



CRYSTALS AND CABS

Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club Concord, New Hampshire

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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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- Website designed and maintained by:
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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, November 6th at 2:00 PM at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, NH, a board of directors meeting will be held at 12:00 PM before the regular business meeting.

This month's speaker Bob Ritchie of Kingston NH. Bob will be giving a presentation will be on Sphere making. Bob is an accomplished sphere cutter having cut several hundred in his personal collection alone. In addition he has cut several hundred more. Mineral of the month Cabs and Spheres.

This month's refreshments will be provided by John and Joanne Walsh. Also thanks to Sarah Sniffin for bringing refreshments to the October meeting. The Club needs volunteers to do refreshments for the rest of the meetings, please signup at the November meeting.

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: The Nashua Club is in a period of suspension of many of its traditional activities, but a core group of members plans to continue with some field trips and group participation at the Gilsum Rock Swap.

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 2nd, 2010 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, New Hampshire. Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm by President Robert Whitmore, there were 27 members present, 1 guest Larry Heath.

Secretary's report: A motion was made by Charles Forsberg to accept the January minutes as posted in the newsletter seconded by Mike Cordero, the membership passed the motion. With exceptions noted by Charles Forsberg to withdraw the motion to accept the by-law draft in the October Minutes.

Treasurers' report: A motion to accept was made by John McCrory and seconded by Mike Cordero the membership passed the motion.

Correspondence: Email for 2010 Gold and Treasure Show October 16 & 17 2010 Cumberland ME.

Old Business: Are people interested in going to the Poland Mining Camp in 2011? Kathy Dallaire asked Robert Whitmore to elaborate on this trip and to what people have found in the past. Other places such as Tripp mine, Sterling Hill NJ, NY Museum of Natural History.

Field Trip to Gordon Jackson's House on October 16th 2010 will be pot luck and will start around 10:00am.

2010 Festival Report was read by the Festival Chairman Steffen Hermanns. A full report will be published in the November newsletter. Treasurer's report on the Festival was presented by Donald Dallaire the club made about a \$1000 less than last year.

New Business: The By-Law modifications by both Donald Dallaire and Charles Forsberg have been presented to the Board and Membership, both Don and Charles presented their views and a vote by the membership is required by the membership.

Discussion of the proposals: Gordon Jackson stated that the original wording should be adhered to that was presented by Donald Dallaire. Sarah Sniffin mentioned that the Club should perhaps present Charles Forsbergs proposal and if it is not acceptable then go with Dons proposal. Martin Kippley added that he has had to deal with a lot of federal regulations and that wording is usually very critical and that the Club should go along with the State proposed wording to the letter and review further changes at a later date. Edna Whitmore stated that the department that sent us the original and we negotiated should be used. Pat Barker made a motion to go with Donald Dallaires proposal. The motion was amended to vote on both proposals by a show of hands seconded by Kathy Dallaire the Club members passed this motion, Donald Dallaire's proposal won by simple majority.

Door Prize donations by Mike Undercofler, Anna Wilken and Pat Barker

Door Prizes: Nancy Miner, Joanne Walsh, Charles Forsberg, Larry Welker, Barbara McLaughlin, Gordon Jackson, Noman Miner, Kathy Dallaire and Bob McLaughlin

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Speaker: Larry Heath, How to identify gemstones

Respectfully submitted

Steffen Hermanns

Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

Final 2010 Festival Report

As in the past we have had good response from Club members in setting up and breaking down and clean up. This is something you can feel proud of and I want to say thank you. We have become skilled enough to have the show setup completed by noon and in time for the workers lunch (I am sorry I eat all the cookies). I don't think this ever happened at Sunapee and the show was half the size.

The electrical system needs some additional work and Jon Herndon has agreed to take this on. Jon has been overly helpful in making sure electrical system is maintained up to snuff and we don't run into a big problem at the show. I am sure Jon would like to have another club member involved who can work with and understand the system and setup. Though not in the electrical area, we became exposed to the lack of a co or sub-chairman this year. We have operated this way for several years and have gotten away without a crises. The show has doubled in size since Sunapee and we need to have people available when the Dealer Chairmen (me) becomes sick, killed in an airplane crash, family crises or an opportunity of a lifetime appears and there is someone ready to step in so I won't feel so sad dying in the plane crash. Right now the Show Chairmen, Club table, Cookout, Dealer, Display, Electrical, Publicity, Ticket & Trailer Chairmen are without a backup. If you can help in this area, the 2011 Show Chairman is Steffen and he will be glad to hear from you and steer you in the right direction. I am sure many of the chairmen would be glad to become Co-chairman if you would like to really jump in.

The show again dropped in attendance this year, 899 paying. There are several reasons some beyond our control. The ECONOMY, WEATHER and AIR SHOW. Other factors are the SPRINGFIELD SHOW, two weeks before, PARENT/SCHOOL SHOPPING and PUBLICITY. Of these, for 2011 the one area we can concentrate on is PUBLICITY. If anyone is good at or would like to try and develop a PRESS RELEASE (package) and contact area media, I think we would attract a larger attendance. Another area is SHOW WEBSITE, again someone to expand the Show information on the Club's website.

There is some interest in expanding our exposer to children. Develop and man some type of game, Better promote the "Kids Bucket" (free mineral). This year The Museum Piece (Larry Venezia) had geodes to break open. This is attractive to kids and since he will be doing this next year, it is something we can promote.

We will be early on developing a poster to promote the Show. We need you to help out and identify places that a poster would be good and make sure it happens. Most people who come to the show are within a 50 mile radius.

I am not the best in saying thank you but one of the ways that has been mentioned and done in the past is have some type of Show tee shirt. This would Identify Club workers and replace the arm band. It should be bright and one for women and men or unisex and identify the Club. Again is there someone who would like to take this on. I am sure there are several fashion designers in the Club.

I think if we continue to put our best foot forward we will continue to be one of the best New England Shows and for that you can be proud to be a Capital Mineral Club member. Help Steffen out and show him how many hands make light work.

Again thank you for all your support!
Gordon Jackson, Retired



Steffen Hermanns

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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events

NOVEMBER 6, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Bob Ritchie Sphere Making
Refreshments: John & Joanne Walsh

DECEMBER 4, 2010

Holiday Party: **12:00PM - 4:00PM**

JANUARY 1, 2011

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

FEBRUARY 5, 2011

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

MARCH 5, 2011

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

Gem & Mineral Shows

November 6-7 2010 --BREWER, MAINE: Show; Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club; Brewer Auditorium, Wilson St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1, children free; silent auctions, door prizes, demonstrations, children's activities; contact Lance Shope, 38 Sunset Strip, Brewer, ME 04412, (207) 989-3342; e-mail: lshope67@yahoo.com

November 13-14 2010 --NEW YORK, NEW YORK: Show and sale; New York Mineralogical Club; Holiday Inn - Midtown, 440 W. 57th St.; adults \$6, children under 12 free with adult; minerals, gemstones, unique jewelry, fossils, meteorites, lectures, displays, free children's minerals; contact Tony Nikischer, (914) 739-1134

March 26-27 2011 --HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS: Show; Connecticut Valley Mineral Club; Holiday Inn at Ingle-side, I-91 Exit 15; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, children 12 and under free with adult; minerals, gemstones, jewelry, crystals, beads, fossils, lapidary, demonstrations, exhibits; contact Lee Champigny, (413) 320-9741; e-mail: pull-G4fun@verizon.net; Web site: www.cvmineralclub.org

August 27-28 2011 — CONCORD, NH: 48th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival— Capital Mineral Club, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm, www.capitalmineralclub.org, steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org