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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

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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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- 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 6th at 2:00 PM** at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

Thank you to the **Wilkins** for providing refreshments for the last meeting.

There will be a **Board of Directors and Show Committee** meeting at 10:00am prior to the general meeting. If you would like to attend and be parts of these meetings they are open to all members.

The speaker for this month will be **Woody Thompson**. He worked for the Geological Survey of Maine for many years until his recent retirement. Woody's talk will bring together highlights from four of his recent trips to England.

Mineral of the month: Members could display their favorite **English flourites, galenas and calsites**.

There will be a **silent auction** at this months meeting.

Welcome New Members

John and Joey Bergeron Canterbury, NH

Judy A Knapp, Quinton D Cornell, Shawn D Cornell, Claremont, NH

2017 Club Dues are due, please send your membership dues to:

Steffen Hermanns, 7133 Oak Hill Road, Loudon, NH 03306

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
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

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 month at 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH



The March 2017 meeting of the Capitol Mineral Club was held on March 4th at the Salvation Army Building in Concord NH. Meeting came to order at 2:00 pm and began with a presentation from our speaker Robert Whitmore on cleaning and preparation of minerals. There was quite a display of tools and cleaning products to see and talk about.

Meeting Agenda for Capital Mineral Club @ 3:15pm, 41 members present.

Acceptance of Secretaries report—motion made by Tony Howd, seconded by Kathy Welker, passed by membership.

Acceptance of Treasurers report – tabled until the April meeting.

Acceptance of 2017 Budget – motion Gary Bono seconded Tony Howd passed membership.

Old Business – Nominating committee, no volunteers were found, will format april meeting. Briefly discussed the forest service proposals that were sent out to the mailing list.

New Business – Field Trips for 2017, Charlie Forsberg discussed field trips and wanted to keep them within 2 hours of Concord, NH. Harvard Museum was mentioned by Teri Marquis as a possible field trip.

New Memberships – John and Joey Bergeron from Canterbury, NH were welcomed to the club.

Door Prizes – Donated by Mike Undercofler, Peter Cram, Bill Ernst, won by Doug Peck, Drew Divers, Steven Jonsach, Gary Bono, Kathy Welker, Steffen Hermanns, Bill Burroughs, Mike Undercofler, Teri Marquis, Billie Brochum, Terry Crowell, Chris Nye, Scott Higgins and John Bergeron.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:47pm

Respectfully submitted.

Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire

May Presentation

“Travels in England: Mines, Minerals, Museums (and More)”

Our speaker for May is Woody Thompson. He worked for the Geological Survey of Maine for many years until his recent retirement. Woody continues to do geological mapping projects even in retirement due to his passion for geology and mineralogy. Woody has always had an interest in English minerals and has acquired a comprehensive collection of English minerals. Woody has traveled to England several times to acquire minerals for his collection and has visited many locations and museums there.



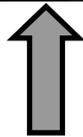
Woody’s talk will bring together highlights from four of his recent trips to England. He will be focusing on England’s mining history and production of mineral specimens treasured by museums and collectors worldwide. He will be including a look at the country’s leading mineral show and interesting tidbits from his travels.



Right: Fluorite
 Allenheads mine
 North Pennines
 Northumberland

“Mineral of the month”

No surprise with our May presentation. Bring your English fluorites, galenas and calcites to show to other members. If you have more uncommon minerals from England we would definitely like to see them.



Calcite
Stank Mine
Barrow, Cumbria



**Galena &
Fluorite**
Derbyshire



Calcite & Shalerite
Nenthead
Alston Moor
Cumbria



Cornish Pasty

The origins of the pasty are not certain. It is meat and vegetables baked in a pastry. It was made popular with the working class (especially miners) of Cornwall, England due to the fact it was a complete meal that could be eaten without utensils. It stayed warm for a long time and if cold could be placed on a shovel and heated with a small flame. In addition the pasty could be held by the thick edge with dirty hands and then the edge could be discarded.

Traditionally it is filled with diced or minced beef, onion, potato and turnip.

5th Annual New England Mineral Conference

The *5th Annual New England Mineral Conference (NEMC)* will be held Friday, May 12 through Sun., May 14, 2017 at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel and Conference Center at Sunday River, Newry, Maine. Presentations on both New England and non-New England topics are scheduled on Friday evening and during the day on Saturday. In addition, there will be a Friday evening banquet, mineral displays and exhibits, and both a voice and a silent auction in support of the conference. Dealers can be visited from Friday afternoon through Saturday evening (except during the presentations). The weekend culminates with a field trip on Sunday.

An important feature of the conference for students in grades 3-12 is *Education Day*, which occurs on Friday, May 12. On *Education Day*, students can visit over 20 different stations to learn about minerals and geology. There is also a *Poster Contest* which gives the opportunity for students to submit a research project about anything relating to the rocks and minerals of New England. All submitted posters will be displayed throughout the conference. For further information about the conference please visit: www.nemineralconference.org
For information about *Education Day/Poster Contest* please visit: www.nemineraleducation.org

The *New England Mineral Conference* is a division of the non-profit *New England Mineral Association*.

Memorial Service for past member.

There will be a memorial service for Carol Young held at 10:00 am on May 20 at the First Congregational Church (1548 Hopkinton Road), in Hopkinton, NH. The church is in the center of Hopkinton Village, at the intersection of Rte 202 and Rte 103.



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events

May 6, 2017

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
 Speaker: TBD
 Refreshments: The Howd's

June 3, 2017

Club Meeting: Gordon Jackson's house **10:00am-4:pm**
 Speaker: Live Auction!
 Refreshments: Same as last year.

Sept 2, 2017

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
 Speaker: TBD
 Refreshments:

Oct 7, 2017

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
 Speaker: TBD
 Refreshments:

Gem & Mineral Shows

May 6-7, 2017

54th Annual New England Gem & Mineral Show
 Topsfield, MA

June 24-25, 2017

The 53rd annual Gilsum Rock Swap & Mineral Show
 Gilsum NH.

August 11-13, 2017

East Coast Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show
 Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, MA

August 26-27, 2017

Capital Mineral Club Show
 Everett Arena, Concord, NH