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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 March 9, 2024** at 12:00 at the NH Sno-Shaker's Clubhouse on 70 Clough Pond Road in Canterbury, NH.

We have a speaker this month, He is **Scott Higgins**, presenting his **Mining and Collecting Safety Talk**.

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

Editors Note:

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

- My e-mail address: steffenh@comcast.net
- 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.

Welcome New Members

Kelly, Wyatt & Auggie Koetsier, Concord, NH Mary BenKert, Concord, NH

**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.**

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
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/398593197423304>

KMC: MC2 Charter School, 310 Marlborough St. #115, Keene, NH. 1st 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): 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 each month at 6:30 PM at the Great North Woods Welcome Center, 25 Park Street, Lancaster, NH.

February meeting minutes



The February meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on February 10th, 2024 at the ShoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 PM with 19 members present.

A presentation was given to the membership by Steffen Hermanns on "Winter at Palermo."

The business meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM with 19 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

MOTION TO: Accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

By: Heidi Chaney **SECONDED:** Peter Cram

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 19 in favor – 0 against.

CORRECTION: Holly Heighes advised of a correction to the minutes. Angela Pratt will correct and forward to Peter Cram to post on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tabled to our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trailer: The trailer is still in the snow, but plans are to start work again in April. Please contact Steffen if you would like to help finish the interior and buildout.

CD: The money market account was moved into a CD where it would earn 4.25% interest as opposed to 0.02% in the money market account.

NEW BUSINESS:

Field Trips – The trip to Palermo to see the ice formations is March 3rd, 2024. Meet up at the bottom gate at 9 AM. There is limited parking so please carpool if you can.

Heidi Chaney is working on contacting miners and getting contact information for others. She will have a better idea next meeting.

The Future Rockhounds of America – There were four participants who learned about the 12 traditional birthstones, including some ancient lore about them. All participants went home with several new specimens for their collections!

The Mini-miners – There were seven participants who learned about different crystal shapes and constructed their own crystal cut-outs.

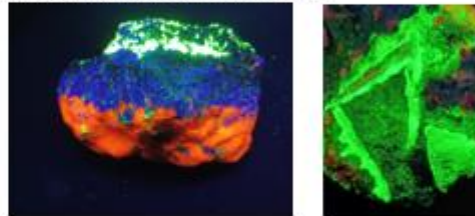
MOTION TO ADJOURN DISPOSITION: Meeting ended at 2:17 PM



March 9, 2024 11:00am – Youth Programs
Capital Mineral Club, Sno-Shakers Clubhouse
70 Clough Pond Rd, Canterbury NH

Ages 9-15 Future Rockhounds of America

Fluorescent Minerals!



Ages 5-8 Mini Miners

The Mini-Miners will learn the basics of rock collecting including proper labeling and storing, the basics of collecting and good rockhounding principles.

Questions: FRACapMin@gmail.com



2024 Gene Bearss Micromount Symposium April 20, 2024

Silent Auction - Presentation
Sales & Giveaway Tables

Featured Presentation:

Dana Krueger: Loudville Lead Mines

Sales Table
Silent Auction
Door Prize
Admission Fee \$25.00
(includes lunch)

Trinity Lutheran Church – 170 Old Westford Road,
Chelmsford, MA
Symposium Time: 9 AM – 3 PM

[See Agenda on Back](#)

Register at: micromounters.org or in person



Symposium Agenda

- 9 AM – 11:45 AM - Socializing, Giveaway & Sales Tables, Silent Auction**
- 11:45 AM - 12:00 AM – Business Meeting**
- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM – Lunch, Socializing**
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM – Presentation - Dana Krueger- Loudville Lead Mines**
- 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Close of Silent Auction**
- 2:30 PM – 2:55 PM – Payment for Silent Auction**
- 2:55 PM - 3:00 PM – Drawing for Door Prize & Closing**



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>MARCH 9, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: Scott Higgins</p>	<p>March 2-3, 2024 52nd Meridan Gem Show Francis T. Maloney High School 121 Gravel Street, Meridan, CT</p>
<p>April 13th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>March 23-24, 2024 Connecticut Valley Mineral Club 1599 Memorial Dr. Chicopee, MA</p>
<p>May 11th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>April 20, 2024 Micromount Symposium Trinity Lutheran Church, 170 Old Westford Road, Chelmsford, MA</p>
<p>June 8th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>April 20-21, 2024 37th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show Brick South-Thompsons Point Portland, ME</p>
<p>September 14th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>May 17-19, 2024 New England Mineral Conference Sunday River Grand Summit Resort 97 Summit Road, Newry, ME</p>