations.

In May of this year, the Printing & Imaging Association (PIA) awarded this MinRec supplement the Graphic Excellence Award for "Best Of..." in the Magazine division. This was announced officially at the 25th annual Graphic Excellence Awards Gala, "Graphex 2014," held this year in Kansas City. This is a juried award judged by a panel of publishing industry experts, based on technical design complexity, printing quality, lack of any visible or technical flaws, and overall appearance, and was the second year in a row MinRec won the award for a supplement.

Congrats to all involved!

Upcoming Shows

June 14-15
Pacific Crystal Guild
Fort Mason Center
99 Marina Blvd, SF
Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm

July 18-20
Gem Faire
3750 Harris St., Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
San Rafael
Fri 12-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm

Aug 23-24
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park
9th and Lincoln, San Francisco
Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm

Letters to the BAM Editor

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