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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club Concord, New Hampshire

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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: Robin Edgewood-Reece & 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, February 6th at 2:00 PM at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, NH, a board of directors meeting will be held at 12:00 PM before the regular business meeting.

This Months refreshments will be provided by Howard and Bea Ewing. Bill Brown will be providing a video this month on Gem Hunter in Afghanistan. Mineral of the month minerals of Afghanistan.

For those that have signed up for the Maine trip in July please get your payment to Steffen Hermanns or your spot will go to the next person on the waiting list.

2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

MEMBERSHIP RATES:

Adult Single \$10 per year; Family \$15 per year(2 Adults);
 Please make checks payable to the
 “CAPITAL MINERAL CLUB”
 and submit or mail them to:
 Steffen Hermanns
 7133 Oak Hill Road
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Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club: 3rd Thursday 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

Nashua: The Nashua Club has been absolved due to lack of membership

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday of each month, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Washington St., Peabody, MA – 7:30 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 January 2nd, 2010 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, New Hampshire. President Bob Whitmore called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. There were 19 people in attendance.

A discussion was held regarding the newsletter. Those people who are not currently receiving it by E mail are asked to contact Steffen Hermanns. It was also discussed that additional help would be needed with the secretarial duties / newsletter to aid in getting it out earlier. Anyone who may be able to assist is urged to do so.

The Board of Directors for approval by the club presented five new membership applications (six new members). The names are as follows, Andrea Defeo, Paul Golas, Linda Sadowski, Charlie Phillips, Nina Brown, Tim Brown, A motion was made and seconded to accept the new members presented, motion passed.

The treasurer's report was offered to the club. A motion to accept the report was made and seconded, motion passed. The treasurer indicated that he would not be at the next meeting. Any one who needs reimbursement for club expenses can obtain a form fro the club cabinet or the secretary. This form should be submitted to the secretary who will forward it to the treasurer who will ensure a check is delivered. It was discussed the need to have the president on the list of persons to sign checks. In this case it will not be an issue as he will also be unavailable for the next meeting.

Old Business;

Discussed the Poland Mining cap field trip. The \$100.00 per person fee for those staying at the mining camp is due NOW. There are 22 spaces at the camp available. If the check is not received those spaces will be offered on a fist come first served basis. The cost is for food and guide services for the weekend. Space in the cabins is free. Members who wish to attend the field trip on one or both days may do so by paying \$50.00 per day. Camping space is available at the camp. Any special needs should be communicated as soon as possible to the club board. An e mail will be sent out if cabin space becomes available. Bob Whitmore has perky boxes at \$7.00 / flat of 28. He also has the 2 x 2 boxes available. Any one needing these items should contact him for details.

New Business;

It was learned Elvin A Jones former Vermont Asbestos Group mine manager passed away last summer. He allowed collecting at the VAG mine in Lowell VT for many years after it was closed. That is practice is unheard of in most cases. The mineral collecting community has lost a good friend.

It was offered that coffee cups and coffee would be needed for the next meeting. Bill Brown will attempt to provide. The February refreshment person will also be ask to get some.

Flyers for the upcoming CMC show are available. See Gordon Jackson to get them. All are encouraged to distribute them to help make the show a success. Gordo also mention 37 invites were issued to dealers for the next show.

One graduate student has applied for the annual scholarship. The board has recommended that the \$1500 dollars from 2008 along with the \$1500.00 dollars from 2009 be awarded to this person. The money is to be used to complete a master's thesis on the pegmatite outcrops of New Hampshire. The CMC would receive a copy of this document along with the student presenting a talk to the club. The student will be presenting the club with a budget of expenses soon. The University of New Orleans (UNO) masters thesis guidance department would guide the expenditure of funds. The board will also consider this individual for the 2010 grant when the time is appropriate. Many club members spoke in favor of this idea. A motion was made and seconded as follows. "A motion to accept the thesis proposal in the amount of \$3000.00 dollars. The CMC treasurer to over see the expenditure of the funds along with the guidance advisors of the UNO. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A copy of the thesis proposal will be included in the newsletter.

Door prizes were as follows:

Anna Wilken won an almandine garnet for Marmora, Ontario provide by Pat barker.

Pearl Nadeau wor a quartz from Boylston, Nova Scotia provide by Pat Barker

Gordon Jackson won a quartz form Northwood, NH provided by Mike Undercoffer

Pete Cram won the club provided fluorite form Asturias, Spain.

The club broke for refreshments provided by Charles Forsberg. A DVD of mineral collecting in Brazil by Franell Melason was played. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

MT Kippley, acting Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

The Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society (FRLMS), Oroville, California ANNOUNCES THE

Second Annual World Rock Tumbling Championship

Announcing the Second Annual Rock Tumbling Championship! This contest is open to everyone, any age, worldwide, who enjoys tumbling rocks and wants a shot at being the best in the world.

- Send in a completed application (below) with a \$40.00 entry fee postmarked no later than May 1, 2010.
- By May 14th, we will ship about four pounds of Royal Nevada Jasper tumbling rough from a private mine in Nevada.
- You will have over three months to tumble the rock in a rotary or vibratory tumbler and mail a half-pound (1/2 lb) of your best pieces back to us for judging. The entries must be received by us no later than September 25, 2010.
- Once your entry is received, it will be assigned a number and your name will be known only to the contest coordinator.
- Steve Hart, author of the book Modern Rock Tumbling, has agreed to evaluate each entry on the basis of smoothness, shape, shine and overall appeal. He will select the top five entries to be displayed at the FRLMS Rock and Gem Show held in Oroville, California the first week-end of October.
- Everyone attending the Rock and Gem show has a chance to cast a ballot and the top three winners will be determined by popular vote. The results will be announced at the end of the show.

This year's prizes are:

1st Place: \$250.00 + Perpetual Trophy Inscription + Bragging Rights

2nd Place: \$100

3rd Place: \$50

Every tumbler is encouraged to try. You could be a winner. (Note to rock clubs: Consider sponsoring one of your members. This is especially an exciting opportunity for your club's junior members.)

We are asking all Rock Clubs, Lapidary Shops and Equipment Manufacturers to post this notice so all their customers hear about this contest. If you would like more information about this contest, please log on to www.oroillerocks.com

2010 Application Form

Name _____ Phone _____

USPS Mailing Address _____

City, State, Country, Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please mail applications with a check or money order

made out to FRLMS by May 1, 2010 to

FRLMS Contest Headquarters, PO Box 2645, Oroville CA 95965



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2010 Club Dues are due please send your dues to Steffen Hermanns

Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events

FEBRUARY 6, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Bill Brown - Video, Gem Hunter in Afghanistan
Refreshments: Howard & Bea Ewing

MARCH 6, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Michael Dyber - Gems from the mind
Refreshments: Terry & Annette

APRIL 3, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Jim Nizamoff - Mount Mica
Refreshments: Edna Whitmore

MAY 1, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: John McCrory

Gem & Mineral Shows

February 20-21--ALBANY, NEW YORK: 17th annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show and Sale; New York State Academy of Mineralogy, Capital District Mineral Club; Museum, Empire State Plaza, Madison Ave., 4th floor; admission \$6 (includes flower show); Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; more than 20 mineral and fossil dealers, guided museum tours, mineral and fossil identification; contact Michael Hawkins, (518) 486 2011; e mail: mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov

March 27-28--HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS: Show; Connecticut Valley Mineral Club; Holiday Inn at Ingleside, I-91 Exit 15; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, children 12 and under free with adult; minerals, gemstones, jewelry, crystals, beads, fossils, lapidary and mineral arts, demonstrations, exhibits; contact Lee Champigny, (413) 320-9741; e-mail: pullG4fun@verizon.net

August 28-29 CONCORD, NH: 47th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival-- Capital Mineral Club, Everett Areana, Concord, NH, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm, www.capitalmineralclub.org, steffenh@capitalmineralclub.org