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OUR JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER

AMIR HASHMI, *world traveler*



Amir Hashmi (center) in Columbia, exploring mines

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT AMIR

My Grandfather did this business back in the day, he spent time travelling around. Unfortunately this business skipped a generation and my family got back into Mineral dealing.

I was first introduced to this trade when I was 19 years old, I went down to the states, met up with some family and was introduced. That same trip I was lucky enough to go down to Colombia, South America and spent one month there looking around the markets. I explored different emerald mines in Colombia and it was an amazing experience.

After my trip, when I arrived back home I was unsure if I wanted to keep going in this trade, I took some time off and focused on school.

After sometime, I attended some Tucson Mineral shows, while trying to figure out what I wanted to do. I decided this was something that I wanted to be a part of. Then I made Mineral dealing a priority and do it full time.

A little about Amir, cont.

Slowly but surely I have been trying to, “out source” different materials from around the world.

I attended the Munich show in Germany, and I have been to Pakistan twice, outsourcing Tourmaline, Kunzite, Aquamarine, Peridot and other high quality Minerals. To be continued at the January MSM meeting.



*Watermelon Tourmaline, Paprok Nuristan, Afghanistan.
Courtesy of Danial Trinchillo*

JANUARY MEETING DATE CHANGE

The January meeting will be held on
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 09, 2019 at the Manitoba Museum starting at 730pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jack Bauer. This is a great way to get out and network with people that also love Minerals.

Reminder to please pay your membership dues at your earliest convenience, Thank you.

*Happy New Year
and best wishes in 2019*

from the MSM Executive

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The Mineral Vein is published monthly from September to June.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Manitoba Museum in room P47 on the Planetarium level. They begin at 7:30 PM and feature announcements, an invited speaker and a raffle. Members are encouraged to bring along any new, interesting specimens, or specimens appropriate to the speaker's topic.

Field Trips take place from May to September to interesting sites in Manitoba or neighbouring provinces and states.

Membership: A single membership is \$15 while a family membership is \$20. Memberships run from October to October.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY MEETING: will be held on Wednesday January 09, 2019 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Manitoba Museum. The speaker will be Amir Hashmi, *world traveler.*

FEBRUARY MEETING: February 06, 2019 MSM regular monthly meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Manitoba Museum. William (Bill) Hood, P.Geog will be providing a Geological, Mineralogical and historical back ground on Tourmaline which involves the "Dutch East India Company" and the Crown Jewels.

MARCH MEETING: March 6, 2019 MSM regular monthly meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Manitoba Museum. This month's speaker is Dr. Eva Pip, she will be talking about Amber.

APRIL MEETING: April 3, 2019 We will have Dr. Graham Young, *curator at the Manitoba Museum.* He will be speaking about the geology of the Legislature building, yes, where the golden boy lives.

MAY MEETING: May 01, 2019 speaker will be Cornel Rock sharing his story about his Mineral journey from around the world.



Founded in 1971, the Mineral Society of Manitoba is dedicated to promoting the study of minerals, rocks and fossils for their scientific and recreational value. The Mineral Society of Manitoba hosts monthly meetings covering a variety of mineral related topics. In addition, the Mineral Society organizes summer field trips to collecting localities, and hosts educational exhibits about minerals and fossils.

MINERAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY

This event was amazing and so much fun, a BIG THANK-YOU to Tony Smith for his auctioning expertise. Thank you to all the members who donated fine Mineral specimens and other gifts. The bidding was lively and the competition was fierce.



Jack Bauer with his Azurite specimen from the auction



Our new room at the Canad Inn, Polo Park was nicely decorated to reflect the holiday season. There was something affordable there for everyone and this year we raised \$1,190.00. THANK YOU!



Brigitte Boucher with her Barite specimen from the auction



Tony Smith in action at the MSM holiday party

PLANNED FIELD TRIPS PLANNED FOR 2019

By: Jack Bauer

GILLIS QUARRY, MANITOBA (spring); Paleozoic Fossils; *Date, to be determined, 2019*

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES; Septarian nodules; *Date, to be determined, 2019*

WALLACE BUILDING U OF M. Geology building tour (Spring); *Date; To be determined, 2019*

SOURIS, MANITOBA; *Date, to be determined, 2019*

SELENITE DIG, Red River Flood way (August/ September?) weather permitting; *Date, to be determined, 2019*

POTENTIAL FIELD TRIPS FOR 2019

By: Jack Bauer

WINNIPEGOSIS; Middle to upper Devonian, Fossils; *subject to budget, tentative for 2019*

SNOW LAKE; due to the 7+hour long drive, this would have to be a min. 3 or 4 day trip

MANITOBA MUSEUM, behind the scenes tour, subject to completion of new changes. Tentative for the fall of 2019.

BANCROFT AREA TRIP; would be subject to interest Canada's largest GEM and Mineral Show, 56th annual ROCKHOUND GEMBOREE in BANCROFT, Ontario.

Dates: August 1,2,3 & 4th, 2019. Please note; Accommodations, may be an issue, for this event