

Bay Area Mineralogists May 2005 Newsletter

Next meeting May 11th, 2005
Foothill College, Room P-24, Geology
Building, Los Altos, California
<http://www.baymin.org>



BAM is an eclectic group of mineral enthusiasts who gather to promote and share their interests in advanced mineralogy and mineral collecting. Membership is open to individuals with various levels of experience in mineralogy. The roster includes amateur mineralogists and professionals from organizations including the United States Geological Survey, the California Division of Mines and Geology, local universities and colleges, research laboratories and institutes, museums and mining companies, well-known mineral dealers, notable private mineral collectors and accomplished field collectors.

April Meeting Review



In lieu of the planned Digital Photography discussion that Dan Evanich was slated to present, we presented a showing of **Rhodochrosite – Red treasure of the Rockies**. Dan has been swamped with his new job, but promises to make the Digital Photo session later during one of the Fall 2005 meetings.

The A/V team (Dan & John) struggled for a while to get sound out, but failed so we left the narration to the wolves. There was no shortage of folks chiming in about who's who, the geology, the mining operations and the flowing blue lines.

A very well edited video with fantastic shots of rhodos almost every minute and what appeared to be fine explanations of the geology, mining operations and history of the great Sweet Home Mine

May Meeting Agenda

An "Hands-on" presentation of trimming and cleaning techniques using ultrasound, water guns, a Zuber hydraulic trimmer, hammering techniques, and a pneumatic micro chisel will be demonstrated by Dan Evanich and John Magnasco. → → **Bring some samples that you're willing to put at risk!!!** ← ←



What's New?

Chuck Trantham reported that the roads into Clear Creek were in pretty good shape except for a few mudholes here in their. He traveled there on the weekend of April 24th and did some collecting at the Clear Creek mine and the Jade locality with members of the SFG&MS

Gail Dunning has been championing the publishing of the *Mineralogy of the Clear Creek Mine* article through the peer review process and into the queue with Wendell. We have finally received word that the article made it through galley and will likely be in print later this year!

On the topic of the Mineralogical Record, have you seen their website lately? A colorful update with a huge new feature has been launched at <http://www.minrec.org/> The new feature, **Axis** – MinRec's online journal, debuted with an article from two of our own, Gail E. Dunning and Joseph F. Cooper, Jr. Congratulations to all, Gail, Fen and the folks at the Mineralogical Record.

Upcoming Events of Mineralogical Interest

May 13-15 West Coast Gem & Mineral Show, Holiday Inn-Costa Mesa, 3131 S. Bristol St., Costa Mesa, Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5. www.mzexpos.com

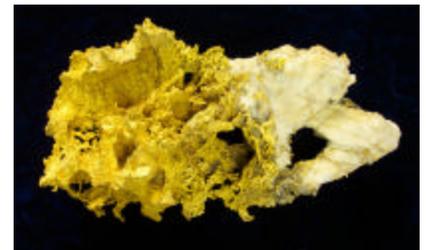
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Jun 10-12 Roseville, CFMS & Roseville Gem & Mineral Blast, Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds, 800 All American City Blvd, Roseville, Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-4. www.rockrollers.com/show.html

Show field trip: Sat & Sun, June 11 & 12, 2005, 9:00 AM
 Meet in the Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds parking lot. Special price will be \$49 per adult. Tour proceeds benefit Underground Gold Miners Museum.
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- Aug 6-7** **The Best San Francisco Gem Show (SFG&MS)**, San Francisco County Fair Building, Ninth Avenue & Lincoln Way, San Francisco, Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5
<http://www.sfgms.org>
- Sep 16-18** **The 38th Annual Denver Gem and Mineral Show**, Denver Merchandise Mart Expo Hall, 451 E. 58th Avenue, Denver, (I-25 at Exit 215) Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5
<http://www.denvermineralshow.com>
- Nov 19-20** **Livermore Valley Lithophiles Show**, "The Barn" 3131 Pacific Avenue, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

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Meetings

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month during the academic year (Sept → June) with the exception of each February, which is left free for those making their way to Tucson. The location is Foothill College, Room P-24, Geology Building, Los Altos Hills, California. 8-10pm. Take Interstate 280 North from San Jose toward San Francisco to the El Monte exit and head west.