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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, September 9th at 2:00 PM at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

Thank you to Gordon and Pam Jackson for hosting the June Meeting and letting us use their house. There was a live auction, fun was had by all.

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

Jen Hopkins, Canterbury, NH
 William & Marie Spink, Manchester, NH
 Keith Vachon, Northwood, NH
 Jennifer Kelly, Manchester, 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 June 2017 meeting was held at Gordon Jackson's house. There was a good turnout for this event. There was plenty of food and good conversation. There was a live auction to end the day.

Acceptance of Secretaries report –

Acceptance of Treasurers report –

Old Business –

New Business –

New Memberships –

Door Prizes –

Respectfully submitted.

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

Presentation at September 9th Meeting



Quartz: Signature Mineral of the Continents

by: Dr. Carl Francis

Curator

Maine Mineral & Gem Museum

Although quartz is a common mineral, it can have many different habits and forms.

Carl will begin by introducing three books for quartz aficionados and why you may want to buy a copy. He then will discuss the various quartz crystal habits.

The main part of the talk concentrates on quartz crystal features including: twins, scepters, inclusions, etching, and more. He will also show pictures of quartz being collected in a Swiss cleft. He concludes his talk with a fabulous Arkansas quartz specimen and the story behind it.

The pictures of specimens are all by Jeff Scovil and will be spectacular.

See you there.



Tassin Habit Quartz

Peñas Blancas Mine

Boyacá Department

Columbia

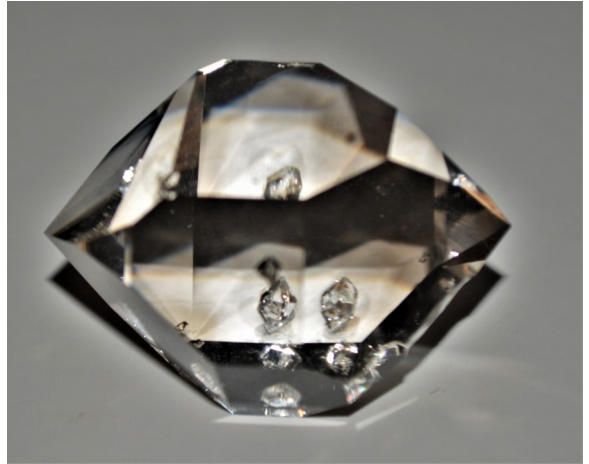
Don Dallaire specimen & photo

Mineral of the month - Quartz

Naturally, with the topic of the September presentation, quartz should be the mineral for members to bring in to display. Bring not only your normal quartz specimens to show but especially the “weird” habits and shapes you have in your collection.



Smoky
Government Pit
Albany, N.H.



“Herkimer Diamond”
Herkimer Diamond Development
Middleville, N.Y.



Scepter
Hallelujah Junction
Peterson Mountain, CA



Gwindel
Les Droits
Chamonix, France



Specimens from Don Dallaire collection

Government Pit photo by Kevin Downey other photos by Don Dallaire



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events

September 9, 2017

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
 Speaker: Dr. Carl Francis
 Refreshments: Angela Pratt

October 7, 2017

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
 Speaker: TBD
 Refreshments: Win Harding

November 4, 2017

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
 Speaker: TBD
 Refreshments: Chris Fiske

December 2, 2017

Club Meeting: Holiday Get Together **12:00– 4:00PM**
 Chair:

Gem & Mineral Shows

September 2-3, 2017: Augusta, ME.

Rockhounters Gem & Mineral Show
 Maine State Armory, Western Avenue.

September 9-10, 2017: North Adams, MA. 53rd

Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Eagles Hall #310
 515 Curran Highway, Rte 8, Sponsored by The Northern
 Berkshire Mineral Club.

October 21-22, 2017: Bristol, CT.

45th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
 Bristol Gem and Mineral Club, 240 Stafford Avenue.