
Bay Area Mineralogists

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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 March Program: Tucson!

As per tradition, the March meeting is taken up with a round-up of the collective recollections of and findings from the Tucson show. Dan Evanich is scheduled to run through his photojournal to get juices flowing. This year's theme was "Gemstones", so expect to see pics of some nice clear, colorful stuff.

If you have pictures or stories to share, please pass along to Dan Evanich (djevan@aol.com) and me; Dan will roll them into the slide show and I'll include whatever fits in next month's newsletter.

Not having attended personally, I had to content myself with web tours. John Veevaert has a good one as always; if you haven't seen this one already, check out the killer benitoite necklace displayed near the bottom of Day 6: <http://mineralshows.com/tucson2010/report6.shtml>

Dan also has a few updates on summer field trip scheduling, just to keep us thinking about rocks that aren't in the case just yet. I hear at least a couple BAmmites may have battle scars from Tucson-linked field collecting...

March is always very well-attended and filled with great rocks to check out, so be sure to come out and bring your latest rocks and stories.

Programs Past & Future

We'll return to more formal programs in April. John Magnasco will give us "Odd Twins, Heavy Stones & Zero Interest", an updated and extended talk on the minerals of Japan and South Korea. Should be an entertaining presentation, as always!

Looking back, a big thank-you goes out to Dave Lowe for a sharp, professionally-edited video presentation on the British Museum and its classic mineral collection in January. It's a great reminder: if your vacation takes you somewhere of mineralogical interest, take lots of pictures, step up and share with us!

Upcoming Shows

March 5-7

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavillion
6430 Thornton Ave, Newark
5th and 6th, 10am-6pm; 7th, 10am-5pm

March 20-21

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Vallejo Elks Lodge
2850 Redwood Parkway
10am-5pm both days

March 27-28

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras "Frogtown" Fairgrounds
Hwy 49, Angels Camp
27th, 10am-5pm; 28th, 10am-4pm

March 27-28

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club
2nd Annual Mineral Show
Trinity Hall, Lemoore
10am-6pm both days

March 27-28

Roseville Rock Rollers
Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds
800 All America City Blvd, Roseville
27th, 10am-5pm; 28th, 10am-4pm

Letters to the BAM Editor

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