
Bay Area Mineralogists

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The Bay Area Mineralogists assemble on the second Wednesday of every month during the school year, unless diverted by extenuating circumstances. 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.

Please remember that we're trying to start on time at 7:00 – the USGS facilities staff can't leave until we do and we inevitably have plenty of catch-up at the first meeting, so come on down a little early!

BAM October Program: **Dan Evanich, "Nevada Trip Recap"**

In late June of this year, BAM took its annual "extended" field trip, this time out to western Nevada in and around the Yerington District. In addition to the skarn deposits around Ludwig (e.g. Douglas Hill Mine), the group hit the

Boulder Hill fluorite locality near Wellington, the Jackpot Mine, the Arrowhead Mine and a few others in the area.



*Entryway to the Jackpot Mine
(D. Evanich photo)*

Dan Evanich will be our MC for the slide show and recap, hopefully with an active peanut gallery contributing their version of the stories.



"They went thataway..." Rick and Hedwig at the Arrowhead Mine. (D. Evanich photo)

He'll also have some photos from his visit to the Denver show in September, just for good measure. Bring your favorite find from the trip (or acquisitions from Denver / wherever!) for show-and-tell – should be good fun as always.



Who said Nevada was dry? (D. Evanich photo)

Theft at the State Mining & Mineral Museum

Sad news from Mariposa: for those who haven't heard, on September 29, the California State Mining & Mineral Museum was robbed of a significant lot of mineral specimens. The thieves threatened employees and broke into three cases filled with historical gold and mineral specimens; exact counts of what was taken are not known, but it's estimated at over \$2 million worth.

A discussion with links to news items has been ongoing on Mindat:

<http://www.mindat.org/mesg-56-272459.html>

The museum is trying to provide photographs of some of the stolen specimens, which will presumably also be linked in when published.

Another rough turn of events for the museum – as discussed in past BAM meetings, it has been on the verge of losing its state funding and just recently received a temporary, two-year reprieve. One can just hope that some of California's history can be recovered before it's melted down into scrap.

Upcoming Shows

October 20-21
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One North San Antonio Rd, Los Altos
10am to 5pm daily

November 3-4
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord, Clayton Fair Shopping
5298 Clayton Rd, Concord
10am to 5pm daily

November 10
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society Show
Vallejo Veterans Bldg.
420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo
Sat. 9am-5pm

November 17-18
Livermore Lithorama
Livermore Valley Lithophiles
3131 Pacific Ave, Livermore
Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 10am-4pm

Letters to the BAM Editor

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