
Bay Area Mineralogists

November 2008

Next meeting: Nov. 12, 2008

7:00 pm

Foothill College

<http://www.baymin.org>



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November Program: "Collecting with Craig"

This month we kick off the first in a program series suggested by President Spence, commemorating BAM members past and present with collecting stories and linked "show and tell" themes.

Len Piszkiwicz will be our inaugural master of ceremonies, regaling us with stories of collecting with Craig Stolburg. From a geographic standpoint, Len will focus on three classic localities in our corner of the union:

- Silver Hill, Arizona
- Majuba Hill, Nevada
- Darwin, California

Please bring in samples from any of these localities, or that have some connection to Craig or Len.

As an added attraction, Sharon Cisneros has offered to bring in a display case of about 70 of her personal Arizona thumbnails, just for fun – lots of classic localities and pieces to check out.

As always, we meet in the Geology Lab at Foothill College, 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

See <http://www.baymin.org/Meet/FoothillMap.gif> for a campus map. Bring \$2 for parking.

Programs For December and January

Mark your calendars for the next two months – we'll have content a-plenty for the meetings.

In December, Brian Thurston will provide a geological travelogue of his summer vacation in Utah, Wyoming and Montana. Collecting localities along the way will include Kemmerer, Wyoming; Gold Hill, Bingham and Topaz Mountain, Utah; and Butte, Crystal Park, Helena and other localities in Montana.

The "BAM Field Collectors" series will continue in January with Sharon Cisneros talking about noted South Bay mineralogist Ed Oyler. Many of you will recall that the Cisneroses (sp?) helped disperse Ed Oyler's collection via a mineral collector's fantasy garage sale last December – should be plenty of Oyler samples still in the BAM family!

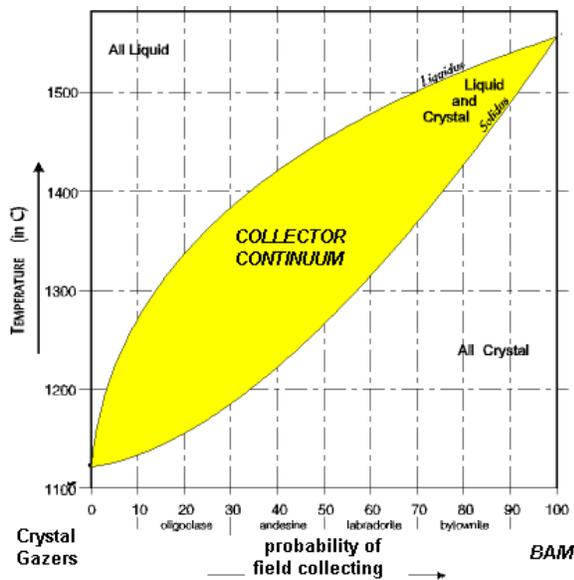
Mineralogical Crossbreeding for the Holidays

A goodly subset of BAM members are also affiliated with the Crystal Gazers, another group

of Bay Area mineral aficionados. The Crystal Gazers have offered to open up their annual holiday party to the BAMmies, providing everyone a chance to meet a few new like-minded collectors.

The party will be in the community room of Si and Ann Frazier's Albany apartment complex the evening of Friday, December 6, between 5pm and 9pm. Much like BAM's September picnic, there will be a benefit auction. Food is typically potluck. Plan on carpooling and probably a short walk down the street, as parking is extremely limited in the complex.

The Fraziers need a headcount by November 20. Please contact either me or the Fraziers directly (siannfraz@aol.com) with your RSVP and to receive more specific directions on how to find their home – not going to post that one directly!



*With apologies to
Lynn Fichter, James Madison University,
<http://csmres.jmu.edu/geollab/Fichter/IgnRx/SolidSol.html>*

Crystallographic Fun For the Kiddies

October's program on possible revamps for the BAM website included a quick survey of other club sites and discussion of characteristics we might want to include in our next incarnation. One educational item that popped up in that review and that is worth checking out is the set

of cut-and-fold crystal models available from the Mineralogical Society of Southern California.

See <http://www.mineralsocal.org/> and click on "Student Projects" on the left side. There are six crystal forms to work with – print and save to entertain kids on a rainy day!

Now, if anyone knows of a site with one of these for cumengite, please let me know...

Upcoming Shows

November 14-16

Fall West Coast Gem & Mineral Show
Holiday Inn - Bristol Plaza
3131 S. Bristol, Costa Mesa
10am-6pm Fri & Sat, 10am-5pm Sun

November 22-23

Livermore Lithorama
Livermore Valley Lithophiles
3131 Pacific Ave, Livermore
22nd, 10am-5pm; 23rd, 10am-4pm

November 22-23

"Garnets: A Gem for Everyone"
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way, Oxnard
17th, 9am-6pm; 18th, 10am-4pm

December 6-7

Arcata "3rd Northwest Crystal Ball"
Northwest Crystal Conservatory
1185 11th St, Arcata
10am-6pm daily

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