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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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Editors Note:

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

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The May meeting of the CMC will meet Saturday, May 10th at 7:30 PM at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, NH. There will also be a Board of Directors meeting preceding the regular meeting at 6:00 PM.

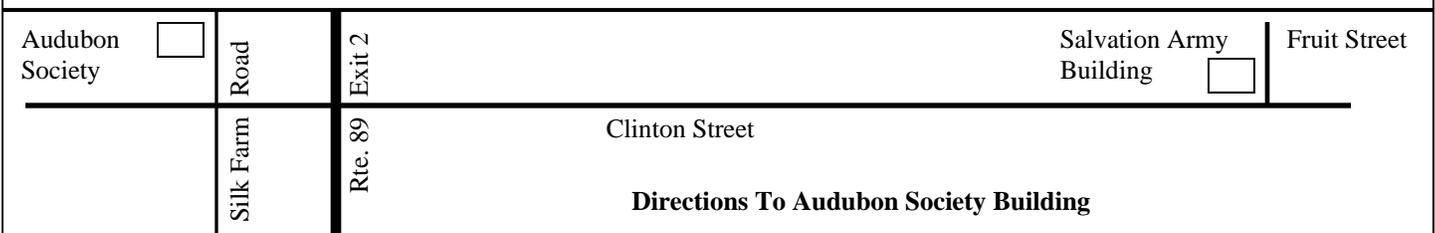
Please note that we are back to evening meetings for April and May. Also this is our last meeting until September, happy collecting throughout the summer.

The presentation for this month will be given by Bill Metropolis his subject will be on the preservation and preparation of mineral collections for selling. Refreshments this month will be supplied by Bill Brown. Thanks to Terry & Annette Crowell for supplying refreshments for last month.

Welcome our newest Club Members:
Shirley Clark of Laconia, NH
Timothy Pratt of Burlington, VT

If any club member would like to display specimens in the display cases at either the Audubon Society Building or the Department of Environmental Services. More details on page 3.

The Club Field trip to New York State Museum has been rescheduled for Saturday May 24th. We have obtained an estimate on the bus cost to be about \$1900.00 for the entire trip. The expected overall cost to Club members for the trip will be \$35.00, this does not include lunch, which will be up to the individual. The Bus will be leaving from the exit 2 Park and Ride off of Route 89 at 6:00 AM sharp, please leave yourself enough time so you will not be late. **If you are planning on going please send your payment to the club secretary Steffen Hermanns (address above) on or before May 17th, we need an accurate count,** if we don't fill the bus we will ask Audubon members if they want to go. If you wait till the last minute you may not get a seat on the bus. You can also bring your payment to the May meeting.





These are the minutes of the April 12th, 2008 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, New Hampshire. There were 20 members and 2 guests, Shirley Clark and the Speaker Tom Rich in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Whitmore at 7:30pm. The guest speaker Tom Rich gave his presentation on the Fossil Markets of Morocco before the usual business meeting. Thank you Tom.

Reports:

A motion was made by Frances Gill to accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Bill Burroughs, the membership voted in favor of the motion.

The treasurer's report was read by Steffen Hermanns in absence of the treasurer. A motion was made by Bill Burroughs to accept the report, was seconded by Frances Gill, the motion was passed by the membership.

Correspondence:

Fred Wilda will be opening his art exhibit Friday May 2nd 6-8pm all club members are welcome to attend.

Old Business:

A discussion about a field trip to the Bennington, VT road cut where the continental collision occurred and a trip to the New York State Museum in Albany. The membership decided that Saturday May 24th would be a good day for everyone to attend this trip. The members would pay for part of the trip \$35.00 and the club would pick up the rest. A signup sheet went around and about 20 people signed up. More info at the May meeting. It was also discussed that if there was not enough people to fill the bus that we could invite other clubs or the Audubon members to help cover the cost of the Bus.

Nominating Committee has presented the slate of officers for the next year they are as follows: President Robert Whitmore, Vice President Charles Forsberg, Treasurer Donald Dallaire, Secretary Steffen Hermanns, Director John McCrory, Director Terry Crowell, Auditor Bill Brown, Auditor Frances Gill. This proposed slate of officers will be voted on at the May meeting.

Martin Kippley will go ahead and purchase the perky boxes.

New Business:

Scott Higgins mentioned that if anyone has address for show advertisements to get them to him.

Pat Barker contacted Charles Forsberg about the Deer Hill Site proposal by the Forest Service is on hold.

Field trips for the summer to mines in Maine were discussed, this could be a 2 day trip to Mount Mica and or the Emmons Quarry. Robert Whitmore will investigate the possibilities.

Robert Whitmore brought up a new House and Senate Bill 1538, that will require that all people that are involved with prospecting and mining to have a prospectors permit. If you have an opinion call or write your Senator to voice your opinions.

Martin Kippley made a motion based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors to accept Shirley Clark and Timothy Pratt as new members, the motion was seconded by Bill Burroughs, the membership voted in favor of the motion.

Charles Forsberg brought up a discussion on Bylaw changes, the Board of Directors will review these changes over the summer and propose them for membership approval for Septembers meeting. The changes will be voted on at the October meeting.

Door prize winners:

Joanne Santaspago, Natalie Undercofler, Howard Ewing, Charles Forsberg, Shirley Clark, Annette Comeau, Mike Undercofler and Steffen Hermanns.

Business meeting was Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Steffen Hermanns, Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
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Audubon Display Case

- The viewing area of the case is approximately 4' x 4'.
- There are 4 shelves, 3 glass and 1 wooden base, 12" between shelves.
- each shelf will hold;
 - (1) 11+/- miniatures specimens.
 - (2) 7 +/- small cabinet size specimens.
 - (3) 5 +/- museum size specimens.

The glass shelf measures 12" deep, 45" across the front and 56" across the back. Any educational material, pictures etc will reduce specimen space. Since the target is a younger crowd additional information is desirable but don't forget Club members also like to look at the display!

The goal for the case is to;

- Try and rotate on a 4 month bases i.e. Jan 1st (J,F,M,A); May 1st (M,J,J,A); Sept 1st (S,O,N,D). The hope here is to maintain a fresh display and develop a "lets see the display case attitude".
- The display can be by 1 or more individuals, possibly 1 topic each shelf. From start to finish a 4 shelf display involves about 8 hours not counting the sleepless night thinking about what to display.
- Suggestions for displays can be minerals, lapidary, fossils, artifacts, Club history, etc. Anything involved with what and who the Capital Mineral Club is.
- The case is locked and under the control of the Club display chairman or his designee.

At this time President Bob Whitmore is the display chairman for the case. So think about displaying and sign up for the case. 3 to 12 people would carry the Club for the next year. September 1st is the next scheduled display change.

Gordon Jackson

Fredrick C. Wilda is currently displaying his artwork at the Audubon Society Center. Fred is an internationally recognized painter of natural mineral crystals and specimens. His original watercolors and Limited Edition prints are in collections throughout the United States and Abroad. Realistic wildlife paintings are rendered in oil paints or watercolors, and capture the character of the animals. His works will be on display from May 1st 2008 till June 27th 2008

Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club: 3rd Thursday 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

Nashua: Last Wednesday of each month at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua, NH – 7:00 PM
webpages.charter.net/carlog/Index.htm

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday of each month, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Washington St., Peabody, MA – 7:30 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



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Reminder that the meetings are now at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord only a mile from the Salvation Army The New York Field Trip is back on for May 24th, Info on Page 1

CAPITAL MINERAL CLUB MEETINGS

MAY 10, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **6:00 PM**
Club Meeting: **7:30 PM**
Speaker Bill Metropolis
Care and Preparation of Mineral Collections
Refreshments Bill Brown

MAY 24, 2008

Club Field Trip to the New York State Museum in Albany, NY 6 AM - 9 PM
Cost is \$35.00 per person, contact Steffen Hermanns for reservations.

JUNE

JULY No Meetings

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **6:00 PM**
Club Meeting: **7:30 PM**
Speaker TBA
Refreshments Steffen Hermanns

OCTOBER 11, 2008

Club Meeting: **7:30 PM**
Speaker TBA
Refreshments TBA

GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

May 9 - 11, 2008, Augusta, ME - 19th Maine Mineral Symposium, The Senator Inn (Best Western) Western Ave., Augusta, ME, Friday afternoon mineral dealers open, Evening Talk at 7:00pm, Saturday 9am - 4:15pm, Talks on Minerals; exhibits; publication sales; benefit auction and dealers in the evening, Sunday Field trips to mineral collecting sites. Contact woodrow.b.thompson@maine.gov 207-287-7178

May 17, 2008, Micromounters of New England Annual Mini-Symposium, Elks Lodge, 91 Park Street, Hudson, MA, 9:00 AM - 12 noon, Registration, informal session, Silent auction, sales table, 12 noon - 1:00 PM, Lunch (catered), 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Speaker, 2:00 PM Door prize drawings

June 28-29, 2008, Gilsum, NH - 44th Annual Rock Swap. Gilsum Elementary School and Community Center. Jane Robert Mitchell rmitchell60@gmail.com, 603-357-9636

July 26-27, 2008, Burlington, VT - 29th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-5, Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset Street, South Burlington, VT

September 27-28, 2008, Concord, NH—45th Annual Gem and Mineral Festival presented by the Capital Mineral Club, Sat. 9-5, Sun., 9-4, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Adults - \$4.00, 12 and under free