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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 Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, December 6th at 12:00 PM at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

Thank you to Anna Wilken for providing refreshments for the November meeting.

This month is the Capital Mineral Clubs Annual Holiday Party and Collecting Competition see all the details on pages 3-5.

Please bring some non perishable food items and canned goods to donate to the Salvation Army, the Major has mentioned that canned fruit would be a good thing to donate. For any other questions about the Holiday Party call (603) 927-4955 or email c_forsberg@mcttelecom.com .

This Months Refreshments will be provided by all.

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:
Peter Cram & Steffen Hermanns
- 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

Brad Lewis, Bow, NH

Michele Marie Johnson, Webster, NH

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

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 month at 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH



These are the minutes of the November 1st meeting at the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 by President Tony Howd. There were 34 members present. Fred Wilda spoke on the Loudville lead and silver mine in Massachusetts. As well as having an interesting presentation, Fred showed a glassed case with significant rocks and minerals of Massachusetts, which his club gives to local schools along with a printed booklet to accompany it. He gave our club a CD of how they make the kits and one of the presentation they give the schools.

Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Gordon Jackson, seconded by Brad Lewis, no discussion, passed by membership.

Treasurer's report: Donald Dallaire gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Carlos Gristani, seconded by Martha Martel, no discussion, passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: Proposed budget was gone over. No grants given last year but we hope to change that this year. Four cases still need lights. Added a contingency line, in case of surprise expenses that have to be dealt with before they can be brought to the club. Charlie Forsberg questioned if that can be done. Pat Barker made a motion to vote that the board can use the contingency fund to override spending limits if the original estimate was too low. Carlos Gristani second. Some discussion, passed. Gordon Jackson mentioned that someone needs to take over the newsletter, and encouraged members to submit articles. The kits for schools were discussed, with Gordon Jackson asking for help organizing this. Show meeting at Gordon Jackson's house Nov 11th on publicity. Pat Barker mentioned that the White Mountain Museum exhibit (the present location of the map we restored) is staying up until March. Francis Gill needs refreshment volunteers January through May. Gordon Jackson said if anyone needs a name tag, see him. Signup for Christmas dinner was passed around. Thirteen door prizes were given away. Meeting adjourned a bit after 4:00 pm.

New Memberships: No new members.

Door Prizes: Thanks to all those who donated to the door prizes. We had a problem trying to keep notes of the winners. Congratulation to all the winners.

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Oberkotter
Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

20th ANNUAL VINCENT L. VALADE (12/6/2014) 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. MICROMOUNT
5. **BEST OF SHOW, MINERAL**

BEST CREATIVE LAPIDARY

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

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 owner's name.
 3. Only **two entries** per person per category. However, we encourage you to bring additional pieces to the meeting.
 4. For **micromounts** only one entry with collector supplied microscope and light.
- Only **Club members present** at the December meeting are eligible to enter and vote.

COMMENTS

The Creative Lapidary category will be set up by one individual, named in the November newsletter, who should be contacted by the participants prior to the meeting. 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 an **engraved label** for their specimen and have their **names mentioned** in the January Newsletter. The Best of Show winners will also 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 re-fined. Starting in 2007 a new category 4, Micromount and category 7 and 8, redefining Best Faceted was added as well as all winners are to receive an engraved label. At the November 2007 Club meeting the contest was voted to be known as the "Vincent L. Valade Field Collecting & Creative Lapidary Awards".

PAST WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW FIELD COLLECTING WINNERS

1995 Vince Valade, Beryl, Golden Beryl Loc.
 1996 Steffen Hermanns, Grossular, Eden Mills
 1997 Bill & Mary Finney, Beryl, Palermo No. 2
 1998 John McCrory, Magnetite, Eden Mills
 1999 Ernie Schlichter, Barite, Grand Jct., CO
 2000 Robert Whitmore, Epidote, Eden Mills
 2001 James Tovey, Amethyst, Hopkinton, RI
 2002 Dana Jewell, Fluorapatite, Palermo No. 1
 2003 John McCrory, Garnet/Diopside., Orford, Quebec
 2004 James Tovey, Beryl, Tripp Mine, Alstead
 2005 Bill Brown, Pritized Cephalopoda, Alden, NY
 2006 Robert York, Calcite in Clam, Ft. Drum, Florida
 2007 Scott Higgins, Triphylite, Palermo No. 2
 2008 James S. Tovey, Calcite, Walworth Quarry, NY
 2009 James S. Tovey, Beryl, Tripp Mine, Alstead, NH
 2010 Gordon Jackson, Smoky/ Microcline, Teller Co, CO
 2011 Carlos Gristani, Copper, Central Explor, Michigan
 2012 Jon Herndon, Pocket Beryl, Ossipee
 2013 Bob York, Tremolite, Salerno Lake, Ontario, CA

BEST OF SHOW CREATIVE LAPIDARY WINNERS

Bill Brown, 23.70 Ct Fac. Bolivian Amethyst
 Bill Brown, 69.45 Ct Fac. S. American Amethyst
 Bill Brown, 5.72 Ct Fac. Nigerian Aquamarine
 Bill Brown, 3.5 Ct Fac. Palermo Gold Beryl (HT)
 Bill Brown, 22.60 Ct Fac. Mt St Helens Obsidianite
 Bill Brown, 24.60 Ct Fac. Mt St Helens Obsidianite
 Bill Brown, 10.30 Ct Faceted Brazilian Citrine
 Bill Brown, 22.10 Ct Faceted Pink Sapphire
 Bill Brown, 26.80 Ct Faceted Pink Star Sapphire
 Brian Bissonette, 25.70 Ct Fac. Pink Syn. Garnet
 Bill Brown, 24.45 Ct Faceted Spider in Obsidianite
 Bill Brown, 62.65 Ct. Brazilian Quartz with Butterfly
 Bill Brown, 388.30 Ct. NH Smoky Quartz
 Bill Brown 85.30 Ct. Labradorite, Mexico
 James S. Tovey, 30.7 Ct. Smoky Quartz, NH
 James S. Tovey, 12.60 Ct. Green Amethyst
 Larry Welker, 2.15 Ct. Morganite, Brazil
 Kathy Welker, Amethyst pendant
 Peter Cram 5.0 Ct. Aquamarine

XMAS DINNER – December 6th, 2014

Here is a list of goodies that others have agreed to do and to bring to the party.

Groceries (item 1): Frances Gill

Item 1:

GROCERIES: DRINKS ½ GAL 1% MILK, ½ GAL CHOC MILK, 2 - 2 LITER DIET COKES, 1 - 2 LITER COKE, GAL APPLE CIDER, **PINT HALF & HALF** (FOR COFFEE), 6 SMALL TUBS **MARGARINE**, 1 EA TABLE (FOR ROLLS & PO-TATO), 6 PLASTIC **KNIVES** FOR MARGARINE, 3 DZ **ROLLS** (3/4 / PERSON), WITH SOMETHING TO WARM THE ROLLS AND SERVE, 2 CANS **JEL-LIED CRANBERRY SAUCE** & SERVING DISH.

Turkey (item 2/2A): Kathleen Welker

Item 2:

TURKEY: SIZE OF TURKEY - ½ LB/PERSON, 10 - 12 LBS., SUGGESTION, COOK @ 3250, 4 +/- HRS). **STUFFING** (1 LARGE BAGS), **GRAVY**, 1 PINT, (ENOUGH FOR 24 PEOPLE).

(2A) **TURKEY:** SIZE OF TURKEY - ½ LB/PERSON, 10 - 12 LBS., SUGGESTION, COOK @ 3250, 4 +/- HRS). **STUFFING** (1 LARGE BAGS), **GRAVY**, 1 PINT, (ENOUGH FOR 24 PEOPLE). **A 24 pounder should feed 48 people by this reasoning.**

Ham (item 3): Don Dallaire

(item 3)

HAM: 1/8 - 1/4 LB/PERSON, SUGGESTION, SLICE INTO 3/8" PIECES (CAN HAVE SLICED AT DELI). REHEAT AT 3250 IN PINEAPPLE JUICE AND CLOVES FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR, UNCOVER THE LAST 10 MINUTES.

Mashed Potatoes (item 5/5A): Gordon Jackson & Family

The following people have signed to bring the following.

1. Ellen Oberkotter: pumpkin pie, raspberry pie
2. Marlene & Bob York: dessert (??)
3. Carlos Gristani: pasta casserole, and a cheesecake
4. Kathleen Welker: vegetable dish
5. Peter Cram: baked vegetable
6. Pat Barker: veggie casserole + dessert
7. Diane Howd: sweet potato pie
8. Bill Ernst: shrimp cocktail
9. Barbara S. McLaughlin: cold finger tray and a dessert
10. Everybody else – bring a surprise for us all.

A reminder to all to bring own dinner, dessert, and salad plates, flatware utensils, cup/mug & saucer, and serving utensils. And don't forget a plastic bag to take home all dirty utensils. To participate in the YANKEE SWAP you need to bring a \$10 gift pertaining to the Club purposes. Be sure to wrap it up nicely.

Charles Forsberg

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DECEMBER 6, 2014 YEAR END GET TOGETHER

SALVATION ARMY, CLINTON STREET, CONCORD, NH

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 GREAT 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. AND A BIG SMILE.

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 OR TRIMMED FROM LAST 10 YEARS" "ACQUIRED THIS YEAR"

"MINERALS 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 me Charles Forsberg at (603) 927-4955 or e-mail c_forsberg@mcttelecom.com . Please RSVP if you can. Let's have a good turn out!!

SEE YOU THIS DECEMBER 6th !!!!



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2015 Club Dues are Due, please send your membership renewals to Steffen Hermanns and make check payable to Capital Mineral Club, Dues are \$10.00 per member.

Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>DECEMBER 6, 2014 Holiday Party: 12:00PM</p>	<p>February 14-15 2015: ALBANY, NY: Annual show; Capital District Mineral Club, New York State Museum; Empire Plaza, Madsion Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children free; museum exhibits and tours; contact Michael Hawkins, 3140 CEC, Albany, NY 12230, (518) 486-2011; e-mail: mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov; Web site: www.nysm.nysed.gov</p> <p>March 28-29 2015: NORTHAMPTON, MA. Western Mass Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show; Connecticut Valley Mineral Club, Clarion Hotel & Conference Center; 1 Atwood Dr.; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free with adult, Scouts in uniform free; more than 19 dealers, minerals, crystals, jewelry, gems, lapidary, free exhibits, free mineral specimen for children; contact Lee Champigny, (413) 320-9741; Web site: www.westernmassmineralshow.com or www.cvmineralclub.org</p> <p>August 29-30 2015: CONCORD, NH: 52nd Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show Capital Mineral Club, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm, www.capitalmineralclub.org, steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org</p>
<p>JANUARY 3, 2015 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments TBD</p>	
<p>FEBUARY 2015 NO MEETING SCHEDULED</p>	
<p>MARCH 7, 2015 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments Mike Cordero</p>	
<p>APRIL 4, 2015 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments TBD</p>	