

# Bay Area Mineralogists May 2004 Newsletter

Next meeting May 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00PM  
Foothill College, Geology Building,  
Room P-24, Los Altos Hills, California  
<http://www.baymin.org>



Welcome to the May issue of The Bay Area Mineralogists (BAM) newsletter. The purpose of our club is to further spread the knowledge and interest of mineralogy in our world today and promote awareness in the field of natural sciences as they pertain to the geosciences.

## **Gold Hill, Utah, BAM Field Trip**

The first BAM 2004 Field Trip will be to Gold Hill, Tooele County, Utah. Departure date is Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, in the late afternoon. Plans are for the first caravan to leave the Bay Area in the late afternoon and travel to a point east of Reno and make camp the first night. We will arrive in the Gold Hill mining area the next day around noon and make camp. Plans are to spend time collecting Friday afternoon, the 28<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, the 30<sup>th</sup> about lunchtime. Some of the members of the party may remain at Gold Hill and some may choose to head back toward Ely to camp and collect at Garnet Hill that afternoon and the next morning, the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Those remaining at Gold Hill will break camp and travel back home on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup>. More discussion will be held at the upcoming BAM meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Let me know if you are going to join the group for the trip. We will have BAM members familiar to the location contributing to the research for the trip, so this will be a very specific, time-efficient collecting event. If you want to do some of your own research beforehand, check Mineralogical Record volume 24, #1 (January-February 1993 issue) for more details or go to the following websites:

<http://www.mindat.org/gallery.php?loc=4183> for images of minerals found at Gold Hill.

<http://www.mindat.org/loc-4183.html> for mineral data.

[http://www.co.tooele.ut.us/ht51\\_goldhill.html](http://www.co.tooele.ut.us/ht51_goldhill.html) for area history and sights to see.

<http://www.ugs.state.ut.us/utahgeo/rockmineral/index.htm> for the official Utah website regarding geology, collecting, etc.

If you can't make the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, contact myself, Dan Evanich, or John Magnasco for more details.

## **May BAM Guest Speaker**

Our guest speaker for the May meeting will be John Stockard. He will speak on "The geologic aspects of Thunder Egg Formation" to our group. If you know of any other guest speakers for future BAM meetings, please contact Editor Dan Evanich or President Rick Kennedy. Time of the presentation is approximately 8:30pm on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

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### Mineral Find of the Month

This month we have an unusual mineral from the collection of Rick Kennedy. Rick acquired a specimen of simpsonite from Brazil recently. To quote Rick, "It's a rare mineral one does not usually see at shows. I purchased it from Steve Pullman at the Santa Clara show for under \$30.00. I do have a better one in my personal collection, so I'll probably sell this one." The location of the simpsonite crystal is Alto do Giz in Minas Gerais, Brazil."



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Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at Foothill College, Room P-24, Geology Building, Los Altos Hills, California. 8-10pm. Take highway 280 North from San Jose toward San Francisco to the El Monte exit and head west.