



# CRYSTALS AND CABS

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month

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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.

The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, NH

The Salvation Army building is located at the corner of Fruit Street and Clinton Street in Concord, NH, it is about a mile back into Concord from the Audubon down Clinton Street.

This month Ken Carlsen is our speaker and he will speak on Minerals and their Stamps. See Gordon Jackson's write up on page 3.

Mineral of the month for displays will be Minerals shown on Stamps.

Thanks to Kerry Reynolds for bringing March's refreshments.

This month's refreshments will be provided by Pearl Nadeau.

### Have A Safe and Prosperous Summer of Collecting

**2012 Dues are due \$10.00 per individual. Submit your dues payment to Capital Mineral Club c/o Steffen Hermanns**  
**If you haven't paid your dues before the end of May you will be dropped off the membership list and will no longer be a member. Membership Cards will go out in June to all that have paid their 2012 dues.**

### 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

**Nashua:** The Nashua Club is in a period of suspension of many of its traditional activities, but a core group of members plans to continue with some field trips and group participation at the Gilsum Rock Swap.

**North Shore (MA):** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Sept—June, Hamilton-Wenham Community Center, 284 Bay Rd Rte 1A, Hamilton, MA – 7:30 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



These are the minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, New Hampshire. There were 33 Members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Gordon Jackson at 2:05pm.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion made to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, made by Howard Ewing; seconded by Pat Barker; passed by the membership.

**Treasures Report:** Don Dallaire read the treasures report. Motion was made by Frances Gill to accept; seconded by Marlene York; passed by the membership. Year end treasures report reviewed by accountant and has been accepted by the IRS still waiting on the State filing. Motion made to accept by Pat Barker; seconded by Frances Gill; passed by the membership.

**Correspondence:** Micromounters having symposium June 9th. Champlain Valley July 28 & 29

**Presentation:** Howard Ewing presented the Four Cs of Faceting.

**Old Business:** Nominating committee, still need a committee. Positions open are Auditor, Director, Secretary, Vice President, and President.

**New Business:** Club Stuff Silent Auction will close at end of business meeting. Gordon Jackson made a motion that half the proceeds go to SA, Pat Barker seconded, passed the membership. Crystal Grove big to do last weekend in August 4-5 see website <http://www.crystalgrove.com/news.html>.

**Field Trips:** Sterling Hill Super Dig was discussed but not enough interest to make it a trip. Also discussed was to lease a Herkimer plot for summer season at Diamond Acres in Fonda NY. Martha Martel will pursue this. Motion made by Pat Barker, Bob York seconded, passed by membership. July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> trip to Hoyt Hill which is the mine that the club owns the mineral rights to, Dig and Dine at the Gulch June 16<sup>th</sup> Jon Herndon.

**WebSite Update:** New website will be online in the next week or 2 and will have a new user interface.

**New Members:** Eric Stickney from Fiskdale MA and Lisa Franklin from Concord, NH, Pat Barker made motion to accept the new memberships, Howard Ewing seconded, passed by membership.

**Door Prizes:** Thanks to Pat Barker and Peter Cram for donating some door prizes. Larry Welker, Bill Brown, Jack Gill and Kathleen Welker were winners.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm

respectfully submitted.  
Steffen Hermanns  
Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club  
Concord, New Hampshire**

CMC meeting May 5, 2012

Silent Auction April 6, 2012

We auctioned off 37 items. First we should thank Bob Whitmore and Pat Baker who donated 15 of the items. The remaining stuff was from the Club's cabinet and could not be stored at the Salvation Army. It was a good way to "clean out the closet" of unused stuff. The auction took in \$92.00 and by Club vote the Salvation Army got half of the proceeds. I hope everyone had a good time with this activity.

May 6, 2012 speaker

Ken Carlsen will be speaking on minerals and their stamps. He is known to many Club members having collected in NH in the 1980's with Mike, Howard, Don and Tom. For many years he was a dealer at the Sunapee show. He was an author of the Vermont issue of Rocks & Minerals. He also authored the Eden Mills section of the book "American Mineral Treasures". The US. has at least issued two sets of four stamps. The 4 cent Tourmaline, Rhodochrosite, Amethyst and Petrified Wood set was issued in 1974. In 1992 a 29 cent set of Azurite, Copper, Variscite and Wulfenite was issued. In 2004 - 2006 a 2 cent Turquoise appeared. The real challenge of all this is the snowflake issues of 1960 and 2006. The list of the US. is dwarfed by the worlds issuing stamp countries, Ken has four volumes of geologic stamps. The display theme for this talk is minerals shown on stamps.

Officers; 2012 - 2013

To date we still have no President; Vice-President; Secretary; Director or Auditor candidate. The only candidate is for the position of Treasurer, Don Dallaire who is nearing the end of his term, having served since 1982+/- as the Club's third Treasurer following Forrest Fogg. I am not sure how to proceed since the May meeting is the election of officers and a vote also to continue the Show for 2013. Since we currently do not have a slate of officers, presumably we would continue through October's meeting and ????. This will be the topic of discussion at the May meeting after our speaker.

Gordon Jackson

#### UPCOMING SHOWS

Attached is information about following shows:

MICROMOUNTERS of NEW ENGLAND SYMPOSIUM (6/9/2012)

<http://www.micromountersofnewengland.org/pdfs/2012-Symposium-flyer.pdf>

NEW ENGLAND GEM AND MINERAL SHOW (5/5-6/2012)

<http://www.nahant.com/nsrmc/2012-Show.html>



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**2012 Club Dues are due please send your dues to Steffen Hermanns  
You will be dropped as a member the end of May if your dues are not  
paid by then, If you are in question please contact Steffen Hermanns**

**Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events**

**MAY 5, 2012**

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**  
Speaker: Ken Carlsen Minerals and their Stamps  
Refreshments: Pearl Nadeau

**JUNE 16, 2012**

Dig and Dine at the Gulch with Jon Herndon more info at the May meeting.

**JULY 7-8, 2012**

Field Trip to the Hoyt Hill Mine more info at the May meeting.

**Gem & Mineral Shows**

**May 5-6: Topsfield, MA** - 49th Annual New England Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rt. 1 North; Topsfield, MA.

**June 23-24: 48th Annual Gilsum Rock Swap.** Gilsum Elementary School and Community Center. Contact: Robert Mitchell [gilsumrocks@gmail.com](mailto:gilsumrocks@gmail.com) 603-357-9636

**July 14-15: Bethel, Maine** - The Oxford County Gem and Mineral Association will hold its 51st annual show at Telstar High School on Route 26 in Bethel, Maine. Hours are 9-4 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. Admission is \$2.00 for adults; kids are free For more information, contact Randall Withee at 207-595-8346 or at [witheerandall@yahoo.com](mailto:witheerandall@yahoo.com).

**July 28-29: South Burlington, VT** - Burlington Gem and Mineral Club, 33rd Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St., South Burlington, Vermont. Sat. & Sun., 10AM-5PM. \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and students 6-16, children under 6 free with adult. Handicapped accessible. Info: Jeff Higgins at (802) 849-6076 or [www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org](http://www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org)

**August 25-26 2012: CONCORD, NH: 49th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival**– Capital Mineral Club, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm, [www.capitalmineralclub.org](http://www.capitalmineralclub.org), [steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org](mailto:steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org)