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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire

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The Annual CMC Year End Get Together and Field Collecting Competition will be on Saturday, January 12th at 1:00 PM at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, NH, a board of directors meeting will be held at 12:00 PM before the regular business meeting.
Ted Johnson will give a presentation on the Volcanoes of Italy.
Refreshments this month will be supplied by Martin Kippley.

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE! MEMBERSHIP RATES:

Adult Single	\$10 per year;
Family	\$15 per year;
Subscriber	\$5 per year (includes mail newsletter)
Or one time fee	\$2 (only includes email newsletter)

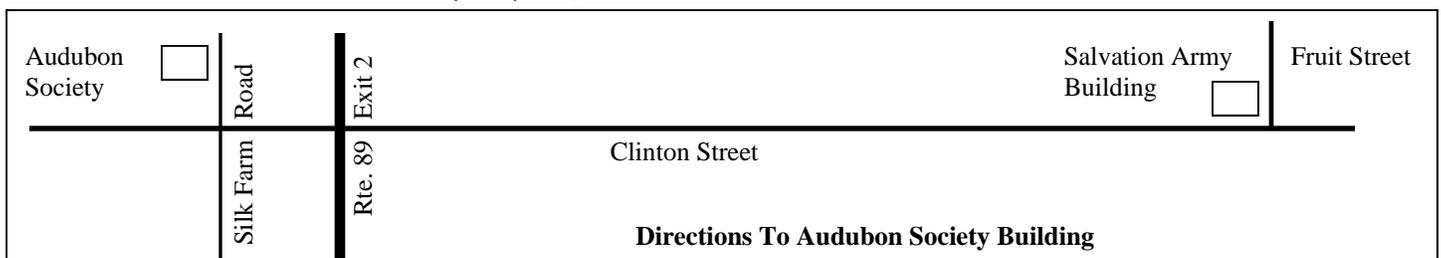
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Editors Note:

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

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- Website designed and maintained by:
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Happy New Year





These are the minutes of the December 8th, 2007 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, New Hampshire. This month meeting was the annual Holiday get together. There were 34 people in attendance.

A short business meeting was held and a motion was made to by Martin Kippley to accept the secretaries report as published, seconded by Gordon Jackson, motion was passed. Discussion about the purchase of a video projector was brought up and the use of the big screen TV in the meeting room was deemed adequate for the clubs purposes. A motion was made by Gordon Jackson to have the club spend up to \$100 for the hookup cost involved with the TV, motion was seconded by Steffen Hermanns, motion was passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Holiday get together summary by Gordon Jackson.

THANKS FOR A GREAT TIME!!! - Our first set up at the Audubon center was a winning experience. The room was bright, clean and WARM. With a little thinking, we got the set up down. I would estimate we could have easily handled 50 plus people. We were short one table but we made do for the Yankee swap with chairs, then a utility table. 35 people chatted, told fish stories, ate a great meal (for some it was meals) and then on to the great DESSERTS. I always leave room for the desserts (before the USDA messed things up, dessert had to be the major part of the meal). The Vince Valade Field Collecting and Creative Lapidary Awards were good as usual with the following people winners for 2007 were:

BEST NE; Don Dallaire - Elbaite, Mt. Mica Mine, Paris, Oxford Co., Maine

BEST OUTSIDE NE; Bob York - Quartz (herkimer diamond), Crystal Grove Diamond Mine, St. Johnsville, New York

BEST MICROMOUNT; Anna Wilken - Ilmenite, Eastman Topaz Site, Bartlett, NH

BEST NH; Scott Higgins - Triphylite, Palermo No. 2 Mine, N. Groton, NH and of course New Hampshire had to be **BEST OF SHOW (MINERAL)** with Scott Higgin's Triphylite.

In the creative lapidary awards we have

BEST FACETED (SMALL); Rose Ann Boudreau with a 3.25 carat, pear cut Bytownite

BEST FACETED (MEDIUM); Jim Tovey with a 30.0 carat, concaved stepped star cut Smoky.Quartz.

BEST CABOCHON; Scott Higgins; Moss Agate.

BEST FACETED (LARGE); Bill Brown with a 388.30 carat barion pear cut Smoky Quartz from NH.

Bill also won **BEST OF SHOW (LAPIDARY)** with the Smoky.

All the winners will receive an engraved label once I have your approved wording.

I have enjoyed doing the December meeting but I have decided to pass the torch. I have done the Christmas party since 1990 and helped on the contest with Vince since 1995. It is sort of cook book but requires a little preparation and if two people work together one handling the party and the other the awards, it should be easy and fun. I have all the procedures and with the Boards recommendation can pass the info on. I think everyone enjoyed and will enjoy the Christmas party at the Audubon Center. It was an improvement! Gordon and Pam

Respectfully Submitted
Steffen Hermanns, Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

Vincent L. Valade
1957 – 2007

Vince Valade became fascinated by rocks at the early age of four, then graduated to mineral collecting in his teens and never looked back. He was an enthusiastic collector who kept expanding his focus. He started out describing himself as a quartz collector, then as a ‘crystal collector’ specializing in the area around Stark, NH and his home in Goffstown, then as a Galena specialist, and finally as a specialist in New Hampshire mineral species.

He enjoyed working on the minerals he collected to show them at their best through cleaning, trimming, and repairing them for display. One of his favorite specimens came about through a combination of good fortune and a good eye. While collecting in Stark, NH, Vince found a nice smoky quartz muscovite plate with a missing siderite crystal. Sorting through his finds later at home he noticed a siderite that he had previously collected at the same location. It was a match – and with a little repair, he had a complete, perfect specimen.

Vince also liked to make his mineral collecting a family affair whenever he could. Though it took a back seat in his life while his children were young, when he returned to collecting, he involved his whole family, including daughters Jennifer and twins Kathy and Kim, in his love of minerals and the outdoors. When he joined the Capital Mineral Club in 1991, his father and two uncles became members within a year.

Vince plunged into activities with the Capital Mineral Club with similar enthusiasm. He helped create a club meteorite display at the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in the fall of 1993, and with his father, he refurbished a display case donated to the Planetarium by the Club. He was elected as a Director in 1994, then became Club Secretary in 1995 and held that position until May of 2007 when his health kept him from attending meetings. In 1995, he initiated the club’s Field Collecting and Creative Lapidary Awards, given each December. He competed for the award each year, winning Best of Show once, Best New Hampshire twice, Best New England three times, and Best Outside New England Once. The award will continue as a club tradition, and is now the Vincent L. Valade Field Collecting and Creative Lapidary Award – “The Vince Valade Award.”

Vince was also a major force in the club’s annual Capital Mineral Club Festival. From 1994 through 2006, he served as either Festival Chairman or Dealer Chairman – and for two of those years he took on both roles. Each year his family was there in support of the festival, and Club members watched his daughters grow up as they supported their father.

On October 15, 2007, a very special son, father, friend and mineral collector was lost.

Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club: 3rd Thursday 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, Bldg. 18, Keene, NH – 7:00 PM

Nashua: Last Wednesday of each month at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua, 47 Grand Ave., Nashua, NH – 7:00 PM

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday of each month, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Washington St., Peabody, MA – 7:30 PM

Boston Mineral Club: 1st Tuesday of each month, Harvard University Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA – 7:30 PM

Southeastern NH Mineral Club: 2nd Wednesday of each month, St John’s Methodist Church, 28 Cataract Ave., Dover, NH – 7:00 PM

Presidential Gem and Mineral Society: 2nd Friday of month at 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH



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Reminder that the meetings are now at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord only a mile from the Salvation Army 2008 Club Dues are due please send your dues to Steffen Hermanns

CAPITAL MINERAL CLUB MEETINGS

JANUARY 12, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00 PM**
Club Meeting: **1:00 PM**
Speaker, Ted Johnson, Volcanoes of Italy
Refreshments Martin Kippley

FEBRUARY 9, 2008

Club Meeting: **1:00 PM**
Speaker TBA
Refreshments Howard & Bea Ewing

MARCH 8, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00 PM**
Club Meeting: **1:00 PM**
Speaker TBA
Refreshments **TBD**

MARCH 22, 2008

Club Workshop **10:00 AM**
Gordon & Pam Jackson's House

GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

February 5-17, 2008, Tucson Mineral Show, Tucson, AZ

February 23-24, 2008, Albany, NY - 15th Annual Show. James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. New York State Academy of Mineralogy, Capital District Mineral Club; New York State Museum, 4th floor, Empire State Plaza, Madison Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; admission \$6; contact Mike Hawkins, (518) 486-2011; e-mail: mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov

April 10 - 13, 2008, Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, Rochester, NY. Radisson Hotel, Rochester NY. 301-294-1640, fax 301-294-0034, info@intergem.com, www.intergem.com

June. 28-29, 2008, Gilsum, NH - 44th Annual Rock Swap. Gilsum Elementary School and Community Center. Jane Robert Mitchell rmitchell60@gmail.com, 603-357-9636

September 27-28, 2008, Concord, NH—45th Annual Gem and Mineral Festival presented by the Capital Mineral Club, Sat. 9 – 5, Sun., 9 – 4, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Adults – \$4.00, 12 and under free