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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse
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Capital Mineral Club News

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The Capital Mineral Club will meet is **Saturday December 10, 2022** at 11:00 am for prep work on party at the **NH Sno-Shaker's Clubhouse** on 70 Clough Pond Road in Canterbury, NH.

Plan is to start arriving around 11:00 to 12:00 for preparation of food.

Thank you to those who supplied refreshments at the last meeting.

No New Members.

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:
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.

**2023 Club Dues are due, please send your membership dues to:
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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
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/398593197423304>

KMC: (in person and Zoom) 1st Saturday of each month at Winchester, NH at the ELM Community Center. 79 NH Rt.119 . It's the big white house set far back from road on east side of road. 7PM the first Sat. of the month. 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

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 each month at 6:30 PM at the Great North Woods Welcome Center, 25 Park Street, Lancaster, NH.

November meeting minutes.



The November meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on November 12th, 2021 at the ShoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM with 29 members present.

A presentation was given by Kevin Downey on "Myanmar – The Legendary Magok – The Land of Rubies"

The business meeting was called to order at 2:46 PM

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

MOTION TO: Accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

By: Claire Moody **SECONDED:** Jim Young

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 32 in favor – 0 against.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION TO: Accept the treasurers report as read by Steffen Hermanns.

By: Bill Adams **SECONDED:** Joe Giaquinta

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OLD BUSINESS:

Field Trips – The trip to Ruggles went well and our club was joined by members of the Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club and the Maine Mineral and Geographical Society.

Trips for 2023 will be scheduled next year. Please make suggestions for mines you would like to visit to Steffen Hermanns.

Future Rockhounds of America – Several of the members will be getting their badges at the December meeting/dinner. Next on the agenda for them is collecting fossils, so if any member has something to donate, please bring something to a meeting or let the leaders know.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Christmas Party – This year it is being chaired by Karen Giaquinta. She will be sending out an email for members to sign up to bring something. If you would like, bring a place setting and decorations for your table. Set up will be at 12 Noon and eating will begin around 1 PM.

We will have the Yankee swap this year. Please bring a mineral related gift up to \$15 to participate. There will be special prize or one of the members.

We will also have our collectors' contest. Please something that you found this year and the membership will vote on best mineral, best stone, best lapidary, etc.

Dues are due by the end of January.

January meeting – We will be having a used tool silent auction to give new members a chance to get good tools to collect with. Bring something with you if you have tools that you have upgraded.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting ended at 3:07 PM

**Ages 9-15****Future Rockhounds of America****December 10th, 11am-TBD, Sno-Shakers Clubhouse**

Agenda: Combining creativity with our newfound rock knowledge we will make something educational that will be used at our annual show. We will also start a crystal growing project to complete at home. Then we will join the rest of the club in a feast to celebrate the holidays.

Optional Yankee Swap: If you wish to participate in the Yankee Swap gift exchange at the party, bring a wrapped hobby related gift not to exceed \$20.

Questions: FRACapMin@gmail.com

January 14th meeting – We will start working on the Fossil badge.

DECEMBER SOCIAL TIME SCHEDULE– THE FUN TIME!

START AT 11:00 to 12:00 as necessary. Two ovens are available.

12:00 to 1:00 Begin organizing, socializing, preparing.

Set up your field collecting, lapidary items prior to 1:00 when voting will begin.

1:00 to 1:30 vote on the collecting and lapidary specimens.

Your votes will be tallied and the winners announced around 3:00.

1:30 to 3:00 begin to Eat (to maintain some order you will be called by your table to get your food).

When you go for dessert and are participating in the Yankee swap, get a gift and ticket.

3:00 to 4:00 Yankee swap

4:00 to 4:30 Clean up, socialize and get ready to leave.

YANKEE SWAP RULES & PROCEDURE

- (1) If you want to participate in the Yankee swap, bring a gift of \$10.00 value or more and wrapped and place it on the table provided..
- (2) **Pick a gift and ticket** after dinner and before dessert. You must put the second ticket in the bucket which will be used to call you to the swap and for the grand prize. (Drawn tickets will be placed in a second bucket for the grand prize drawing).
- (3) When your number is called you will come up. Your gift will **remain unwrapped** until you have completed the Yankee swap process. **Keep your ticket** for the grand prize. And if you are lucky you will be the first person called. It might be helpful to bring a chair unless you would like to stand during the swap process.
- (4) If a person in line has a gift you want --- take it and give them your unopened gift for them to unwrap.
- (5) Proceed to end of line --- no more swapping allowed.
- (6) If you do not swap, go to the end of line and open your gift.
- (7) You **cannot back track** or exchange more than once.
- (8) The 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 --- **only one swap**, no backtracking
- (9) At the end of the swap a ticket (hopefully yours) will be drawn for the grand prize.
- (10) **SWAPING SHOULD BE DONE WITH A SMILE, GOOD FUN AND OFTEN!**

27th ANNUAL VINCENT L. VALADE (12/10/22) FIELD COLLECTING & CREATIVE LAPIDARY AWARDS RULES & PROCEDURE

FOUR AWARD CATEGORIES

BEST FIELD COLLECTING

- A. BEST NEW HAMPSHIRE
- B. BEST OUTSIDE NH
- C. BEST OF SHOW

BEST CREATIVE LAPIDARY

- D. BEST FACETED GEM
- E. BEST CABOCHON
- F. BEST OF SHOW

1. Must have been a Club member for the past year.
2. All entries must be self-collected or self-produced within this year.
3. Labeling shall not contain the owners name.
4. Only two entries per person per category.
5. Only Club members present are eligible to vote.

Voting slips will be provided, all entries will have a number.

BALLOT Capital Mineral Club Field Collecting & Creative Lapidary Awards (Pick a number)
BEST FIELD COLLECTING:
A. BEST NEW HAMPSHIRE _____ B. BEST OUTSIDE NH _____ C. BEST OF SHOW _____
BEST CREATIVE LAPIDARY :
D. BEST FACETED GEM _____ E. BEST CABOCHON _____ F. BEST OF SHOW _____
(Best of show should be a repeat of one of the above)

Winners for each category will be mentioned in the January news letter. Best of Show winners will be given an award at the January meeting. And their name listed in each December newsletter.



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>Dec 10, 2022 Club Meeting: 11:00am Refreshments: Speaker: Holiday Party</p>	<p>April 1-2, 2023 Connecticut Valley Mineral Club Castle of Knights Meeting House 1599 Memorial Dr., Chicopee, MA</p>
<p>Jan 14, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00pm Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>May 19-21, 2023 New England Mineral Conference Sunday River Resort 97 Summit Road , Newry, ME</p>
<p>Mar 11, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00pm Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	
<p>April 8, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00pm Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	
<p>May 13, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00pm Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	