



# CRYSTALS AND CABS

## Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

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### Capital Mineral Club News

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The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on **Saturday, November 7th 2020 at 12:00 noon at NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse building in Canterbury, NH.**

#### Editors Note:

The **deadline** to get info to me for publication will be the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Members

No New Members

**2021 Club Dues are due, please send your membership dues to:**

**Steffen Hermanns, 7133 Oak Hill Road, Loudon, NH 03307**

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

#### Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

**Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Tin Mt. Conservation Center, Albany, NH – 7:00 PM  
[www.sacovalleygmc.com](http://www.sacovalleygmc.com)

**Keene:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month in the conference room of the Southwest Community Services building at 34 Cypress St. Keene, NH – 6:00 - 8:30 PM [www.keenemineralclub.50webs.com](http://www.keenemineralclub.50webs.com)

**North Shore (MA):** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, Hamilton Wenham Community House, 284 Bay Rd, South Hamilton, MA – 7:45 PM  
[www.northshorerock.org](http://www.northshorerock.org)

**Boston Mineral Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, Harvard University Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA – 7:30 PM [www.bostonmineralclub.org](http://www.bostonmineralclub.org)

**Southeastern NH Mineral Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, St John's Methodist Church, 28 Cataract Ave., Dover, NH – 7:00 PM [www.senhmineralclub.org](http://www.senhmineralclub.org)

**Presidential Gem & Mineral Society:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month at 6:30pm. Jefferson Town Hall, 698 Presidential Hwy, Jefferson, NH 03583



The October meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at the Palermo Mine Trip in Groton, NH.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:41 AM with 32 members present.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

**Tabled to next regular meeting**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Tabled to next regular meeting**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Steffen Hermanns presented a recommendation to members regarding changing our meeting time and location. He proposed we move our meetings to the New Hampshire Sno-Shakers Snowmobile Club House, 70 Clough Pond Rd, Loudon, NH 03307. He also proposed that we change the meeting time to 12:00 Noon instead of 2:00 PM as we were.

The larger area would allow better social distancing, there are fewer people going in and out of the clubhouse, and we can park the show trailer there.

Steffen also mentioned that we are looking at purchasing a trailer for the many mineral machines we have so members can either check them out or use them on the site like a workshop. He will explain more of that at the next regular meeting to be held November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:00 Noon at the Sho-Shaker Clubhouse.

**MOTION TO:** Move our meeting place from the Salvation Army to the Sno-Shakers Clubhouse and move the time from 2:00 PM to 12:00 Noon.

**By:** Larry Welker

**SECONDED:** Kathleen Welker

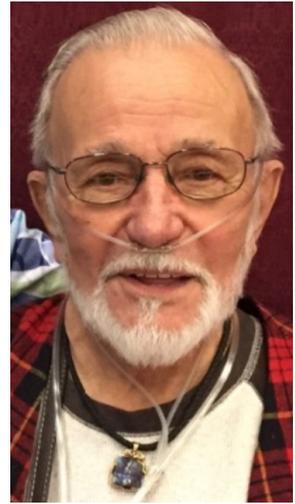
**DISPOSITION:** Voted on and passed by membership 32 for – 0 against.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** at 10:00 AM.

**By:** Steffen Hermanns

**SECONDED:** Michele Johnson

**DISPOSITION:** Voted on and passed by membership 32 in favor – 0 against.



# Marshall “Jim” James Fowler

November 8, 1934—October 4, 2020

Marshall James "Jim" Fowler, 85 of Marlborough, passed away on October 4, 2020 in the comfort of home surrounded by his family. He was born on November 8, 1934 in Bennington, VT, the son of the late Marshall Joseph Fowler and Catherine (Potwin) Baker. Jim grew up in Westmoreland, NH and attended Westmoreland Schools.

In his spare time, Jim taught himself the art of wire wrapping which eventually led to exhibitions of his wire-wrapped jewelry at craft shows, gem and jewelry shows, club shows, federation shows and international shows. Over the course of his jewelry making career, Jim became an internationally and nationally renowned grand master wire-wraper. He received numerous awards for his exquisite designs including induction into the National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame. In his later years, Jim continued to participate in shows mainly in the Northeast and mentored other wire-wrappers. He remained passionate about creating wire-wrapped jewelry and worked long hours doing what he loved even as his health declined. Jim's last in-person show was in March 2020 at the Annual Gem & Mineral Society of Central Connecticut in Meriden.

On August 15, 1964 Jim married the love of his life, Selina Thoin, and adopted and raised her six children. In their 56 years, they enjoyed many memories together, a favorite being camping with their children. The family moved to Virginia in the mid 70's and spent many years living in both Virginia and New Hampshire. Jim's interests included playing cards, chess, playing guitar and singing, riding motorcycles, and traveling to Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Shows. He enjoyed telling humorous and witty stories with fellow dealers and customers, watching westerns, boxing matches and listening to country music.

Jim will be missed greatly by his wife: Selina Fowler of Marlborough, NH; children: Jay Fowler (Suzy) of Converse, TX, Ernie Fowler of Marlborough, NH, Thomas Fowler of Ackworth, NH, David Fowler (Jane) of Chesterfield, VA, Georgina Fowler (Best friend Cheryl) of Richmond, VA, and Julie Moore of Louisa, VA; grandchildren: Shannon, Salim, AJ, Selina, Brenda, Shawnette, and Rachel; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. In keeping with Jim's and family wishes, there will be no public services at this time. Fletcher Funeral Home of Keene, NH has been entrusted with the arrangements.

To express condolences or to share a memory of Jim, please visit [www.FletcherFuneralHome.com](http://www.FletcherFuneralHome.com).



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<b>Capital Mineral Club Meetings &amp; Events</b>	<b>Gem &amp; Mineral Shows</b>
<b>November 7, 2020</b>	
Club Meeting: <b>12:00 noon</b>	
Speaker:	
<b>December 5, 2020</b>	
Club Meeting: <b>12:00 noon</b>	
Speaker: TBD	
<b>January 2, 2021</b>	
Club Meeting: <b>12:00 noon</b>	
Speaker: TBD	