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Concord, New Hampshire

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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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The CMC will meet Saturday, April 9th at 7:30 PM (Please note we are back to evening meetings) at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, NH. There will be a Board Meeting at 6:00 pm preceding the regular meeting.

The Club would like to thank Gordon & Pam Jackson for hosting yet, another great workshop in March. Also, many thanks to Kevin Downey and his presentation on caves.

Our speaker for April is Bill Metropolis from Harvard University, however, this is still tentative

Discussion Items for April Meeting

1. Purchase of a gas grill for use at club outings
2. Possibility of a Club trip to Sterling Hills, Connecticut
3. Yearly trip to Eden Mills
4. Discuss interest in doing another Ruggles trip
5. Further discussion of moving the Sunapee show to Concord Everett Arena. This item will be brought up for a vote at the May meeting.

Welcome New Club Member

Bob Kilham
Deerfield, NH

MICROMOUNTERS OF NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL REUNION MEETING

Saturday, May 20, 2006 Location: Elk's Lodge, 91 Park St., Hudson MA Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

There will be a silent auction, sales table and give-a-way table. At Noon a lunch buffet will be served.

At 11:15 am our featured speaker, Joe Marty, will give a presentation on Hidden Treasures, Utah and at 1:00 pm a presentation on Gold Hill, Utah. Joe Marty was voted into Micromounters Hall of Fame last year. Pre-paid admission including lunch: \$ 20.00 for members and \$ 25.00 for nonmembers.

Bring your microscope, light, extension cord and give-a-ways and have a fun day.

Go to our website at www.micromountersofnewengland.org to download the registration form or call Anna Wilken at 603-536-2013 for more information.



These are the minutes of the March 11th, 2006 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at Gordon & Pam Jackson's home in Canterbury. It was the club's fifth annual workshop meeting. About 44 members and 2 guests attended using the shop's rock trimmers, ultra-sonic cleaners, glass bead blasting cabinet and microscopes.

There was a very short business meeting with Scott Higgins thanking the Jackson's for hosting the event at their home. Scott mentioned that discussion on the possible moving of the Sunapee show will be during the April meeting. The application of Bob Kilham to become a new member was accepted by the club.

This year a special guest speaker was scheduled with Bob Whitmore's help. Kevin Downey, an internationally recognized professional photographer, gave a fabulous slide presentation on his adventures photographing caves throughout the world. The different countries and their different cave environments were described along with the challenges each presented. From huge Arabian caves to underwater caves to caves filled with crystals that dwarf a person – each slide made for an excellent story.

After many specimens were cleaned and trimmed to perfection (and a few destroyed), the club enjoyed an excellent pot luck lunch buffet. There were numerous perky specimens donated as raffle prizes. Both the guest speaker, Kevin Downey, and his wife, Hilda Downey were among the winners.

Like the Christmas party, this annual meeting is becoming very popular and our thanks go out to the Jackson family for hosting it.

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent Valade
Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
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2005 FIELD COLLECTOR'S AWARD WINNER

The 6th year of the Field Collector's Award, was won by Bob York of Hales Location, NH

Bob won this year's Field Collectors award. Which comprises of a \$200.00 cash prize, personalized plaque to be attached to the Collector's trophy shovel and possession of the trophy shovel until the next Field Collectors event.

Fred Wilda won the Sponsor's award.

This year's competition had five contestants. They shared their super passionate stories and prized mineral specimens from their collecting adventures. This year's presentations, as well as, all previous years presentations emphasize how interesting and entertaining rock-hounds can be. The four participating rock-hounds were:

Bob York , Hales Location, NH
Dana M. Jewell, Melrose, MA
Pat Barker, Campton, NH
Fred Wilda, Hadley, MA

About the Award shovel plaque. The plaque acknowledges the year's winner. It is a personalized area where the winner can express what they want about themselves. I will have engraved just about anything the winner requests (I don't encourage modesty).

For more Field Collectors award information go to www.toveco.com/2005-award.html

2006 – The Field Collector’s Award Competition

www.toveco.com/competition2006.html

COMPETITION: For the best self collected specimen with an accompanying story. To be judged by six independent judges at the **NORTHAMPTON, MA. GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW**.

AWARD: **\$200.00** Cash prize & Name engraved on the collectors shovel plaque and trophy.

LOCATION: Three County Fair County Arena, Northampton Ma. Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. Sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Register at the **ToVeco** show booth.

TIME & DATE: Saturday May 13th, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. (Can register anytime before 3:15 p.m. at the booth of Toveco).

RULES: This award is open to anyone who registers before 3:15 pm 5/13/06. The contestant must submit a self-collected mineral. There is no time restraint on when & were the Specimen was collected.

The mineral specimen must be present. The story can consist of a written or oral description, a slide or overhead presentation. (If the contestant is using and slide or electronic media they must supply the equipment)

The presentation is not to exceed 15 minutes. The time constraint is dependent on the number of entries. After the presentations are completed the judges will vote on which “Specimen with Story” entry is worthy of the Field Collector’s Award and 2nd place sponsors award.

CONTESTANT SOCIAL: There will be a social gathering with pastries and beverages served at 3:00 pm for the registered Contestants & the judges.

THE FIELD COLLECTOR’S AWARD COMPETITION IS OPEN TO SPECTATORS ALL GEM & MINERAL SHOW ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME.

2006 WINNER - Bob York

Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club : 3rd Thursday of each month at the Albany, NH Town Hall – 7:00 PM

Keene: 1st Saturday of each month at Keene State College, Bldg. 18, Keene, NH – 7:00 PM

Nashua: Last Wednesday of each month at the Nashua public Library, Court St., Nashua, NH in the downstairs Theater Room – 7:00 PM

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday of each month, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Washington St., Peabody, MA – 7:30 PM

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

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



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CAPITAL MINERAL CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS

APRIL 08, 2006 @ 7:30PM

Board Meeting @6:00; Club Meeting @7:30
Refreshments: Terry Crowell and Annette Comeau
Bill Metropolis from Harvard (tentative)

MAY 13, 2006 @ 7:30PM

Board Meeting @6:00; Club Meeting @7:30
Refreshments: John McCrory

JUNE 10, 2006 @ 9:30PM

No Meetings this month
Palermo Cookout and Family Day

SEPTEMBER 9, 2006 @ 7:30PM

Board Meeting @6:00; Club Meeting @7:30

OCTOBER 7 - 8 2006

Capital Mineral Club's Annual Sunapee Gem and Mineral Festival

Gem & Mineral Shows

April 22; Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club; 2nd Annual Rock, Gem and Mineral Show. Dover Veterans Community Center, 156 Back River Road, Dover, NH, Sat. 9:00 - 3:00, Scott at Higgs7@msn.com

May 6-7, North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. 43rd Annual New England Gem and Mineral Show. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rte. 1 North, Topsfield, MA. 6th, 9-5; 7th, 9-4. Donna Lee Hanlon donna@nahant.com

May 13-14, Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show. Three County Fairgrounds, Northampton, MA. 13th, 10-6; 14th, 10-5. Lee Champigny, 413-583-3565, pullg4fun@verizon.net

June 24-25 Gilsum Rock Swap and Mineral Show. Gilsum Elementary School, Route 10, Gilsum, NH, Sat. 8:00 - 6:00, Sun. 8 - 4, Robert Mitchell, 603-357-9636 rmitchell60@adelphia.net

August 11-13 East Coast Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Eastern States Exposition/Better Living Center, 1305 Memorial Drive, West Springfield, MA, Fri. 10:00 - 7:00, Sat. 10:00 - 7:00, Sun. 10:00 - 5:00, Martin Zinn show manager, mz0955@aol.com