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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 Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, **December 2nd** at 12:00 PM at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

Thank you to **Chris Fiske** for providing refreshments for the last meeting.

This month is the Capital Mineral Clubs Annual Holiday Party and Collecting Competition see all the details on pages 4-5.

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 call (603) 927-4955 or email c_forsberg@mcttelecom.com ..

Editors Note:

The deadline to get info to me for publication will be the 3rd Saturday of every month.

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• 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.

Welcome New Members

No new members this month.

2018 Club Dues are due, please send your membership dues to:

Steffen Hermanns, 7133 Oak Hill Road, Loudon, NH 03307

Make check payable to Capital Mineral Club. Dues are \$10.00 per member.

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



The November 2017 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on November 4, 2017 at the Salvation Army Building in Concord, NH.

Meeting came to order at 2:00 PM and began with a very educational presentation by one of our grant recipients, William (Will) Orfei. The presentation was his senior project at UNH with the Earth Science Department on the subject "Metamorphosis and Deformation of Pelitic Rocks Along The Flint Hill Fault Zone in Southern NH."

This was followed by an exciting presentation by Don Dallaire on "Topaz in New Hampshire".

The business meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM with 42 members present.

A silent auction was held during the meeting with minerals from the Carlos Gristani collection.

Charles Forsberg had copies of the NH Fish and Game Calendars for sale.

Acceptance of Secretaries Report – Motion to Accept – Michele Johnson, Seconded – Mike Cordero, voted on and passed by membership.

Acceptance of Treasurers Report – Motion to Accept – Martin Kippley, Seconded – Doug Peck, voted on and passed by membership.

Acceptance of Show Report – Motion to Accept – Michele Johnson, Seconded – Terry Crowell.

Last month's minutes were incorrect with regards to the November/December Rock and Gem Magazine. It should have read as follows: Don Dallaire's article on "Topaz in New Hampshire's White Mountains" will be featured on an upcoming November/December Rock and Gem Magazine.

Old Business – Steffen Hermanns advised the membership that the camera was purchased and being used at the meeting.

Further information was brought forward regarding t-shirts with samples of the MMGS shirts shown as well as a catalog by a local printer. Charlie Forsberg also offered good information on shirts and show shirts. He also suggested shirts offered to the public be different than club shirts. Peter Cram inquired about difference in pricing for larger shirts and was advised that the XL and above sizes would have a pricing difference. Steffen Hermanns will put out an email to get more input from membership regarding sizing and preference of style. Further discussion tabled to the next meeting.

Field Trips – Chris Nye asked if the club could possibly subsidize field trips for members and equipment to use in the February meeting. Don Dallaire noted that there will be trips for 2018 scheduled at the board meeting. He has put into the budget more funds for field trips and doubled the scholarship funds. Don will look into a trip to Yale and bus information. More details will be offered in coming meetings.

Don Diver has volunteered to assist Charlie Fosberg with field trips. Mike Cordero is still working on a Mt. Mica trip for this year and will send out an email. He asked if the club was willing to pay half of the \$45 fee for entry. Mike also proposed a scholarship for members that want to attend the Maine Pegmatite Workshop. Discussion was tabled until next board meeting.

Don Dallaire will look into a trip to Yale and bus information. More details will be offered in coming meetings.

Christmas Party – The Christmas Party will be held on **December 2, 2017**. Charlie will be sending an email out with further details. The club will reimburse some food costs such as the ham, turkey, and potatoes. Kathy Dallaire reminded everyone to bring their own place setting with plates, utensils,

decorations, etc. Pat will be bringing placemats for the tables. The list of foods to bring for donations to the Salvation Army will also be in the email from Charlie.

Don Dallaire will get 50 additional copies of the Rock and Gem Magazine for members.

New Members – Laurie Decater, Swanson VT and Al Reigns, Concord NH

Door Prizes – Donated by Pat Barker, Mike Undercofler, Terry Crowell, Ann Wilken, and Don Dallaire - won by Steffen Hermanns, Jeff Divers, Will Orfei, Al Reigns, Kathleen Welker, and Marlene York.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Angela C. Pratt

Secretary

**23rd ANNUAL VINCENT L. VALADE (12/2/2017)
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 refined. 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, Pocket Beryl, Ossipee
 2013 Bob York, Tremolite, Salerno Lake, Ontario, CA
 2014 Unknown
 2015 Peter Cram, Gold NH & J. Herndon, Microcline, NH
 2016 Bob York, Fluorite & Milky Quartz, N.Conway, NH
 2017

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
 Peter Cram 5.0 Ct. Aquamarine
 Jim Reynolds Golden Labradorite
 Larry Welker, Golden Beryl
 Don Divers, Fluorite

DECEMBER 2, 2017 YEAR END GET TOGETHER

Where: At the Salvation Army building 58 Clinton Street, at the corner of Fruit and Clinton Street.

12:00 – 12:30 Begin, organize, gather cooked items for serving. There are ovens available to warm items and various utensils to use.

12:30 – 1:30 **SOCIALIZE**, setup tables, prepare the turkey, ham and other goodies. **RELAX** and get to know new and old members. Kids can play in the SA game room.

1:00 – 1:30 **VOTE** on the collecting and lapidary specimens submitted by members. **Winners to be announced before 4 PM.**

1:30 – 2:45 **EAT** all the delicious dishes that the members have brought. **Lick your plates clean.**

3:00 - YANKEE SWAP – big surprises for all.

4:30 (more or less) **SOCIALIZE**, pickup, cleanup and depart for home.

DRIVE SAFELY & WE'LL ALL HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON!

BRING Dinner, salad and desert plates. Maybe you have a special colorful plate for the occasion. Also bring cup/mug, saucer for drinks, napkin, and your own salt & pepper. If you have a special drink bring it, but booze is not allowed in the SA building or grounds. If you bring a dish remember to bring serving utensils. Bring a Holiday Center Piece for the tables if you can. Bring hors d'oeuvres if you want. I like salmon chunks, caviar, Korv (a Swedish dish), pickled herring (Sill), cheese chunks, dips, vegetable chunks, deviled egg, olives; anything you can think of. And, bring a HAPPY SMILE.

THE YANKEE SWAP Bring a item of \$10 value that is related to the hobby, gift wrapped without marking. You will place your gift in a big pile and be given a numbered ticket. When your number is called (randomly) you will choose a package from the pile. Do not open your gift until you have walked the line and inspected all other opened gifts. If you find something you want you can swap your unknown gift. At the end of the line you will take your position and unwrap your gift for the next person to walk the line. If you are the first number selected, after all other numbers are called you can walk the line and swap your gift with another. The Club adds a mystery gift to a lucky participant who chooses a pre-selected gift. You can only walk the line once and cannot return when you have passed an exposed gift. Fun for all!

DISPLAYS Members may bring a collected summer acquisition or other item of interest for members to admire and perhaps learn about. This item is not related to the Lapidary Award, nor to the Field Collecting Award voted on by the membership present. The item can be something collected years ago.

If you are planning to attend please send me an email and what you propose to bring for a food item. Also, let me know how many will be coming with you: Contact me for ideas from prior events. c_forsberg@mcttelecom.com

You may bring a friend if you wish, but let me know so that we can ensure sufficient food.



Yankee Swap Rules



- ⇒ When your number is called come up and choose a gift
- ⇒ Take unopened gift and go down line
- ⇒ If person in line has a gift you want—take it and give them your *unopened* gift for them to unwrap
- ⇒ Proceed to end of line—*no more swapping* allowed
- ⇒ If you do not swap go to end of line and open your gift
- ⇒ *Do not go ahead and back track*—make a decision as you go down the line
- ⇒ Person whose number was chosen first will have the opportunity to go down the line after everyone has opened their gift and make one swap with anyone as they proceed down the line—still *no backtracking*
- ⇒ There are 2 gifts that are secretly marked and the 2 persons ending up with these gifts will each receive one of the grand prizes.



Use your instinct
and swap for the
winning gift!





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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events	Gem & Mineral Shows
December 2, 2017	March 4-5, 2017: Meriden, CT
Club Meeting: Holiday Get Together 12:00– 4:00PM	46th Annual Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Show.
January 6, 2018	March 25-26, 2017: Hadley MA
Club Meeting: 2:00PM	Connecticut Valley Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil Show
Speaker: Kevin Downey	April 1-2, 2017 : Orange, CT.
Refreshments	44th Annual Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & fossil Show, Mew Haven Mineral Club, Amity Regional Middle School, Sheffield Rd, Orange, CT.
February 3, 2018	August 11-13, 2017: West Springfield, MA
Club Meeting: Workshop 2:00PM	East Coast Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show.
March 3, 2018	Eastern States Exposition
Club Meeting: 2:00PM	August 26-27, 2017: Concord, NH
Speaker: Jim Young	Capital Mineral Club Show
Refreshments	Everett Arena
April 7, 2018	
Club Meeting: 2:00PM	
Speaker: Dyk Eusden	
Refreshments Chris Fiske	
May 6, 2017	
Club Meeting: 2:00PM	
Speaker: TBD	