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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

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Editors Note:

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

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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.

Capital Mineral Club News

The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, **March 4th** at 2:00 PM at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

Thank you to Bob and Edna Whitmore for providing refreshments last month.

This month speaker will be Bob Whitmore, he will be talking on cleaning and preparation of mineral specimens.

Mineral of the month: Members could display beryl minerals for members to view.

Welcome New Members

Christopher W. Fiske, Wolfeboro Falls, NH Fredrick Rinaldi, Pittsfield, NH

2017 Club Dues are due, please send your membership dues to: Steffen Hermanns, 7133 Oak Hill Road, Loudon, NH 03306 Make check payable to Capital Mineral Club. Dues are \$10.00 per member.

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

<u>Keene</u>: 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

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

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



The January 2017 meeting of the Capitol Mineral Club was held on Jan 7th at the Salvation Army Building in Concord NH. Meeting came to order at 2:00 pm and began with a presentation from speaker Carl Francis on Caves and Minerals of Brazil. There were many great pictures and a lot of good information.

Acceptance of Secretaries report – motion Martin Kippley seconded Mike Cordero passed membership.

Acceptance of Treasurers report – motion Tony Howd seconded Doug Peck passed membership.

Acceptance of 2017 Budget – motion Gary Bono seconded Tony Howd passed membership.

Old Business – UNH Grants update from Don Dallaire, Joel Johnson setup a letter to his students for getting in applications for our scholarship program. The Club has budgeted \$2500 for this purpose in 2016 the amount will allow for two students from UNH one for field camp in Michigan and the other in New Hampshire at the flint hill area in Raymond. Motion Gordon Jackson seconded Martin Kippley passed membership.

New Business – Forest Service is holding hearings about the collecting sites in the Whites Don't cut roots, no power tools, no commercial collecting, no larger than a cubic yard can be excavated at one time and needs to be filled back in. Other groups using areas complain about the warzone like look of the area. Need to send out to membership about the proposed rules and comment periods. Several proposals were made by CMC members for forest service consideration.

New Memberships – welcomed to the club who were present.

Door Prizes – Donated by Peter Cram, Terry Crowell won by Sandi Pearson, Quinten Pray, Tony Howd, Martin Kippley, Hilde Downing, Kathy Welker, Teri Marquis and Priscilla Eastman.

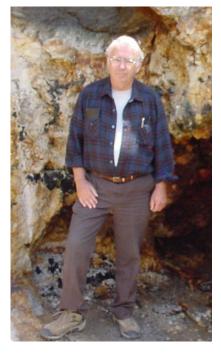
Meeting Adjourned at 4:40pm

Respectfully submitted.

Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire

Program for March

Cleaning and Preparation of Mineral Specimens By Bob Whitmore



Above: Bob Whitmore at Mount Mica Mine, Paris, Maine.

Below: Ultrasonic Cleaner



You found a great specimen but it is covered with crud and has too much ugly matrix. What do you do? Come to the meeting and learn from Bob "the tricks of the trade" from his many years of experience. He will discuss the options for cleaning specimens and preparing them for display. From the simple detergents with water to high tech ultrasonic cleaners.



Above: Mechanical Rock Trimmer



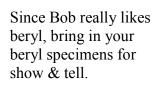
Above: Before cleaning on left after cleaning on right. Suzie Blue Claim, Florissant, Colorado.

Mineral of the Month



Above: High-pressure water gun.

Right: Air scribe



Right: Beryl, Bald Mountain, Tamworth,







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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events			Gem & Mineral Shows
March 4, 2017			March 4-5, 2017 46th Annual Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Show
Club Meeting:		2:00PM	Meriden, CT
Speaker:	Bob Whitmore		March 24-25, 2017
Refreshments:	The Diver's		Connecticut Valley Mineral Club
April 1, 2017			Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show, Hadley, MA
Club Meeting: Speaker:	TBD	2:00PM	April 1-2, 2017 34th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show
Refreshments:	The Wilken's		Standish, ME
May 6, 2017	THE THINGS O		May 6-7, 2017 54th Annual New England Gem & Mineral Show
Club Meeting: Speaker:	TBD	2:00PM	Topsfield, MA June 24-25, 2017
Refreshments:	The Howd's		The 53rd annual Gilsum Rock Swap & Mineral Show
June 3, 2017			Gilsum NH.
Club Meeting:		2:00PM	August 11-13, 2017
Speaker: Refreshments:	TBD		East Coast Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show
			Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, MA
			August 26-27, 2017
			Capital Mineral Club Show
			Everett Arena, Concord, NH