
Bay Area Mineralogists

November 2009

DIFFERENT WEEK!

November 18, 2009, 7:00 pm
USGS Menlo Park, Bldg 3, Rm 3-237

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The Bay Area Mineralogists assemble on the second Wednesday of every month during the school year – this month excepted, as noted below. 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". Parking is free.

This Month's BAM Meeting: 3rd Wednesday, not 2nd!

While the long-held tradition is to meet on the second Wednesday of the month, that plan ran up against a federal holiday at our new venue in November. Because the USGS campus will be closed for Veterans' Day, we'll instead meet a week later, on November 18. Other than that, the time and room will be the same as usual. We'll resume our second Wednesday meeting schedule in December.

November Program: Lee Mcllvaine on Långban, Sweden

This month Lee Mcllvaine, our resident fluorescent mineral junkie more often found trotting around Greenland, will fill us in on his visit to Langban, Sweden. Located in Varmland, this metamorphosed Mn-Fe deposits ranks up with Franklin, MSH, and Tsumeb for sheer volume of species – over 270 total, many of which are unique to here.



Lee will hold forth this month on his visit to said mineralogical mecca – odds are good that something glows under UV. Bring in your samples and we'll see how many species we can represent.

Silent Auction at December Meeting

In December, BAM will hold another silent auction for the club. These have developed into pretty lively events the last year or so – be sure to plan on being there and bringing something to contribute to the auction block!

Crystal Gazers Holiday Party Invite

A goodly subset of BAM members are also affiliated with the Crystal Gazers, another group of Bay Area mineral aficionados. Last year the Crystal Gazers invited BAM membership out to the annual holiday party at Si and Ann Frazier's in Albany; BAM responded in kind with an invite to the annual September picnic at Stan Bogosian's. The holiday invite has been renewed this year, providing yet another opportunity for meeting like-minded collectors of pretty bits of Mother Earth.

As with last year, the party will be in the community room of the Frazier's Albany apartment complex the first weekend of December, Saturday 12/5, 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 would like to have a headcount before the end of the month. Please contact either me or the Fraziers directly (siannfraz@aol.com) with your RSVP. I'll e-mail out directions on how to find their home, rather than post to the global audience via this forum.

Upcoming Shows

November 7-8

50th Anniversary Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord, Clayton Fair Shopping
5298 Clayton Rd, Concord
10am to 5pm daily

November 13-15

"Sacramento Harvest of Gems"
Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H St., Sacramento
10am-6pm Fri & Sat, 10am-5pm Sun

November 13-15

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

November 21-22

Livermore Lithorama
Livermore Valley Lithophiles
3131 Pacific Ave, Livermore
21st, 10am-5pm; 22nd, 10am-4pm

November 21-22

40th Anniversary: "Galaxy of Gems Expo"
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way, Oxnard
21st, 9am-5pm; 22nd, 10am-4pm

Letters to the BAM Editor

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