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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:
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- 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, September 3rd at 2:00 PM at the Salvation Army Building on Clinton Street in Concord, NH

This months speaker Robert Whitmore will be giving a presentation on Pegmatites. This presentation will cover the geology and formations that are found with Pegmatites..

This months refreshments will be provided by Edna Whitmore.

Also thanks to Steffen Hermanns for bringing refreshments to the May Meeting.

The Salvation Army building is located at the corner of Fruit Street and Clinton Street in Concord, NH, it is about a mile back into Concord from the Audubon down Clinton Street.

**Alden, NY Field Trip
Saturday September 9-10 2011
Make your reservations now
For all details contact Bill Brown**

**Welcome new club members:
Joe Piro of Deerfield NH**

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 is in a period of suspension of many of its traditional activities, but a core group of members plans to continue with some field trips and group participation at the Gilsum Rock Swap.

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 May 6th, 2011 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, New Hampshire. Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by president Charles Forsberg, there were 33 members present and our speaker. Ted Johnson will present first on the Tilly Foster Iron Mine.

Secretary's report: Meeting Minutes motion made to accept made by Martin Kippley, seconded by Bill Adams, passed membership. Correction to newsletter Jack and Frances Gill were not here to win the door prizes

Treasurers' report: Don Dallaire read the treasures report a motion was made by Martin Kippley, seconded by Frances Gill, passed the membership

Correspondence: Little Nature Museum in need of display specimens to borrow and display, the copy of the letter will go out to the membership on this subject.

Scholarship Committee: Recommends \$1000.00 to Kristen Kamp to complete her research on NH Geology and a \$556.00 grant to Abigail L Morris from UNH to go to the Peg Camp in Maine

Field Trips: Gulch Trip June 18th rain date the 19th, Poland Mining Camp July 22-24, Toveco Tripp Mine August 20th, Alden NY September 9-11

Show Discussion: Gordon passed out envelopes of flyers for this year's show for members to hand out when they visit restaurants etc. postcards will be out by beginning of June and the Posters will be out mid June.

Old Business: Winners for mineral collecting awards will be given out at the show, bill brown handed out sweat shirts, Mineral Award Gordon Jackson and Jim Tovey tied with Larry Welker for Faceting award.

Gordon Jacksons Quit Claim for the mineral rights to Hoyt Hill have been approved by the board.

New Business: Discussion on meeting place Audubon wants to raise our rates. Two other options Krista McAuliffe center Salvation Army, Canterbury SnoShakers Clubhouse. Gordon Jackson made a motion to go back to the Salvation Army seconded by Frances Gill, so moved by the membership, Nancy Bodenstein suggested that everyone bring a food donation.

Officer Elections Charles Forsberg President, Martha Martel Vice President, Don Dallaire Treasurer, Steffen Hermanns Secretary, John Walsh Director, Auditor Junior Auditor, Scott Higgins year 2 of present term Director, Peter Cram year 2 of present term Senior Auditor. Pat Barker made a motion from the floor to nominate Gordon Jackson for President seconded by Terry Crowell. Kip made motion Norman Miner seconded to vote for presented ballot with the exception of president which was done by ballot election the winner is Gordon Jackson. 15 for Gordon Jackson and 12 Charles Forsberg.

New Membership Applications: Board recommends Joe Piro of Deerfield NH to be a new member motion made by Pat Barker, seconded by Denis Carignan, passed by membership

Door Prizes: Donated by Peter Cram and Pat Barker, Door prize winners were not kept track of.

Motion made by Frances Gill seconded by Bill Adams

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35

Respectfully submitted

Steffen Hermanns

Secretary

**Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire**

Spent some time this morning going through the door prize slips and found the following trivia items:

First time visitors 163
return visitors 303

total slips turned in 468 this number also counts the two slips in the show prize drawing that I'm not sure which they were. I don't have Saturday attendance from last year handy but I think that this is really not too bad given everything that competed with our event this year.

Looking at the %'s shows that this year 35% of attendees were first time visitors which indicates that the word did get out to some new people. The 65% of folks that were repeats means that they also got the word but I don't think we got enough of them back in the door. Backing this up is the fact that we sent out about 2800 postcards this year. As of today, 107 came back to me as not able to be delivered. This is down from over 300 returned at his point last year with about the same number (2800) mailed out last year. If you put the attending show returns over the postcards sent we only got 11% of the previous years attendees back to the show. From this info we may want to change our plan and consider using the cards to offer an admission discount or promote a special drawing with a nice prize featured on the postcard for the people bringing in the postcards to get more of these previous year's people back in the door. I would favor the drawing vs. the discount because the 5 dollar admission sure makes the front door job a lot easier. At wholesale prices, you could get a really nice specimen for \$250 and still be only half the cost of offering 500 returning guests a \$1 admission reduction. If not one of these ideas, we should at least look at cheaper postcards because we are spending lots of time and money on these for at most a 11% return in gate entries and many of these people would come because they want to even without the postcard mailing. I am open to other suggestions as well.

I also think we need to get someone closer to Concord to run Publicity while I continue to do the mailings. I don't think we are getting as much as we could be from local press but I'm just not able to get over there to promote it.

Scott Higgins

TRIPP MINE WINNERS

Seventeen members of the CMC took part in the Tripp Mine field trip, August 20th, and what specimens were found were voted upon at the G&M Show Saturday. We had nine entries, and eleven voters. Jim Tovey computed the results and settled any ties. These are the winners and the prizes.

1. \$100.00 prize goes to:
MITCHELL GOLAS
6 CONNECK ROAD
BROOKLINE, NH 03033

2. \$50.00 to:
JOHN P. WALSH
32 FREMONT STREET
TAUNTON, MA 02780

3. \$25.00 to:
ELLEN OBERKOTTER
79 SUNRISE HILL ROAD
CORNISH, NH 03745

4. \$15.00 to:
DANA M. JEWELL
100 LYNN FELS PKWY
MELROSE, MA 02176-2610

5. \$10.00 to:
LARRY WELKER
834 NH RT 12A
CORNISH, NH 03745



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WWW.CAPITALMINERALCLUB.ORG

Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events

SEPTEMBER 3, 2011

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Robert Whitmore Pegmatites
Refreshments: Edna Whitmore

SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2011

Field Trip to Alden NY

OCTOBER 1, 2011

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBD
Refreshments: Sarah Sniffen

NOVEMBER 5, 2011

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBD
Refreshments: TBD

DECEMBER 3, 2011

Holiday Party: **12:00PM - 4:00PM**

JANUARY 7, 2012

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBD
Refreshments: TBD

Gem & Mineral Shows

September 3-4 2011 — AUGUSTA, MAINE: 22st annual show; Kennebec Rocks & Minerals Club; National Guard Armory, Western Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; door prizes, lapidary demonstrations, fluorescent display, mineral displays, dealers, minerals, jewelry, gems, fossils, geode slicing, mineral mine, kids' games, free kids' stones, "Rocky" the rockhound dog; contact KRMC, (207) 873-6270

September 10-11 2011 — POWNAL, VERMONT: 48th annual show; Northern Berkshire Mineral Club; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; American Legion Post #90, Rte. 7, one mile north of the old Green Mountain Race Track; adults \$4, children 15 and under free with adult; minerals, gems, jewelry, gifts, children's fish pond, prizes; contact Larry Michon, P.O. Box 297, North Adams, MA 01247, or (413) 663-8430

October 7-8 2011 — WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS: Business-to-business gem trade show; Gem & Lapidary Wholesalers Inc.; Eastern States Exposition, Young Bldg., 1305 Memorial Ave. Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-3; contact G&LW, P.O. Box 98, Flora, MS 39071-0098, (601) 879-8832; e-mail: info@glwshows.com; Web site: glwshows.com

September 1-2 2012 — CONCORD, NH: 49th 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