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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

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Capital Mineral Club News

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The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, December 7th 2019 at 12:00 PM at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

This month is the Capital Mineral Clubs Annual Holiday Party and Collecting Competition see all the details on pages 3-4. Please bring some non perishable food items and canned goods to donate to the Salvation Army. For any other questions about the Holiday Party call (603) 927- 4955 or email c_forsberg@mcttelecom.com .

Thank you to Polly Lowe & Sharon Palmer for bringing the refreshments for the November meeting.

Editors Note:

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

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Welcome New Members

Roberta Horsman, Merrimac, MA Dustin French, Concord, NH

Dylon Montminy, Concord, NH David Ogan, Wilton, NH

2020 Club Dues are due, 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
www.sacovalleygmc.com

Keene: 1st Saturday of each month in the conference room of the Southwest Community Services building at 34 Cypress St. Keene, NH – 6:00 - 8:30 PM www.keenemineralclub.50webs.com

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday of each month, Hamilton Wenham Community House, 284 Bay Rd, South Hamilton, MA – 7:45 PM
www.northshorerock.org

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 www.senhmineralclub.org

Presidential Gem & Mineral Society: 2nd Thursday of month at 6:30pm. Jefferson Town Hall, 698 Presidential Hwy, Jefferson, NH 03583

DECEMBER 7, 2019 YEAR END PARTY

Where: At the Salvation Army building 58 Clinton Street, at the corner of Fruit and Clinton Street.

12:00 – 12:30 Begin, organize, gather cooked items for serving. There are ovens available to warm items and various utensils to use.

12:30 – 1:30 **SOCIALIZE**, setup tables, prepare the turkey, ham and other goodies. **RELAX** and get to know new and old members.

Kids can play in the SA game room.

1:00 – 1:30 **VOTE** on the collecting and lapidary specimens submitted by members. Winners to be announced before 4 PM.

1:30 – 2:45 **EAT** all the delicious dishes that the members have brought. Lick your plates clean.

3:00 - **YANKEE SWAP** – big surprises for all.

4:30 (more or less) **SOCIALIZE**, pickup, cleanup and depart for home.

DECEMBER DINNER – December 7th, 2019

The essential goodies that members have agreed to bring to the party as of 11/15-2019

Detail lists were given out at the November 2nd meeting. A new list can be sent upon request.

Groceries (item 1): Angela Pratt

Turkey (Item 2): Dave Buchanan a 20+ pound turkey w/ stuffing, etc.

Turkey (Item 2A): “ditto”

Ham (item 3): Julie Jewett

Items 1-2-3 are refundable by the Club Treasurer. Save and submit bills to the treasurer using forms provided at the November meeting

Mashed Potatoes (Item 4): Mary Bubnis will bring 10 pounds of mashed potatoes.

Items 1 thru 4 amounts assume about 48 people attending.

All others will bring a dish of something for the rest of us. *Everybody, except those bringing items 1-4, must bring something for the rest of us*

SUGGESTIONS: All vegetable and dessert dishes should be estimated on serving 8 people: Suggestions: squash, peas, carrots, string beans, pies (apple, pumpkin, mince, cherry, etc.), bar cookies(?), finger desserts, cakes/muffins, pickles & relish, cranberry relish, casseroles, etc. There will be ovens ready to keep dishes warm until time of serving. We begin serving about 1:30.

DRIVE SAFELY AND WE’LL ALL HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON!

BRING Dinner, salad and desert plates. Maybe you have a special colorful plate for the occasion. Also bring cup/mug, saucer for drinks, napkin, and your own salt & pepper. If you have a special drink bring it, but booze is not allowed in the SA building or grounds. If you bring a dish remember to bring serving utensils. Bring a Holiday Center Piece for the tables if you can. Bring hors d’oeuvres if you want. And, bring a HAPPY SMILE.

THE YANKEE SWAP (Revised 2018) [The revision does not give all participants opportunity to swap their gifts, but greatly speeds up the process.]

Step 1 – Bring a wrapped gift of probable interest to rock, gem and mineral collectors as we have done in the past.

Step 2 – After dinner and with dishes set aside, the raffle chairperson will call the membership to order and begin a process of gift distribution. Each member participating (those who brought a gift) will be handed a wrapped gift by the chair and given a raffle ticket at the same time. The process will proceed quickly without selection by any member, except as a member participating may refuse their own gift. **The gifts will not be unwrapped at this time. All members will retain their dinner seating.**

Step 3 – With all gifts still wrapped, the chairperson will announce 10 (10% ?) raffle winners to come forward and wait their special opportunity to swap their still wrapped gift with others. Winners will retain their ticket.

Step 4 - The chair will now require **all losers to unwrap their gifts** and wait for the swap to begin. The losers must retain their dinner seating arrangement.

Step 5 - The winners in the order selected, will have the opportunity to examine all exposed gifts and swap their wrapped gift as they wish. The gift will be unwrapped and the winner will join the audience. **All tickets are to be retained by the holders for the final Club gift.**

Step 6 - The chair will select one or more tickets for the Club mystery gift(s) and the winner(s) to come forward.

VINCE VALADE AWARDS: (revised 2018) Self collected/created mineral and created jewelry competition.

The is simplified to the following categories.

Any mineral specimen collected in New Hampshire. B. Any mineral specimen collected outside of New Hampshire (i.e., anywhere in the world). C. Any self-created faceted gem stone of any size. (Small, medium, large is irrelevant) D. Any cabochon created. (A cabochon has no flat facets, but is of a rounded shape.)

A reminder to all to bring own dinner, dessert, and salad plates, flatware utensils, cup/mug & saucer, serving utensils and napkins/towels. And don't forget a plastic bag to take home all dirty utensils. Some cleaning can be done in the Salvation Army kitchen.

Remember to bring a gift for the YANKEE SWAP of \$10 pertaining to the Club purposes. Be sure to wrap it up nicely.

QUESTIONS

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The above is adapted from the prior work of Gordon Jackson, et al.



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>December 7, 2019 Club Meeting: Holiday Get Together 12:00– 4:00PM</p>	<p>November 2-3, 2019 2019 Annual Show by the Stamford Mineralogical Society Eastern Greenwich Civic Center</p>
<p>January 4, 2020 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: Al Falster</p>	<p>90 Harding Road, Old Greenwich, CT</p>
<p>March 7, 2020 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>November 23-24, 2019 44th Annual Mineral Show by the Worcester Mineral Club, National Guard Armory Worcester, MA</p>
<p>April 4, 2020 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: Kevin Downey</p>	
<p>May 2, 2020 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD</p>	