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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse

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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

- My e-mail address: steffenh@comcast.net
- CMC Website: www.capitalmineralclub.org
- Website designed and maintained by: Peter Cram & Steffen Hermanns
- 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 meeting is **Saturday May 13, 2023** at the **Sno-Shaker's** building in **Canterbury, NH.**

Plan is to start arriving around 12:00 and meeting to start at 1:00.

The speaker for this month is **Jon Herndon** is giving his presentation on **"33 years of collecting in Folsom Gulch"**.

Bring your Ossipee minerals to display.

Thank you to those who supplied refreshments at the last meeting.

New Members:

Beth Darling, Amherst, NH

Jaidan Bergeron, Goffstown, NH

Andrew Patmos, Hudson, NH

Zach Patmos, Hudson, NH

Duane Rondeau Cannan, NH

Wendy McKenzie, Brookline, NH

Erik Hunter, South Yarmouth MA

Jennifer Bergeron, Goffstown, NH

Erica Patmos, Hudson, NH

Jill Thomas, Hillsborough, NH

John McKenzie, Brookline, NH

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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: (in person and Zoom) 1st Saturday of each month at Winchester, NH at the ELM Community Center. 79 NH Rt.119 . It's the big white house set far back from road on east side of road. 7PM the first Sat. of the month. www.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 each month at 6:30 PM at the Great North Woods Welcome Center, 25 Park Street, Lancaster, NH.

April meeting minutes.



The April meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on April 8th, 2023 at the ShoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM with 26 members present.

A presentation was given to the membership by Don Dallaire on "Tuscon 2023 Minerals, Museum, Mines and More".

The business meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM with 26 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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

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

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 26 in favor – 0 against.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION TO: Accept the treasurers report as read by Crystal Czaja.

By: Mike Cordero **SECONDED:** Jeff Divers

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 26 in favor – 0 against.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scholarship Committee – The committee is updating the application and process to make it easier and shorter for applicants. They will also try to get it digitized.

OFFICERS BALLOT:

MOTION TO: Accept the slate of officers as printed in the newsletter.

By: Don Dallaire **SECONDED:** Mike Cordero

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 26 in favor – 0 against.

New Officers

President – Vacant

Vice-President – Steffen Hermanns

Treasurer – Crystal Czaja

Secretary – Angela Pratt

Directors – Gordon Jackson & Sarah Medeiros

Show Committee – Steffen Hermanns will be the Show Chairman and Martin Kippley will be the Dealer Chairman with Mike Cordero assisting.

Discussion was held on whether or not to continue to have a cook out for the dealers on Saturday evening. Steffen Hermanns will contact the Everett Arena to gather information on the options we might have.

Club Trailer – The trailer is still thawing out in Steffen Hermanns back yard and he will continue to work on it. He plans to have it equipped and placed at the SnoShakers Club House by our June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Field Trips – Heidi Chaney is our new Field Trip Coordinator. She will be sending an email out to the membership for suggestions and sign ups.

Nancy Lockhart will be assisting Heidi and sending an email out regarding the Diamond Mountain Mining Trip. The Tripp mine weekend trip will be in conjunction with the Gilsum Rock Swap on June 24th & 25th. You can tent camp at the Tripp mine or stay local overnight. Details for the Ruggles and Palermo weekend trip in the early fall is still being worked out by Steffen Hermanns.

A Palermo Trip is being planned for the end of May or first of June.

Children's Program – The Future Rockhounds of America met before the regular membership meeting with 4 attendants. They studied for their Mineral Special Effects Badge. They learned about the interaction between light and minerals including selective absorption and refraction. They also talked about chatoyancy, asterism, play of color, and many other 'special effects' that minerals have. They will get any badges they have earned at our June meeting in front of the membership.

The Future Rockhounds of America will be working the Children's area at our Annual Mineral Show. Any donations from the membership for prizes is appreciated.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

DISPOSITION: Meeting ended at 2:54 PM



Ages 9-15


Future Rockhounds of America
11am-12pm, Sno-Shakers Clubhouse

May 13th Agenda: Mineral Special Effects review. Show preparation! We will discuss what to expect at the show and finalize our learning stations. Show sign-up sheets will be available.

If you have work to show on curating your collection or field notes from a collecting trip please bring them in to obtain credit.

June 10th Agenda: ****Club Picnic starts at 12:00**** No regular FRA meeting.

Questions: FRACapMin@gmail.com



The 8th Annual NEW ENGLAND
**MINERAL
CONFERENCE
2023**
MAY 19-21
NEWRY, MAINE

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Hotel & Conference
Center at the Sunday
River Resort*

Lectures, Presentations,
Displays, Exhibits, Banquet,
Dealers, Hospitality Suite,
Auctions, Field Trips, Technical
Session, and Museum Visit
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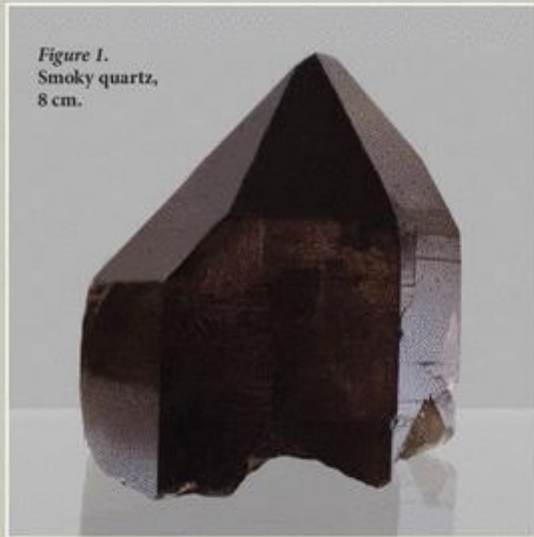


Figure 1.
Smoky quartz,
8 cm.

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THIRTY-THREE YEARS
of Mineral Collecting at
**FOLSOM
GULCH**
Center Ossipee, Carroll County
New Hampshire



Figure 3. Authors Eric Greene (kneeling) and Jonathan Herndon drill the ledge at Site No. 10, 2016; Dick Holmes photo.



Figure 2. Site No. 7, 2012.

Jonathan Herndon has been an ardent field collector for thirty-three years, is past president of both the Capital Mineral Club (Concord, New Hampshire) and the Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club (Conroy, New Hampshire), and owns "the Gulch."

Eric S. Greene is president of www.TreasureMountainMining.com, an Internet mineral dealership specializing in fine mineral specimens. He is an active field collector and a past president of the Keene, New Hampshire Mineral Club.



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>MAY 13, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: Jon Herndon</p>	<p>May 5-6, 2023 North Shore Rock & Mineral Show Topsfield Fairgrounds 207 Boston Road Topsfield, MA</p>
<p>JUNE 10, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>May 19-21, 2023 New England Mineral Conference Sunday River Resort 97 Summit Road, Newery, ME</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>June 24-25, 2023 Gilsum Rock Swap Gilsum, NH</p>
<p>OCTOBER 14, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>July 22-23, 2023 42nd Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show Burlington, VT</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 11, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>August 12-14, 2023 East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show Eastern States Exposition West Springfield, MA</p>