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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse

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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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www.capitalmineralclub.org
- Website designed and maintained by:
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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.

The Capital Mineral Club will meet is **Saturday April 13, 2024** at 12:00 at the NH Sno-Shaker's Clubhouse on 70 Clough Pond Road in Canterbury, NH.

Our speaker for April will be **Woody Thompson** and his presentation will be on **Maine Pegmatite Minerals**. Bring your Maine Pegmatites to display.

There will be a **Board of Directors** meeting at 11:00am, all current club officers should plan to attend.

We will also be forming a **Show Committee** and holding the first meeting at 12:00 for all interested in helping out with the show this year. All current members are welcome to attend either or both meetings.

Thank you to those who supplied refreshments at the last meeting.

Welcome New Members

Lysa Burns, Belmont, NH

**2024 Club Dues are due, please send your membership dues to:
Steffen Hermanns, 7133 Oak Hill Road, Loudon, NH 03307
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
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/398593197423304>

KMC: MC2 Charter School, 310 Marlborough St. #115, Keene, NH. 1st Sunday, Oct through May, 1:30 pm, (September meeting is a potluck picnic.) (Door on right side of bldg. Do not park in the vacant lot next door. Vehicles apparently are towed, including Sunday.)

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 each month at 6:30 PM at the Great North Woods Welcome Center, 25 Park Street, Lancaster, NH.

March meeting minutes



The March meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on March 9th, 2024, at the SnoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM with 29 members present.

A presentation was given to the membership by Scott Higgins on "Mining Safety and Preparedness."

The business meeting was called to order at 2:25 PM with 29 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

MOTION TO: Accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

By: Heidi Chaney **SECONDED:** Vicki Meyer

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 29 in favor – 0 against.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION TO: Accept the Treasurers report as read by Crystal Czaja.

By: Vicki Meyer **SECONDED:** Don Orsillo

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 29 in favor – 0 against.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trailer: Plans are to start work again at the end of March. Please contact Steffen if you would like to help finish the interior and buildout.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Member Introduction – Lysa Burns of Belmont NH

Field Trips – Heidi Chaney is working on planning a bunch of field trips details to follow for April meeting.

The Future Rockhounds of America – There were five participants who learned about Fluorescent Minerals

The Mini-miners – There were five participants who learned the basics of rock collecting including proper labeling and storing, the basics of collecting and goo rockhounding principles.

There will be a directors meeting at 11:00am followed by a Show Committee meeting at 12:00 noon on April 13th, 2024, all are welcome to attend.

MOTION TO ADJOURN DISPOSITION: Meeting ended at 2:58 PM



April 13, 2024 11:00am – Youth Programs
Capital Mineral Club, Sno-Shakers Clubhouse
70 Clough Pond Rd, Canterbury NH

Ages 9-15 Future Rockhounds of America

We will start work on the ‘Showmanship’ badge by holding an exhibit workshop. We will discuss techniques for effective displays and experiment with different options. Members are welcome to bring in specimens they might want to exhibit at our annual show in August. **Sign up sheets will be available for any youth members wishing to exhibit at the show**

Ages 5-8 Mini Miners

The Mini-Miners will be planning and working on a joint exhibit for the August show. Mini miners are welcome to bring in their collection, or some favorite specimens.



Questions: FRACapMin@gmail.com



2024 Gene Bearss Micromount Symposium April 20, 2024

Silent Auction - Presentation
Sales & Giveaway Tables

Featured Presentation:

Dana Krueger: Loudville Lead Mines

Sales Table
Silent Auction
Door Prize
Admission Fee \$25.00
(includes lunch)

Trinity Lutheran Church – 170 Old Westford Road,
Chelmsford, MA
Symposium Time: 9 AM – 3 PM

[See Agenda on Back](#)

Register at: micromounters.org or in person



Symposium Agenda

- 9 AM – 11:45 AM - Socializing, Giveaway & Sales Tables, Silent Auction**
- 11:45 AM - 12:00 AM – Business Meeting**
- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM – Lunch, Socializing**
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM – Presentation - Dana Krueger- Loudville Lead Mines**
- 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Close of Silent Auction**
- 2:30 PM – 2:55 PM – Payment for Silent Auction**
- 2:55 PM - 3:00 PM – Drawing for Door Prize & Closing**



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>April 13th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: Woody Thompson</p>	<p>April 20, 2024 Micromount Symposium Trinity Lutheran Church, 170 Old Westford Road, Chelmsford, MA</p>
<p>May 11th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>April 20-21, 2024 37th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show Brick South-Thompsons Point Portland, ME</p>
<p>June 8th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>April 27-28, 2024 Southeastern NH Mineral Show Elks Lodge #184, 282 Durham Rd. Dover, NH</p>
<p>September 14th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>May 4-5, 2024 North Shore Rock & Mineral Show Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston Road Topsfield, MA</p> <p>May 17-19, 2024 New England Mineral Conference Sunday River Grand Summit Resort 97 Summit Road, Newry, ME</p>