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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, **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.

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:
Peter Cram & Steffen Hermanns
- 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.

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

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 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.

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.

Below: Ultrasonic Cleaner



Above: High-pressure water gun.

Since Bob really likes beryl, bring in your beryl specimens for show & tell.

Right: Beryl, Bald Mountain, Tamworth,

Right: Air scribe



Mineral of the Month



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