

Bay Area Mineralogists October/November 2005 Newsletter

Next meeting: November 9th, 2005
Room P-24
Foothill College, Los Altos, California
<http://www.baymin.org>

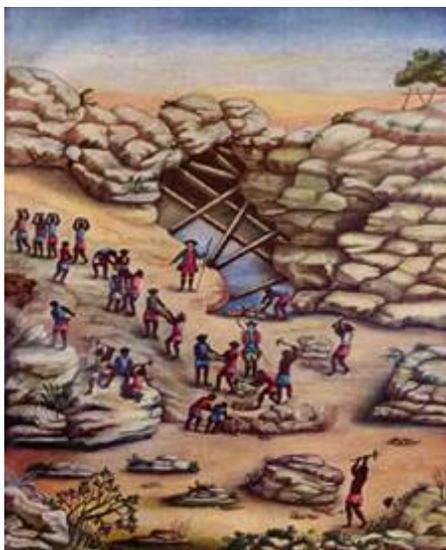


BAM is an eclectic group of mineral enthusiasts who gather to promote and share their interests in advanced mineralogy and mineral collecting. Membership is open to individuals with various levels of experience in mineralogy. The roster includes amateur mineralogists and professionals from organizations 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.

November Meeting Agenda

The next BAM meeting will be held **this Wednesday, November 9th** at 8PM in the Geology Room (P-24) at Foothill College. This gathering will be a business/planning session for 2006. Come with your best ideas for **field trips, outings, speakers**, other meeting activities and any other mineral-related errata! We will also take the time to update the roster with e-mail addresses, home addresses and phone numbers so we can keep all of you informed of what's happenin' with BAM and its membership. Speaking of membership, **dues are DUE!** ...and they are still six bucks...yep, only \$6 per year. For those of you not attending you can e-mail Treasurer, John Magnasco for your status or just mail in your dues and he will credit them accordingly.

October Meeting Review



The October meeting was sparsely attended by BAMites probably due to the lack of an October newsletter (my apologies). You'll notice that this month's circular is combined into an Oct/Nov issue. Nonetheless, the attendees enjoyed a brief presentation by **John Magnasco** on the mines, minerals and general area of Diamantina in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

A coworker of John's is the grandson of an early owner of the Maria Nunes diamond mine who provided a number of scans of black and white photos of the mine, miners and landscape of Diamantina that were included in the presentation.

The print to the left depicting slaves working in Diamantina is by Carlos Juliao, and it is entitled *Riscos iluminados de figurinhos de broncos e negros dos uzos do Rio de Janeiro e Serro do Frio*, 1762

The BAM Picnic & September meeting

Dan and Sharyn Evanich were fantastic hosts for this year's BAM Picnic held on Saturday, September 11th and attended by about 15 BAM members. Dan BBQ'd up some burgers and tasty links for the crew while folks peered over the always popular BAM Picnic auction items. Bidders were penning their offers up to the last second bringing in \$136 for the BAM coffers. The official part of the meeting lasted about 30 seconds, but the rest of the time was spent sharing stories of Summer collecting trips to places like Thompson Peak, Hallelujah Junction and the mines around Spring Creek in Plumas County with the BAM contingent, **John Sulzbach's** Brazil trip and the nice samples he brought for us to drool over and reminiscing over past trips while paging through one of **Chuck Trantham's** old photo albums from the 80's. Thanks to all who showed up, brought items to share or auction and a special thanks to Dan and Sharyn for opening their house to a bunch of scruffy rockhounds.

What's New?

Fen Cooper took a fall at his home last week and bunged himself up pretty good, but as a crusty old tough BAMmer, he is back at home recovering. All of us at BAM pass along our speedy "Get wells!"

New at the Denver Show: **Botryogen** in bladed whisky-orange crystals to over 2cm with Copiapite, Butlerite and Parabutlerite from Mina Santa Elena, Alcaparrosa, San Juan, Argentina, **Thompsonite** in attractive cream-colored spheres up to 6cm from a recent well-dig in the Aurangabad forest, near Nasik, Maharashtra State, India, **Pentagonite** from the Wagholi Quarry, Poona, India, **Menezesite**, from the Jacupiranga mine, Cajati, Sao Paulo, Brazil and named after famed & friendly mineral dealer Luis Menezes, **Wulfenite** from James R. Lee mine in Broadwater County, Montana, the extremely rare silver-mercury sulfosalt **Fettelite** with Proustite from the Imiter Mine, Dades Region, Anti-Atlas Mts., Morocco, Africa



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New at the Munich Show: gem specimens of **Liddicoatite** to 2 cm in length from Madagascar, some incredibly glassy **Barite** from Cerro Warihuyn, Mir Aflores Huamllias, Huanuco, Peru, Olive-colored **Carbonate-apatite** from the Sapo mine, Goiabeira, Aimorés, Rio Doce, Minas Gerais, Brazil



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Select pieces from the Martin Zinn collection are being dispersed by a wider group of dealers after the sale of Marty's collection to Collector's Edge, Wayne & Dona Leicht, and Ian Bruce early this year. John Veevaert captured these shots of a group of ex. Zinn minerals in the form of stalactites at the Munich show stating that it is likely one of the last times that they would be seen together (in the tradition of other notable collections in the past).



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Upcoming Events of Mineralogical Interest

- Nov 11-13** **West Coast Gem & Mineral Show**, Holiday Inn – Costa Mesa, 3131 Bristol, Costa Mesa, Fri & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
http://www.mzexpos.com/westcoast_fall.htm
- Nov 19-20** **Livermore Valley Lithophiles Show**, "The Barn" 3131 Pacific Avenue, Livermore, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
- Jan 28–Feb 11** **Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show**, 5 locations in Tucson, 10-6 daily
<http://www.mzexpos.com/arizona.htm>
- Feb 9-12** **52nd Annual Tucson Gem & Mineral Show**, Tucson Convention Center, "**Gems & Minerals of Canada**" Thu.-Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
<http://www.tgms.org/2006.htm>

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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.