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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse

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Capital Mineral Club News

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The Capital Mineral Club meeting is **Saturday November 11, 2023** at the **Sno-Shaker's** building in **Canterbury, NH.**

The speaker for this month is **Jim Young**. "As previously announced, Jim Young will talk about how to identify rocks (not minerals) at the next monthly meeting. Hopefully, everyone recognized the requirement to bring a rock as a condition of attendance as the jest it was intended to be. It was meant only to emphasize that the presentation will be more interesting if we have a variety of rock types to discuss. Please do search your collection a little extra for pieces of limestone, dolomite, sandstone, shale, or other sedimentary rocks, which are likely to be more rare."

Thank you to those who supplied refreshments at the last meeting.

Editors Note:

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

- My e-mail address: steffenh@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.

Welcome New Members

No New Members

2023 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: 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Tin Mt. Conservation Center, Albany, NH – 7:00 PM
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/398593197423304>

KMC: MC2 Charter School, 310 Marlborough St. #115, Keene, NH. 1st Sunday, Oct through May, 1:30 pm, (September meeting is a potluck picnic.) (Door on right side of bldg. Do not park in the vacant lot next door. Vehicles apparently are towed, including Sunday.)

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 each month at 6:30 PM at the Great North Woods Welcome Center, 25 Park Street, Lancaster, NH.

October meeting minutes



The October meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on October 14th, 2023 at the ShoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 PM with 37 members present.

A presentation was given to the membership by Don Dallaire on "1820 – 2023 – Mt. Mica – 203 years of collecting".

The business meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM with 37 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

MOTION TO: Accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

By: Don Dallaire **SECONDED:** Dave Ogden

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 37 in favor – 0 against.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION TO: Accept the treasurers report as read by Crystal Czaja.

Tabled to November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Laptop for Treasurer –

MOTION TO: Purchase a new laptop computer for the Treasurer's use.

By: Gordon Jackson **SECONDED:** Don Dallaire

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 37 in favor – 0 against.

Trailer – The trailer is still being worked on and with cooler weather work can begin again. Steffen Hermanns will be reaching out to those members that volunteered to let them know when they can help.

Membership - All memberships are due by the end of January. Please send them to **Steffen Hermanns**. He will be sending an email to the membership to test all the emails. Contact him if you do not receive it. If you are not current, your name will show in red on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future Rockhounds of America – There were 8 members attending today's meeting. They were working on mineral ID. They would like to thank everyone for the donations. The next meeting, they will be diving deeper into identifying minerals.

At the January meeting, the group will split into two age groups. Jay Dowling will lead the 6 - 9 age group and Holly Heighes will remain as lead for the 9 – 14 age group.

Christmas Party – The annual Christmas Party will be the 2nd Saturday in December. Steffen will be sending an email to the membership to sign up for food. Please bring your place setting, any decorations you want, and any minerals you collected for the year for the contest. There will be more in the newsletter regarding that as well.

Field Trips – There will be no further field trips this year. Heidi will be working on next year's trip schedule and expanding the trips to include Maine, Vermont, etc.

Name Tags – Gordon Jackson is looking for a volunteer to take over making new name tags for members. He has the template and information. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Steffen Hermanns.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

DISPOSITION: Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM



Ages 9-15

**Future Rockhounds of America,
Capital Mineral Club, Sno-Shakers Clubhouse
70 Clough Pond Rd, Canterbury NH**

Nov 11th 11am-12pm : Mineral Identification part 3. We will continue working on mineral identification by focusing on the MOHS hardness scale.

**FRA members – please bring in 1 specimen for ‘show and tell’.

Future Meetings

Dec 9th – Annual Holiday party **starting at 12pm**. FRA members wanting a review or needing to make-up a mineral ID session may do so.

******January 13, 2024******

The Capital Mineral Club is happy to announce a second junior rockhound program for rock and mineral enthusiasts aged 5-8. Led by Jay Dowling, the programming will be more suited to that age group. It will meet at the same time as the older kids in a different part of the clubhouse.

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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>NOVEMBER 11, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	<p>November 18-19, 2023 Worchester Mineral Club St Joseph School Richard Novak Gymnasium 50 Lincoln Street Webester, MA</p>
<p>DECEMBER 9, 2023 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: Holiday Party</p>	
<p>JANUARY 13, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	
<p>MARCH 9, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: TBD</p>	