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## Bay Area Mineralogists

**October 2008**

Next meeting: Oct 8, 2008

7:00 pm

Foothill College

<http://www.baymin.org>



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### October Program: the BAM Website

Those of you who've been attending meetings over the course of the last year will recall that there has been continuing discussion about approaches to updating and enhancing the BAM website to incorporate more content, especially linked to the history of the club and contributions to the science of mineralogy by its membership. The web site is a "point of first contact" for people trying to find out more about the club and it makes sense to review and refresh it periodically.

John Magnasco, Dan Carlson, and Brian Thurston have been holding focused subcommittee meetings outside of the regular monthly get-together to hash out ideas for BAM v2.0. They're now ready to get together with the general membership and float some proposals for what we could try to do with the site.

This isn't going to be a tech junkie prezo filled with HTML, but comes back to the face we as a club present to the rest of the world. We'd like to make sure those with an interest weigh in on

the decisions to be made -- please join us for this discussion if you can.

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.

### Upcoming Programs

The "BAM Field Collectors" series is starting to take shape, with the first official program planned for November. Len Piszkievicz will talk about Craig Stolburg and collecting exploits at (and minerals from) Majuba Hill, the Victor Claim, the eastern Sierra and other localities. Gene and Sharon Cisneros will hopefully be able to present in December, either on Ed Oyler or themselves. Gail Dunning will host a "Cooper and Dunning" night, date still to be determined. Chuck Trantham has signed up for three: 1) Al McGuinness, 2) Jack Parnau and 3) probably a tripleheader for Charles Chesterman, Leo Rosenhahn and Bob Phillips, all of whom have minerals named after them.

All of which makes the recently-vacated position of Program Director a pretty cushy one for now... still looking for someone to step up to the plate and take up the mantle from Rick K. Don't be shy!

### BAM at the SF Mineral Show

Speaking of our "face to the outside world," kudos go to Dan Evanich and John Magnasco

for their Herculean efforts in both assembling two BAM cases for the San Francisco Show in the beginning of August and setting up a club table for mineral ID and general recruiting. Additional thanks to all those who helped out by loaning specimens and manning the booth over the course of the two days. This was well-received at the show and will hopefully help bring in some new folks interested in what they heard and saw!

## **New Mineral Show Coming Next Summer**

Dave Waisman, organizer of the Westward Look shows at Tucson and the Dallas Mineral show, is laying out plans for a similar high-end show to be held at the San Rafael Embassy Suites (Marin County) sometime in July 2009. There may be some external events associated with the show, such as a symposium or collecting trips. Stay tuned – certainly more to come on this one.

## **Other Updates from September**

With the successful silent auction at the BAM picnic, the club treasury is at a recent high water level. One topic of discussion at the September meeting was possible uses for said funds. Three options up for consideration include (1) sponsoring a color article in Rocks & Minerals magazine; (2) covering common field trip expenditures in 2009; (3) donation to Foothill College in appreciation of use of their room for all these years; and (4) website design services. President Spence is checking into possibilities for the third of these and will report back to the group for review. Please weigh in with your opinions.

Clear Creek Update from President Spence (Sept 18): "According to BLM Geologist Tim Moore, the planning process for the resource management plan continues. He heard the same thing Dan Evanich did about the likelihood of government funding for paving Clear Creek Road. It ain't gonna happen any time soon. The only recent work down there is that BLM reclaimed (i.e. buried under 5 feet of dirt) some mercury mining sites adjacent to Staging Area 2. New access permits are not being issued."

## **Upcoming Shows**

October 11-12

67<sup>th</sup> Annual Trona Gem-o-Rama  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
SLG&MS Lapidary and Show Building  
13337 Main St., Trona  
11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am-5pm; 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am-4pm

October 18-19

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society  
Veteran's Memorial Auditorium  
1352 Maple, Santa Rosa  
10am-5pm daily

October 25-26

Peninsula Gem & Mineral Society  
Los Altos Youth Center,  
1 San Antonio Road, Los Altos  
25<sup>th</sup>, 9am-5pm; 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm

October 24-26

Gem Faire  
Alameda County Fairgrounds  
4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton  
24<sup>th</sup>, 12p-7p; 25<sup>th</sup>, 10a-7p; 26<sup>th</sup>, 10a-5p

November 1-2

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

## **Letters to the BAM Editor**

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