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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club Concord, New Hampshire

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Capital Mineral Club News

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The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, **November 4th** at 2:00 PM at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

Thank you to **Win Harding** for providing refreshments for the last meeting.

This month's speaker will be Don Dallaire, he will be talking on Topaz in New Hampshire. Don Dallaire and Jim Nizamoff wrote an article on topaz in New Hampshire that is being published in the November-December 2017 issue of Rocks & Minerals and this talk is based on that article.

Mineral of the month: Members could display their favorite Topaz mineral.

Welcome New Members

Lori Decatur, Swanson, VT
Al Raine, Concord, NH

2018 Club Dues are due, please send your membership dues to:

Steffen Hermanns, 7133 Oak Hill Road, Loudon, NH 03306

Make check payable to Capital Mineral Club. Dues are \$10.00 per member.

Editors Note:

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

- My e-mail address: pfcram@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.

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
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

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 month at 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH



The October 2017 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on October 7, 2017 at the Salvation Army Building in Concord, NH.

Meeting came to order at 2:00 PM and began with educational presentation by Skip Simmons named "Big Crystals – Little Crystals, rapid crystal growth – the pegmatite conundrum."

The business meeting was called to order at 3:46 PM with 42 members present.

A silent auction was held during the meeting with minerals from the Carlos Gristani collection.

Acceptance of Secretaries report – Motion to Accept – Pat Barker, Seconded – Winnie Harding, voted on and passed by membership.

Acceptance of Treasurers report – Motion to Accept – Mike Cordero, Seconded – Bill Adams, voted on and passed by membership. Don Dallaire is still waiting for more expense receipts to complete the show report. It will be tabled until the next meeting on November 4, 2017.

Old Business – Steffen Hermanns advised the membership that the board agreed on a camera at the cost of \$2700 and will proceed with the purchase.

Field Trips - Charlie Forsberg discussed field stating the Tripp Mine was not confirmed yet, he is looking at November 5th, 2017. The trip to the Moats will be on October 28, meet at the Hale's Location parking area. Mike Cordero is looking into a trip to Maine before the end of the year and a trip to the Yale Museum was mentioned for spring. Don Dallaire will look into information regarding bus rental will be offered in coming meetings.

The club trip to Palermo will be October 22, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM with a lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken. Steffen Hermanns will be sending out an email for members to RSVP and select meal choices. Mike Cordero made a motion to pay up to \$100 towards fuel to the Palermo mine owners to bring out new material like they did last year, Seconded – Steve Johnasch, voted on and passed by membership. Steffen Hermanns stated that equipment may not be available, but they would look at it that weekend.

Don Dallaire reviewed the speaker list as follows: Kevin Downey – January, Jim Young was suggested for the annual February workshop meeting, Dykstra Yudsonr Jr – April. There are still openings for November, March, and May speakers.

Steffen Hermanns gave notice to the membership that a long time club member and assistant at the mine, Steve Kidder, had passed. He read "Some Last Thoughts" and "The Bucket List" by Steven N. Kidder that were passed out at the service. They are also included in the newsletter this month at the request of members.

Steffen Hermanns reviewed the Speaker's Stipend Matrix with the membership.

Don Dallaire reminded the members of the Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club show & Auction on October 14, 2017 and Kathy Dallaire added they put on a very nice lunch.

New Business – Steffen Hermanns brought to the floor the proposal for new t-shirts for the club. Bill Brown requested more detailed information so he can get an estimate. There will be further research by the board and members to get an idea of what people would like. There also needs research done into where the artwork for the silk-screening was done. Steffen Hermanns will also send out a poll to the membership to see what they would like in the way of shirts, hats, hoodies, etc.

Don Dallaire's specimen will be featured on an upcoming November/December Rock and Gem Magazine and Steffen Hermanns asked the membership if anyone was interested in obtaining a copy. If so, they will look into getting some to sell to the members.

There will be a show committee meeting at 10:00 AM on November 4, 2017 before the club meeting.

New Members – Lauren Andrello

Door Prizes – Donated by Gordon Jackson, Angela Pratt, and Pat Barker, won by Lauren Andreello, Chris Fisk, Mike Undercofler, Chris Nye, Steven Johnasch, Lauren Andreello, Bill Brown, Doug Peck, Martin Kipley, Dawn Quirk, Chris Buerkle, Lee Mohnkern, and Howard Ewing.

Gordon Jackson reviewed the process for new members to get badges. There was a vest left at the show and brought to the last meeting that needs to be found for the real owner. Please return to Gordon.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:22 pm

Respectfully submitted.

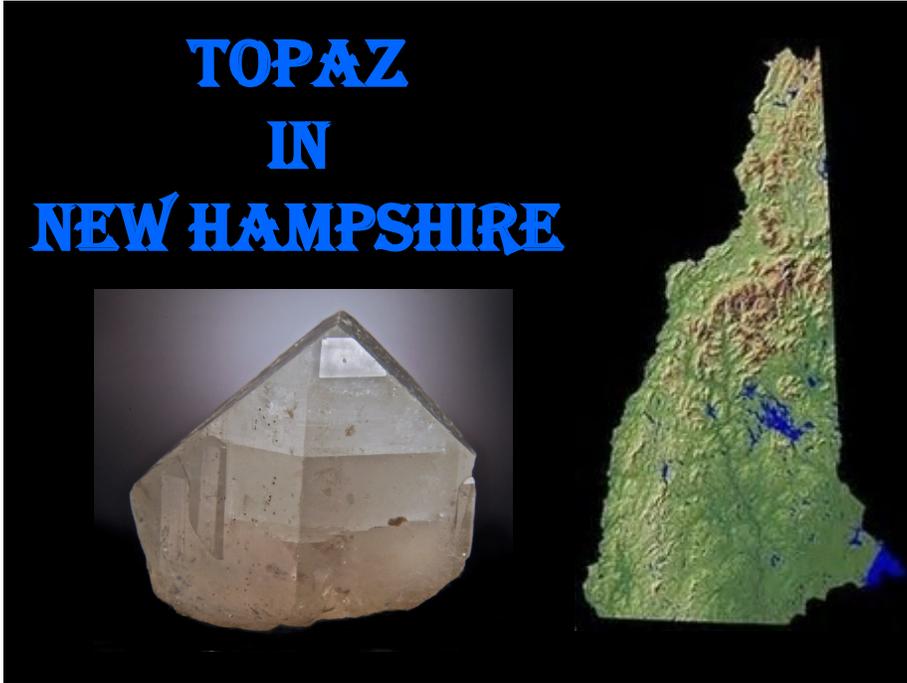
Angela C. Pratt

Secretary

November's Presentation

By Don Dallaire

TOPAZ IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



Don Dallaire and Jim Nizamoff wrote an article on topaz in New Hampshire that is being published in the November-December 2017 issue of Rocks & Minerals and this talk is based on that article.

New Hampshire topaz was overlooked in recent publications and our topaz rivals any found in the United States.

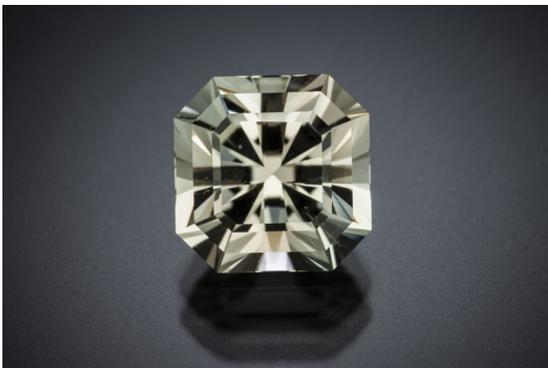
The talk will include the geological environment for topaz in the state, the history of discoveries and locations where topaz is found.



Left: topaz 2.4 cm tall
Greens Ledge, Milan

Right: topaz 3.25cm tall
Government Pit, Albany

Below: 8.5 ct. topaz
square barion cut



No Surprise!

Mineral of the month is Topaz

Topaz is an aluminum fluosilicate a more complicated term to say it contains aluminum, fluorine, silicon and oxygen



Bring in your topaz specimens for all to see and they can be from anywhere in the world



Topaz 4.5 cm tall
Nertschinsk Mines
Eastern Siberian Region, Russia



Topaz 3.5 cm tall
Thomas Range, Utah



Topaz 6.5 cm tall
Nyet-Bruk
Gilgit-Balistan, Pakistan

Topaz 1.6 cm tall
South Baldface Mountain
Chatham,
New Hampshire



Some Last Thoughts

Steven N. Kidder

Listen to the birds

Share a sunrise

Don't go to bed angry

Find strength in loving

Pick someone a flower

Don't buy someone a card, make one instead

Notice the stars

Things don't bring happiness. Things get between you and your
ability to know happiness

Be punctual. Demonstrate your respect for other people's time

Share your knowledge

“The Bucket List”

I have no “Bucket List” to do
No dream or challenge I feel that I have missed
I have tried many things
Some worked out, some did not

I met a wise old man bagging groceries at
Walmart. I greeted him and he said “Do you
know that right now is the only time that right
now will ever happen?” “Don’t waste it.”

Try to see the good in people
Smiles are easier to make than frowns
A small act of kindness can change a person’s life
Be an agent of change

Work hard and contribute to society
Don’t measure your life in years but in moments
that last forever
Love, completely, the person you share your life
with

I have lived a good life which was full of
adventure
Don’t be afraid to try something new
Take the road less traveled
Say no, when you need to

Find a full and meaningful relationship with your
God
Be at peace
Move forward

When you leave here and I pass through your
mind
Think about the good times and laughter we have
had together
Know that there was once a moment in time
when
We shared our lives and cared about each other.

You have been a part of my life
I am grateful for that time

Thank you.

Steven N. Kidder
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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>November 4, 2017 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: Don Dallaire Refreshments Chris Fiske</p> <p>December 2, 2017 Club Meeting: Holiday Get Together 12:00– 4:00PM</p> <p>January 6, 2018 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: Kevin Downey Refreshments</p> <p>February 3, 2018 Club Meeting: Workshop 2:00PM</p> <p>March 3, 2018 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: Jim Young Refreshments</p> <p>April 7, 2018 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: Dyk Eusden</p>	<p>November 4-5, 2017: Old Greenwich, CT. 29th Annual Show & Sale by the Stamford Mineralogical Society Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, Greenwich,</p> <p>November 18-19, 2017: Worcester, MA. 42nd Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show Worcester Mineral Club. National Guard Armory, 701 Lincoln St. Worcester, MA</p>