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The Bay Area Mineralogists assemble on the second Wednesday of every month during the school year. 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.

May Program: Jon Page, "The Obscure Pegmatites of the Chihuahua Valley District"

For May, we'll have the pleasure of one of our newest members presenting. Jon Page hails from Anza, down south in Riverside County, and connected up with BAM through John Sulzbach. John notes that Jon has joined us on occasion at the Tucson BAM & Friends dinner and so may be familiar to some of you already.

Jon's presentation title pretty much sums it up: he'll be talking about the pegmatites and their minerals, primarily beryls and herderites, from the Chihuahua Valley in San Diego County. Check the pics below for a sneak peek!



Beryl from the Blue Dog. Jon Page photo.



More Blue Dog beryls. Jon Page photo.

With mine names like Adam's Rib, Green Cloud, and Blue Dog, how can you go wrong? Be sure

to come by to hear about some interesting California minerals.

Other BAM Potpourri for May

In addition to the main presentation, we'll also get an update from Dan Evanich and Stan Bogosian on the upcoming May trip to Utah.

Dan will also be bringing in a selection of books he recently acquired that he's donated and will be out for auction to benefit BAM. Titles include

"Encyclopedia of Gemstones and Minerals"
Holden and Mathez

"Minerals and Man" Cornelius Hurlbut

"Color Encyclopedia of Gemstones"
Joel E. Arem

"Collectors Book of Jade"
Arthur and Grace Chu

There will be about 25 books in all, most hardbound – bring your checkbook!

CCMA Protest Letter

As most of you know, President Bill Spence has been diligently following the developments / soap opera around the future of the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA). Following release of the Proposed Resource Management Plan last month, he led a discussion of these plans at the April meeting. He has since filed a letter of protest on behalf of BAM, the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) and the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society (SCVGMS). A copy of this letter is included with the distribution of the newsletter.

Please join me in thanking Bill for his continuing work to ensure ongoing and future access to this classic mineral collecting locality!

Santa Clara Valley Show Wrap

The Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society held its annual show on April 20-21. With BAM member David Lowe being the exhibit chair, there was some quality representation by the Bay Area Mineralogists in the display cases. Dan Evanich led the charge on the BAM case of

California minerals, but there were also personal exhibits as well.



Dan and Bill check out the BAM California case.
Jean Lee photo.



Closeup of some specimens from the BAM California case. Jean Lee photo.



MinDat Morocco case by D. Lowe.
Jean Lee photo.

A big thank you to those who contributed, and especially to Jean Lee for all the photos shown here!



*Dan Evanich's wulfenite case.
Jean Lee photo.*



*Rick Kennedy's personal California case.
Jean Lee photo.*

BAM Shirts!

Member Paul Favia has a friend starting up an embroidery business and had the idea of asking her to whip up some BAM-branded shirts. Through the wonders of moderns stitching technology, we now have gear available. Here's what an example looks like:



Prices range from \$21 for T-shirts to \$28-\$36 for various polo shirts. If you're interested, please contact Debbie Hinz at stitch_art@outlook.com for styles, colors, and pricing and reference the Bay Area Mineralogists.

(Note that we don't have any formal arrangement or bulk order going at this time, just the pattern and connection through Paul.)

Upcoming Shows

May 4-5
San Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park & Museum
2010 Parkside Ave., Paso Robles
9am-5pm both days

May 25-27
31st Annual Bigfoot Gemboree
Trinity Gem & Mineral Society
North Fork Grange Hall
131 Dutch Creek Rd, Junction City
Sat & Sun 10am-5pm, Mon. 10am-4pm

May 31-June 2
76th Annual Show & Convention
California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura
Fri & Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Letters to the BAM Editor

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