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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire

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The Annual CMC Year End Get Together and Field Collecting Competition will be on Saturday, December 6th at 12:00 Noon at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, NH

Thanks to Pam & Gordon Jackson for supplying refreshments for last month. Food Signup so far: Turkey - C. Forsberg, Ham - D. Dallaire, Mashed Potatoes - B Adams & A Wilkin, Dessert - Jackson (?), Groceries - Whitmore, Cranberry Relish & layered salad - Gill, Green Bean Casorole - Hermanns please call Charles Forsberg if you are not sure what to bring. c_forsberg@conknet.com

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, Science Bldg. Room SCIC 126, Keene, NH – 7:00 PM keenemineralclub.50webs.com

Nashua: Last Wednesday of each month at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua, NH – 7:00 PM webpages.charter.net/carlogsg/Index.htm

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 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

Editors Note:

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

- My e-mail address: steffenh@comcast.net
- CMC Website: www.capitalmineralclub.org
- Website designed and maintained by: Robin Edgewood-Reece & Steffen Hermanns

Welcome New Club Members
Tom Boynton of Beverly, MA
Sarah Sniffin of Holderness, NH
Pearl C. Nadeau of Concord, NH

This year's winner of the Show Prize was Louise Thompson of Wayne, ME. Received a letter from her stating thanks. Hi Charles,

Thanks very much for mailing Louise's door prize to her. We put the big amethyst geode on a shelf in our living room, and it looks great! Another long winter is just around the corner, but we're already thinking ahead to summer and your next show. Give our best to the Capital Mineral Club!

Woody & Louise Thompson



These are the minutes of the November 1st, 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 2:00 PM. There were 21 members present and our guest speakers Graham Messe and David Armstrong.

Reports:

- ◆ A motion was made by Frances Gill to accept the October Secretaries report, seconded by Gordon Graham, so moved by the membership.
- ◆ The treasurer's report was read by Donald Dallaire. A motion to accept was made by Gordon Graham and seconded by John McCrory, so moved by the membership.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- ◆ Gordon Jackson gave an show report as to the status of how the event went this year.
- ◆ Don Dallaire gave a financial report for the show and stated that he had not received all the bills yet.
- ◆ Pat Barker brought in some cases that micro-mounters might be interested in.
- ◆ The proposed changes to the By-Laws as reviewed by the Board of Directors are to be presented to the membership for their review by the December meeting and approval of the changes to be voted upon at the January Meeting.
- ◆ Robert Whitmore brought up the subject of field trips for this coming summer, some of the suggested locations are Sterling Hill in NJ, the Emmons Mine in ME, Ludlow VT, Concord Granite Quarry, Gordon Jacksons Mine. These trips could occur during the summer non meeting months of June, July and August.

New Business:

- ◆ Gordon Jackson has handed over his long stint as Christmas party chairman to Charles Forsberg who is this years new chairman. Gordon filled in Charles with the details of the position which would also include the collectors competition.
- ◆ Gordon Jackson announced that he would like to donate the mineral rights to the Colman and Hoyt Hill mines which he currently owns both the mineral rights and the property, the property will go to the State. Gordon stated that we should get legal advice on the liabilities and insurance issues if the club decided to accept his very generous offer. The Hoyt Hill Mine is currently flooded with water and the Colman Mine is an open Quarry. A motion was made by Pat Barker that the Board look into the details and come back in January with more specific information on the transaction, Gordon Graham seconded the motion, passed by the membership. Robert Whitmore will work with Gordon Jackson on the details and report back to the Board with the information.
- ◆ The board has recommended the following membership applicants for membership: Sarah Sniffin from Holderness, NH; Pearl C. Nadeau from Concord, NH; and Tom Boynton of Beverly, MA. A motion was made by Gordon Jackson to accept the recommendation, seconded by Bill Burroughs, so moved by the membership.

Door prize winners:

- ◆ Vanadinite won by Anna Wilkin, Microcline donated by Mike Undercofler was won by Bill Burroughs and Dolomite after Calcite donated by Pat Barker was won by Don Dallaire. Stacks Marshall Collection books donated by Peter Cram were won by Edna Whitmore, Carlos Gristani and Gordon Graham.

Speaker:

- ◆ Our guest speakers Graham Messe and David Armstrong, presented their experiences at field mapping camp in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. These two students were the annual CMC scholarship recipients.

Meeting was Adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Steffen Hermanns, Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

14th 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. Labeling shall not contain the owners name.
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 6, 2008 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 Charles Forsberg at (603) 927-4955. Please RSVP if you can. Lets have a good turn out!!

SEE YOU THIS DECEMBER !!!!



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CAPITAL MINERAL CLUB MEETINGS

DECEMBER 6, 2008 **12:00PM**

Annual Holiday Party
Potluck Meal
Yankee Swap
Annual Collector's Award

JANUARY 3, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Carlos Gristani

FEBRUARY 7, 2009

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Howard & Bea Ewing

MARCH 7, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Jack & Frances Gill

APRIL 4, 2009

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Bob & Edna Whitmore

GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

Jan 31 - Feb 15, Tucson Mineral Show, Tucson, AZ

April 11 - 12, Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, Rochester, NY. Radisson Hotel, Rochester NY. 301-294-1640, fax 301-294-0034, info@intergem.com, www.intergem.com

June. 27-28, Gilsum, NH - 45th Annual Rock Swap. Gilsum Elementary School and Community Center. Robert Mitchell gilsumrocks@gmail.com, 603-357-9636

August 29-30, Concord, NH—46th 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