



# 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 will meet is **Saturday October 12, 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.

Kevin Downey will be giving a presentation on Caves starting at 1:00pm. This will be a presentation you don't want to miss. 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

Denise Stasz, Justin Stasz, Faren Macdonald  
Paul Zuzgo, Tim Baldassare

**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.**

### 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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- CMC Website:  
[www.capitalmineralclub.org](http://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:** 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:** MC2 Charter School, 310 Marlborough St. #115, Keene, NH. 1<sup>st</sup> 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):** 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14th, 2024 at the Sno-Shakers Club House in Canterbury, NH.

The meeting was called to order at 12:58 PM with 29 members present.

A presentation was given to the membership by Don Dallaire on "I've Collected Some Minerals; Now What? – Mineral Basics. What do I do before it just becomes a rock pile."

The business meeting was called to order at 2:22 PM with 29 members present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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

**By:** Heidi Chaney **SECONDED:** Michele Johnson

**DISPOSITION:** Voted on and carried by membership 29 in favor – 0 against.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**By:** Don Dallaire **SECONDED:** Mike Cordero

**DISPOSITION:** Voted on and carried by membership 29 in favor – 0 against.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Members – We lost a long standing member of our club, Peter Cram. Peter was responsible for the newsletter and posting it on the website. Steffen Hermanns will take the position temporarily until we can have a volunteer come forward to help.

Trailer – The trailer needs a bit more building out and outlets, plugs, and equipment added. Steffen Hermanns will contact members who have volunteered and let them know when he will be working on it.

Field Trips – A trip to Ruggles Mine on 10/6, then Palermo Mine on 10/13, and the Consolidated Quarry slated for the 10/19. More information will be supplied at the next meeting by Steffen Hermanns.

Thank you to Heidi for coordinating trips and for Palermo for allowing the club to frequent there.

### NEW BUSINESS:

New Members – Several new members came to the meeting and introduced themselves. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of them and thank them for coming.

Kathy Welker made the following motion in honor of Peter Cram:

**MOTION TO:** Donate to the SPCA in Portsmouth in the amount of \$150. Don Dallaire requested to amend the amount to \$200.

**MOTION TO:** Donate to the SPCA in Portsmouth the amount of \$200 in honor of Peter Cram

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

**DISPOSITION:** Voted on and carried by membership 29 in favor – 0 against.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**By:** Kathy Welker

**DISPOSITION:** Meeting ended at 2:46 PM

October 12<sup>th</sup> 2024, 11:00am Youth Programs  
Capital Mineral Club, NH Sno-Shakers Clubhouse  
70 Clough Pond Road  
Canterbury, NH 03224

October Meeting  
FRA ages 9-15:

This month, we will take a look at the building blocks for all things around us - the elements!

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>



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p><b>October 12th, 2024</b>            FRA Meeting: <b>11:00AM</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: Kevin Downey - Caves</p>	<p><b>October 12-13, 2024</b>            Presidential Gem &amp; Mineral Show            Lancaster Fair,            Lancaster, NH</p>
<p><b>November 9th, 2024</b>            FRA Meeting: <b>11:00AM</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker: TBD</p>	<p><b>October 19-20, 2024</b>            2024 Bristol Gem &amp; Mineral Show            Beals Community Center,            240 Stafford Ave.,            Bristol, CT</p>
<p><b>December 14th, 2024</b>            Club Meeting: <b>12:00PM</b>            Refreshments:            Speaker:</p>	