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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

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Capital Mineral Club News

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The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, **April 7th at 2:00 PM** at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

The speaker this month will be **Scott Higgins**. He will talk about Mineral Collecting and Safety. This presentation is interactive and members are encouraged to bring their own gear and ideas to the discussion.

Welcome New Members

- Jennifer Haines, Meredith, NH
- Charles Landsman, Concord, NH
- Robert Kelley, Franklin, NH

**2018 Club Dues are due, please send your membership dues to:
Steffen Hermanns, 7133 Oak Hill Road, Loudon, NH 03307
Make check payable to Capital Mineral Club. Dues are \$10.00 per member.**

Editors Note:

The **deadline** to get info to me for publication will be the **3rd Saturday** of every month

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www.capitalmineralclub.org
- Website designed and maintained by:
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- If submitting material to the newsletter the editor requests that it be sent in Microsoft Word format. This will help in getting the newsletter together.

Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club: 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Tin Mt. Conservation Center, Albany, NH – 7:00 PM
www.sacovalleygmc.com

Keene: 1st Saturday of each month at Keene State College, Science Bldg. Room SCIC 126, Keene, NH – 7:00 PM keenemineralclub.50webs.com

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday of each month, Hamilton Wenham Community House, 284 Bay Rd, South Hamilton, MA – 7:45 PM

Boston Mineral Club: 1st Tuesday of each month, Harvard University Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA – 7:30 PM www.bostonmineralclub.org

Southeastern NH Mineral Club: 2nd Wednesday of each month, St John's Methodist Church, 28 Cataract Ave., Dover, NH – 7:00 PM senhmineralclub.org

Presidential Gem and Mineral Society: 2nd Friday of month at 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH



The annual February workshop meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on February 3rd, 2018 at the Salvation Army Building in Concord, NH. Members brought their specimens for help with identification or to share with others what they had collected or cut the past year. There were 23 members present.

It was fun and interesting to hear all the discussions throughout the workshop. It was a very intriguing group with diverse talents that were shared.

There was an information talk given by Charles Landsman on how he and his family collected the many specimens that he had up for auction at the workshop. Mr. Landsman donated half of the proceeds to our scholarship fund. The March meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on March 3rd, 2018 at the Salvation Army Building in Concord, NH. Meeting came to order at 2:00 PM and began with a scenic and scientific presentation by Jim Young on "Geology of Mississippi-Valley Type (MVT) Deposits." Members brought specimens of their own to share.

Meeting Minutes: The business meeting was called to order at 3:28 PM with 41 members present.

Acceptance of Secretaries Report – Motion – Jim Young, Seconded – Kathleen Welker, voted on and passed by membership.

Corrections to the January Secretaries Report – mention of Danny Divers should have read Donny Divers and mention of Gordon Ramsey should have read Gordon Jackson.

Treasurer's report: Acceptance of Treasurers Report – Tabled to April Meeting

Old Business: – Charles Forsberg brought in his final version of the flyer for 2018 and explained the changes. He had added serial numbers and put them in packs for each member to pick up and share around their community. The serial numbers were to get a feel of where and how we reach people regarding the show. Gordon Jackson and the membership discussed their understanding of the flyer changes being tabled until 2019. More discussion tabled until the next Show Committee Meeting.

Field Trips – Discussion of the trip to Yale University by Don Dallaire tabled until April meeting as he was not present. Steffen Hermanns announced the first trip scheduled to be March 4th, 2018 to the Palermo Mine to view the ice formations. Members were to meet at the entrance at 9:00 AM.

The membership was reminded that Donny Divers has volunteered to coordinate field trips this year. He is already working on trips to the Beauregard and Tripp Mines.

Steffen Hermanns announced the date of the club's annual field trip to the Palermo Mine to be the first or second weekend in October.

Scott Higgins mentioned the upcoming Connecticut Valley Mineral Club's show in Hadley, MA March 10 & 11th as well as the Maine Mineral Conference in Bethel, ME May 11th – 13th. Don Dallaire will be a speaker at the MMC. All mineral show dates are posted in the newsletter.

New Business: Steffen Hermanns asked for members to think about joining the nominating committee to find volunteers for either open positions on the club board or if someone is interested in the position. An email will be sent out with more information.

Door Prizes: Donated by: Mike Undercofler and Peter Cram. Winners: Martin Kippley, Kathleen Welker, Chris Buerkle, and Steffen Hermanns.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Young and approved by the membership.

April Presentation

Mineral Collecting Equipment & Safety

By: Scott Higgins

Scott has collected minerals for over 50 years and is currently one of the owners of the Palermo mine. He is a member and past president of the Capital Mineral Club and the Southeastern Mineral Club. He earned a BS Degree in Geology from the University of Massachusetts and worked for the department of the navy as a Physical Science Technician / Health Physicist. He recently retired after 33 years.



We all enjoy mineral collecting but the job is made easier and safer when you use the proper tools and use them properly. Scott will discuss different types of equipment we can use effectively. He will also go over the care of collecting equipment to ensure their long use and avoid pitfalls of using unmaintained equipment. Scott will also focus on personal safety at mines.

This presentation is interactive and members are encouraged to bring their own gear and ideas to the discussion.

Past stories of "educational" experiences are encouraged.





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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>April 7, 2018 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: Scott Higgins Refreshments Chris Fiske</p>	<p>April 14-15, 2018 35th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show Standish, ME</p>
<p>May 5, 2017 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>April 28-29, 2018 46th Annual New Jersey Earth Science Association Gem & Mineral Show Franklin, NJ</p>
<p>June 2, 2018 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments</p>	<p>May 5-6, 2018 55th Annual New England Gem & Mineral Show Topsfield, MA</p>
	<p>May 11-13, 2018 6th Annual New England Mineral Conference Sunday River, Newry, ME</p> <p>June 23-24, 2018 Gilsum NH. 54th annual Gilsum Rock Swap & Mineral Show More than 65 dealers and swappers with gems, jewelry and minerals available for sale or trade.</p> <p>July 21-22, 2018 57th Annual Western Maine Gem & mineral Show Bethel, ME</p>