



# CRYSTALS AND CABS

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 October 14, 2023** at the **Sno-Shaker's** building in **Canterbury, NH.**

The speaker for this month is **Don Dallaire**. He will be presenting **"200+ years of Tourmaline at Mount Mica"**. The gift that keeps on giving.

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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of every month

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### Welcome New Members

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

**KMC:** (in person and Zoom) 1st Saturday of each month at Winchester, NH at the ELM Community Center. 79 NH Rt.119 . It's the big white house set far back from road on east side of road. 7PM the first Sat. of the month. [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

**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 [senhmineralclub.org](http://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.

## September meeting minutes



The September meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the ShoShakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting started at 1:00 PM with our feature speaker.

A presentation by Jim Tovey on "Toveco's history of the Tripp Mine".

The business meeting was called to order at 1:46 PM with 34 members present.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Tabled to next regular meeting

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Tabled to next regular meeting

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Show overview:**

The full report will be given next week by Crystal Czaja. We had an attendance of around 2600 customers. The dealers were all quite happy. The Future Rockhounds of America did a wonderful job on manning the children's section.

#### **Field Trips:**

Ruggles/Palermo Field Trip will be September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – an email will be sent to the membership by Steffen Hermans with rules and times to arrive.

Beauregard Mine – Heidi will be sending out emails for updates. It is getting close to full so contact her to sign up.

#### **Club Trailer:**

The trailer has not been worked on a great deal due to the weather this year. More will be done in the fall.

**FRA:** We had nine FRA members at this month's meeting. We started learning mineral identification. We covered color, transparency, and luster. Each participant practiced on six different specimens. Next month we will cover streak, crystal forms and time permitting start on the MOHS hardness scale.

The next meeting of the Capital Mineral Club will be on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1 PM. Show up at 12 PM for meet and greet and snacks.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**By:** Steffen Hermans

**DISPOSITION:** Meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM



### Ages 9-15

**Future Rockhounds of America**  
**11am-12pm, Sno-Shakers Clubhouse**

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Agenda:** Mineral Identification part 2. We will continue learning about the physical properties of minerals including the MOHS hardness scale, luster, transparency, and streak. We will learn to 'test not guess' using the scientific method to identify minerals.

**\*\*FRA members – please bring in 1 specimen for 'show and tell'.**

**Questions:** [FRACapMin@gmail.com](mailto:FRACapMin@gmail.com)

### **New Members:**

Roger	Boilard	Epsom	NH
MaryEllen	Chesney	Chester	NH
Gary	Chesney	Chester	NH
Scott	DeRoche	Concord	NH
Nancy	Filiault	Meriden	NH
Stephen	Haggerty	Bedford	NH
Nick	Indelicato	Strafford	NH
Jo	Indelicato	Strafford	NH
Marshall	Irving	Bow	NH
Lynn	Lee	Epsom	NH
Donna	Mallory	Litchfield	NH
Sylvie	Moriarty	Nashua	NH
Autumn	Murphy	Raymond	NH
Roger	Prive	Bristol	NH
Dorothy	Prive	Bristol	NH
Amra	Vital	Raymond	NH
Thomas	Wiegelman	Pelham	NH

**October meeting talk  
200+ years of tourmaline  
Mount Mica  
the gift that keeps on giving  
By: Don Dallaire**



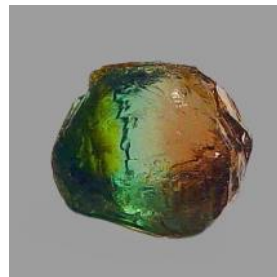
**1911**



**2008**



Mount Mica is the first gem mine in the United States and has been in sporadic production for over 200 years. The talk will review the history of the mine from its very beginnings up to the present day. Mount Mica is located in Paris, Maine and elbaite crystals of gem quality were first found in 1820 and as recently as this spring. Many times it was stated by knowledgeable miners and others that the mine was done producing but Mount Mica never listened to its critics.



“The most remarkable locality of the tourmaline in the United States, and which is also one of the most celebrated in the world, is in the town of Paris in the state of Maine.”

From beginning of Chapter III of *The Tourmaline*”

By Augustus Choate Hamlin



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p><b>OCTOBER 14, 2023</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: <b>Don Dallaire</b></p>	<p><b>November 4-5, 2023</b>            Penobscot Mineral &amp; Lapidary Club            Brewer Auditorium            318 Wilson St, Brewer, ME</p>
<p><b>NOVEMBER 11, 2023</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: TBD</p>	<p><b>November 18-19, 2023</b>            Worchester Mineral Club            St Joseph School Richard Novak Gymnasium            50 Lincoln Street            Webster, MA</p>
<p><b>DECEMBER 9, 2023</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: Holiday Party</p>	
<p><b>JANUARY 13, 2024</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: TBD</p>	