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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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**The November meeting of the CMC will meet Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, NH. There will be a board of directors meeting at 6:00pm same location.**

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.

The Mineral of the Month will be Galena in memory of Vince Valade.

Refreshments will be provided by Charles Forsberg.

Thanks to Edna Whitmore for supplying refreshments for last month.

### In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that I inform the membership that long time club member Vince Valade passed away on October 15th after struggling with a long illness. He was a good friend to all and will be missed greatly.

### Welcome New Club Members

**Denis P. Carignan of Laconia, NH**

**Tom O'Rourke of Mashpee, MA**

**Andrew & Jennifer Carroll of Billerica, MA**

**Richard Krumpus and family of Ashby, MA**

**Todd Nahrosis of Rye, NH**

**Lester & Suzanne Shwartz of Campton, NH**

**Paul Zuzgo of New Durham, NH**

**Rodney Pingree of Jonesville, VT**

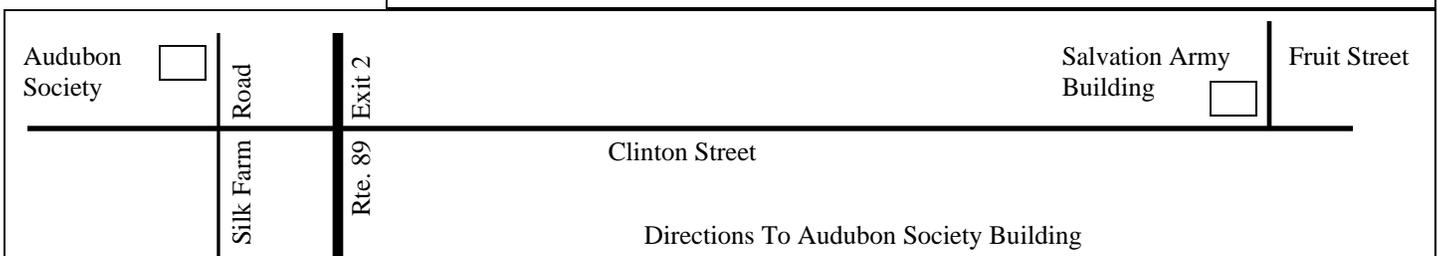
**Robert J. Gagne of Gilmanton Iron Works, NH**

**John Fortier of VT ( need your town state and zip info)**

### 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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These are the minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held in the all purpose room of the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, New Hampshire.

The meeting was called order by Vice President Charles Forsberg at 7:30 PM. There were 18 members present and one guest Robert Brown.

Guest speaker, David Wunsch gave a power point presentation on the history of the NH department of geology. Also discussed were flood control projects, product databases

#### Old business:

The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter. Due to the absence of the treasurer the treasurer's report was tabled until the November meeting.

Bob Whitmore made a motion that the club purchase 50% (\$600) of the mineral display case that is at the Department of Environmental Services building in the first floor main lobby. The other half belongs to the New Hampshire Geological Society. The club would be able to display specimens in this case with DES having the final say as to the display content. Pat Barker seconded the motion and the club accepted the motion. Club members who want to display in this case can contact Bob Whitmore or Lee Wilder of the NHGS.

A thinking of you card for Vince Valade was passed around to be signed by the membership.

#### New Business:

Martin Kippley brought up a discussion about the club purchasing perky boxes. Martin will be putting together a proposal for the club to review and vote on.

Gordon gave brief festival report, a full report will be in the November newsletter. Gordon also made mention of a letter he received from Carl Francis of Harvard stating how well the show went off.

The following new membership applications were recommended by the board to be accepted into the club as new members, Denis P. Carignan of Laconia, NH, Tom O'Rourke of Mashpee, MA, Andrew & Jennifer Carroll of Billerica, MA, Richard Krumpus and family of Ashby, MA, Todd Nahrosis of Rye, NH, John Fortier of VT, Lester & Suzanne Schwartz of Campton, NH, Paul Zuzgo of New Durham, NH, Rodney Pingree of Jonesville, VT and Robert Gagne of Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. Gordon Jackson made a motion to accept these applications and Scott Higgins seconded. The motion was passed, a big welcome to our newest club members.

Door prize winners: Natalie Undercofler, Bob Kilham, Pat Barker, Steffen Hermanns, Howard Ewing, Peter Cram, Gordon Jackson, Scott Higgins, Robert Brown, Charles Forsberg and Bea Ewing.

Pat Barker mentioned the new National Forest Building that is under construction just off of exit 27 on route 93.

The Nominating Committee has selected Robert Whitmore for the open position of President, the Club membership accepted the nominee and Robert shall be President for the 2008, 2009 term.

Meeting was Adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Steffen Hermanns, Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club  
Concord, New Hampshire**

## 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 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. BEST MICROMOUNT
5. **BEST OF SHOW**

#### BEST CREATIVE LAPIDARY

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

### 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.
3. Only **three entries** per person per category. However, we encourage you to bring additional pieces to the meeting. For **micromounts** only one entry with collector supplying microscope and light.
4. Only **Club members present** at the award meeting are eligible to enter and vote.

### COMMENT

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 a **Club sweat shirt** and have their **names mentioned** in the January Newsletter. The **Best of Show winners will 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 refined. Starting in 2007 a new category 4, Micromount and category 7 and 8, redefining Best Faceted were added as well as all winners are to receive an engraved label.

### Past Winners

#### BEST OF SHOW FIELD COLLECTING

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., Colorado
2000 Robert Whitmore	Epidote, Eden Mills
2001 James Tovey	Amethyst Scepter, 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	Pyritized Cephalopoda, Alden, NY
2006 Robert York	Calcite in Clam, Ft. Drum, FL

#### BEST OF SHOW CREATIVE LAPIDARY

Bill Brown	23.70 Ct Faceted Bolivian Amethyst
Bill Brown	69.45 Ct Faceted S. American Amethyst
Bill Brown	5.72 Ct Faceted Nigerian Aquamarine
Bill Brown	3.5 Ct Faceted Palermo Gold Beryl (HT)
Bill Brown	22.60 Ct Faceted MtSt Helens Obsidianite
Bill Brown	24.60 Ct Faceted MtSt 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

## DECEMBER 8, 2007 YEAR END GET TOGETHER

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF NH BUILDING, 3 SILK FARM ROAD, 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 GOOD 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.

**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, TRIMMED FROM THE LAST TEN"**

**"ACQUIRED THIS YEAR" "MINERAL 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 Gordon Jackson at (603) 783-4493. Please RSVP if you can. Lets have a good turn out!!

**SEE YOU THIS DECEMBER !!!!**

### **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](http://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

### 2007 Festival Report

The first thing, everyone should be proud to have been a part of the show. Any glitch was quickly solved. This happened because Lowe's is 5 minutes away, Taylor Rental 10 minutes and food around the corner and the "can do attitude" of our members.. But the best was the festival went as planned, looking as if we had been there many times before.

What happened – 30 dealers showed up - 9 more than Sunapee. Because of the open space, everything was on one floor, wide isles and bright lighting, many people thought the Sunapee show was bigger - Wrong. We had a better variety and an additional mineral dealer. Conversation with many past Sunapee goers indicated they were impressed with the Concord Festival. That fact lead Carl Francis, Curator of the Harvard Mineralogical Museum to write the Club to express his delight and articulate on the future possibilities that we have. As in real estate it is location, location, location. One minute off I-93, Exit 14. Easy access. Ample parking. Large facility. Bright lighting.

There were 1120 people in attendance for Saturday and Sunday. This compares with the highest attendance at Sunapee of 1100 over the last ten years. Though I had hoped for more, reality set in with the new date, new location winning out. I wanted to ignore those that said it will take 3 years for the show to fully catch on.

We asked over 20% of the attendees how they heard about the show. I have recalculated the responses to reflect the total attendance. Approximately 205 each (615 people) heard about us by (1) word of mouth, (2) Arena signs (2 Club signs were put up 5 days before the show) and (3) mailings. 145 heard through flyers that members passed out. 125 people reached us through road signs (20 signs were placed along connecting highways Saturday morning). 100 through newspapers. 75 through internet sources and the remainder were about evenly split at 20 each, (1) printed media (magazines), (2) Club meetings, (3) school presentation and fewer through radio. Publicity is an area we can start on early. If anyone has pictures of the show e-mail them to Steffen. We needed to develop and update a Show web page using pictures and have a press release made up for next years Show. If you think you would like to develop a press release for the Club, we sure would like to hear from you. Flyers have been made for 2008 and were passed.

The show ran about the same format as Sunapee, though one area that was greatly improved were the displays. During the last few years at Sunapee we kept losing space to the point we could only have about 12 displays. Moving to Concord allowed us to not only have all 18 Club display cases filled but we were able to have 3 additional display cases that we borrowed. The displays are one of the things that makes our show attractive and this year made that apparent. The move to the Everett Arena will allow us to continue to have great displays.

Another change from previous years was the positioning of the Club table at the front of the show. This allowed us to keep the entryway clear, not clogging the area as we have in the past. We also had 9 applications for membership which to my memory is an all time high, we must be doing something right. In 2008 the Club table will have a display case showing the December 2007 field collecting and creative lapidary winners.

We had a Concord policeman present during show hours for additional security which was appreciated by the dealers. This will be a regular practice at all future shows.

Though parking wasn't a problem this year, we need to plan ahead to maximize the designated (paved) parking area (197 spaces). Dealers will be asked to park their vehicles off pavement in the gravel (overflow) parking area east of the Arena. Club members should do the same. We should max out the paved lot when we reach an attendance around 1800. I would like to think we would reach that number with our 2009 Festival.

In closing, I would like to add that nearly 40% of the Club participated in some way and a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who worked on or at the Festival.

Gordon Jackson  
Show Chairman



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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**

**CAPITAL MINERAL CLUB MEETINGS**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2007**

Board of Directors Meeting: **6:00PM**  
Club Meeting: **7:30PM**  
Speaker: Dylan Bush 2006 Scholarship Grant Recipient  
Refreshments: Charles Forsberg

**DECEMBER 8, 2007**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY 12:00PM**  
Potluck Meal  
Yankee Swap  
Annual Collector's Award

**JANUARY 12, 2008**

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**  
Club Meeting: **1:00PM**  
Speaker, TBA  
Refreshments Martin Kippley

**FEBRUARY 9, 2008**

Club Meeting: **1:00PM**  
Speaker TBA  
Refreshments Howard & Bea Ewing

**MARCH 8, 2008 @ 10:00AM**

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**  
Club Meeting: **1:00PM**  
Speaker TBA  
Refreshments Gordon & Pam Jackson

**GEM & MINERAL SHOWS**

**November 17 - 18, 2007, Worcester Mineral Club, 32nd Annual Jewelry, Gem Mineral & Fossil Show.** National Guard Armory, 701 Lincoln St, Worcester, MA, (413)-477-0107

**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

**April 10 - 13, 2008, Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, Rochester, NY.** Radisson Hotel, Rochester NY. 301-294-1640, fax 301-294-0034, info@intergem.com, 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, 603-357-9636

**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