



# CRYSTALS AND CABS

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 9, 2023 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.

2024 Membership dues are due 12/31/2023.

#### Editors Note:

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

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### Welcome New Members

No New Members

**2024 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Tin Mt. Conservation Center, Albany, NH – 7:00 PM  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/398593197423304>

**KMC:** MC2 Charter School, 310 Marlborough St. #115, Keene, NH. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Oct through May, 1:30 pm, (September meeting is a potluck picnic.) (Door on right side of bldg. Do not park in the vacant lot next door. Vehicles apparently are towed, including Sunday.)

**North Shore (MA):** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, Hamilton Wenham Community House, 284 Bay Rd, South Hamilton, MA – 7:45 PM

**Boston Mineral Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, Harvard University Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA – 7:30 PM [www.bostonmineralclub.org](http://www.bostonmineralclub.org)

**Southeastern NH Mineral Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, St John's Methodist Church, 28 Cataract Ave., Dover, NH – 7:00 PM [senhmineralclub.org](http://senhmineralclub.org)

**Presidential Gem and Mineral Society:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11th, 2023 at the ShoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 PM with 31 members present.

A presentation was given by Jim Young on "Rock Identification"

The business meeting was called to order at 2:28 PM by President **Kathleen Welker**

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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

**By:** Jim Young

**SECONDED:** Bill Adams

**DISPOSITION:** Voted on and carried by membership 31 in favor – 0 against.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tabled to the next full member meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Laptop for Treasurer - A laptop was purchased for the Treasurer and is being set it up and transferring all the information from old computer.

Christmas Party – Martin Kippley will be coordinating food from the membership and sending out emails to sign up. The turkeys and hams are taken care of.

We will have the Yankee swap this year. Please bring a mineral related gift between \$20 – 25 to participate. There will be special prize or one of the members.

We will also have our collectors' contest. Please bring something that you found this year and the membership will vote on best mineral, best stone, best lapidary, etc. There will also be a FRA collectors competition which will have separate prizes.

Future Rockhounds of America – There were nine participants in FRA Mineral ID session #3. They learned about the MOHS hardness scale and practiced determining the hardness of a variety of minerals. Each Future Rockhounder went home with their own mineral ID kit, identification guide book, and a new specimen.

Beginning in January, Jay Dowling will be teaching the group ages 6 – 8 and Holly Heighes will be teaching those 9 and over.

Trailer – The trailer is still being worked on and Steffen Hermanns is ready for assistance. He will send out an email to coordinate efforts for the fall and early spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Our new president, **Kathleen Welker**, has started her two-year tenure.

Mineral Show – Per the by-laws the membership must vote to have the next show in 2024.

**2024 Capital Club Mineral Show:**

**MOTION TO:** To have the 2024 Capital Club Mineral Show at the Everett Arena.

**By:** Martin Kippley **SECONDED:** David Ogden

**DISPOSITION:** Voted on and carried by membership 31 in favor – 0 against.

New Members – A suggestion was made to introduce new members formally to the membership to ensure they are welcomed.

Meeting Start Time – A suggestion was made to possibly move the beginning time of the meeting to 12:30 PM as for those attending both the Future Rockhounds of America meeting and the regular meeting it becomes a long day.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Meeting ended at 2:56 PM



### Ages 9-15

**Future Rockhounds of America,  
Capital Mineral Club, Sno-Shakers Clubhouse  
70 Clough Pond Rd, Canterbury NH**

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Holiday party  
**12pm start time**  
 \*Remember to bring your own  
 plate and cutlery.\*



Collecting contest: Bring in your best self-collected specimen to enter!

Yankee swap: If you wish to participate in the Yankee swap, bring in a wrapped mineral hobby gift of no more than \$20.

FRA members wanting to make-up a mineral ID session or to take the 'mineral ID test' may come early, any time after 11am.

### \*\*\*\*January 13, 2024\*\*\*\*

The Capital Mineral Club is happy to announce a second junior rockhound program for rock and mineral enthusiasts aged 5-8. Led by Jay Dowling, the programming will be more suited to that age group. It will meet at the same time as the older kids in a different part of the clubhouse.

## DECEMBER SOCIAL TIME SCHEDULE– THE FUN TIME!

START AT **11:30** 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!**

28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VINCENT L. VALADE (12/09/23)  
FIELD COLLECTING & CREATIVE LAPIDARY AWARDS  
RULES & PROCEDURE

FOUR AWARD CATEGORIES

BEST FIELD COLLECTING

BEST CREATIVE LAPIDARY

BEST FIELD COLLECTING JUNIORS

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

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

- G. BEST OF NH
- H. BEST OUTSIDE NH
- K. 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.

<b>BALLOT</b> Capital Mineral Club Field Collecting & Creative Lapidary Awards (Pick a number)
<b>BEST FIELD COLLECTING:</b>
A. BEST NEW HAMPSHIRE _____ B. BEST OUTSIDE NH _____ C. BEST OF SHOW _____
<b>BEST CREATIVE LAPIDAY :</b>
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><b>DECEMBER 9, 2023</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: <b>Holiday Party</b></p>	<p><b>March 2-3, 2024</b>            52nd Meridan Gem Show            Francis T. Maloney High School            121 Gravel Street, Meridan, CT</p>
<p><b>JANUARY 13, 2024</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: TBD</p>	<p><b>March 23-24, 2024</b>            Connecticut Valley Mineral Club            1599 Memorial Dr.            Chicopee, MA</p>
<p><b>MARCH 9, 2024</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: TBD</p>	<p><b>April 20-21, 2024</b>            37th Annual Gem, Mineral &amp; Jewelry Show            Brick South-Thompsons Point            Portland, ME</p>