



# 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 January 13, 2024** at 12:00 at the NH Sno-Shaker's Clubhouse on 70 Clough Pond Road in Canterbury, NH.

We do not have a speaker this month, there will be the FRA meeting at 11:00am and a general membership meeting at 1:00pm.

We will need to be out of the building around 2:00pm as the SnoShakers are holding their annual Spaghetti Supper and Auction fundraiser and they will be setting up starting at 2:00.

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

### 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.**

#### 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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- Website designed and maintained by:  
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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.

### 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.

## December meeting minutes



The December meeting and Annual Holiday Party of the Capital Mineral Club was held on December 9th, 2023 at the ShoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 PM with 44 members present.

A brief business meeting was called to order at 2:28 PM

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Tabled to the next full member meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Tabled to the next full member meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Winners of the Mineral Contest are as follows:

Best New Hampshire mineral collected – Jon Herndon

Best mineral collected outside New Hampshire – Herbert Gustave

Best cabochon – Vicki Meyer

Best mineral collected by a Future Rockhound of America member – Garrett Haggerty

### **Bank Account:**

Kathy Welker and Steffen Hermanns need to be added to the accounts to manage them. Steffen will get a letter to take to the bank with Kathy to do so.

**MOTION TO:** To put Kathy Welker and Steffen Hermanns on the bank accounts along with Crystal Czaja and allow them to manage the accounts.

**By:** David Ogden    **SECONDED:** Scott Higgins

**DISPOSITION:** Voted on and carried by the membership 44 in favor – 0 against.

In a review of the accounts, it was determined that the interest in the savings account is minimal, and Crystal Czaja and Steffen Hermanns asked the membership if they could move it to a CD with better rates.

**MOTION TO:** To move the savings account money into a CD for better interest rates.

**By:** Jon Herndon    **SECONDED:** Jeff Divers

**DISPOSITION:** Voted on and carried by membership 44 in favor – 0 against.

The winner of the grand prized for the Yankee Swap was Benny Sargaent.

We had amazing food, great social time, and we wish everyone a happy, healthy, and successful 2024!



**January 13, 2024 11:00am – Youth Programs**  
**Capital Mineral Club, Sno-Shakers Clubhouse**  
**70 Clough Pond Rd, Canterbury NH**

**Ages 9-15 Future Rockhounds of America**

The Future Rockhound group will start the ‘**Gemstone Lore and Legend**’ badge. We will learn about the physical properties of gemstones, what makes some more valuable than others and discuss some historically important ones.

**Ages 5-8 Mini Miners**

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, our younger members will learn about shaping and polishing minerals with a hands-on activity.

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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p><b>JANUARY 13, 2024</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: NO SPEAKER</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>MARCH 9, 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>April 13th, 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>
<p><b>May 11th, 2024</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: TBD</p>	
<p><b>June 8th, 2024</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: TBD</p>	