



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.

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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2011

The May Meeting will be held on Friday the 6th of May at 7.30 p.m. in the LZG14 lecture theatre on the ground floor of Building LZ in the Science campus of the University of Western Sydney on the corner of Victoria Road and James Ruse Drive in North Parramatta.

The May program will comprise the

MEMBER'S MINI-AUCTION

The May Meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. sharp and whilst there may be a short period of general Society announcements the auction will commence immediately after and will probably last about two hours. A list of 80 specimens to be auctioned will accompany this Newsletter and will be on display for examination from 7.00 p.m.

Members bringing in the specimens to sell at the auction should arrive well before 7.00 p.m. to lay out the specimens for inspection by buyers. The specimens should be clearly labeled with the owner's name as well as the species and locality and before the sale commences specimens will be allocated the auction number corresponding to the accompanying list.

Prospective buyers should also arrive well before the sale commences to allow time to examine the lots and members who wish to bid will be allocated a bidding number. Please make sure you are given one.

A SILENT AUCTION will also be held. Members may submit up to two flats each which would be placed on a table for bidders to examine during the auction and write their bids on a form which will accompany each tray. There is no need to notify details beforehand of the minerals in the flats, just bring the tray or trays to the meeting, register, and place the *Silent Auction* form on your box.

Transactions must be by CASH ONLY and paid directly to the vendor at the completion of the auction. There would be no cost to sellers, the Society will take no commission on sales, will not handle any money and will not take responsibility for ensuring transactions are completed or enter into any disputes should they arise. There will be no reserve on specimens but if a vendor is dissatisfied with the final bid, he or she can make a higher bid themselves in order to retain the specimen.

At the May meeting a wulfenite from the San Francisco mine, **donated by Peter Williams**, will be auctioned on behalf of **Kids with Cancer**. Please bring your cash and generosity.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Society Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month through the rest of this year. Subject to circumstances some changes to the following schedule of program subjects and speakers may have to be made in due course.

June 3rd: Symposium on 'The Prospect Intrusion. History, Geology & Member's Collecting Experiences.'

July 1st: Lecture by John Rankin on 'Peeling back History'.

August 5th: A.G.M. and the Memorial Lecture which this year will be given by Paul Carr.

September 2nd: There will be a lecture given by John Tottenham on 'A Prospector's Observations on Victorian Gold'.

October 7th: Lecture possibly on 'Establishing a New Mine at Mineral Hill'.

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WELCOME

Welcome to new members Mark and Alice Blyth and Albert Falzon

APRIL MEETING

An announcement at the commencement of the April Meeting referred to the historic Yeranderie silver mining area and abandoned mining town near the Kanangra-Boyd National Park west of Sydney which has now been incorporated into the National Park and will be managed by the Oberon Office of the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service.

The site is readily accessible from the Oberon direction by two-wheeled vehicles, subject to current weather conditions and local information, although 4WD vehicles are recommended.

‘Labels for Minerals’

John Smedley

The first lecture of the evening was given by John Smedley who displayed a number of lists of points which he recommended be observed in not only providing labels for minerals but also comprehensively cataloguing a collection.

In acquiring mineral specimens it often occurred that there would be more than one label already accompanying it and the speaker recommended that these should always be kept and that all information available as to history, acquisition, source, mining site and ideally even the particular area or dump of a mine from where the specimen was found should be recorded.

The lecture also drew a number of points and suggestions from other members present in relation to the cataloguing of a collection by computer which could also link specimens to photographs.

‘A Photographic Tour of the British Museum of Natural History’

Gary Sutherland.

The second part of the evening’s program was a pictorial tour of the mineral specimen collection in the British Museum of Natural History which Gary Sutherland had visited in 2010. The Museum in Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London, should be correctly called the Natural History Museum. It is an imposing building designed and built in 1881 by the architect Alfred Waterhouse and is home to seventy million items falling into the five main categories of botany, entomology, mineralogy, palaeontology and zoology.

Presumably Gary Sutherland was not able to photograph more than a proportion of the mineral specimen component of the Museum’s collection but over the course of about an hour displayed a large number of images of the more superlative specimens which he had found there. A majority of the specimen images shown were of U.K. minerals but also many were Australian.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The 21st Annual LISMORE GEMFEST

Will be held by the **Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club Inc** in the Lismore Showgrounds over Saturday and Sunday the 15th and 16th of May 2010.

From 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Saturday and from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on Sunday.

Entry \$5 adults, \$1 children

“Great Bargains for Everyone”.

‘Hand-crafted jewellery, Gemstones and Minerals on Show and for Sale, Fossils and meteorites, lapidary craft demonstrations, refreshments available. Displays and stalls are undercover.

Dealer and general enquiries may be made to Bruce Copper on telephone (02) 6688 8280
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Postal enquiries to P.O.Box 743, Lismore, NSW 2480 or visit the Website www.gemclublismore.org.au.

The JOINT MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES OF AUSTRALASIA 34th ANNUAL SEMINAR

The 34th Annual Joint Mineralogical Seminar will be held on the **Queen's Birthday long weekend in June** from Saturday to Monday the 11th –13th of June 2011 in Gemmology House, 380 – 382 Spencer Street, West Melbourne hosted by the **Mineralogical Society of Victoria**.

The theme for the Seminar is **MINERALOGY INTO THE FUTURE** and will feature a lecture program over Saturday and Sunday with a number of lecturers speaking on topical subjects of trends and future developments in the field of Mineralogy. The lecture program will be held from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on both days and on Monday 13th June there would be the opportunity to view the Museum of Victoria mineral, 'Dynamic Earth' displays or the Tutankhamun 'Golden Age of the Pharaohs' exhibition which is at the Museum for the next few months. (There may be a waiting period, i.e. long queue, to view this exhibition). As is customary at the end of the Seminar there would be an informal dinner held on the Sunday evening.

Seminar Registration for Society Members is \$75.00 pp, \$85 for non-members, \$50 for students, plus \$50 for the Sunday dinner. Registration costs include lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments.

Registration forms for the Seminar have been sent out previously and more are available from the (NSW Society) Secretary George Laking. Registration forms for attending the Seminar were required to be submitted by the 30th of April last. Late inquiries about registration could be made to the Victorian Mineralogical Society.

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from Alex Blount on mobile 0407 879 097
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GEMKHANA 2011 The NSW State Gem Jewellery & Mineral Show

To be held at Cessnock over 1st - 3rd Oct 2011 in the
Cessnock Indoor Sports Centre, Mount View Road, Cessnock
Saturday and Sunday, 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Monday 9.00 a.m. to Noon.

Featuring displays of gemstones, stones, jewellery, carving, enameling, minerals & fossils.
Dealers. Tailgaters. Displays. Demonstrations. Field trips.

Inquiries to Marilyn and John Behrens Gemkhana Co-ordinators
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