



“Search in Tibet for the Source of Gem Andesine”

By Brendan Laurs, GIA

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Joint MSSC & Gem & Mineral Council, NHM Meeting and Banquet

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Brendan will speak on his exciting Sept. 2010 field research to Tibet, in search of the source of gem-quality red andesine. He will describe the controversy surrounding this material, focusing on the geology and occurrence of the andesine! He will also share what it is like to travel in this remote and beautiful part of the world. Be prepared to be transported to high in the Himalayas—without leaving your chair--through captivating photographs and videos!!!!



This Banquet & Meeting will be held jointly by MSSC and the Natural History Museum Gem and Mineral Council. The cost of the Banquet will be \$35.00. *Seats are limited so RSVP early.*

Location will be the Oak Tree Room *next to Coco's* on Colorado Blvd. and Michelinda Ave, East Pasadena. Coco's is at 1150 W Colorado Blvd, Arcadia, CA 91007

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