



# CRYSTALS AND CABS

Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club  
Concord, New Hampshire

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## Capital Mineral Club News

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**The February meeting of the CMC will meet Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, NH.**  
 The presentation for this month will be given by Dylan Bush from Keene State College, Dylan was the 2006 Scholarship recipient. His topic will be on his 6 week geological field course this summer. Refreshments this month will be supplied by Howard & Bea Ewing. Thanks to Martin Kippley for supplying refreshments for last month.

### 2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE! MEMBERSHIP RATES:

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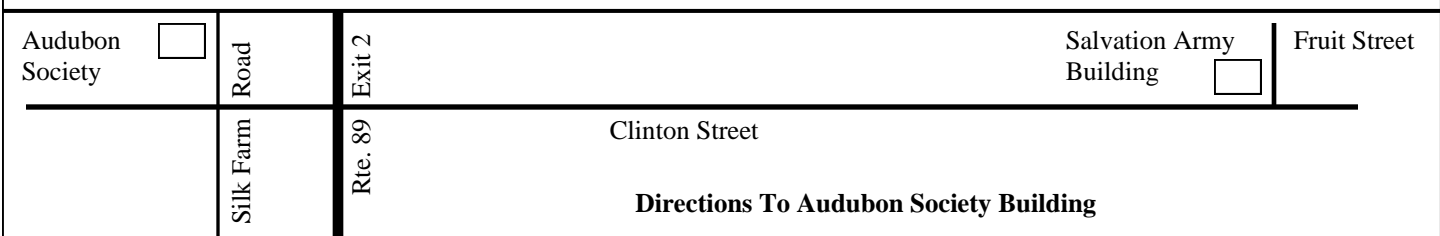
Our newest Club Member  
Jan West of Mont Vernon, NH

### 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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Robin Edgewood-Reece & Steffen Hermanns

I just wanted to report that the NH mineral display case is getting good treatment. I deliver water samples to the State labs every month and today I had a co-worker with me (actually he attended the show in Concord and enjoyed it very much). He was really impressed with the display. As we were viewing a very nice young lady came out and began telling us about the display, she was a part time employee who is somehow tied into the geology department. I did not get her name but she was extremely helpful and very excited about the collection. I just thought the club would like to know that DES is quite involved with this project. She suggested I contact several folks doing an outreach program which I will do as I would like to get my Scouts involved in this hobby. Submitted by Bob Kilham.





These are the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, New Hampshire. This month meeting was the annual Holiday get together. There were 26 members and 1 guest in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Whitmore at 1:00pm.

Old business:

A motion was made by Francis Gill to accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Pat Barker, the membership voted in favor of the motion.

The treasurer's report was read and a motion was made by Martin Kippley and seconded by Francis Gill, the membership voted in favor of the motion.

Martin Kippley discussed perky box sales, the person that was selling them had passed away, however other family members are still in the business and Martin will still pursue this avenue. Charles Forsberg suggested that we should sell Perky boxes at the annual club show.

New Business:

A discussion about a field trip to the Bennington, VT road cut where the continental collision occurred and a trip to the New York State Museum in Albany. The membership decided that Saturday April 19th would be a good day for everyone to attend this trip. The members would pay for part of the trip and the club would pick up the rest. A signup sheet went around and about 25 people signed up. Other possible trips were discussed such as, Herkimer, Connecticut Garnets, Sterling Hills, NJ, NY Museum of Natural History.

Discussion about the club display case at the Audubon where members can display there minerals. Charles Forsberg the idea that we could do show and tell presentations at the Audubon. It was suggested that the minerals would be on display for a 3 month period per shelf per exhibitor. Bob Whitmore will be the coordinator.

Gordon Jackson presented the awards for the winners of the annual Vincent L. Valade Field collecting and Lapidary competition, the winners were Scott Higgins and Bill Brown. Gordon also mentioned that he will not be the Christmas party chairperson for the 2008 party and was looking for volunteers to take over. Gordon has all the materials for the new person or persons. Gordon also needs a co-chairperson for the annual club show.

The following new membership application was recommended by the board to be accepted into the club as a new member, Jan West of Mont Vernon, NH. Martin Kippley made a motion to accept this application and Scott Higgins seconded. The membership voted in favor of the motion, a big welcome to our newest club member.

Carlos Gristani donated a slide projector to the club for slide presentations. Thank you Carlos.

Door prize winners: Francis Gill, Kathy Dallaire, Charles Forsberg, Denis Carignan, Pat Barker, Jon Herndon, Roseanne Boudreau and Bea Ewing.

Guest speaker, Ted Johnson gave his presentation about the volcanoes of Southern Italy. This was the first presentation given on the wide screen television which worked out very well.

Business meeting was Adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Steffen Hermanns, Secretary

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## And Another Location May Return to Rock Dust

It appears that 2007 was a bad year for rock hounds due to numerous quarry closings. Although there is no complete list available or reason for closures, there were a few standouts.

A note in **CRYSTALS AND CABS** December 2007 that Pearl Lake is now closed to collecting reminded me of another similar announcement from an associate in Albany, New York. Read the article in it's entirety. Even if you aren't a local New England collector, details are guaranteed it will make your rock hound nostrils flair.

### **"The Stoddard Mine is Closed to Collecting"**

Due to over zealous collecting by groups who have not respected the owner's property, the Stoddard Mine is now, or will shortly, be posted. I have been in frequent contact with the owner and she has asked me to spread the word. The owner, on a routine inspection of the lower pit, was surprised by the degree of devastation and to find a large group collecting there who had not contacted her. Also, their cars presented a hazard parked precariously along Poocham Road. How long the moratorium will be is not known at this time. The owner may consider limited written permission at some juncture; however, once again, please do not go there until a decision has been made. While she cited me as one of the few who actually have asked for her permission to collect on her 300 acres in the thirty years she has owned the property, I do not know what the future will hold.

I have purposely omitted the owner's name here as it would be inappropriate for anyone to contact her at this time until she has had a chance to mull over this situation. This should, however, be a warning to collectors to use restraint when collecting minerals of fossils on a property. You do not need to take everything. Obtain permission. Respect the land. Do not leave huge holes or leave trash or set campfires. All of these things were done at the Stoddard Mine." For members not familiar with the area around Stoddard Mine, southwest New Hampshire is the location. Stoddard is just down the road from the famous Wise Mine. Wise Mine is home site of some of the most beautiful and unique green fluorite in North America.

Stoddard has a unique mineralization all of its own. Mineralization at this site is more rich than Wise. A variety of colored fluorite from clear, lavender, blue, purple and green has been found. Associate minerals of barite, chalcopyrite, goethite, malachite and sphalerite are mixed with the largely quartzite base matrix there. A fieldtrip leader tries to promote good will with property owners by great diplomacy. It is infuriating that irresponsible individuals or groups can totally destroy opportunities for more responsible rock and mineral enthusiasts. Think of mineral treasures and locations that will crumble to dust without ever being appreciated by ourselves, our children or others like us. As I have often quoted a Pogo cartoon in a previous articles, I quote again, "We have met the enemy, and HE is Us." We, as collectors, can be our own worst enemies if we fail in our stewardship to prevent or guide others from destroying owner granted privileges to access property.

Article by Don Kauffman. Member from Reading, PA "The Stoddard Mine is Closed to Collecting" is reprinted by permission of the author: Richard Hartnett, Capital District Rock and Mineral Club Albany, New York. It appeared in November 2007, The CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER. Richard is an avid collector of fossils and minerals of New York and worldwide specimens. He is a fieldtrip leader of many years experience for the Albany club.

## Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

**Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Tin Mt. Conservation Center, Albany, NH – 7:00 PM  
www.sacovalleygmc.com

**Keene:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at Keene State College, Bldg. 18, Keene, NH – 7:00 PM

**Nashua:** Last Wednesday of each month at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua, 47 Grand Ave., Nashua, NH – 7:00 PM

**North Shore (MA):** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Washington St., Peabody, MA – 7:30 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

**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

**Presidential Gem and Mineral Society:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of month at 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH



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**Reminder that the meetings are now at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord only a mile from the Salvation Army 2008 Club Dues are due please send your dues to Steffen Hermanns**

### CAPITAL MINERAL CLUB MEETINGS

#### JANUARY 12, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00 PM**  
Club Meeting: **1:00 PM**  
Speaker, Ted Johnson, Volcanoes of Italy  
Refreshments Martin Kippley

#### FEBRUARY 9, 2008

Club Meeting: **1:00 PM**  
Speaker Dylan Bush 2006 Scholarship  
Refreshments Howard & Bea Ewing

#### MARCH 8, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00 PM**  
Club Meeting: **1:00 PM**  
Speaker TBA  
Refreshments Scott Higgins

#### MARCH 22, 2008

Club Workshop **10:00 AM**  
Gordon & Pam Jackson's House

#### APRIL 8, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **6:00 PM**  
Club Meeting: **7:30 PM**  
Speaker TBA  
Refreshments Terry & Annette Crowell

### GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

**February 5-17, 2008, Tucson Mineral Show, Tucson, AZ**

**February 23-24, 2008, Albany, NY - 15th Annual Show. James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show.** New York State Academy of Mineralogy, Capital District Mineral Club; New York State Museum, 4th floor, Empire State Plaza, Madison Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; admission \$6; contact Mike Hawkins, (518) 486-2011; e-mail: [mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov)

**April 10 - 13, 2008, Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, Rochester, NY.** Radisson Hotel, Rochester NY. 301-294-1640, fax 301-294-0034, [info@intergem.com](mailto:info@intergem.com), [www.intergem.com](http://www.intergem.com)

**June 28-29, 2008, Gilsum, NH - 44th Annual Rock Swap.** Gilsum Elementary School and Community Center. Jane Robert Mitchell [rmitchell60@gmail.com](mailto:rmitchell60@gmail.com), 603-357-9636

**July 26-27, 2008, Burlington, VT - 29th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show,** Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-5, Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset Street, South Burlington, VT

**September 27-28, 2008, Concord, NH—45th Annual Gem and Mineral Festival presented by the Capital Mineral Club,** Sat. 9-5, Sun., 9-4, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Adults – \$4.00, 12 and under free