



# CRYSTALS AND CABS

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

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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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**The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, NH.**

This months speaker is Kevin Downey, Kevin will give a presentation on Cave Minerals. Display Mineral of the month will be Cave Minerals. Also Taylor Poro, AmeriCorps volunteer at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center will give a 5 to 10 minute talk on the benefits and fun of volunteering at the center.

Refreshments will be provided by Anna Wilken. Thanks to Frances Gill for bringing April's refreshments.

**SILENT AUCTION**

We will continue to have a silent auction of John McCrory's mineral collection during the meeting. Remember only \$1.00 increment bids.

Welcome New Members  
Gail Brown, Concord, NH    Peter Cristofono, Salem, MA  
Erin O'Connell, Epsom, NH

**2013 Dues are due \$10.00 per individual**  
**Submit your dues payment to Capital Mineral Club c/o Steffen Hermanns**  
**IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YET YOU WILL NO LONGER BE A MEMBER**  
**OF THE CLUB AFTER THE MAY MEETING**

### 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](http://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](http://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 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](http://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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, New Hampshire. Called to order at 2:00pm by President Gordon Jackson, there were 40 members and two guests present (Bill Metropolis and his Mom).

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion made to accept March minutes as printed in newsletter made by Jon Herndon, seconded by Dana Jewell, passed the membership.

**Treasures Report:** Donald Dallaire read the treasures reports for January-March. A motion was made to accept by Pat Barker, seconded by Dana Jewell, passed the membership.

**Field Trips:** July and August Mount Marie, ME; Herkimer NY; Hoyt Hill Discussed. Mike Cordero discussed the trip to Mount Marie July 13<sup>th</sup> about 24 people have signed up so far VFW at 9:30am \$40 a head the club will pay \$30 Pat Barker made the motion and seconded by Bill Burroughs passed membership. Hoyt Hill on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gordon Jackson will coordinate this trip. Tripp Mine, Bill Brown says Tripp is all booked up for next two years.

**Scholarship Committee:** No takers on Scholarship so far, still looking at potential schools.

**Old Business:** Need officers for the May election President ???, VP Tony Howd, Secretary Steffen Hermanns, Auditor Bill Brown, Director Mike Noel, Don Dallaire will run for treasurer.

**New Business:** Bill Brown brought up mineral tack alternative, rope caulk available at hardware stores, some members voiced that this may have a unknown effect over time. The New England Mineral Conference would like to borrow our mineral display cases, Don Dallaire and Gordon Jackson will coordinate. Jon Herndon made a motion to let them use our cases, Bill Borroughs seconded, passed membership.

**New Memberships:** Gail Brown, Peter Cristofono and Erin O'Connell

A silent auction was held for specimens from John McCrory's mineral collection.

**Door Prizes:** Donated by Pat Barker and Dana Jewell and Don Dallaire, Won by Howard Ewing, Peter Stekl, Bill Adams, Barbara McLaughlin, Anna Wilken, Ellen Oberkotter, Gordon Jackson, Doug Peck, Jack Gill, Charles Forsberg, Mike Cordero, Bob McLaughlin.

Bill Metropolis gave his presentation on appraisal of minerals before the business meeting.  
Meeting Adjourned at 3:50pm

Respectfully submitted  
Steffen Hermanns  
Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club  
Concord, New Hampshire**

We will be electing officers for the October 2013 – 2014 meeting year. We still need nominations from the floor for **President**. For VP – **Tony Howd**; Trea – **Don Dallaire**; Director 2013-2015 **Mike Noel** (Director 2013-2014 is Mike Cordero); Auditor 2013 – 2015 **Bill Brown** (Auditor 2012-2014 is Peter Cram). **Give some thought to President.**

**Collecting Herkimer Diamonds:** Diamond Acres, Fonda (Marguerite Hastings Farm). There are a few rules to be discussed. There is a claim fee and the need to file (Gordon Jackson and Don Dallaire (anyone else?) have agreed to do this. Then there is an additional fee of \$2.00 per person, per day to actual dig. You also have to have a minimum digging each month or you lose the claim. That said, there are a couple of problems. We need a claim coordinator to schedule and keep tract of things and lastly we at this point don't know if a claim is available for this season. We need to know that the use by the Club is there so, think about it.

On **Saturday June 8, 2013** there will be a meeting (no business or program, talk) at Gordon Jacksons, Canterbury. We will start 9:30 – 10:00 with a silent auction of 60 items from John's collection. The auction will end at 11:45. The method will be a little different. You will register for a bid number that will be used for both the silent auction and live auction. At the close of the silent auction remove your items and give the slip to the cashier. You can cash out after the live auction.

From 11:45 to 1:00 we will have lunch. The Club will provide soda, water or coffee; hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, chips and condiments. If you would like something else, you will have to bring it.

The live auction (Don Dallaire) will begin around 1:00 and end around 3:00, there are about 70 items. At the end we will cash you out of both auctions and have a social from 3:00 to 5:00.

We are inviting the other New Hampshire clubs (actually they can come to any of our meetings) to attend our June festivities. **SO MARK DOWN JUNE 8!!**

### **Cave Minerals Kevin Downey**

Kevin is well known to the Capital Mineral Club as a dealer in our annual show and has given several talks to the club in the past. He is an accomplished photographer and caver. When those two disciplines are combined spectacular photos of caves and cave formations are the result. This is a brand new presentation that was first unveiled at the Rochester Mineral Symposium on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The past 20-30 years have been a "golden age" of cave exploration. In addition to the discovery of many new caves and extensions of old ones, there have been many answers to the mechanics of cave formation and the minerals formed within them. Common minerals such as calcite and aragonite are found in an incredible number of habits and new theories may explain how the different habits may be accounted for. In other cases the formation still remains a mystery. Kevin's talk will cover these theories as well as posing many questions that has puzzled researchers and may not be answered soon.

Minerals of the month are cave minerals. Remember that cave minerals directly from caves are frowned upon and only those from many years ago should be in a collection. It is now the consensus that cave formations should remain undisturbed. Consequently, minerals from other environments other than cave can be brought in for display. Such minerals include calcite, aragonite, barite and selenite to name a few.



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**Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events**

**APRIL 2, 2013**

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**  
Speaker: Bill Metropolis Minerals & Mineralogy  
Refreshments Frances Gill

**MAY 4, 2013**

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**  
Speaker: Kevin Downey Caves & Minerals  
Refreshments Anna Wilken

**JUNE 8, 2013**

Club Meeting: at Gordon Jackson's **2:00PM**  
Speaker: non planned  
Refreshments pot luck

**JULY 13, 2013**

Club Field Trip: Mount Marie, Maine  
Coordinator: Mike Cordero

**Gem & Mineral Shows**

**May 4-5 2013: Topsfield, MA.** 47th Annual New England Mineral & Gem Show. Rt. 1. Info—Joe Weisberg, 781/861-6653, or [nsrmc@verizon.net](mailto:nsrmc@verizon.net), or [www.nahant.com/nsrmc](http://www.nahant.com/nsrmc).

**June 22-23 2013: Gilsum, NH.** Gilsum Rock Swap & Mineral Show, Gilsum Elementary School grounds, Rt. 10. Info—Rob Mitchell, 603/357-9636, or [gilsumrocks@gmail.com](mailto:gilsumrocks@gmail.com).

**August 13-15 2013: West Springfield, MA.** East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. Better Living Center, Eastern States Expo., 1305 Memorial Dr.

**August 24-25 2013: CONCORD, NH: 50th 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)