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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club Concord, New Hampshire

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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

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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 membership meeting will be on Saturday, December 7th at 12:00 PM at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, NH

Also thanks to Charles Forsberg for bringing refreshments to the November Meeting.
 A nominating committee needs to be formed to select next years officers open positions are President and Vice President.

This month is the Capital Mineral Clubs Annual Holiday Party and Collecting Competition see all the details on pages 3-5.

Please bring some non perishable food items and canned goods to donate to the Salvation Army , the Major has mentioned that canned fruit would be a good thing to donate. for any other questions about the Holiday Party at (603) 783-4493 or email gsj8544@aol.com

We still need a President and someone willing to be the Refreshment Chair person.

All the logins for the Members area have changed, Please contact Steffen Hermanns for your new login information if you did not get it already.
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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
www.sacovalleygmc.com

Keene: 1st Saturday of each month at Keene State College, Science Bldg. Room SCIC 126, Keene, NH – 7:00 PM
keenemineralclub.50webs.com

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 month at 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH



These are the minutes of the November 2nd, 2013 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, New Hampshire. Called to order at 2:01pm by President Gordon Jackson, there were 30 members present and the speaker Ken Carlsen and his wife Rose .

Meeting Minutes: Motion made to accept Octobers minutes as printed in newsletter made by Don Dallaire, seconded by Bill Burroughs, passed the membership.

Treasures Report: Donald Dallaire read the treasures reports for October. A motion was made to accept as read by Bill Burroughs, seconded by Frances Gill, passed the membership.

Field Trips: None this month

Scholarship Committee: Total cost to buy and mail books to schools of \$2676.35, Gordon has 10 books left over at this point.

Old Business: Bill Burroughs made motion to buy the projector was approved and purchased for \$599. And a spare lamp passed by the membership.

New Business: Steffen has posted pictures of members in the membership lists

New Memberships: Karla Roth Warner, NH; Jarod Taylor Center Harbor, NH; Nicholas Hadshi Concord, NH. Steffen recommended the memberships and Bill Burroughs seconded, passed membership.

Door Prizes: Donated by Mike Undercofler, Pat Barker and Jim Prentiss; Won by Jim Prentiss, Don Dallaire, Peter Cram, Kathleen Welker, Howard Ewing, Gary Bono, Charlie Forsberg, Steffen Hermanns, and Marlene York.

Ken Carlsen gave his presentation on The Quarries of Eden Vermont before the business meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:04PM.

Respectfully submitted
Steffen Hermanns
Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

In Memoriam

At the November meeting, we learned of the passing of Jack Gill. While he and Frances were vacationing in New York last summer at their summer island house, he became ill. His family, both those living in Canada and those in the US, had a chance to visit with him before he passed. All the services and the funeral were in New York.

We will miss his smile.

19th ANNUAL VINCENT L. VALADE (12/7/2013) FIELD COLLECTING & CREATIVE LAPIDARY AWARDS

Eleven Award Categories

BEST FIELD COLLECTING

1. BEST NEW HAMPSHIRE
2. BEST NEW ENGLAND
3. BEST OUTSIDE NEW ENGLAND
4. MICROMOUNT
5. **BEST OF SHOW, MINERAL**

BEST CREATIVE LAPIDARY

6. BEST FACETED, SMALL (10mm or less)
7. BEST FACETED, MEDIUM (11mm to 20mm)
8. BEST FACETED, LARGE (21mm or greater)
9. BEST CABOCHON
10. BEST JEWELRY
11. **BEST OF SHOW, LAPIDARY**

RULES

1. Must have been a Club member for the **past year** to enter.
 2. All entries must be **self-collected** or **self-produced** during the past year. Labeling shall not contain the owner's name.
 3. Only **two entries** per person per category. However, we encourage you to bring additional pieces to the meeting.
 4. For **micromounts** only one entry with collector supplied microscope and light.
- Only **Club members present** at the December meeting are eligible to enter and vote.

COMMENTS

The Creative Lapidary category will be set up by one individual, named in the November newsletter, who should be contacted by the participants prior to the meeting. Voting slips will be provided and the entries marked by number and category. Your "best of show" vote will most likely be a repeat of one of your choices. Winners from each category will receive an **engraved label** for their specimen and have their **names mentioned** in the January Newsletter. The Best of Show winners will also receive **engraved plaques** and a **Club sweat shirt** with the year embossed. The plaques are theirs to keep and display until next year's contest when new winners will be chosen and will keep the plaques until the next contest. This allows a history of winners to develop as the years go by. It is your chance to see the best of this past year and hear the stories behind the finds or creations.

These Awards were set up and started December 1995 by Vince Valade. In 2006, categories 9, cabochon and 10, Jewelry were re-fined. Starting in 2007 a new category 4, Micromount and category 7 and 8, redefining Best Faceted was added as well as all winners are to receive an engraved label. At the November 2007 Club meeting the contest was voted to be known as the "Vincent L. Valade Field Collecting & Creative Lapidary Awards".

PAST WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW FIELD COLLECTING WINNERS

1995 Vince Valade, Beryl, Golden Beryl Loc.
 1996 Steffen Hermanns, Grossular, Eden Mills
 1997 Bill & Mary Finney, Beryl, Palermo No. 2
 1998 John McCrory, Magnetite, Eden Mills
 1999 Ernie Schlichter, Barite, Grand Jct., CO
 2000 Robert Whitmore, Epidote, Eden Mills
 2001 James Tovey, Amethyst, Hopkinton, RI
 2002 Dana Jewell, Fluorapatite, Palermo No. 1
 2003 John McCrory, Garnet/Diopside., Orford, Quebec
 2004 James Tovey, Beryl, Tripp Mine, Alstead
 2005 Bill Brown, Pritized Cephalopoda, Alden, NY
 2006 Robert York, Calcite in Clam, Ft. Drum, Florida
 2007 Scott Higgins, Triphylite, Palermo No. 2
 2008 James S. Tovey, Calcite, Walworth Quarry, NY
 2009 James S. Tovey, Beryl, Tripp Mine, Alstead, NH
 2010 Gordon Jackson, Smoky/ Microcline, Teller Co, CO
 2011 Carlos Gristani, Copper, Central Explor, Michigan
 2012 Jon Herndon, Beryl, Ossipee Mtns, Ossipee, NH

BEST OF SHOW CREATIVE LAPIDARY WINNERS

Bill Brown, 23.70 Ct Fac. Bolivian Amethyst
 Bill Brown, 69.45 Ct Fac. S. American Amethyst
 Bill Brown, 5.72 Ct Fac. Nigerian Aquamarine
 Bill Brown, 3.5 Ct Fac. Palermo Gold Beryl (HT)
 Bill Brown, 22.60 Ct Fac. Mt St Helens Obsidianite
 Bill Brown, 24.60 Ct Fac. Mt St Helens Obsidianite
 Bill Brown, 10.30 Ct Faceted Brazilian Citrine
 Bill Brown, 22.10 Ct Faceted Pink Sapphire
 Bill Brown, 26.80 Ct Faceted Pink Star Sapphire
 Brian Bissonette, 25.70 Ct Fac. Pink Syn. Garnet
 Bill Brown, 24.45 Ct Faceted Spider in Obsidianite
 Bill Brown, 62.65 Ct. Brazilian Quartz with Butterfly
 Bill Brown, 388.30 Ct. NH Smoky Quartz
 Bill Brown 85.30 Ct. Labradorite, Mexico
 James S. Tovey, 30.7 Ct. Smoky Quartz, NH
 James S. Tovey, 12.60 Ct. Green Amethyst
 Larry Welker, 2.15 Ct. Morganite, Brazil
 Kathy Welker, amethyst pendant

FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER (12/7/2013), 12:00 - 4:30 PM SALVATION ARMY BUILDING, 58 CLINTON STREET, CONCORD, NH

We still need someone to do the following Food items:

(1) **GROCERIES: DRINKS** ½ GAL 1% MILK, ½ GAL CHOC MILK, 2 - 2 LITER DIET COKES, 1 - 2 LITER COKE, GAL APPLE CIDER, **PINT HALF & HALF** (FOR COFFEE), 6 SMALL TUBS **MARGARINE**, 1 EA TABLE (FOR ROLLS & POTATO), 6 PLASTIC **KNIVES** FOR MARGARINE, 3 DZ **ROLLS** (3/4 / PERSON), WITH SOMETHING TO WARM THE ROLLS AND SERVE, 2 CANS **JELLIED CRANBERRY SAUCE** & SERVING DISH.

(5) **MASHED POTATO:** ½ FIST SIZED POTATO PER PERSON, (APPROX 5 LBS FOR 24 PEOPLE).

Please contact Gordon Jackson If you want to bring any of these items.

Items For Sale

There are two mineral tack packages remaining for sale, \$11.00 each.

Also available on a first come basis will be a limited supply of *The Geology of the White Mountains of New Hampshire*, \$25.00 each.

There also be some Thumbnail and 2" perky boxes available for sale.

DECEMBER 7, 2013 YEAR END GET TOGETHER

SALVATION ARMY, CLINTON STREET, CONCORD, NH

12:00 - 12:30 **BEGIN**, organize

12:30 - 1:30 **SOCIALIZE**, setup, prepare dinner and relax, have fun!!!!

1:00 - 1:30 **VOTE** on the collecting and Lapidary awards

1:30 - 2:45 **EAT** all the good, and I mean good, food that everyone brings

3:00ish **YANKEE SWAP** - good fun

4:30ish **SOCIALIZE**, PICK UP, LEAVE

DRIVE SAFELY AND HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!

BRING DINNER, DESSERT, AND SALAD PLATES; CUP/MUG & SAUCER, UTENSILS, NAPKINS, SALT & PEPPER, POT-LUCK SPECIALTY & SERVING UTENSILS, HOLIDAY CENTER PIECE IF DESIRED. PLASTIC BAG FOR TAKING HOME DIRTY OR WET DISHES ETC. AND A BIG SMILE.

THE YANKEE SWAP Bring a gift of at least \$5.00-\$10.00 value to do with the hobby, gift wrapped. Each participant is given a numbered ticket. You then chose your gift when your number is called. Before you open your gift you can swap with any member called before you. You can not go back to swap your gift once you have passed a person. The first person called, can at the end of the swap, swap with any other. The club adds a mystery gift to a lucky participant. Come and enjoy lots of fun and nice gifts.

DISPLAYS If you can, bring a display of your summers acquisitions. The object is not to show the best, but to stimulate some conversation and make for good socializing. This is separate from the annual "Best Field Collecting Award" & "Best Creative Lapidary Award". Suggested topics might be:

"THINGS I HAVE COLLECTED THIS YEAR"

"THINGS I HAVE CLEANED OR TRIMMED FROM LAST 10 YEARS" "ACQUIRED THIS YEAR" "MINERALS OF MT. PARADISE"

"MY CHILDHOOD COLLECTION FROM 80 YEARS AGO"

SIGN UP!!! COME!!!

If you have not signed up for a food item or want to know more about the December meeting you can call me Gordon Jackson at (603) 783-4493 or e-mail gsj8544@aol.com. Please RSVP if you can. Let's have a good turn out!!

SEE YOU THIS DECEMBER 7th !!!!



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
<p>DECEMBER 7, 2013 Holiday Party: 12:00PM</p>	<p>February 15-16 2014: ALBANY, NY: Capital District Mineral Club; New York State Museum; Empire Plaza, 260 Madison Ave.; Daily 10-5; adults \$5, children free; guided museum mineral gallery tours; contact Michael Hawkins, (518) 486-2011; e-mail: hawkins@mail.nysed.gov</p> <p>August 23-24 2014: CONCORD, NH: 51th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival Capital Mineral Club, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm, www.capitalmineralclub.org, steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org</p>
<p>JANUARY 4, 2014 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments Bill Adams</p>	
<p>FEBRUARY 1, 2014 NO MEETING</p>	
<p>MARCH 1, 2014 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments Peter Cram</p>	
<p>APRIL 5, 2014 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments Nicholas Hadshi</p>	
<p>MAY 3, 2014 Club Meeting: 2:00PM Speaker: TBD Refreshments TBD</p>	