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## Bay Area Mineralogists

### September 2008

Next meeting: Sept 10, 2008

7:00 pm

Foothill College

<http://www.baymin.org>



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#### Back to School... BAM Resumes!

Hope all had a great summer, filled with fantastic new rocks for your collection.

With the school year upon us, we return to our usual time and place with a resumption of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday schedule next week, September 10. Agenda items will include a variety of topics:

- June field trip to NM (next section)
- Formal show and tell by Sharon Cisneros on Arizona TNs
- Call for new program coordinator (see below)
- Continuation of discussion on uses for growing BAM treasury

We meet monthly in the Geology Lab at Foothill College, 7:00pm on the second Wednesday. See <http://www.baymin.org/Meet/FoothillMap.gif> for a campus map. Bring \$2 for parking.

#### BAM September Program: New Mexico Trip, June 9-14

In June nine intrepid BAMmies (plus one seven year-old collector-in-training) set off to central New Mexico for a week of rock-hunting bliss. Organized by Dan Evanich and John Magnasco, the trip included stops at Cook's Peak, the Kelly Mine, the Lemitar Mts., the Macy Mine, and a pair of days in the Blanchard district. The trip also included a side visit to the New Mexico tech mineral museum, which actually proved to be a "silver pick" source of many take-home specimens. Along with the organizers, the crew included Paul Andrade, Stan Bogosian, Dan Carlson, Dave Lowe, Chuck Trantham, and Don & Forrest Windeler.

Dave Lowe took many a picture on the journey and has graciously offered to lead the discussion of the trip for the September program. If you were there, bring some show and tell!



## BAM August Picnic and Auction

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Stan and Sue Bogosian again hosted the annual BAM picnic at their home in Saratoga. Over twenty BAM members and guests showed up to partake in BBQ and minerals, this year abetted by a lack of rain. The annual benefit auction was an unqualified success, swelling the BAM coffers by over \$500.

Big thanks to the Bogosians for hosting and for all those who donated and/or bid on specimens at the auction – hope to see you there next year!

## BAM Meeting Programs & Program Director: A Note from Pres. Spence

Rick Kennedy has indicated he'd like to step down as Program Director, so the club is looking for someone to step up and take his place in organizing the monthly programs. (No experience needed, just good ideas and a willingness to occasionally wheedle or gently twist an arm.) Thank you Rick, for your work in keeping the topics flowing over the past year.

To make the job even easier, President Spence has suggested a theme for a series of programs that could fill much of the next year or two. The idea is a series of presentations in tribute to notable BAM field collectors, which would focus on the notable mineral localities discovered and characterized by these BAM members, as well as the minerals collected and distributed to the collecting fraternity by them.

His initial list, with suggested presenters in italics, spans the following:

Fen Cooper (*Gail Dunning*)  
Jack Parnau (*Gary Moss*)  
Charlie Chesterman (*Gary Moss*)  
Al McGuinness (*Chuck Trantham*)  
Craig Stolberg (*Leonard Piskiewicz*)  
Ed Oylar (*Gene & Sharon Cisneros?*)  
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Localities would therefore include Kalkar Quarry, Victor Claim, Majuba Hill, Mina Numero Uno, the Artinite Pit, Yellow Cat, Oregon zeolites and others. Members would be asked to bring specimens attributable to these pioneers from their collections for show-and-tell. The presentations would provide information that

could be the basis of biographies that can be posted on the BAM and MinRec websites.

Bill also further proposes that the Fen Cooper meeting be held in conjunction with the Santa Cruz club at their venue in Santa Cruz, so that Fen could more easily attend.

Comments and suggestions welcome.

## Upcoming Shows

September 20-21  
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society  
Community Activities Building  
1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City  
10am-5pm both days

September 20-21  
Rockhound Roundup  
Pioneer Park & Museum  
2010 Riverside Dr, Paso Robles  
10am-5pm both days

September 20-21  
San Francisco Gem Crystal Fair  
Fort Mason Center  
Laguna Ave and Marina Blvd  
Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm

September 27-28  
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club  
Scottish Rite Temple  
33 W. Alpine, Stockton  
Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

September 27-28  
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Rd  
Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm

## Letters to the BAM Editor

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