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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club 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 Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, April 7th at 2:00 PM at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, NH
 The Salvation Army building is located at the corner of Fruit Street and Clinton Street in Concord, NH, it is about a mile back into Concord from the Audubon down Clinton Street.

This month Howard Ewing is our speaker and he will speak on The Four C's of Faceting.
 Mineral of the month for displays will be Faceting Rough and Gem Cutting Material.

Thanks to Peter Cram for bringing March's refreshments.
 This months refreshments will be provided by Kerry Reynolds.

Welcome New Members
 Eric Stickney, Fiskdale, MA
 Lisa Franklin, Concord, NH

2012 Dues are due
\$10.00 per individual
 Submit your dues payment to
 Capital Mineral Club c/o Steffen Hermanns

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

Nashua: The Nashua Club is in a period of suspension of many of its traditional activities, but a core group of members plans to continue with some field trips and group participation at the Gilsum Rock Swap.

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday Sept—June, Hamilton-Wenham Community Center, 284 Bay Rd Rte 1A, Hamilton, 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
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



These are the minutes of the March 3rd, 2012 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, New Hampshire. There were 31 Members in attendance plus 2 Guests; Tom Rich our monthly speaker and his wife .
The meeting was called to order by President Gordon Jackson at 2:00pm.

Meeting Minutes: Motion made to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, motion made by Martha Martel to accept; seconded by Bob Wilken; passed by the membership.

Treasures Report: Read by Gordon Jackson in Don Dallaires absence; Motion made to accept by Pat Barker; seconded by Martha Martel; passed by the membership.

Correspondence: none for this month.

Presentation: Tom Rich spoke about trilobites of New York and Devonian Lagerstattes.

Old Business: Nominating committee, Steffen Hermanns Martha Martel still need one more for committee. Secretary Vice President and President are open positions. Mike Noel has volunteered for Vice President.

New Business: Club Stuff Silent Auction at the April Meeting. Contact Steffen if you have anything you want to sell.

New Membership Applications: Randy Heroux from Manchester NH , Unknown Made Motion to accept new membership, Unknown seconded; passed by the membership.

Door Prizes: Thanks to Pat Barker, John Walsh and Peter Cram for donating some door prizes. Winners were. Pam Jackson, Howard Ewing, Denis Carignan, Tony Howd, Martha Martel, Carlos Gristani, Jack Gill, Peter Cram, Kathleen Welker, Anna Wilken

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50pm

respectfully submitted.
Steffen Hermanns
Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

CMC meeting April 7, 2012

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It has been pointed out that Article 9 of the approved 2010 By-Laws states “The Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee not later than the March meeting consisting of two (2) voting members, **who are not board members**, who shall present a slate of officers at the April meeting.” That makes our current Vice-President and Secretary ineligible to serve on the nominating committee, even though they had the interest of the Club in mind and will not be seeking office.

Currently the following offices are open: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT (we have one candidate), SECRETARY, TREASURER (Don Dallaire has agreed to serve an additional term) and one DIRECTOR, 2012-13 and one AUDITOR, 2012-13 .

HOWARD EWING

Howard Ewing has agreed to talk at the meeting on **The 4-C’s of faceting**. This should be an interesting talk with something for everyone.

Howard joined the Club about 1975, has been a Director, and worked several years at the Club Show before becoming a full time dealer. His interest in the Club came through Don Dallaire, who had joined in around 1974. Howard was an engineering manager for Digital Equipment Corporation. He is a member of the American Society of Gemcutters and was elected to Beta Beta Beta, National Biological Honor Society. He is also a fisherman, hiker, gemcutter, faceter, lapidarist, stamp collector, father, and husband of Bea. Howard has been a mineral collector since the 1970s, working in a variety of locations, such as Moat Mountain, the Government Pit (where he and Dave Kelso opened a pocket of 132 topaz crystals), Fonda NY, Nova Scotia, Rice Mine, Bennett Mine, and South Baldface Mountain – and many more. Over the years, he became more and more interested in faceting minerals and has developed a business centered on gem/lapidary/jewelry phase of the hobby. Faceting well takes patience – and Don Dallaire credits Howard with a great deal of patience, since he managed to teach Don how to facet.

NOTE: Though I believe it to be accurate, this must be considered an unauthorized biography, since I was unable to reach Howard before press time.

SILENT AUCTION

The plan is to set up the silent auction before the meeting, continue it during the meeting, and close shortly after the business portion of the meeting ends.

Silent auction items include:

- 3 Bicycle locks with combinations – (3 items)
- Sanyo model M1540 portable cassette recorder
- Luxo Lamp (table clamp, adjustable, 3X magnification, circular fluorescent tube)
- White desk lamp, 12 volt
- Mineral picture
- Several books:

- Nature Library, Rocks & Minerals, 1984
- Italian – Cristalli, 1970 – signed B M Shaub #1943
- 2 – Color Treasury of Gems & Jewels, 1971 – one signed B M Shaub #1973
- Color Treasury of Crystals, 1972 – signed B M Shaub #1972
- Rocks, Minerals & Gemstones, 1972 – signed B M Shaub #1973
- 2 – 1975 Glossary of Mineral Species
- Planning for Field Safety, 1992
- Walking with Dinosaurs; coffee table book from BBC TV series

Several Boxed Mineral Cards:

- 2 – White Mountain Minerals, both poor condition
- 2 – Rocks and Minerals, White Mountains of NH, good condition
- Some Rocks and Mineral Friends, good condition

Mineral Scrabble and Lingo games, Thermometer in Cornish serpentine, Bolo tie with wood slider

Capital Mineral Club 25th anniversary envelope with Old Man of the Mountains stamp

Heavily “jeweled” scrapbook, Gift item, key holder, 18-drawer cabinet for small collectibles

And more . . .

UPCOMING SHOWS

Attached is information about following shows:

MICROMOUNTERS of NEW ENGLAND SYMPOSIUM (6/9/2012)

<http://www.micromountersofnewengland.org/pdfs/2012-Symposium-flyer.pdf>

MAINE MINERAL & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY 29th Annual Gem & Mineral Show (4/22-23/2012)

<http://mainemineralclub.org/show>

NEW ENGLAND GEM AND MINERAL SHOW (5/5-6/2012)

<http://www.nahant.com/nsrmc/2012-Show.html>



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events

APRIL 7, 2012

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Howard Ewing, The Four C's of Faceting
Displays Gem Cutting Material
Refreshments Kerry Reynolds

MAY 5, 2012

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

The Club is looking into the planning stages for a trip to The Sterling Hill Mine in Ogdensburg, NJ on April 28th. The day is a special collectors event for the mine and space will be limited. If there is enough interest we would like to do this trip, if you are interested, be prepared to bring a \$100.00 down payment to secure your spot. We will have all the details at the Saturday meeting.

Gem & Mineral Shows

April 19-22: Rochester (Henrietta) NY - 39th Annual Rochester Mineralogical Symposium sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science, Mineral Section. Radisson Inn, Rochester Airport, 175 Jefferson Rd; Rochester, NY. Contact Dan Imel, lapidry@aol.com.

April 21-22—STANDISH, MAINE: Annual show; Maine Mineralogical & Geological Society; Saint Joseph's College; 278 Whites Bridge Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 9-4; adults \$4, seniors and students \$3, children free; gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, jewelry, gem-cutting and gold-panning, demonstrations, kids' mini-mine and spin wheel, silent auctions, door prizes, grand prize; contact Chad Cramer, 337 School St., Sanford, ME 04073, (207) 324-8610; e-mail: rocks0102@myfairpoint.net; Web site: mainemineralclub.org

May 5-6: Topsfield, MA - 49th Annual New England Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rt 1 North; Topsfield, MA.

August 25-26 2012 — CONCORD, NH: 49th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival— Capital Mineral Club, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm, www.capitalmineralclub.org, steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org