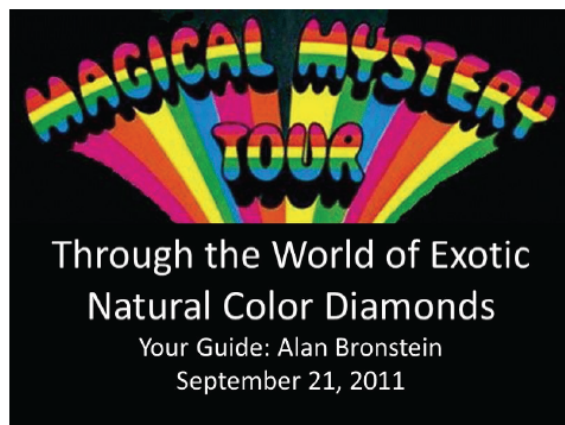


New York Mineralogical Club 125th Anniversary Dinner presents special guest lecturer Alan Bronstein



Historical Sketch by New York Mineralogical Club

On September 21, 1886, in the home of Professor Daniel S. Martin at 236 West 4th Street, the New York Mineralogical Club was formed through the efforts of George F. Kunz, B.B. Chamberlin and Professor Martin. Monthly meetings followed at the homes of members, with hosts presiding. George F. Kunz was elected Secretary.

At the sixth meeting in March 1887, the name "New York Mineralogical Club" was officially adopted. A constitution and bylaws were approved at the eighth meeting. Since no president was required by this constitution, none was elected until April 1895 when George F. Kunz became the club's first president, an office he held for many years. At the end of the club's first year, it had a membership of forty-six, including several notable mineralogists. The Club, whose original mission was to keep alive an interest in only NYC minerals, is now dedicated to increasing interest in the science of mineralogy through the collecting, describing and displaying of local, national and international minerals and associated gemstones

The club's fine collection of more than 700 mineral specimens from New York City is housed at the American Museum of Natural History. The collection includes specimens of beryl, chrysoberyl, garnet, tourmaline, stilbite and xenotime, together with various other species. Many of these specimens were found during the construction of New York City's subway system or in the bedrock underlying the foundations of New York's famous skyscrapers. About twenty of the finest specimens are now on extended loan to the New York State Museum in Albany and on public view for the first time in decades.

During the 125 years the club has been in existence a number of honorary members have been appointed in recognition of the contributions in the field of minerals and mineralogy. They include: Joseph Arons*, Sir William Henry Bragg*, Russ Buckingham*, Lawrence H. Conklin, Marie Sklowdowska Curie*, Edward S. Dana*, Clifford Frondel*, Victor Goldschmidt*, Richard Hauck, Carl Krotki*, Alfred Lacroix*, Charles Palache*, Frederick Pough*, Waldemar T. Schaller*, Leonard J. Spencer* and Herbert P. Whitlock*. (*Deceased) Dozens of minerals and varieties have been named in honor of club members over the years. Starting in the early part of the 20th Century, the Club has published significant booklets on a variety of topics. The most famous is probably James G. Manchester's Minerals of New York. A digital, scanned version of the rare "Manchester" was recently created on a CD-ROM in

honor of the Club's 125th Anniversary and made available to a wider public.
The New York Mineralogical Club remains one of the most active and esteemed clubs of its
type in the United States. 2011 Officers of the NYMC
Alan Bronstein presents the "Magical Mystery Tour" Exploring the world of exotic natural color
diamonds!

At the New York Mineralogical Club 125th Anniversary Dinner!

September 21, 2011

Holiday Inn Midtown Manhattan

Meeting of the New York Mineralogical Club

Time: 9:00 p.m.

