
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: The Big Tucson Recap

Another Tucson show now receding in the rearview mirror, with credit card statements arriving in the mail for those who attended – that, of course, means it's about time to get together and catch up on this year's edition. Most dedicated BAMmies will have circled this month's meeting in red long ago, as the recap is always well-attended and chock full of interesting new acquisitions.

This year's edition will be run by Dan Evanich, with contributions by John Magnasco, Stan Bogosian, Rick Kennedy, and any other attendees they've enlisted as co-conspirators.

As a quick preview, here are a couple of nuggets received in advance of the meeting:

John Sulzbach picked up a blue ribbon for his case of self-collected specimens displayed at the Main Show.



John S. on the floor of the Tucson Convention Center with his showcase

Every year the BAM attendees and a cast of friend & accomplices descend on an unsuspecting local establishment to eat, drink, and lie shamelessly. John Magnasco has taken on the thankless task of organizing this brouhaha for the past several years and carried the ball again for 2012.

This year, the BAM crowd hunkered down at Daisy Mae's Steakhouse. Overall reviews of the venue were lukewarm at best – as was the steak, reportedly – but of the attendance, company, and conversation they were first-rate as always.



Friends old and new

And of course, no drive through Arizona would be complete without at least a little poking around for rocks...



Having a look at the Grey Horse Mine

Note also that planning continues for the June collecting trip to eastern California. Time permitting, expect a short update on the latest doings there. Plenty of stories to be told and new acquisitions to be shared, so be there!



Letters to the BAM Editor

Please send your comments, content, compliments, and/or complaints to Don Windeler, don.windeler@rms.com, 650-591-1644.

April Meeting in San Francisco... Your Action Required!

On April 14, we will meet at 9am Saturday morning at the Academy of Sciences at Golden Gate Park. The presentation will be by Dr. Jean DeMouthe on the curation of mineral collections, covering a subset of the course she teaches at SF State. It will also include a short visit to The Vault, the private viewing room that displays a few dozen of the Academy's best mineral specimens. Ordinarily the Vault is accessible to the public only by purchasing a ticket for the Academy's "Behind the Scenes Tour".

Please note that due to limited seating capacity in the meeting room, an RSVP is **REQUIRED**. THE FIRST 25 PAID-UP BAM MEMBERS TO RSVP WILL BE ADMITTED. RSVP TO BILL SPENCE (bill.spence777@sbcglobal.net) Instructions regarding parking and entry will be in the April newsletter.

Upcoming Shows

March 17-18
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Dr., County Bldg
10am-5pm both days

March 24-25
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds
101 Frogtown Rd, Angels Camp
10am-5pm Sat, 10am-4pm Sun
www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 24-25
Roseville Rock Rollers
Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds
800 All America City Blvd, Roseville
10am-5pm Sat, 10am-4pm Sun
www.rockrollers.com

March 31 – April 1
Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club
Lemoore Trinity Hall
470 Champion St., Lemoore
10am-6pm both days