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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club Concord, New Hampshire

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Capital Mineral Club News

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The Annual CMC Year End Get Together and Field Collecting Competition will be on Saturday, December 8th at 12:00 Noon at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, NH

Dylan Bush from Keene State College, gave his presentation on his field geology trip to California, unfortunately he was unable to give a slide presentation and would return at a future club meeting to give his full presentation.

Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club: 3rd Thursday 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, Bldg. 18, Keene, NH – 7:00 PM

Nashua: Last Wednesday of each month at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua, 47 Grand Ave., Nashua, NH – 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

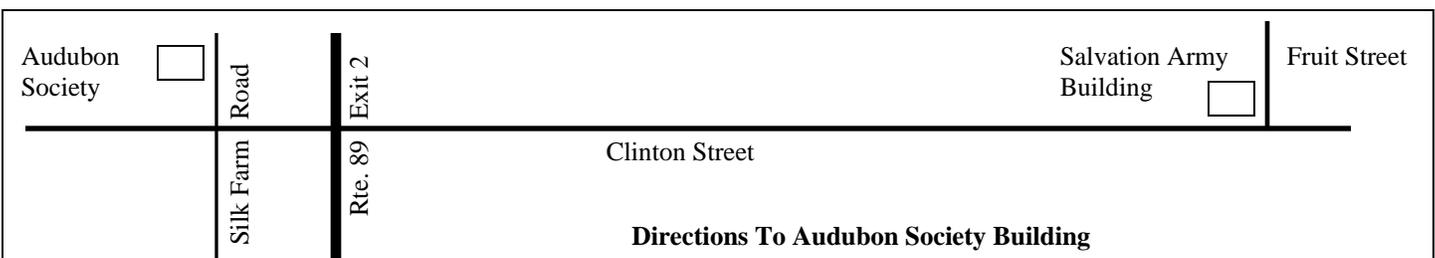
Presidential Gem and Mineral Society: 2nd Friday of month at 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH

Editors Note:

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

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- CMC Website: www.capitalmineralclub.org
- Website designed and maintained by: Robin Edgewood-Reece & Steffen Hermanns

Welcome New Club Members
Robert C. Brown of Weirs Beach, NH
Clint and Donna Rand of Campton, NH





These are the minutes of the November 10th, 2007 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, New Hampshire.

The meeting was called order by President Robert Whitmore at 7:30 PM. There were 24 members present and our guest speaker Dylan Bush.

Old business:

A motion was made by Martin Kippley to accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Scott Higgins, the membership voted in favor of the motion.

The treasurer's report was read and a motion was made by Scott Higgins and seconded by Carlos Gristani, the membership voted in favor of the motion.

Gordon Jackson gave a quick update on the club show and stated that most of the information was posted in the newsletter. There was discussion by various members about the show. Don Dallaire read a letter from Carl Francis of Harvard who Praised the show for it's success. Don also gave a preliminary run down on the show income and expenses, there were a few additional non recurring expenses related to venue change startup costs.

Martin Kippley discussed perky box sales, the best price that he could get them for is \$0.63 per perky and \$0.78 for 2x2 boxes with inserts. The price drops to \$0.20 for quantities of one thousand or more. Shipping is not included, Martin will seek out some other possible sources for a better price,

New Business:

Jim Tovey made a motion that the Club should investigate the purchase of a digital projector to be used for club presentations, the motion was seconded by Carlos Gristani. The board of directors will review the matter and present it to the membership at a later date.

Gordon Jackson discussed the Annual Holiday get together and passed out the signup sheet for the food items.

Gordon Jackson made a motion that the Annual Field Collecting Award be named in honor of it's founder Vince Valade, the motion was seconded and the membership voted in favor of the motion.

President Whitmore brought up club dues, Bob Merrill made a motion to keep the membership rate the same as last year, motion was seconded and the membership voted in favor of the motion. Also Robert mentioned the passing of Robert Plante. The closing of Pearl Lake to collecting and a card from Vince Valade's Daughter thanking everyone in the club for their support.

The following new membership applications were recommended by the board to be accepted into the club as new members, Clint and Donna Reed of Campton, NH and Robert C. Brown of Weirs Beach, NH. Bob Merrill made a motion to accept these applications and Scott Higgins seconded. The membership voted in favor of the motion, a big welcome to our newest club members.

Door prize winners: Steffen Hermanns, Denis Carignan, Neila Merrill, Hiedi Graham, Jack Gill, Olivia Graham, Carlos Gristani, Kathy Dallaire, Charles Forsberg, Britney Graham, Bob Merrill and Don Dallaire.

Robert Whitmore mentioned the case that is in the hallway outside of the meeting room and mentioned that the club can put displays in the case, Galena's in memory of Vince Valade will be the first display in the case, also the lighting in the case needs improvement.

Guest speaker, Dylan Bush gave an oral presentation on his 6 week field course in California over last Summer, he wanted to give a slide show but we did not have a projector for him to use. Dylan said that he would like to come back at a later date to give the full presentation.

Meeting was Adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Steffen Hermanns, Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

13th ANNUAL VINCE VALADE FIELD COLLECTING & CREATIVE LAPIDARY AWARDS

Eleven Award Categories

BEST FIELD COLLECTING

1. BEST NEW HAMPSHIRE
2. BEST NEW ENGLAND
3. BEST OUTSIDE NEW ENGLAND
4. BEST MICROMOUNT
5. **BEST OF SHOW**

BEST CREATIVE LAPIDARY

6. BEST FACETED, SMALL (10mm or less)
7. BEST FACETED, MEDIUM (11mm - 20mm)
8. BEST FACETED, LARGE (21mm or greater)
9. BEST CABOCHON
10. BEST JEWELRY
11. **BEST OF SHOW**

RULES

1. Must have been a **Club member** for the past year to enter.
2. All entries must be **self-collected or self-produced** during the past year.
3. Only **three entries** per person per category. However, we encourage you to bring additional pieces to the meeting. For **micromounts** only one entry with collector supplying microscope and light.
4. Only **Club members present** at the award meeting are eligible to enter and vote.

COMMENT

Voting slips will be provided and the entries marked by number and category. Your "best of show" vote will most likely be a repeat of one of your choices. Winners from each category will receive a **Club sweat shirt** and have their **names mentioned** in the January Newsletter. The **Best of Show winners will receive engraved plaques** and a **Club sweat shirt with the year embossed**. The plaques are theirs to keep and display until next year's contest when new winners will be chosen and will keep the plaques until the next contest. This allows a history of winners to develop as the years go by. It is your chance to see the best of this past year and hear the stories behind the finds or creations.

These Awards were set up and started December 1995 by Vince Valade. In 2006, categories 9, cabochon and 10, Jewelry were refined. Starting in 2007 a new category 4, Micromount and category 7 and 8, redefining Best Faceted were added as well as all winners are to receive an engraved label.

DECEMBER 8, 2007 YEAR END GET TOGETHER

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF NH BUILDING, 3 SILK FARM ROAD, CONCORD, NH

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| 12:00 - 12:30 | BEGIN , organize |
| 12:30 - 1:30 | SOCIALIZE , setup, prepare dinner and relax, have fun!!!! |
| 1:00 - 1:30 | VOTE on the collecting and Lapidary awards |
| 1:30 - 2:45 | EAT all the good, and I mean good, food that everyone brings |
| 3:00ish | YANKEE SWAP - good fun |
| 4:30ish | SOCIALIZE, PICK UP, LEAVE |

DRIVE SAFELY AND HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY!

BRING DINNER, DESSERT, AND SALAD PLATES; CUP/MUG & SAUCER, UTENSILS, NAPKINS, SALT & PEPPER, POT-LUCK SPECIALTY & SERVING UTENSILS, HOLIDAY CENTER PIECE IF DESIRED. PLASTIC BAG FOR TAKING HOME DIRTY OR WET DISHES ETC.

THE YANKEE SWAP Bring a gift of at least \$5.00-\$10.00 value to do with the hobby, gift wrapped. Each participant is given a numbered ticket. You then chose your gift when your number is called. Before you open your gift you can swap with any member called before you. You can not go back to swap your gift once you have passed a person. The first person called, can at the end of the swap, swap with any other. The club adds a mystery gift to a lucky participant. Come and enjoy lots of fun and nice gifts.

DISPLAYS If you can, bring a display of your summers acquisitions. The object is not to show the best, but to stimulate some conversation and make for good socializing. This is separate from the annual "Best Field Collecting Award" & "Best Creative Lapidary Award". Suggested topics might be;

- "THINGS I HAVE COLLECTED THIS YEAR"**
"THINGS I HAVE CLEANED, TRIMMED FROM THE LAST TEN"
"ACQUIRED THIS YEAR" **"MINERAL OF MT PARADISE"**
"MY CHILDHOOD COLLECTION FROM 80 YEARS AGO"

SIGN UP!!!

COME!!!

If you have not signed up for a food item or want to know more about the December meeting you can call Gordon Jackson at (603) 783-4493. Please RSVP if you can. Lets have a good turn out!!

SEE YOU THIS DECEMBER !!!!



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WWW.CAPITALMINERALCLUB.ORG

Reminder that the meetings are now at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord only a mile from the Salvation Army

CAPITAL MINERAL CLUB MEETINGS

DECEMBER 8, 2007

CHRISTMAS PARTY 12:00 Noon

Potluck Meal
Yankee Swap
Annual Collector's Award

JANUARY 12, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: 12:00 PM
Club Meeting: 1:00 PM
Speaker, Ted Johnson, Volcanoes of Italy
Refreshments Martin Kippley

FEBRUARY 9, 2008

Club Meeting: 1:00 PM
Speaker TBA
Refreshments Howard & Bea Ewing

MARCH 8, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: 12:00 PM
Club Meeting: 1:00 PM
Speaker TBA
Refreshments Gordon & Pam Jackson

GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

February 5-17, 2008, Tucson Mineral Show, Tucson, AZ

February 23-24, 2008, Albany, NY - 15th Annual Show. James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. New York State Academy of Mineralogy, Capital District Mineral Club; New York State Museum, 4th floor, Empire State Plaza, Madison Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; admission \$6; contact Mike Hawkins, (518) 486-2011; e-mail: mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov

April 10 - 13, 2008, Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, Rochester, NY. Radisson Hotel, Rochester NY. 301-294-1640, fax 301-294-0034, info@intergem.com, www.intergem.com

June. 28-29, 2008, Gilsum, NH - 44th Annual Rock Swap. Gilsum Elementary School and Community Center. Jane Robert Mitchell rmitchell60@gmail.com, 603-357-9636

September 27-28, 2008, Concord, NH—45th Annual Gem and Mineral Festival presented by the Capital Mineral Club, Sat. 9 – 5, Sun., 9 – 4, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Adults – \$4.00, 12 and under free