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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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The Capital Mineral Club will meet is **Saturday May 11, 2024** at 12:00 at the NH Sno-Shaker's Clubhouse on 70 Clough Pond Road in Canterbury, NH.

Our speaker for May will be **Don Dallaire** and his presentation will be on **New Mexico Mineral Symposium and Blanchard Mine Field trip.**

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

Editors Note:

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

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- 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.

Welcome New Members

David Smith, Alstead, NH Nikki Miller, Concord, NH
Eric Letendre, Concord, NH Joe Ondre, Derry, NH
Robby Tanguay, Manchester, NH Elisha Hovey, Belmont, NH

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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
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/398593197423304>

KMC: MC2 Charter School, 310 Marlborough St. #115, Keene, NH. 1st Sunday, Oct through May, 1:30 pm, (September meeting is a potluck picnic.) (Door on right side of bldg. Do not park in the vacant lot next door. Vehicles apparently are towed, including Sunday.)

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 13th, 2024, at the ShoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM with 46 members present.

A presentation was given to the membership by Woody Thompson on “Maine Pegmatite Minerals”.

The business meeting was called to order at 2:39 PM with 46 members present.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

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

By: Don Dallaire **SECONDED:** Jim Young

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 46 in favor – 0 against.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

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

By: Martin Kippley **SECONDED:** Scott Higgins

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 46 in favor – 0 against.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Trailer – The trailer has most of the interior wall up, but they need to complete one more. They do have the benches together and hope to have it ready for our Annual Mineral Show in August.

NEW BUSINESS:

Youth Programs - All went home with new specimens for their collections.

Mini-miners – Four participants learned about proper labeling and then put their new knowledge into practice.

Future Rockhounds of America - Five participants had an 'exhibit' workshop, learning various techniques for effective displays.

Annual Mineral Show – The show will be held August 24th & 25th, 2024 at the Evert Arena.

We are asking for volunteers to help make some show T-shirts with a design to sell at the show. Send your thoughts or images to Steffen Hermanns and we can discuss them at the next regular meeting.

The Youth Program was also asked to design new t-shirts for their area.

New Security T-shirts will be designed for volunteers. Discussion was held for bright yellow shirts with Security on the backs. If you are volunteering and would like one, please send your size to Steffen Hermanns so he can order one for you. If you need one of the other volunteer T-shirts, please also send him your size.

We will be scheduling people to circulate through the crowd and monitor the doors at the show as well, so people can move around the arena more. Security Signage will be placed around the area mentioning video surveillance. Ellen Lambert will be in charge of displays as usual, please contact her if you would like to have a display this year. There is no charge to make a display. The youth programs will put in three exhibits at the annual show in August.

June meeting – This is our annual cookout and tailgate. Our Youth Program participants will also be getting badges, so please show up and show your support for them.

This is also the weekend for the Tailgate at the Havey Mine in Poland, ME. Discussion was held to move the meeting to the first or third weekend in June so can attend the Tailgate. We want to support our Youth Program, so more discussion will be held at our next meeting.

Annual Operating Budget – Crystal Czaja is currently working on taxes and then will move on to the budget for next year. If you have any new thoughts on the budget, please send her an email.

Scholarships – Crystal Czaja is still working on the application form and making the process easier for the entrants.

Field Trips – Heidi Chaney sent an email in early April. If you did not receive it, please contact Steffen Hermanns directly.

A Palermo Trip is May 5th, 2024, if the road is clear and open.

September – Opportunities are Havey, Emmons, and Mt. Mica. Please give all feedback to Heidi or Steffen on which one you would like to attend.

Hayes Ledge is in August – Cost is \$225 for up to 20 members then \$11.25 each after that. Members must be a minimum of 12 years old.

The Maine Mineral Museum is also an option and there was discussion to combine that with one of the Maine trips. Karen Giaquinta will investigate travel packages and help the membership in that area.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

DISPOSITION: Meeting ended at 3:15 PM



May 11, 2024 11:00am – Youth Programs
Capital Mineral Club, Sno-Shakers Clubhouse
70 Clough Pond Rd, Canterbury NH

June Meeting – badge presentations at the club picnic

Ages 9-15 Future Rockhounds of America

We will be doing some micromounting – so bring your tiny specimens and a loupe if you own one. We will also learn about this side of the hobby and differentiate between micromounts, thumbnails, minatures and cabinet specimens.

Ages 5-8 Mini Miners

Mini-miners – bring in your rocks! We will be working on our joint exhibit for the August show.

Questions: FRACapMin@gmail.com

Talk for May

New Mexico Mineral Symposium and field trip to the Blanchard mine

By: Don Dallaire



New Mexico Bureau of Geology building (location of mineral museum)

The Rochester Mineralogical Symposium that ran for 50 years was terminated in 2023 when their long term venue was lost. The symposium went virtual in 2020 due to Covid-19. No other suitable or affordable venue was found in Rochester, NY. The location in Rochester was required by the parent organization, the Rochester Academy of Sciences.

This was a great loss to the mineral community so a few of us decided to attend the New Mexico Mineral Symposium as a replacement for Rochester. Mineral symposiums provide a forum for both professionals and armatures interested in mineralogy. There are always new contacts made as well as new information learned that increases your mineralogical knowledge.

The event is held on the campus of New Mexico Tech at Socorro in November. This talk will review the activities and presentations at the symposium as well as the excellent mineral museum in the Bureau of Geology building.

A bonus in attending the symposium was a field trip to the Blanchard mine in Bingham, New Mexico. The mine is in the Hansonburg mining district approximately 60 kilometers south east of Socorro. It is a lead mine with barite-fluorite-galena mineralization. Over 50 mineral species are found at the mine.



Ore bin at the Portales adit at the Blanchard mine.



The "Blanchard Beast" 1100 lb. fluorite specimen found at a near surface pocket and finally extracted in June 2023



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>May 11th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: Don Dallaire</p>	<p>May 17-19, 2024 New England Mineral Conference Sunday River Grand Summit Resort 97 Summit Road, Newry, ME</p>
<p>June 8th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>June 22-23, 2024 Gilsum Rock Swap Gilsum, NH</p>
<p>September 14th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>July 20-21, 2024 43rd Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show Burlington, VT</p>
<p>October 12th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>August 9-11, 2024 East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show Eastern States Exposition West Springfield, MA</p>
<p>November 9th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>August 24-25, 2024 Capital Mineral Club Show Everett Arena, Concord, NH</p>