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# BAM Newsletter ~ March 2024

Meeting: Wednesday, Mar 13, 7:00 pm  
ZOOM only\*

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## March Zoom Meeting

As we previously reported, Lark Technologies has closed their office and BAM is currently homeless! Many, many thanks to Lark and their employee, BAM member Jeff Zira, for hosting us for almost two years – since June 2022!

\*While we work on finding a new location for in-person meetings, we'll revert to monthly all-Zoom meetings. The Zoom link will be emailed to all members and guests the day before the meeting.

## March Program: Tucson Reports

By BAM members

The March meeting is our usual Tucson recap featuring reports and comments by anyone who attended some or all of the shows there in February. We'll go 'around the table' [Zoom screen] so everyone will have a chance to contribute. We encourage a lot of Show & Tell this month of specimens, show pictures, and related stuff. You can practice holding specimens up to your computer's camera, although this is generally not the best view.

Or, put a photo album on your desktop and share it at the meeting. Or, send in your photos to – note the change! – Barb at [matz.barb@gmail.com](mailto:matz.barb@gmail.com). (Don will be traveling so Dan Evanich and Barb are running the meeting in his absence – should be fun!)



*The TGMS Show theme was Pegmatites: Crystals Big and Beautiful. This was a stunning collaborative case of gem pegmatite minerals by Walt Donovan, Gene Meieran, William Johnson, Daniel Trinchillo, Irv Brown, and Scott Rudolf (Photo: Friends of Minerals Forum)*



*A new feature at Mineral City, in Building D next to Miner's Lunchbox and Mineralogical Record. Where else can you have Scott Werschky fix you a cappuccino?*

## TGMS Show Competition Winners Junior

Junior High Score & Junior-Master  
Nathanael Brodhagen, Fossils

Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> High Score  
Hannah Brodhagen, Educational (Rough & Cut)

Novice, Al & Mary Rose, Minerals

Advanced, David Tibbits, Single Locality – Peru

Master – Best in Show,  
David Tibbits, Thumbnails

### Best of Theme

Thumbnail, Alex Venzke, Danalite

Small Miniature/Toenail, Robert Thacker,  
Jeremejevite

Miniature, William Wray, Pezzottaite

Small Cabinet, Mary & Jim Walker, Elbaite

Cabinet, Irv Brown, Beryl var. Aquamarine

Lapidary-Jewelry, Jonathan Feigin, Beryl var.  
Heliodor

Self-Collected, Wolfgang Mueller, Beryl

### Special Trophies

Desautels (Best Case of Minerals), Tom  
Campbell



Lidstrom (Best Single Specimen), Tom  
Campbell, Beryllonite on Hydroxylherderite,  
Pakistan, in the Desautels-winning case.



Bideaux (Best AZ Specimen), Steve Scott,  
Vanadinite, Puzzler Mine, Yuma AZ



Yedlin, Matthew Metzler, Micromounts



One of 24 specimens in the micromount case.

Romero (Best Mexican Specimen), Bill Dameron, [specimen not listed]

Gibson (Museum), U of A Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum, What is a Pegmatite

Schupp (TGMS Member), John Callahan, 'Quiz Case'

Sources: *TGMS newsletter, March 2024 (list); Friends of Minerals Forum (photos).*

**Friends of Mineralogy** (from FM website)

Best Educational Case, Non-Institutional: Hanna Brodhagen, 'Journey of a Gemstone'

Best Educational Case, Institutional: Maine Mineral & Gem Museum, 'Introduction to Pegmatites' (exhibition of seven cases)

## Dues are Due!

Our annual dues are a mere \$5, payable to our Treasurer via PayPal or US mail. You can also add another \$5 toward our annual mindat contribution. Send via PayPal to [dan@dextersinister.com](mailto:dan@dextersinister.com) and specify Friends/Family. To pay by US mail, send a check made out to Dan Carlson to Dan at PO Box 666, Belmont CA 94002-0666.

## A Couple More Tucson Photos



*Tucson weather 2024, especially during the last 10 days of the shows.*

## Upcoming Shows

**March 16-17**, Santa Clara CA

[Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society](#)

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

344 Tully Road. Free Parking!

Hours: Sat & Sun, 10-5.

**April 27-28**, Santa Cruz CA

[Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society](#)

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium

Corner of Church & Center Streets

Hours: Sat & Sun, 10-5.

**May 18-19**, Seattle WA

[Seattle Mineral Market](#)

7400 Sand Point Way NE

Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 11-5.

**May 24-26**, El Dorado CA

Northern CA Mineralogical Association

Annual Micromineral Conference

El Dorado Community Hall

From 2 pm Friday to noon Sunday.

Schedule and registration available soon.



*Display of fluorites from Poland, at Spirifer Minerals (not for sale).*