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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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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.

The Capital Mineral Club will meet is **Saturday November 9, 2024** at 11:00am - 12:00pm for the FRA and Mini Miners, 12:00pm for general membership socializing at the NH Sno-Shaker's Clubhouse on 70 Clough Pond Road in Canterbury, NH.

Jim Pecora will be giving a presentation on Mines of Monadnock starting at 1:00pm. Bring your best Mica Specimens. The regular Business meeting will shortly follow the presentation.

Members are encouraged to bring side dishes and deserts. Feel free to bring your favorite beverages.

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

Welcome New Members

Edward Beuerlein, New London, NH
Paul Perrault, Bow, NH
Robert Rafferty, Dunstable, MA

2025 Club Dues will be due by Jan 1, 2025, 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.



The October meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on October 12th, 2023 at the ShoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 12:53 PM with 33 members present.

A presentation was given to the membership by Kevin Downey on "What's up Underground" New discoveries and minerals in the worlds caves.

The business meeting was called to order at 2:53 PM with 33 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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

By: Mike Cordero **SECONDED:** Heidi Chaney

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 33 in favor – 0 against.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION TO: Accept the treasurer's report as read by Crystal Czaja.

By: Martin Kipley **SECONDED:** Karen Giaquinta

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 33 in favor – 0 against.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trailer – The trailer is still being worked and Jay Dowling is helping Steffen Hermanns now. They will have walls and wiring done next and work will continue as long as the weather is good. Steffen will post photos of progress on the club's Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future Rockhounds of America – The members continue to meet before our regular meeting. There were 2 FRA members in attendance and they talked about elements, different metals and their uses, how all the elements are created inside of stars and the life cycles of stars.

For the November FRA, we will take a tour of the solar system and learn how Earth fits into the Sun's system.

There were 2 Mini Miners members in attendance that went over some fossilized rocks they had brought.

Christmas Party – The annual Christmas Party will be the 2nd Saturday in December. Martin Kipley 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 November newsletter regarding that as well.

Capital Club Mineral Show 2025

MOTION TO: Have the club's annual mineral show in 2025.

By: Steffen Hermanns **SECONDED:** Dave Ogan

DISPOSITION: Voted on and carried by membership 33 in favor – 0 against.

Field Trips – The Palermo Field trip was on October 13th, 2024. Consolidated in Georgetown, ME is November 19th. The trip will be from 10 AM – 4 PM; cost will be \$20/person, those 16 and under are free. Contact Heidi to sign up.

The Maine Mineral Museum is having a free NH citizen's day if you would like to go visit.

The Capital Mineral Club donated \$200 to the Portsmouth SPCA in honor of Peter Cram.

NH Estate Sales had an online mineral auction in Alton, NH that starts October 13th, 2024. Read the bidding and claiming instructions carefully.

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Steffen Hermanns received an email from the DES State Geologist about the case the club has there. The case was not properly submitted and they will need to meet and make a new contract. Steffen mentioned that we can donate the case and minerals inside. More discussion on this will be held at the November meeting.

Gordon Jackson asked the club membership about putting a case at the Christa McAuliffe museum in Concord, NH. He will head that up and let the members know more at the November meeting.

Newsletter – With Peter Cram's passing we are left without anyone to create the newsletter for the membership and to update the website. Steffen Hermann asked for volunteers to do this on the publisher template that is created. This will also be discussed further at the November meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

DISPOSITION: Meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM

November 9th 2024, 11:00am Youth Programs
Capital Mineral Club, NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse
70 Clough Pond Road
Canterbury, NH 03224

November Meeting FRA ages 9-15:

This month, we will take a tour of the solar system and learn how Earth fits into the Sun's system.

Mini Miners ages 5-8:

Please bring a new or favorite specimen for show and tell

Any Questions
FRACapMin@gmail.com

For more information on the FRA program please visit the following website

<https://www.juniors.amfed.org/home>

Jim Pecora Biography

Author & Educating Entertainer Jim Pecora is a Mining Historian, Lapidarist, Jeweler, rock enthusiast, & has extensive interests in New England's Native American and Pre Columbian occupations. Jim's love of sharing New England's rich mining history is evident in "Pecora's Mica Mine Schoolhouse" a one man traveling road show and YouTube Channel of the same name. Jim is the Visionary of the New England Mineral Museum, this NH non-profit has goals to foster historic preservation at multiple locations & offer educational initiatives spanning local and global outlets. A physical hands-on Visitor's Center and Tour headquarters has opened in South Acworth, NH at the base of Historic Beryl Mountain. This location is within the heart of the Keene NH Mining district.

Pecora has authored over a multimedia lectures. These throughout New England by your based upon *"Forgotten, Unknown,*

Jim's Passion springs from a anecdotes, stories, published field research. To many, both often known as "the NH Rock all things "rock" in the Granite beyond.

For more info Google any or all tags;

*#PecorasMicaMineSchoolhouse
#CrystalRockArts #itsapecora
#MicaMineSchoolhouse and*



dozen full length lectures are offered honorarium and are *and Recreated History!*

lifetime of collected works and extensive young & old, Jim is Guy" due to his love of State of NH and

of the following hash

#JimPecora

#NEMMrocks

Follow the Museum on FB @NEMMrocks and soon on the Web www.NEMMrocks.org



Every American born will need 2.92 Million pounds of minerals, metals, and fuels in their lifetime. Minerals are critical to our Life especially as Americans. Mica, Quartz, Feldspar & Beryl, were extracted from the earth with dynamite, using much imported European labor! South Western New Hampshire's subterranean mines supplied ~80% of America's Mica needs during the 1800's. What do we need Mica for? Much more than you could imagine, we are all surrounded by Mica every day and we don't know it! ***In 2008 alone America consumed 280,000 metric tons of Mica !***





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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
November 9th, 2024 FRA Meeting: 11:00AM Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker: Jim Pecora, Mines of Monadnock	
December 14th, 2024 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker:	
January 11th, 2025 Club Meeting: 12:00PM Refreshments: Speaker:	