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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse

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The Capital Mineral Club will meet is **Saturday March 8, 2025** at 11:00am - 12:00pm for the FRA and Mini Miners, 12:00pm for general membership socializing at the NH Sno-Shaker's Clubhouse on 70 Clough Pond Road in Canterbury, NH.

There will be a Show Committee Meeting from 12:00 to 12:30, All are welcome to attend to discuss this year's show

The speaker for this month Don Dallaire on "1820 – 2023 Mount Mica 203 Years of Tourmaline" starting at 1:00pm. The regular Business meeting will shortly follow the presentation.

Members are encouraged to bring side dishes and deserts. Feel free to bring your favorite beverages. Thank you to those who supplied refreshments at the last meeting.

Welcome New Members

Joshua Holt, Londonderry, NH

2025 Club Dues were due by Jan 1, 2025, 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 **3rd Saturday** of every month

- My e-mail address:
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- CMC Website:
www.capitalmineralclub.org
- CMC Facebook:
Capital Mineral Club
- 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: 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.



The February meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on February 8th, 2025 at the ShoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM with 40 members present.

A presentation was given to the membership by Jon Herndon on "Boulder Hunting in the Ossipee Mountains"

The business meeting was called to order at 2:13 PM with 40 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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

By: Jon Herndon **SECONDED:** Karen Giaquinta

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 40 in favor – 0 against.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tabled to our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trailer: Jay Dowling and Steffen Hermanns have been working on the trailer through the good weather. The internal structure is done, there are still no photos posted on the club Facebook page. The walls will be completed next along with flooring, electric, etc. The equipment will go in after winter is over. It will remain in Steffen Hermanns yard until the electric is installed at the Sno-Shakers Clubhouse.

Dues: It is time for dues; please check the web page to see if you need to pay. You must be current to go on any of the trips with the club.

Show:

MOTION TO: Increase table prices to \$100 from \$96.

By: Jon Herndon **SECONDED:** Doug Peck

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 40 in favor – 0 against.

NEW BUSINESS:

Field Trips – The trip to Palermo to see the ice formations is March 2nd, 2025. Meet at the gate at 9 AM. There is limited parking so please carpool if you can. Make sure you dress warm and bring spikes, snow shoes, etc.

Future Rockhounds of America:

MOTION TO: Give the FRA leaders \$500 for lapidary classes, geocaching, and rock & mineral identification equipment.

By: Vicki Meyer **SECONDED:** Nancy Lockhart

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 40 in favor – 0 against.

The Future Rockhounds of America – Explored Maps and Computer Resources

The Mini-miners – Talked about Gemstones and Bling

MOTION TO ADJOURN

DISPOSITION: Meeting ended at 2:33 PM

February 8th 2025, 11:00am Youth Programs
Capital Mineral Club, NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse
70 Clough Pond Road
Canterbury, NH 03224

February Meeting
FRA ages 9-15:

This month, we will be learning about Lapidary Art and make a project to take home!.

Mini Miners ages 5-8:

This Month, We will be talking about Mineral Properties used to ID them, we will be starting with the Mohs Scale of hardness.

Any Questions
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For more information on the FRA program please visit the following website

<https://www.juniors.amfed.org/home>



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>March 8th, 2025 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>March 8-9, 2025 53rd Meridan Gem Show Francis T. Maloney High School, 121 Gravel Street, Meriden, CT Website</p>
<p>April 12th, 2025 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>March 22-23, 2025 Connecticut Valley Mineral Club 1599 Memorial Dr., Chicopee, MA Website</p>
<p>May 10th, 2025 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>April 12-13, 2025 Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club Rock, Gem and Mineral Show Dover Elks Lodge #184 282 Durham Road, Dover, NH Website</p>
	<p>April 19-20, 2024 40th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show Brick South-Thompsons Point, Portland, ME Website</p>
	<p>May 3-4, 2025 North Shore Rock & Mineral Show Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston Road, Topsfield, MA Website</p>