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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club Concord, New Hampshire

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Capital Mineral Club News

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Membership Dues are
Due \$10.00

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:
Peter Cram & Steffen Hermanns
- 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.

The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, March 1st at 2:00 PM at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, NH

This months speaker will be Bob Fendrich from Grafton, Vermont. Bob will be talking on the many Fluorescent's from Langban, Sweden. The Langban District produces over 300 minerals species and is the world leader in type locality species. Many will recognize Bob for displaying at our show the large, wonderful fossils. The display Minerals for January will be Fluorescent Minerals.

We still need a President and someone willing to be the Refreshment Chair person.

We need someone to bring refreshments to this months meeting, if interested please get in touch with Gordon Jackson so we don't have everyone bring something (like that would happen) otherwise there will only be coffee.

There will be a limited supply of plastic display boxes at the meeting. 2" are \$10.00 per 12 and the 1 1/4" box (thumbnail) is \$8.00 per 28.

Welcome New Members
 Suzette Pepin, Concord, NH
 Samuel Pepin, Bow, NH
 Matthew Pepin, Bow, NH

Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club: 3rd Tuesday 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

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday of each month, Hamilton Wenham Community House, 284 Bay Rd, South Hamilton, MA – 7:45 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 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH



These are the minutes of the January 4th, 2014 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, New Hampshire. The Meeting was called to order at 2:02pm, there were 32 members present plus our speaker Ted Johnson.

Meeting Minutes: Motion made to accept the December minutes as printed in newsletter made by Martin Kippley, seconded by Bill Adams, passed the membership.

Treasures Report: Donald Dallaire read the treasures reports for November-January. A motion was made to accept as read by Bill Adams, seconded by Martin Kippley, passed the membership. Don Dallaire presented the Budget for 2014 a motion to accept was made by Natalie Undercofler, seconded by Bob McLaughlin, passed by the membership.

Field Trips: None this month.

Scholarship Committee: Martin Kippley made a motion to spend up to \$2000 to finish the Hitchcock map restoration and mounting seconded by Natalie Undercofler the motion was passed by the membership.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed

New Business: No New Business was discussed

New Memberships: Jodi Hager Wentworth, NH; David Buchanan Brookline, NH; Steffen Hermanns recommended the memberships be accepted. Kathy Dallaire made a motion and seconded by Barbara McLaughlin, passed membership.

Door Prizes: Donated by Mike Undercofler, Pat Barker. Won by Steffen Hermanns, Joseph Dunn, Gail Brown and Kathy Welker

Ted Johnson gave his presentation on Mineral collecting in Australia before the business meeting.
Adjourned Meeting at 4:05pm

Respectfully submitted
Steffen Hermanns
Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

2014 Sterling Digg

Greetings GlowHounds!

Superdigg is just around the corner so it is time to sign up and reserve your spot!! The groundhog went back in his burrow for some more sleep, and so did we... but now it's time to wake up all you Diggers and get you started planning for the 2014 Digg, which will occur this year on Saturday **APRIL 26th, 2014**.

For all the lucky ones who have given us their current email that is!! Our webmaster has just spent the day updating our email address list and he thinks he's gotten everyone who might be interested. If you know someone who is interested and did not get this mailing, have them click the link at the top of our website at <http://SterlingHillSuperDig.org> and they will be added for future email updates.

Things are shaping up well again this year for our annual event. **REGISTRATION IS OPEN** now -- you can click through from our website at <http://www.SterlingHillSuperDig.org> Please use the PayPal option if at all possible (that takes credit cards; you don't need a PayPal account) -- paying by check takes your time and postage, and time for our treasurer, opens more chances for loss and errors and generally is a pain for the volunteers! (We need to have at least 100 people registered for the Digg in order to run it -- early registrations help us confirm that everything is a go. We've never had to cancel for this reason; so let's be sure this year is not a first.)

Last year was simply another "smashing event" and more great news this year is -- the registration fee is only \$21, whether you register on-line or by mail.

We will have a full repeat of all the exciting special events we did last year, and once again those who attend will have their chance to "pick a piece of history" by selecting their choice of a piece of ore that still sits on the mill's conveyor belt from the day the Sterling Hill Mine was shut down - Good Friday, March 28th 1986. Every year, the choice gets smaller since nothing gets added to the belt! The rocks on the conveyor belt are almost gone now.

The "upper mill" area is still not open to normal tours or even any access to the public, so our guests at the *Sterling Hill Digg* have a very unique privilege extended to them on this one day of the year -- a walk through the mill and up to the TOP and then down INSIDE the conveyor housing (you see this structure in most photos of Sterling Hill) and then back past the giant bins and down to ground level again.. **SAFETY NOTICE: Hard hats are mandatory for the Upper Mine Buildings tour.** In addition to the special tour of the highest part of the mill structure and a walk across (inside) the conveyor, we're again planning to have an extended "blackout tour" of the lower part - the mine itself. Maybe we will even be able to go back into two or three tunnels, in the dark with only your black lights on - time permitting. There are extra Trotter Tunnel tours on the agenda this year -- be sure to check the Schedule for the Day on the website. **Flashlights and Hard Hats will be mandatory for the Trotter Tunnel tours.**

Keep in mind also that, weather permitting, the [Ellis Observatory](#) will be open after dark - the 20-inch telescope is amazing!! As in past years, we hope to have many useful door prizes donated by our supporters (see their links on the main webpage, and check out their websites) including special prizes just for our young diggers. We are waiting to hear from several of our sponsors, so more details will be coming later.

Prior to our special weekend, the day's schedule will be posted on our website and probably sent out by email to those on the list. We're still working out the details of all the exciting adventures for the day.

Once again... I'm so excited this year, I just have to say it again: There's an unbelievable amount of stuff on site to be collected this year... it's a "collector's paradise." (You can get a list of all the rare minerals KNOWN to be in the mine area by clicking [the link](#) on our web page). And remember, there is no other place on Earth where some of the Sterling Hill minerals can be found; and we're the only dig at Sterling Hill where you can do a "night dig." Oh, and we just found out that there will be a third weight scale at the check-out table to help you get checked out and on the way home faster when things are over late that night.

If you have ANY questions not answered by info on the website, visit our FAQ ([Frequently Asked Questions](#)) page at the website. If that doesn't help, then email me at: TripMaster@SterlingHillSuperDig.org and be sure to include your telephone number - I have "unlimited calling" and will be glad to call you back. I enjoy very much talking with our collectors, and I want to be sure you have the best possible experience with us at Sterling Hill on April 26th. (By the way, we do not share your private info with anyone other than the registration crew).

Remember to check the website at <http://SterlingHillSuperDig.org> or <http://www.UVworld.org> now and then, for new and updated info. **REGISTER NOW** while there is still space...

I look forward to hearing from you, and seeing you on Saturday at the Dig.

Your TripMaster again this year,

Jeff Winkler



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2014 Club Dues are Due, please send your membership renewals to Steffen Hermanns and make the check payable to Capital Mineral Club, Dues are \$10.00 per member

Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>MARCH 1, 2014 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: Don Fendrich Fluorescents of Langban, Sweden Refreshments Need someone to bring Refreshments Contact Gordon Jackson to coordinate</p>	<p>March 29-30-Northampton, MA. Connecticut Valley Mineral Club's Western Mass Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show, Clarion Hotel & Conference Cntr., 1 Atwood Dr. Info.-Diane and Jeff Kontoff, 413/594-2336, or Kathy Mashiak, 860/749-0839, or www.westernmassmineralshow.com.</p>
<p>APRIL 5, 2014 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments Nicholas Hadshi</p>	<p>May 9-11 2014: NEWERY, ME: 2nd Annual New England Mineral Conference; Summit Resort Hotel & Conference Center at Sunday River, Newery, ME www.neminalconference.org Contact Ray Sprague rasprague@mac.com</p>
<p>MAY 3, 2014 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments TBD</p>	<p>June 28-29—GILSUM, NH. Gilsum Rock Swap & Mineral Show, Gilsum Elementary School grounds, Rt. 10. Info—Rob Mitchell, 603/357-9636, or gilsumrocks@gmail.com.</p> <p>August 23-24 2014: CONCORD, NH: 51th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival Capital Mineral Club, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm, www.capitalmineralclub.org, steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org</p>