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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 3rd at 12:00 PM at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

Thank you to Charlie Forsberg and whoever for supplying refreshments for the November meeting.

This month is the Capital Mineral Clubs Annual Holiday Party and Collecting Competition see all the details on pages 4-5.

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@mctttelecom.com .

2017 Club dues are due, please send your membership renewals to Steffen Hermanns. Make check payable: Capital Mineral Club . Dues are \$10.00 per member.

Editors Note:

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

- My e-mail address:
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- CMC Website:
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

Mark R. Lorden Boscawen, NH
Amy D. Nichols Franklin, NH
Lee Fottler Newburyport, 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

Meeting opened at 2:00pm by president Steffen Hermanns.

Meeting Minutes:

Speaker: Carl Francis – Greenwood Mines

Secretaries report was read and a motion to accept was made by Mike Cordero, seconded, Tony Howd, passed.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurers report was read and a motion to accept was made by Mike Cordero, seconded, Tony Howd, passed .

Field Trips:

Field Trips discussed by Charlie Forsberg, Valencia, Palermo, Tripp.
Moat Mt, Sunday 11/13, Larry Welker next Sat – Sun Plume mine.

Old Business:

UNH Grants update from Don Dallaire, Joel Johnson setup letter to his students for getting in applications for our scholarship program. The Club has budgeted \$2500.00 for this purpose in 2016.

New Business:

Forest Service is holding hearings about the collecting sites In the White Mountains National Forest.

New Memberships - No new memberships this month.

Door Prizes - donated by Mike Undercofler, Don Divers, Mark Lorden and Pat Barker. Won by Peter Cram, Michele Johnson, Diane Francis, Don Divers, Mark Lorden, Steve Jonsach, Angela Pratt, Kathy Welker, David Elberfeld and Amy Nicols.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

22nd ANNUAL VINCENT L. VALADE (12/3/2016) 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 refined. 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
- 2014 Unknown
- 2015 Peter Cram, Gold NH & J. Herndon, Microcline, NH
- 2016

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
- Jim Reynolds Golden Labradorite
- Larry Welker, Golden Beryl

DECEMBER 3, 2016 YEAR END GET TOGETHER

SALVATION ARMY BUILDING, 58 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 very good food that everyone brings
 3:00ish **YANKEE SWAP** - good fun for all
 4:30ish **SOCIALIZE**, **PICK UP**, and **LEAVE** satisfied and full of cheer

DRIVE SAFELY AND HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!

BRING DINNER, DESSERT, AND SALAD PLATES; CUP/MUG & SAUCER, UTENSILS, NAPKINS, SALT & PEPPER, POTLUCK SPECIALTY & SERVING UTENSILS, HOLIDAY CENTER PIECE IF DESIRED, and PLASTIC BAG FOR TAKING HOME DIRTY OR WET DISHES ETC. And, bring A BIG SMILE.

THE YANKEE SWAP Bring a gift of \$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 cannot 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 participant. 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 summer's 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"

MY BEST COLLECTING TRIP THIS YEAR

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 or e-mail: c_forsberg@mcttelecom.com. Please RSVP if you can. Let's have a good turn out!! Charles Forsberg will be direct communicating with all members on details.

SEE YOU THIS DECEMBER 3RD!!!!



Yankee Swap Rules



- ⇒ When your number is called come up and choose a gift
- ⇒ Take unopened gift and go down line
- ⇒ If person in line has a gift you want—take it and give them your *unopened* gift for them to unwrap
- ⇒ Proceed to end of line—*no more swapping* allowed
- ⇒ If you do not swap go to end of line and open your gift
- ⇒ *Do not go ahead and back track*—make a decision as you go down the line
- ⇒ Person whose number was chosen first will have the opportunity to go down the line after everyone has opened their gift and make one swap with anyone as they proceed down the line—still *no backtracking*
- ⇒ There are 2 gifts that are secretly marked and the 2 persons ending up with these gifts will each receive one of the grand prizes.



Use your instinct and swap for the winning gift!





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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>December 3, 2016 Club Meeting: Holiday Get Together 12:00– 4:00PM Chair: Charles Forsberg</p>	<p>March 4-5, 2017: Meriden, CT 46th Annual Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Show.</p>
<p>January 7, 2017 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments TBD</p>	<p>March 25-26, 2017: Hadley MA Connecticut Valley Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil Show</p>
<p>February 4, 2017 No Meeting Scheduled as yet</p>	<p>April 1-2, 2017 : Orange, CT. 44th Annual Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & fossil Show, Mew Haven Mineral Club, Amity Regional Middle School, Sheffield Rd, Orange, CT.</p>
<p>March 4, 2017 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments: TBD</p>	<p>August 11-13, 2017: West Springfield, MA East Coast Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show. Eastern States Exposition</p>
<p>April 1, 2017 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments: TBD</p>	<p>August 26-27, 2017: Concord, NH Capital Mineral Club Show Everett Arena</p>
<p>May 6, 2017 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments: TBD</p>	