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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club Concord, New Hampshire

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The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, January 3rd at 2:00 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. Due to possible bad weather conditions the SNOW DATE will be for Sunday the 4th at the same time. If you are unsure call one of the officers of the club or check the club website for information. If all else fails call the Audubon 603-224-9909 and ask them if we are still having a meeting.

The Audubon Society will give a presentation on birds of prey with actual live birds to be shown at the presentation.
 Refreshments this month will be supplied by Carlos Gristani.

Editors Note:

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

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- CMC Website: www.capitalmineralclub.org
- Website designed and maintained by: Robin Edgewood-Reece & Steffen Hermanns

**2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!
MEMBERSHIP RATES:**

Adult Single \$10 per year; Family \$15 per year;

Please make checks payable to the
“CAPITAL MINERAL CLUB”
 and submit or mail them to:
 Steffen Hermanns
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Happy New Year

Please find inserted into the newsletter or as a separate attachment in your email version of the newsletter, the revised By-Law changes that the Board of Directors has submitted for the memberships approval. These proposed changes will be finalized and voted upon at the February 2009 membership meeting. If you have any questions or concerns or other input relating to these changes please be sure to come to the meeting and be heard.



These are the minutes of the December 6th, 2008 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 35 people in attendance.

Holiday get together summary.

THANKS FOR A GREAT TIME!!! - First of all thanks to Charles Forsberg for taking over the Holiday Party Chairperson job from Gordon Jackson. Our second set up at the Audubon center was a smooth flow with a few exceptions. The festivities were held in our normal meeting room this year, this room is smaller than the room we had last year, however it was quite accommodating for the people that attended and could have easily held another 10 people. We had to find tables all around the building due to the fact that there was a book fair and another function going on at the same time, we finally wound up with the right number of tables. People chatted, told fish stories, then after the chairperson showed up around 1:00 with the stubborn turkey that would not finish cooking, ate a great meal (for some it was meals) and then on to the great DESSERTS. Gordon Jackson always likes that part. The Vince Valade Field Collecting and Creative Lapidary Awards were good as usual with the following people being winners for 2008:

BEST NE; No Showing

BEST OUTSIDE NE; James S. Tovey - Calcite, Walworth Quarry, Walworth, NY

BEST MICROMOUNT; Donald A. Dallaire - Vanadinite, Gallagher Mine, Tombstone District, AZ

BEST NH; James S. Tovey - Beryl, Tripp Mine, Alstead, NH

BEST OF SHOW (MINERAL) James S. Tovey, Beryl, Tripp Mine, Alstead, NH.

In the creative lapidary awards we have

BEST FACETED (SMALL); Thomas Boynton with a 1.35 carat, coffin cut, Golden Beryl, Tripp Mine, Alstead, NH

BEST FACETED (MEDIUM); Jim Tovey with a 5.90 carat brilliant cut, Golden Beryl, Tripp Mine, Alstead, NH

BEST FACETED (LARGE); Bill Brown with a 85.30 carat archimedes cut, Labradorite, Chihuahua, Mexico

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

BEST JEWELRY; Thomas Boynton with Herkimer Diamond Pendant, modified starlight diamond cut

BEST CABOCHON; No Showing

All the winners will receive an engraved label once the Holiday Party Chairperson (Charles Forsberg) has your approved wording.

Respectfully Submitted
Steffen Hermanns, Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

Club Members

Your collecting story could be here. This is everyone's club lets make an effort to share our experiences with other club members. Come up with a short story about something that was funny or exciting or write about a place that you have visited, a show that you went to. If everyone shares a couple of paragraphs I can fill this page with these stories every month. Also if anyone has ideas for a presentations that might be of interest to the club then we can see if a speaker can be found to talk about these subjects of interest. Better yet if any member would like to share their own presentation with the rest of the club at a monthly meeting please contact one of the officers of the club and we can schedule it in to the yearly schedule. Remember that finding speakers for each monthly meeting can sometimes be an arduous task.

Also another reminder that if you have an email address and are currently receiving a hard copy newsletter (about 30 members) please let me know your current and correct email address. It is a very tedious task every month to get the mailing out in time to everyone and would greatly lighten the amount of time I need to spend on the mailing if most are getting the email version of the newsletter. This also allows the club to send out notices to the club members without having to do a mass mailing.

Please send your current email address to steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org and make sure that this email address is not being blocked by your email provider.

Thanks,
Your Editor
Steffen Hermanns

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, Science Bldg. Room SCIC 126, Keene, NH – 7:00 PM
keenemineralclub.50webs.com

Nashua: Last Wednesday of each month at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua, NH – 7:00 PM
webpages.charter.net/carlog/Index.htm

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 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 the North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH – 7:00 PM

Micromounters of New England: 3rd Saturday of the month at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 170 Old Westford Rd, Chelmsford, MA - 9:00AM; micromountersofnewengland.org



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2009 Club Dues are due please send your dues to Steffen Hermanns

CAPITAL MINERAL CLUB MEETINGS

JANUARY 3, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Birds of Prey by the Audubon staff
Refreshments: Carlos Gristani

FEBRUARY 7, 2009

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Howard & Bea Ewing

MARCH 7, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Jack & Frances Gill

APRIL 4, 2009

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Bob & Edna Whitmore

MAY 2, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Charles Forsberg

GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

Jan 31 - Feb 15, Tucson Mineral Show, Tucson, AZ

Feb 21 - 22, Albany, NY, 15th Annual James Campbell-Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale Organized by: Capital District Mineral Club New York State Museum (Empire State Plaza on Madison Avenue) Website: <http://www.albanyrockclub.com>

April 11 - 12, Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, Rochester, NY. Radisson Hotel, Rochester NY. 301-294-1640, fax 301-294-0034, info@intergem.com, www.intergem.com

June. 27-28, Gilsum, NH - 45th Annual Rock Swap. Gilsum Elementary School and Community Center. Robert Mitchell gilsumrocks@gmail.com, 603-357-9636

August 29-30, Concord, NH—46th 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