

Bay Area Mineralogists

June 2016

Meeting: Wednesday, June 8, 2016; 7 pm
USGS, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park
Building 3, 2nd Floor, Auditorium or Rm 3-237

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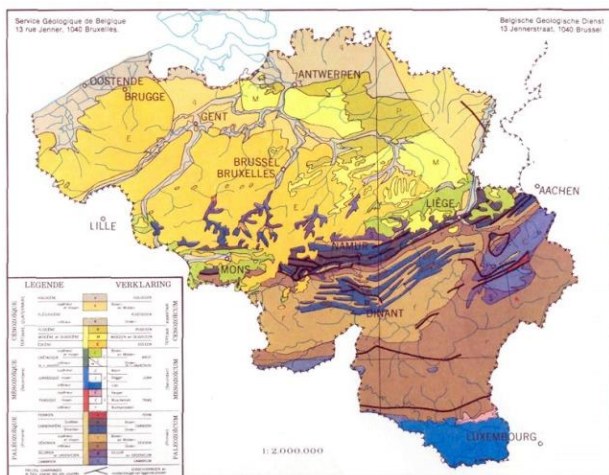
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The Bay Area Mineralogists meet monthly during the school year, on the 2nd Wednesday. We meet at the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, on the second floor of Building 3, where the campus map says "Rambo Auditorium." (<http://online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/map.html>) 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. We'll either be in the meeting room or directly across the hall in the auditorium.



Geology of Belgium:

If you want to learn more about it, attend the meeting!

June Program

Belgium and Mineralogy

by Herwig Pelckmans

The title of the talk is Belgium and Mineralogy and not Belgian Minerals because Herwig will, among other things, explain why things in Belgium can be quite complicated. After a general introduction, he will talk about the geology and the mineralogy of this small country located in the heart of Europe. Then we will learn about some of the Belgian minerals in more detail. Besides minerals, we will also meet with some Belgian mineralogists, and we'll have a look at the books published about Belgian minerals. And who knows, maybe Herwig will bring a Belgian treat for those attending the talk?

Show & Tell

If you have Belgian minerals in your collection, this would be the perfect time to show them off!



*Ferristrunzite from Blaton, Henegouwen, Belgium
(type locality)*

BAM Web Site Update & Call for "Content" Committee, *by Dan Carlson*

The BAM website is progressing slowly, behind the scenes. Gawan Fiore, a newer BAM member and current Stanford student, has been working on the backend architecture – providing a framework onto which we can publish our content. It's going well, but a little slowly because he's trying to anticipate future architecture issues.

In the meantime, we need to form a "content" committee to finalize what types of content we will want on our website (e.g., biographies, news, field trip reports, etc.). We also need to determine the elements for each type of content (e.g., author, date, text, photos, contact info, etc.) so we can create templates. These templates will allow any authorized BAM member to easily publish consistently-formatted content to the new site.

If you would like to be part of this content committee, please email Dan Carlson at dan@dextersinister.com. Once I have a few volunteers, I'll set up a meeting over the summer where we can finalize the content types we want on our site. Once that is done, the new site and our publishing tools should come together quickly.

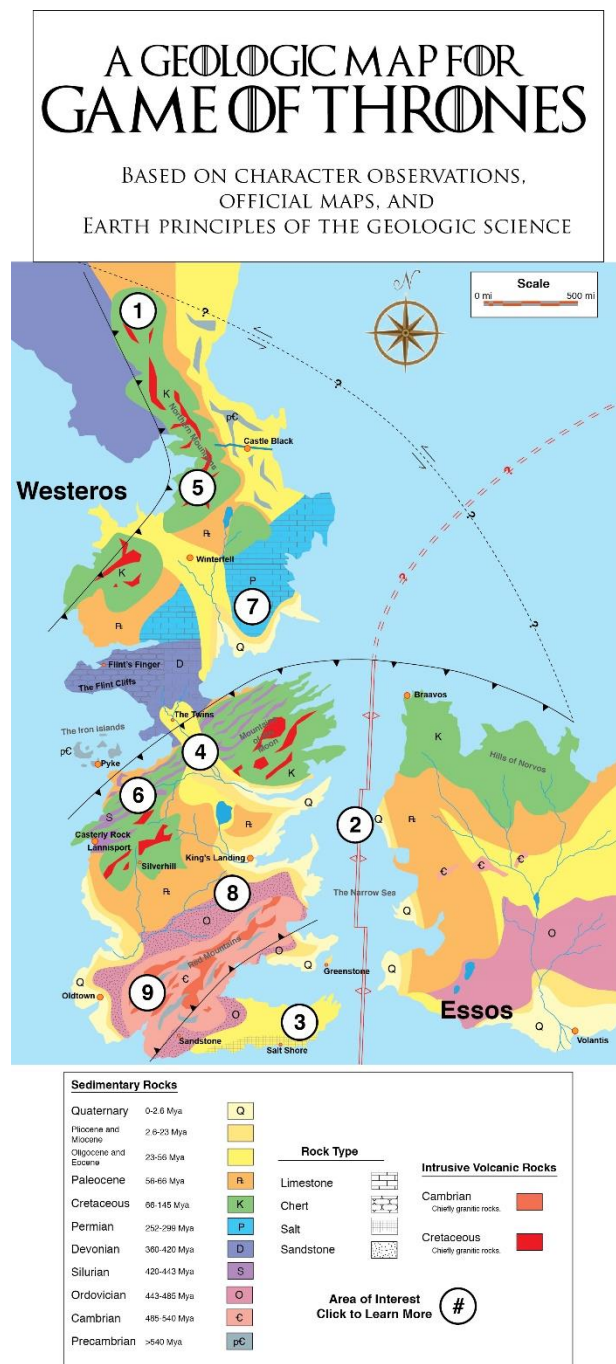
CA State Mining Museum Fundraiser



The California State Mining and Mineral Museum in Mariposa will hold a mixer and fundraiser at the Museum on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. There will be appetizers from Charles Street Dinner House, a cash bar, silent auctions, raffles, mine tours, and more. This would be a good time to stop by and support their efforts. Parking and admission are free.

A Special Geologic Map for You!

If you watch Game of Thrones, I hope you find this interesting and possibly helpful! – Barb



For information about how the map was created, which is obtained by clicking on the numbered Areas of Interest on the online map, go to:

<http://web.stanford.edu/group/anthropocene/cgi-bin/wordpress/game-of-thrones-geology/>

SFGMS Annual Show!!

Aug 13-14, San Francisco CA

62nd Annual Golden Gateway to Gems,
"Fiesta of Gems & Minerals"

SF County Fair Bldg, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way
Sat 10 – 6; Sun 10 – 5

BAM will be participating again. Members are needed at our booth, and are invited to put in a display (ask Barb for an entry form).

BAM Picnic – When and Where??

Plans are underway for our annual picnic and details will be emailed once they are finalized.

BAM's Out for Summer!

BAM meetings and newsletter will be on summer break in July and August – both will resume in September. Be sure to document your summer adventures so you can share them with us next year!

BAM Exhibits at the Santa Clara Show, April 2016 – *Photos by Jean Lee*



The BAM club case. Many thanks to all who contributed specimens and/or finesse!



Rick Kennedy's thumbnails and toenails – mineral specimens, that is!