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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 **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 CMC will meet Saturday, November 7th at 2:00 PM at the **Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road** in Concord, NH. There will be a Board of Directors Meeting at 12:00.

Bill Meyer will be our guest speaker for the month of November, Bill will be giving a talk and presenting a video on the diamond cutting trade, which he was a part of from 1941 until 1990. Bill was a diamond cutter in the industry for this time period.

This months mineral of the month will be faceted gemstones.

Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by Pearl Nadeau.

Please remember that the annual Christmas Party will be next month details are on page 3 Charles Forsberg, this years Party Chairman needs some help with setting up the annual collectors and lapidary contest. If someone is interested in helping out give Charles a call 603-927-4955

Welcome New Members

Jamie Rodominick from Hudson, NH

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/carlog/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



These are the minutes of the October 3rd, 2009 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 22 members and 5 guests, in attendance. The guest speaker Kevin Downey gave his presentation on Caves before the usual business meeting. Thank you Kevin, a pleasure as always. The business meeting was called to order by President Robert Whitmore at 3:45pm.

Reports:

- « A motion was made by Tony Howd to accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Scott Higgins, the membership voted in favor of the motion.
- « The treasurer's report was read by Donald Dallaire. A motion was made by Nancy Bodenstein to accept the report, was seconded by Peter Cram, the motion was passed by the membership. A preliminary show report was given, with the final to be presented at the next meeting.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- « The Club has set aside July 9-10 2010 to do the Poland Mining Camps again in Maine. If there are enough people signed up by the November meeting then the club will make reservations based upon the vote to spend the money required. A \$100.00 per person deposit will be required by the January meeting if you want to reserve a spot. The mine that we are planning on going to are the Emmons and the Weisington Mines.
- « Discussion about the new display cases was tabled for this meeting.
- « Charles Forsberg discussed the upcoming annual Christmas party in December, what is still needed, looking for suggestions for food items, and the need for someone to run the annual field collecting competition.
- « Bill Brown brought up a motion to buy more perky boxes for club members to purchase. After some discussion it was decided that the club would purchase 2 cases of perky boxes and 1 case of 2 inch square boxes.

New Business:

- « Ernst Kastning a guest from the NH department of environmental services is currently writing an article about the annual mineral show for the New Hampshire TODO magazine. This article will have pictures and a write up of what the club is all about, should be great advertising for our show.
- « Bob Whitmore and Gordon Jackson have met with the State to discuss future laws and restrictions on mining and how that would affect us with owning the mineral rights to the mines that Gordon Donated to the Club last year. Bob will keep the club advised on the progress of this.
- « The display in the case in the hallway at the Audubon needs to be cycled to the DES building and a new display put in.
- « Discussion was brought up by Bob Whitmore about the yearly scholarship/grant that the club gives. Last year there was no recipient for this award, the suggestion was made that the club fund a geology student that is willing to do work on NH mineralogy, need to get the word out about the grant.
- « The Audubon Bird inventory still needs volunteers to help with labeling cleaning and cataloging there specimens, get in contact with Bob Whitmore if you are interested in helping.
- « Nancy Bodenstein made a motion based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors to accept Jamie Rodominick as a new member, the motion was seconded by Martin Kippley, the membership voted in favor of the motion.

Door prize winners:

- « Apatite on Muscovite from Brazil won by Jennifer Carrol.

Business meeting was Adjourned at 4:54 pm.

respectfully submitted.
Steffen Hermanns
Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

15th 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
2008 James S. Tovey	Calcite, Walworth Quarry, NY

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
Bill Brown	85.30 Ct. archimedes cut, Labradorite, MX

DECEMBER 5, 2009 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 !!!!



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WWW.CAPITALMINERALCLUB.ORG

Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events

NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Bill Meyer Experiences as a diamond
cutter from 1941-1990
Refreshments: Pearl Nadeau

DECEMBER 5, 2009 12:00PM

Annual Holiday Party

JANUARY 2, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Ted Johnson
Refreshments: Charles Forsberg

FEBRUARY 6, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Bill Brown - Video collecting in Afghanistan
Refreshments: Howard Ewing

MARCH 6, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Michael Dyber - Gems from the mind
Refreshments: Terry & Annette

Gem & Mineral Shows

Nov 7-8--BREWER, MAINE: "Bangor/Brewer Rock Show"; Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club; Brewer Auditorium, 203 State St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1, children free; silent auctions, door prizes, raffle items, children's activities, vendors; contact Lance Shope, (207) 989-3342; e-mail: lshope67@yahoo.com; Web site: pmlcrockclub.com

Nov 7-8--GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT: Annual show; Stamford Mineralogical Society; Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd.; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-4:30; gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils; contact Howard Heitner, c/o Stamford Mineralogical Society, P.O. Box 4148, Stamford, CT 06907, (914) 779-2041

Nov 21-22 Worcester, MA: 34th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show- Worcester Mineral Club, National Guard Armory, 701 Lincoln St, Worcester, MA; Sat & Sun 10am to 5pm, www.worcestermineralclub.org

Aug 28-29 Concord, NH: 47th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival- Capital Mineral Club, Everett Areana, Concord, NH, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm, www.capitalmineralclub.org, steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org