



# CRYSTALS AND CABS

## 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, **January 6th at 2:00 PM** at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

This month the speaker will be **Kevin Downey**. He will talk about his recent trip to Namibia.

The grand prize for the **Yankee Swap** was won by **Matthew Vachon**. This was his second win as he also won at last year's party.

**Remember there will not be a February Meeting.** But like last year there was a workshop which might be possible this year. Stay tuned.

#### 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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- 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.

#### Welcome New Members

No new members.

**2018 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  
[www.sacovalleygmc.com](http://www.sacovalleygmc.com)

**Keene:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at Keene State College, Science Bldg. Room SCIC 126, Keene, NH – 7:00 PM [keenemineralclub.50webs.com](http://keenemineralclub.50webs.com)

**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 month at 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH



There are no minutes from the December meeting as this month was the Capital Mineral Clubs Annual Holiday Party and Collecting Competition.

There were 50 members who attended this festive event.

**Meeting Minutes:** Tabled until the January meeting.

**Treasurer's report:** Tabled until the January meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Tabled until the January meeting.

**New Memberships:** None

**Door Prizes:** None

**Annual Vincent Valade Field Collecting Mineral & Lapidary Awards  
December 2, 2017**

Category	Entries	Winner	What & Where found
Best NH	5	Bob Wilken	BERYL, Ledge Pond Mine, Sunapee NH
Best New England	2	Win Harding	ETCHED BERYL, Emmon's Mine, Maine
Best Outside NE	5	Marlene York	AQUA MARINE CRYSTAL IN MATRIX, Jack Rabbit Ridge, Sahuarita, Arizona
BEST OF SHOW (minerals)	Tie vote	Bob Wilken & Win Harding	(see above)
Best Faceted – small	1		Not furnished
Best Faceted – medium	1		Not furnished
Best Faceted - large	No entries	-	-
Best Cabochon	4	Donald Divers	Graphic granite
BEST OF SHOW (Lapidary)	-	Donald Divers	? ... Medium faceted





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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p><b>January 6, 2018</b>            Club Meeting: <b>2:00PM</b>            Speaker: Kevin Downey            Refreshments Polly Lowe</p>	<p><b>January 20th, 2018</b>            Boston Mineral Club Annual Auction            295 California Street, Newton, MA  <b>March 3-4, 2018</b>            47th Annual Mineral, Gem &amp; Jewelry Show            Meriden, CT</p>
<p><b>February 3, 2018</b>            Club Meeting: Workshop <b>2:00PM</b>  <b>March 3, 2018</b>            Club Meeting: <b>2:00PM</b>            Speaker: Jim Young            Refreshments Al Raine</p>	<p><b>March 10-11, 2018</b>            Connecticut Valley Mineral Club            Mineral, Jewelry &amp; Fossil Show, Hadley, MA  <b>June 23-24, 2018 Gilsum NH.</b>            54th annual Gilsum Rock Swap &amp; Mineral Show            More than 65 dealers and swappers with gems, jewelry            and minerals available for sale or trade.</p>
<p><b>April 7, 2018</b>            Club Meeting: <b>2:00PM</b>            Speaker: Dyk Eusden            Refreshments Jeff &amp; Dion Divers  <b>May 6, 2017</b>            Club Meeting: <b>2:00PM</b>            Speaker: TBD</p>	<p><b>August 10-12, 2018</b>            East Coast Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show            Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, MA  <b>August 25-26, 2018</b>            Capital Mineral Club Show            Everett Arena, Concord, NH</p>