



# CRYSTALS AND CABS

## Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club Concord, New Hampshire

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### Capital Mineral Club News

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The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, March 7th at 2:00 PM at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

This month's speaker will be Bill Ernst from Littleton whose topic will be the fluorescent minerals from the famous zinc mines in Sterling Hill and Franklin, NJ. The talk will include pictures of typical minerals from these sites under white and short wave ultra violet light (SW UV), and a table top SW UV display of a number of these minerals. Members should feel free to bring their own samples if they would like to check them under SW UV.

#### 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 of the month: Fluorescent Minerals

#### Welcome New Members

Stephen Backhurz, Chichester, NH  
 Stuart Goldstein, Dumbarton, NH

#### 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

**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

**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

**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

**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



The January meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on the 3th of the month at the Salvation Army building on Clinton Street in Concord.

Some nice specimens were brought in by Mike Undercoffler, one for a door prize and several to be given away before the meeting to anyone who wanted them.

Meeting was called to order at 2:06.

Don Dallaire gave a talk on cataloguing and preserving a mineral collection, with an emphasis on properly labeling specimens, providing full provenance, and keeping the information clearly connected with each specimen.

The business meeting started at 3:15. Gordon Jackson motioned to accept November's minutes, Don Dallaire seconded, voted and passed. The treasurer's report from Oct 1st to the end of the year was read, with mention made that we did better on our budget than last year because the show did better, and because we did not spend all our budgeted grant money. Martin Kippley motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Francis Gill seconded, voted and passed.

Two new members, Stephen Backhurz and Stuart Goldstein, were proposed. Steffen Hermanns motioned to accept them, Tony Howard seconded, voted and passed.

**Old business** - The possible trip to Harvard Museum was discussed. Steffen will be looking into vans, but we are in a season where transportation is heavily booked and hard to obtain. Any further discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

Tony brought up the subject of field trips. The suggestion was made to consider having small groups of club members visit private collections as a field trip. Both Gordon Jackson and Don Dallaire volunteered their collections for this use. Some discussion followed on putting an article in the newsletter asking people if they have a collection they would be willing to show, versus directly emailing members about it. It was also suggested that members could be encouraged to bring in small collections to show at the meeting, or bring in specimens that match the mineral of the month. Mike Cordero suggested visiting Hoyt Hill again. Palermo might be available to the club again this year. Other discussions included encouraging people to stay after the meeting (if we are allowed the continued use of the room) so that people new to mineral collecting could interact with other members, and also a mention of building a good video library of presentations.

**New business** - Gary suggested, as a complement to the video archive, that members bookmark information they find online that other mineral collectors would find useful. Tony mentioned that articles for the newsletter would be appreciated, and should be sent to Peter Cram who will be editing the newsletter.

Drawing was held for door prizes, Tony Howard won the first one and took the piece Mike brought in, which was fortuitous as Mike won the other prize, and was able to take home something new.

Meeting was adjourned, with a reminder that there would be no meeting in February due to the show in Tucson.

Respectfully submitted  
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Secretary

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**2015 Club Dues are Due, please send your membership renewals to Steffen Hermanns and make check payable to Capital Mineral Club, Dues are \$10.00 per member.**

Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p><b>JANUARY 3, 2015</b>            Club Meeting: <b>2:00PM</b>            Speaker: CD presentation            Refreshments Pam Jackson</p>	<p><b>March 28-29 2015: NORTHAMPTON, MA.</b> Western Mass Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show; Connecticut Valley Mineral Club, Clarion Hotel &amp; Conference Center; 1 Atwood Dr.; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free with adult, Scouts in uniform free; more than 19 dealers, minerals, crystals, jewelry, gems, lapidary, free exhibits, free mineral specimen for children; contact Lee Champigny, (413) 320-9741; Web site: <a href="http://www.westernmassmineralshow.com">www.westernmassmineralshow.com</a> or <a href="http://www.cvmineralclub.org">www.cvmineralclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>FEBUARY 2015</b>            NO MEETING SCHEDULED</p>	<p><b>April 18-19 2015: Standish, ME.</b> 32nd Annual Maine Mineralogical and Geological Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Alford Center, 278 Whites Bridge Road.            Web Site: <a href="http://www.mainemineralclub.org">www.mainemineralclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>MARCH 7, 2015</b>            Club Meeting: <b>2:00PM</b>            Speaker: Bill Ernst, Fluorescent Minerals            Refreshments Mike Cordero</p>	<p><b>August 29-30 2015: CONCORD, NH: 52nd Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show</b> Capital Mineral Club, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm,            Contact Gordon Jackson: <a href="mailto:gsj8544@aol.com">gsj8544@aol.com</a>  <a href="http://www.capitalmineralclub.org">www.capitalmineralclub.org</a>,  <a href="mailto:steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org">steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>APRIL 4, 2015</b>            Club Meeting: <b>2:00PM</b>            Speaker: TBD            Refreshments TBD</p>	
<p><b>MAY 2, 2015</b>            Club Meeting: <b>2:00PM</b>            Speaker: TBD            Refreshments Jeff Divers</p>	
<p><b>JUNE 6, 2015</b>            Club Meeting: <b>2:00PM</b>            Speaker: TBD            Refreshments TBD</p>	