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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire

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The CMC will meet Saturday, November 1st at 2:00 PM at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, NH.

There will be a Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday October 30th at 6:00 pm at the Audubon building.

The speaker for this months meeting will be the two 2007 Scholarship recipients, Graham Messe and David Armstrong. They will be presenting their experiences at field camp this summer.

Mineral of the month will be minerals of the Western United States, please bring your minerals for display.

Thanks to Bob Whitmore for his presentation on his trip to Brazil.

Thanks to Charles Forsberg for October's meeting refreshments.

Refreshments for the November meeting will be provided by Gordon & Pam Jackson.

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.

Welcome New Club Members

Tony & Diane Howd, Goffstown, NH
Robert Hardy, Boscawen, NH
Linda & Stuart Fenton, Middlesex, VT
Sandra W. Martin, Hopkinton, NH

NOTICE

The Club Has No Email Addresses For Club Members who are currently receiving the monthly newsletter by mail. In order to help defray the clubs' expenses in sending out the paper copy of the newsletter every month the club asks that if you have Email to please send your email address to Steffen Hermanns, steffenh@comcast.net or steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org, so that he can update his mailing lists and the email newsletter can be sent out to you in a timely manner via email. If you do not have an email address then you will still get the mailed version of the newsletter. Having everyone's up to date email will also insure that members are notified of upcoming events and activities.



These are the minutes of the October 4th, 2008 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, New Hampshire. There were 15 members in attendance and one guest Pearl C. Nadeau. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Whitmore at 2:15pm.

Reports:

- « A motion was made by Martin Kippley to accept both the May and September Secretaries report, seconded by Don Dallaire, so moved by the membership.
- « The treasurer's report was read by Donald Dallaire. A motion to accept was made by Scott Higgins and seconded by Carlos Gristani, so moved by the membership.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- « Don Dallaire has had correspondence with the IRS on the Clubs' tax exempt status, we are now in full compliance.
- « Robert Whitmore brought up the change in show dates next year and subsequent years to be at the end of August, this is due to the fact that the Everett Arena will be putting in ice in September from now on. Martin Kippley made a motion that the club continue the show next year at the end of August, the motion was seconded by Scott Higgins, so moved by the membership.
- « A discussion about changing the current display in the Audubon display case was brought up, Steffen Hermanns and Don Dallaire volunteered to put in a display for the next 3 months. The club will look into getting a step for in front of the case so that kids can step up to see the top shelves.
- « Martin Kippley still has perky boxes for sale contact him if you are interested. The club also has mineral tack, loupes and Morrils books for sale.
- « Robert Whitmore brought up the fact that the bus trip to New York in the spring cost far more than it needed to due to lack of attendance, in the future the club will be setting up field trips differently and request payment up front for a positive commitment factor.
- « Martin Kippley brought up the clubs' investments, Don Dallaire assured the membership that our investments were currently safe.

New Business:

- « Need people to sign up for refreshments, the club reimburses individuals for the refreshments.
- « The annual scholarship will be continued for next year.
- « The club budget will be due in January so any comments or requests should be submitted before the January meeting.
- « A motion was made by Martin Kippley that the board look into the cost of upgrading the clubs' large mineral display cases for next years show. The current one have reached the end of their life expectancy. Scott Higgins seconded the motion, so moved by the membership. The board will come back in the next few months with a proposal.
- « The board has recommended the following membership applicants for membership: Tony & Diane Howd, Robert Hardy, Linda & Stuart Fenton and Sandra W. Martin. A motion was made by Charles Forsberg to accept the recommendation, seconded by Martin Kippley, so moved by the membership.
- « Gordon Jackson is retiring his long stint as Christmas party chairman, the club needs a new volunteer to take over. Charles Forsberg has volunteered to fill the position

Door prize winners:

- « Amethyst won by Mike Undercofler and a Cave Rose Quartz won by Don Dallaire,

Business meeting was Adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Robert Whitmore gave a presentation on his trip to Brazil back in 2006, Thank you Bob for your wonderful presentation.

respectfully submitted.
Steffen Hermanns
Secretary

Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire

14th ANNUAL VINCENT L. VALADE FIELD COLLECTING & CREATIVE LAPIDARY AWARDS

Eleven Award Categories

BEST FIELD COLLECTING

1. BEST NEW HAMPSHIRE
2. BEST NEW ENGLAND
3. BEST OUTSIDE NEW ENGLAND
4. BEST MICROMOUNT
5. **BEST OF SHOW**

BEST CREATIVE LAPIDARY

6. BEST FACETED, SMALL (10mm or less)
7. BEST FACETED, MEDIUM (11mm - 20mm)
8. BEST FACETED, LARGE (21mm or greater)
9. BEST CABOCHON
10. BEST JEWELRY
11. **BEST OF SHOW**

RULES

1. Must have been a **Club member** for the past year to enter.
2. All entries must be **self-collected or self-produced** during the past year. Labeling shall not contain the owners name.
3. Only **three entries** per person per category. However, we encourage you to bring additional pieces to the meeting. For **micromounts** only one entry with collector supplying microscope and light.
4. Only **Club members present** at the award meeting are eligible to enter and vote.

COMMENT

Voting slips will be provided and the entries marked by number and category. Your "best of show" vote will most likely be a repeat of one of your choices. Winners from each category will receive a **Club sweat shirt** and have their **names mentioned** in the January Newsletter. The **Best of Show winners will receive engraved plaques** and a **Club sweat shirt with the year embossed**. The plaques are theirs to keep and display until next year's contest when new winners will be chosen and will keep the plaques until the next contest. This allows a history of winners to develop as the years go by. It is your chance to see the best of this past year and hear the stories behind the finds or creations.

These Awards were set up and started December 1995 by Vince Valade. In 2006, categories 9, cabochon and 10, Jewelry were refined. Starting in 2007 a new category 4, Micromount and category 7 and 8, redefining Best Faceted were added as well as all winners are to receive an engraved label.

Past Winners

BEST OF SHOW FIELD COLLECTING

1995 Vince Valade	Beryl, Golden Beryl Loc.
1996 Steffen Hermanns	Grossular, Eden Mills
1997 Bill & Mary Finney	Beryl, Palermo No. 2
1998 John McCrory	Magnetite, Eden Mills
1999 Ernie Schlichter	Barite, Grand Jct., Colorado
2000 Robert Whitmore	Epidote, Eden Mills
2001 James Tovey	Amethyst Scepter, Hopkinton, RI
2002 Dana Jewell	Fluorapatite, Palermo No. 1
2003 John McCrory	Garnet/ Diopside, Orford, Quebec
2004 James Tovey	Beryl, Tripp Mine, Alstead
2005 Bill Brown	Pyritized Cephalopoda, Alden, NY
2006 Robert York	Calcite in Clam, Ft. Drum, FL
2007 Scott Higgins	Triphylite, Palermo No. 2

BEST OF SHOW CREATIVE LAPIDARY

Bill Brown	23.70 Ct Faceted Bolivian Amethyst
Bill Brown	69.45 Ct Faceted S. American Amethyst
Bill Brown	5.72 Ct Faceted Nigerian Aquamarine
Bill Brown	3.5 Ct Faceted Palermo Gold Beryl (HT)
Bill Brown	22.60 Ct Faceted MtSt Helens Obsidianite
Bill Brown	24.60 Ct Faceted MtSt Helens Obsidianite
Bill Brown	10.30 Ct Faceted Brazilian Citrine
Bill Brown	22.10 Ct. Faceted pink Sapphire
Bill Brown	26.80 Ct Faceted pink Star Sapphire
Brian Bissonette	25.70 Ct Faceted Pink Syn. Garnet
Bill Brown	24.45 Ct Faceted Spider in Obsidianite
Bill Brown	62.65 Ct. Brazilian Quartz with Butterfly
Bill Brown	388.30 Ct. barion pear cut Smoky, NH

DECEMBER 6, 2008 YEAR END GET TOGETHER

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF NH BUILDING, 3 SILK FARM ROAD, CONCORD, NH

12:00 - 12:30 **BEGIN**, organize
 12:30 - 1:30 **SOCIALIZE**, setup, prepare dinner and relax, have fun!!!!
 1:00 - 1:30 **VOTE** on the collecting and Lapidary awards
 1:30 - 2:45 **EAT** all the good, and I mean good, food that everyone brings
 3:00ish **YANKEE SWAP** - good fun
 4:30ish **SOCIALIZE, PICK UP, LEAVE**
DRIVE SAFELY AND HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY!

BRING DINNER, DESSERT, AND SALAD PLATES; CUP/MUG & SAUCER, UTENSILS, NAPKINS, SALT & PEPPER, POT-LUCK SPECIALTY & SERVING UTENSILS, HOLIDAY CENTER PIECE IF DESIRED. PLASTIC BAG FOR TAKING HOME DIRTY OR WET DISHES ETC. AND A BIG SMILE.

THE YANKEE SWAP Bring a gift of at least \$5.00-\$10.00 value to do with the hobby, gift wrapped. Each participant is given a numbered ticket. You then chose your gift when your number is called. Before you open your gift you can swap with any member called before you. You can not go back to swap your gift once you have passed a person. The first person called, can at the end of the swap, swap with any other. The club adds a mystery gift to a lucky participant. Come and enjoy lots of fun and nice gifts.

DISPLAYS If you can, bring a display of your summers acquisitions. The object is not to show the best, but to stimulate some conversation and make for good socializing. This is separate from the annual "Best Field Collecting Award" & "Best Creative Lapidary Award". Suggested topics might be;

"THINGS I HAVE COLLECTED THIS YEAR"

"THINGS I HAVE CLEANED, TRIMMED FROM THE LAST 10 YEARS"

"ACQUIRED THIS YEAR" "MINERAL OF MT PARADISE"

"MY CHILDHOOD COLLECTION FROM 80 YEARS AGO"

SIGN UP!!!

COME!!!

If you have not signed up for a food item or want to know more about the December meeting you can call Charles Forsberg at (603) 927-4955 or email c_forsberg@conknet.com. Please RSVP if you can. Lets have a good turn out!!

SEE YOU THIS DECEMBER !!!!

Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club: 3rd Thursday 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

Nashua: Last Wednesday of each month at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua, NH – 7:00 PM
webpages.charter.net/carlosg/Index.htm

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday of each month, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Washington St., Peabody, MA – 7:30 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

2008 FESTIVAL REPORT

The Club broke last years record! We set up in about 2 hours less and had about 250 more paying adults. An attendance of 1360 people. It all points to - we know what we are doing and that means a BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED!!!

This year's Festival had the same number of dealers supporting 16 more tables. The increase in attendance can be attributed to word of mouth (LETS KEEP TALKING IT UP), increased road signage and the weather. We competed with the Deerfield Fair and an outside Chili cook off in Concord both would be affected by the rain and we are inside and dry.

The Saturday dealer/worker cookout was a success with several dealers thanking us for the effort. However I am sad to say everything went as planned so there are no stories or notable events to remember.

Next years Festival will be August 29 and 30 and open one hour earlier on Sunday. We now are "Always the weekend before Labor Day" the reason for the move is the City needs to break even or make money on the Arena and with energy costs involved with making summer ice they eliminated summer ice making and starting winter ice a month earlier - September. We also used a post card for our mailing since it is easier and cheaper to mail. The brochure involves considerable effort and roughly \$900 in expense, it will be dropped. The post card will have 3 New Hampshire minerals pictured on the front and Festival information printed on the back. The pictures will have good location data, collecting date and be aesthetically pleasing. Owner information is optional at the owner's request. The biggest issue in producing the post card is obtaining suitable pictures. THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN. I would like to see a committee gather pictures and info and determine the photos to be used. If everything works out we could have several years worth of pictures and some nice postcards. So get busy and get some interesting digital pictures.

Displays were great. Now is the time for new large cases. The cases are worn, they were acquired in the late 70's or early 80's. The second problem is that we now have no room in the Club trailer since the cases are too cumbersome and weak to break down.. The cases need to be sturdy, break down easily and be light. The board is currently looking into new cases and hopefully the Club will approve their design.

At the Club table we had for sale 10 power lopes, thumbnail boxes , 2" x 2" x 2" boxes, 2" x 2" half size boxes, mineral tack and Morrill's "New Hampshire Mines and Mineral Locations" all available to Club members at cost.

Again, through the efforts of the Club, Kevin Downey spoke to the Rundlett Junior High 8th grade class on his caving experiences. The teachers and students were given free passes to the Festival.

With the change in date for the 2009 show we probably won't see an increase in attendance but with the Club's continued effort we shouldn't see any decrease. Let's hope next years Festival is as successful and a testament to the Club.

AGAIN, I CAN'T SAY THANK YOU ENOUGH!!!

Gordon Jackson, 2008 Show Chairman



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events

OCTOBER 30, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **6:00 PM**
Audubon Society Building

NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Scholarship Grant Recipients
Graham Messe & David Armstrong
Refreshments: Gordon & Pam Jackson

DECEMBER 6, 2008

12:00PM
Annual Holiday Party
Potluck Meal
Yankee Swap
Annual Collector's Award

JANUARY 3, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: TBA

FEBRUARY 7, 2009

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

Gem & Mineral Shows

November 1-2, Brewer, ME - Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club. 4th Annual Show. Brewer Auditorium, State Street, Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5. Lance Shope, 207-989-3342, lshope67@yahoo.com, www.pmlrockclub.com

November 1-2--OLD GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT: Annual show and sale; Stamford Mineralogical Society; Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd.; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10:30-4:30; gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils; contact Nancy Mattson, (914) 935-8893; e-mail: ngm11@msn.com; Web site: www.stamfordmineralsociety.org

Jan 31 - Feb 15, Tucson Mineral Show, Tucson, AZ

April 11 - 12, Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, Rochester, NY. Radisson Hotel, Rochester NY. 301-294-1640, fax 301-294-0034, info@intergem.com, www.intergem.com

June. 27-28, Gilsum, NH - 45th Annual Rock Swap. Gilsum Elementary School and Community Center. Robert Mitchell gilsumrocks@gmail.com, 603-357-9636

August 29-30, Concord, NH—46th Annual Gem and Mineral Festival presented by the Capital Mineral Club, Sat. 9 – 5, Sun., 9 – 4, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Adults – \$4.00, 12 and under free