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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse

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The Capital Mineral Club will meet is **Saturday April 12, 2025** at 11:00am - 12:00pm for the FRA and Mini Miners, 12:00pm for general membership socializing at the NH Sno-Shaker's Clubhouse on 70 Clough Pond Road in Canterbury, NH.

The speaker for this month we be Tom Mortimer will be talking about collecting and minerals of a Bow NH Sulfide ore vein that produced 25 different species at 1:00pm. The regular Business meeting will shortly follow the presentation.

Members are encouraged to bring side dishes and deserts. Feel free to bring your favorite beverages. Thank you to those who supplied refreshments at the last meeting.

Editors Note:

The **deadline** to get info to me for publication will be the **3rd Saturday** of every month

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Capital Mineral Club
- 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

Arthur Hebert, Bedford, NH
Gretchen Gallager, Lynn, MA

**2025 Club Dues were due by Jan 1, 2025, 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.



The March meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on March 8th, 2025 at the Sno-Shakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 12:57 PM with 31 members present.

A presentation was given to the membership by Don Dallaire on "1820 – 2023 Mount Mica 203 Years of Tourmaline".

The business meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM with 31 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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

By: Mike Cordero **SECONDED:** Nancy Lockhart

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 31 in favor – 0 against.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

By: Karen Giaquinta **SECONDED:** Richard Orsillo

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 31 in favor – 0 against.

OLD BUSINESS:

Show Meeting – Will consider offering any extra mineral cabinets to some of the dealers to showcase New England minerals. If you are interested in a case please contact Ellen Lambert.

Table costs will rise from \$96 to \$100.

Show dates are August 23rd & 24th, with set up on the 22nd

SHOW EQUIPMENT:

MOTION TO: Purchase new cases and spend up to \$1500 for one case.

By: Martin Kipley **SECONDED:** Nancy Lockhart

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 31 in favor – 0 against.

Some of the older cases may be sold to members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trailer – Steffen Hermanns and Jay Dowling will continue to work on the trailer. They have one wall finished and flooring. Still need to put electrical meter at Sno-Shakers. They are targeting completion by the June meeting.

T-Shirts – The club would like to get some t-shirts made up for the show to sell, similar to Gilsum. Contact Karen or Steffen with your suggestions or ideas.

Mineral Shows – April 19th & 20th, MMGA in Portland, ME

May 16th & 18th, New England Mineral Conference, Sunday River, ME

Our June meeting is our annual BBQ. We will coordinate food and number of attendees at the May meeting.

Mineral Display at McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center – Gordon Jackson is spearheading this project and will keep us all updated.

Children's Program – The Future Rockhounds of America met before the regular membership meeting with 7 attendants. The FRA explored lapidary arts with Vicki Meyer. They learned about different ways to shape stones and gems, workshop safety and got to make and take home a sun catcher project. There were 3 Mini-Miners attending.

At the April meeting, FRA will focus on asteroids, meteors, meteorites and tektites, meteor craters and how to collect meteorite dust. The students will get to add a meteorite to their collection!

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

DISPOSITION: Meeting ended at 2:31 PM

April 12th 2025, 11:00am Youth Programs
Capital Mineral Club, NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse
70 Clough Pond Road
Canterbury, NH 03224

April Meeting
FRA ages 9-15:

This month, we will be focusing on asteroids, meteors, meteorites and tektites, meteor craters and how to collect meteorite dust.

Mini Miners ages 5-8:

This Month, We will be talking about Mineral Properties used to ID them, we will be starting with the Mohs Scale of hardness.

Any Questions
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For more information on the FRA program please visit the following website

<https://www.juniors.amfed.org/home>



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>April 12th, 2025 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Speaker: Tom Mortimer, Sulfide Ore Vein, Bow , NH</p>	<p>April 12-13, 2025 Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club Rock, Gem and Mineral Show Dover Elks Lodge #184 282 Durham Road, Dover, NH Website</p>
<p>May 10th, 2025 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Speaker: Scott Higgins, Collecting Prep and Safety</p>	<p>April 19-20, 2024 40th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show Brick South-Thompsons Point, Portland, ME Website</p>
<p>June 10th, 2025 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Cookout and Trailer organization and cleanup</p>	<p>May 3-4, 2025 North Shore Rock & Mineral Show Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston Road, Topsfield, MA Website</p>