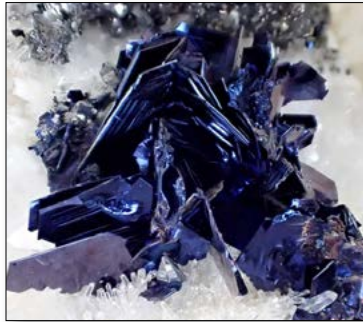




JOIN US FOR THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

ON ZOOM — *Friday September 6th at 7pm**“The Hidden Beauty in the Minerals of Butte Montana” with Dan Evanich*

Dear members and friends of the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society: Our September 2024 First Friday Zoom Program will feature **Dan Evanich**.

Dan is a member of the Bay Area Mineralogists and The Crystal Gazers. He is an accomplished surface and underground field collector and micro mineral photographer.

Dan will show us the hidden beauty of the minerals that occur within the polymetallic ore deposits of Butte, Montana. The Historic Butte Mining Era lasted from roughly 1865 through 1982. In its heyday between the late-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, it was one of the largest copper boomtowns in the American West.

Dan's presentation is titled **“The Hidden Beauty in the Minerals of Butte Montana.”**

Wherever you are, settle in with a favorite drink or snack and enjoy! After the presentation a general discussion will follow.

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIqf-ypqz8qHdZd84r43uHdz\\_\\_tWy\\_NGpi7](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIqf-ypqz8qHdZd84r43uHdz__tWy_NGpi7)

**SPECIAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER 2024:**

September 6th @ 7 pm - First Friday General Meeting on Zoom

September 7th @ 11 am - In person Instructors meeting with Zoom option

September 14th @ 11 am to 3 pm - Club Open House

September 16th @ 7pm - SFGMS **Monday Night** Board Meeting on Zoom

September 28th Saturday @ 10 am to 3 pm -

Sale, Meet & Greet - Brian Cook Brazilian Gem Miner



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*Masthead by Kevin Anderson*

## Nostalgia...

Being old can be a pain in the sweet patootie. Uh, that's an old slang term for butt; spell check didn't recognize it. Still, being old can be fun too, if you have a good memory. I was shopping in that weird little grocery store today four blocks from my house; you know...the one that sells "Awakened Nuts" and "Gluten-free" toilet paper. Perusing the shelves I came upon "Bon Ami" cleaning powder.

Now, that takes me back, and just for fun I bought some. Bon Ami is an old time abrasive cleaner, and a French word that means "good friend." The cardboard canister it came in had a picture of a baby chick on it like it did ever since it was put on the market in 1886. However, it didn't have the old slogan, "Hasn't scratched yet" on the label.

I asked the woman at the check-out if she remembered that slogan, and what it meant. "No, she said."

I asked another clerk, and I asked a customer who looked older than me...but, she didn't remember it either.

I will enlighten you. The belief was that a chick just out of the egg will not "scratch," that is search for food,

for three days after hatching. It was a play on words. Bon Ami wasn't supposed to scratch your porcelain sink and toilet.

Previously, scouring powders were made out of tallow and ground quartz. Quartz has a Mohs hardness of 7, glass and ceramic surfaces have a hardness of 5 to 7. Bon Ami was originally recommended for cleaning glass, and it did scratch, maybe that's why they removed the old slogan.

This new canister I bought listed the contents as Limestone, Feldspar, Soda Ash, Baking Soda, and soap. It also had a recommendation from Martha Stewart. That's new, I don't think she was alive back in 1886.

This had me remembering Morton Salt, a company also started in the eighteen-hundreds. It comes in a blue cardboard container with the slogan "When it rains, it pours," with the drawing of a little girl walking in the rain with her umbrella, spilling salt out behind her.

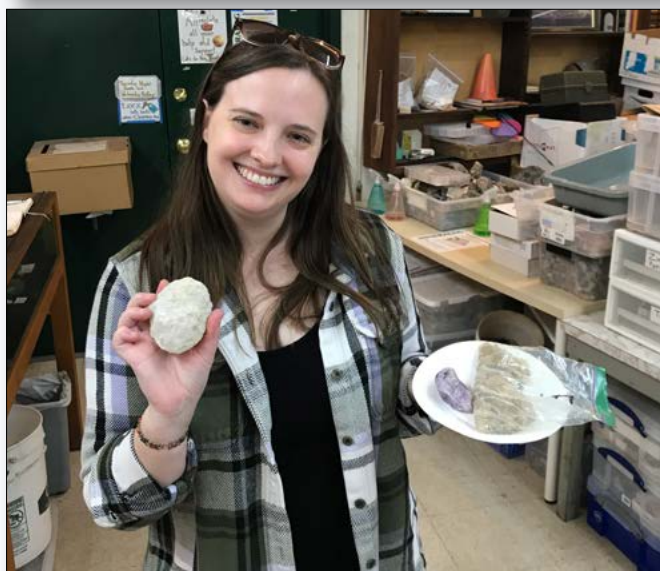
Salt is hygroscopic, it absorbs water. People in our club have noticed that Halite, the mineral name for salt crystals, melts when put on display. Our club has a tendency to be damp, being so close to the ocean. Salt in a salt shaker doesn't shake out in damp areas...such as our club...and my house...#@\$%^!!!

In 1914 the Morton salt company came up with the slogan and the picture of the little girl because they solved the "caking problem." They added Magnesium carbonate to the salt to make it "loose." That also made other things "loose." The Magnesium carbonate is a laxative. Whoops!

So, they changed the non-caking compound to Calcium silicate. No problem there, but the salt in my house, close to the East Bay shoreline, still gives me problems. I keep it in a "Salt box," an old time container for salt that is spooned out.

Oh Boy, I'm dating myself. I wonder, a hundred years from now will anyone remember "Gluten free" or "Awakened Nuts"?

## Club Scenes: August 2nd Bingo Night Fun!



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\* PLEASE be sure to call the clubhouse (415-564-4230) before traveling \*\*\*\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 AM - 3 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing	10 AM - 1 PM Lapidary	9 AM - 10 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing, Spheremaking	9 AM - Noon Lapidary	Noon- 3 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing,	<b>CLOSED</b>	10 AM- 5 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing, Spheremaking
	6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary	7 PM - 10 PM Lapidary	6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary, Faceting	3 PM - 9 PM Lapidary, Faceting		

### SPECIAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER

**General Meeting on Zoom**

**September 6th, Friday • 7:00 pm**

**Instructors Meeting**

**September 7th, Saturday • 11:00 am**

*In-Person at the clubhouse*

*\*Zoom option - Info: [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)*

**SFGMS Club Fair & Open House**

**September 14th, Saturday • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

*Contact Tony to reserve a spot: [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)*

**Board Meeting on Zoom\***

**September 16th, Monday Night • 7:00 pm**

*\*Zoom -Info: [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)*

**Mineralog October 2024 Submission Deadline**

**September 20th, Tuesday • 5:00 pm**

**Club Field Trip for Sunstones (Oregon)**

**September 20th - 22nd, Friday through Sunday**

**Sale, Meet & Greet - Brian Cook Brazilian Gem Miner**

**September 28th, Saturday • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

*See September Mineralog for more information*

**\*\*NOTE: TRAFFIC AND PARKING ADVISORY\*\***

**• October 4 to 6th - Hardly Strictly Bluegrass**

### CLUB BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

*Note: Exact birth "DATES" are not shared to protect privacy.*

Monica Morris  
Daniel Greeman  
Kat Lui  
Modera Anthony  
Axell Baechle  
Olivia Cowen  
Axell Baechle  
Anthony Modena  
Olivia Cowen  
Emily Dorazi  
Diana Petty  
Kevin Anderson  
Steve Saarman  
Cary Nick  
Nick Cary  
Bruce Frybarger  
Celia Zapanta  
Margaret Jarrett  
Lucas Welch  
Olga Betyntseva  
Craig Carraher  
Zongju Zhou  
Steve Browning  
Juliette Cove  
Stacey Michaels  
Sherri Mills  
Sadie Mellerio  
Kai Langen-Wong  
Eric Imperiale  
Jessica Kaplow  
Hajar Majed

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Brittany Stadtmiller  
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David Leech  
Evie Kyritsis  
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David Chen  
Larry Cronkhite  
David Zandman  
Johnathan Alkema  
Ming Fung Ha  
Jesus Negrete  
Jessica Kaplow  
Natalie Gavidia  
Rosabelle Gold  
Emily Schwartzman  
Sheena Carrasco  
Judith Lim  
Rosie Kaplow  
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Steven Yukl  
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Judy Chang  
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Alicia Bucks  
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Deana Farole  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**GIA - Innovations and Discoveries that Changed the Jewelry World**

Date: 09/12/2024 Hours: Thurs 6:00-8:15 PM

Venue: World Affairs Center/Commonwealth Club in Union Square at 312 Sutter (at Grant), SF 94108

Website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/innovations-and-discoveries-that-changed-the-jewelry-world-tickets-1001872787477?aff=oddtcreator>



**To add, update or change a calendar event, please contact [mineralog@protonmail.com](mailto:mineralog@protonmail.com)**

### NEW MEMBERS FROM AUGUST

*A warm welcome to the following new members:*

*James Matthews*

*Julie Romanosky*



## ***Membership Renewal - Time to pay your club dues!***



### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- Access to a wide variety of equipment for cutting, shaping, and polishing rocks, and making jewelry.
- emailed monthly newsletter
- Affordable instruction by experienced club members in lapidary, beading, intarsia, faceting, silversmithing, and sphere making
- Field trips
- Opportunities to volunteer at events that further the goals of the Society, and are fun
- Monthly lectures by notable experts on topics pertaining to earth sciences and lapidary arts
- Access to extensive gem, mineral, jewelry making, and earth science resource library
- And much more!

### **Dear Member,**

If you have already paid your club dues thank you very much and move on to enjoy the club newsletter.

If you have not paid please flip over this page and find the 2024/25 membership renewal application. Dues are renewable each September.

Yearly Dues - Regular \$30 - Associate \$20 - Junior \$12

Please fill out the renewal application form and mail it to the clubhouse with your check.

**On-line payment option will also be sent out by email using "Square" starting mid-August.**

### **Membership Renewal**

**The San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society  
4134 Judah Street  
San Francisco, CA 94122**

Application and payment can also be dropped off at the clubhouse into the membership renewal box or club's mailbox. Can't print – send me the information requested using your own form.

New membership cards will be issued by mail as once payment is received.

Thank you in advance for you payment and support.

Tony DeLeon, Club President/Membership Chair - [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)



# 2024/25 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society  
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Dear SFGMS Member,

It's time to renew your membership in the San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society. Our membership year runs from October 1st, through September 30th each year. On receipt of your payment a new membership card reflecting your membership status through September 2025 will be mailed to you.

Annual dues are unchanged this year. When paid before October 31, 2024, dues are as follows:

**Regular Members..... \$30.00**

**Associate Members..... \$20.00** (One member of your family must be a regular member)

**Junior Members (under 18 years old)..... \$12.00** (One member of your family must be a regular member)

Important note: Dues indicated above will be subject to late fees beginning November 1st, 2024 (\$10.00 per member)

*THIS NOTICE IS FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ONLY.*

(IF YOU HAVE A LOCKER IN THE CLUBHOUSE, YOU WILL RECEIVE SEPARATE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT)

*Please update all of your contact information • Fill out the form entirely • Print legibly.*

Use an envelope to drop your payment into the “Membership Renewal” box near the front door in the clubhouse, or mail your payment to:

**Membership Renewal**  
**The San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society**  
**4134 Judah Street**  
**San Francisco, CA, 94122**

*Thank you so much for your support through membership in our society!*

Sincerely,

Tony DeLeon, Club President, SFGMS

## SFGMS 2024/2025 Membership Renewal:

		MEMBER TYPE		
		Regular	Associate	Junior
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Email Address (**REQUIRED !**) \_\_\_\_\_

*All email addresses will get the Mineralog in color  
Help keep our cost down with email - thank you.*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Current Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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