

THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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No Meetings-August

August-September
Field Trip Schedule

August 21 -Minerva, NY. --Meet at the RR tracks, 10:30 am. Bob Ballad 377-8656; rballad@nycap.rr.com

Location: 1943 train track cuts and Boreas River near Minerva, NY

Directions: From Minerva, travel 1.6 miles north on 28N. Turn left on Northwood Club road. Go about 5 miles and cross the Boreas River bridge. Park as close to the RR tracks as possible. Carpooling is recommended as there is limited parking at the site.

Drive time from Albany, about one and one half hours.

Minerals: Major; Blue calcite, graphite, green and brown apatite. The stream gravel can be panned to give micro zircons that fluoresce bright yellow.
Minor: Good sky blue apatite. Don't know what else people may find.

Outcrop, site 1: Walk 0.4 miles N {upstream relative to the river} to the first cut. The last time I was there [years ago] this was a 15' outcrop of blue calcite. Someone has pulled the whole outcrop down! And it is now a pile of big boulders. One can find nice blue calcite and "melted" dark green apatite. This is the outcrop that had the vesuvianite pocket in the long past. Micro Zircons can be found by panning the calcite crumbs.

RR cut, site 2: Walk 0.2 miles further up the tracks to the big RR cut. I hear they are considering running the train ride from North Creek to the Tahawus mine. I can now believe this. Several years ago, a landslide dropped about 60 feet of car size boulders on the tracks, completely blocking them. These rocks have been cleared!

Explore the blue calcite at this cut. Climb down to the

river. Small but nice blue apatite crystals are found here. Other minerals can be found in this area.

Tools: The blue calcite is a bunch of interlocking crystals and virtually impossible to break with a crack or bigger hammer. The best way to work the rock is to use a very sharp chisel with a 3 pounder. So; hammer and sharp chisel. Bucket or pack. Since it is a half mile walk, minimize the tools one carries. Sharing large tools is a good idea.

Facilities: none. Carry food, water and bug spray. Right now deer flies are the major bug trying to have you for lunch.

September 10. Batchellerville, NY. Richard Hartnett 439-7243. Meeting place will be at the Scotia/Glenville High School at 10am. There is a limit of 18 participants allowed on site. Do not enter the site or property without the field trip leader. Bring mine dump digging tools, bug spray, and small rock hammer. Minerals found: Aquamarine beryl, Muscovite/Biotite Mica, zircon, smokey/rose quartz, schorl tourmaline, and white/pink feldspar. We will be departing the site as a group at 4pm sharp. Parking is limited, so carpooling is necessary. No facilities. Bring 5 gallon buckets or backpacks to carry specimens to cars. Releases must be signed before participation can be granted.

4th Annual
Rock Swap/Sale & Bar-B-Q
Sunday August 28th

Celebrate the Summer with us at the one and only 4th Annual Rock Swap/Sale & Bar-B-Q with the Capital District Mineral Club and Orange County Mineral Club at Taconic State Park, (Copake Falls Area), NY at noon. It is being hosted by the Mid-Hudson club this year. They will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers, charcoal, paper products (napkins, plates, cups). Each person should bring a covered dish to share and their own beverage (non-alcoholic). Bring specimens you wish to swap or sell to others! We will be there from

noon to 4pm-ish. Bring a covered dish to share. For more information, call Caroline 845-471-1224.

Showdates

August 12-14—West Springfield, MA: Show, "East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions; Better Living Center, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Dr.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children 12 and under free with adult; more than 200 dealers, door prizes, guest speakers, museum-quality exhibits, gem panning, large wholesale section, Scott Randolph collection; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: mzexpos@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

August 19-21—Lebanon, PA: 14th annual show and sale, "Gem Miner's Jubilee"; Mid-Atlantic Gem & Jewelry Association; Lebanon Expo Center, Rte. 72 and Rocherty Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$6, children under 12 free; gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, beads; contact MAGMA, (301) 565-0487; Web site: www.gem-show.com

August 27-28—Concord, NH: 48th annual show; Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children under 12 free with adult; contact Scott P. Higging, (207) 439-1107; Web site: www.capitalmineralclub.org

August 27-28—Freeport, NY: Annual show and sale; Kaleidoscope Gem Shows; Freeport Recreation Center, 130 East Merrick Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5.50 (\$5.00 with this ad), children 12 and under free with adult; dealers, gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils, beads; contact Ralph Gose, PO Box 1418, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 271-8411; e-mail: ralph_gose@kaleidoscopegemshows.com; Web site: kaleidoscopegemshows.com

August 27-28—Madrid, NY: 45th annual show; St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club; Madrid Community Park, 1835 St. Hwy. 345; Sat. 9-4:30, Sun. 9-3; free admission; contact William deLorraine, (315) 287-4652; e-mail: wdellie@verizon.net; Web site: www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org

September 10-11—New Milford, CT: Show; Danbury Mineralogical Society; New Milford High School, Rte. 7; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; contact John Pawloski, (860) 354-0296; Web site: www.danburymineralogicalsociety.org.

September 10-11—Pownal, VT: Show; Northern Berkshire Mineral Club; American Legion Post #90, Rte. 7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, children 15 and under free with adult; minerals, gems, jewelry, gifts, children's fish pond, prizes; contact Larry Michon, PO Box 297, North Adams, MA 01247, (413) 663-8430

September 17-18—Harrisburg, PA: 46th annual show; Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club; Zembo Shrine Center, 2801 N. Third St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; contact Betsy Oberheim, 7953 Appalachian Trail E., Harrisburg, PA 17112-9409, (717) 469-2243; Web site: webmaster@rockandmineral.org

September 17-18—Rhinebeck, NY: 42nd annual show, "The Fossils of New York"; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rte. 9; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors \$4, students \$2, children under 12 free; special exhibits by New York State Museum and Vassar College, more than 30 dealers, free rocks for kids, fossils, minerals, gems, jewelry, beads, books, lapidary demonstrations, fossil and fluorescent exhibits; contact Carolyn Reynard, (845) 471-1224; e-mail: sunstone33@verizon.net; Web site: www.mhvngms.org

September 24-25—Franklin, NJ: 55th annual show; Franklin Mineral Museum; 50 Washington Ave.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7, children \$4; expanded fluorescent area; contact Pat Seger, 22 Palomino Trail, Vernon, NJ 07462, (862) 266-4472; e-mail: pesolutions.minerals@gmail.com; Web site: www.franklinmineral-museum.co

EFTA Trips

August 14, 2011.....North Shore Rock and Mineral Club.... Wild Ammonoosuc River, Bath NH. Tools: Gold pan, sluice, pick, shovel, bucket, collecting bottle, small digging tools, etc. No facilities. Gold flakes and maybe nuggets. Contact joergrace@msn.com for directions and trip leader email contact.

August 27, 2011...St. Lawrence County Mineral Club... Pierrepont, NY...Power's Farm: during the St. Lawrence County Mineral's Club's 45th Annual Show in Madrid, NY. Meet at the Madrid Community Center, leaving our show site at 9:00. For more information, please contact William deLorraine, 315-287-4652 or wdellie@verizon.net.

August 28, 2011...St. Lawrence County Mineral Club... Pierrepont, NY...Bush Farm: during the St. Lawrence County Mineral's Club's 45th Annual Show in Madrid,

NY. Meet at the Madrid Community Center, leaving our show site at 9:00. For more information, please contact William deLorraine, 315-287-4652 or wdellie@verizon.net

October 8 and 9, 2011....Walworth Quarry (Dolomite Products Co.) Open House, 1200 Atlantic Ave, Walworth, NY 14568 Safety Meeting Mandatory - sign in 6:45AM. Well-supervised children allowed. Must have hard hat (children may wear bicycle helmets), safety glasses, sturdy boots, long pants. Minerals to be found - dolomite, fluorite, selenite, sphalerite, celestine, gypsum, and clam, coral, crinoid, stromatolite fossils.

Oct 28-29, 2011... Capital District Mineral Club...Vermont rocks...Contact Bill Cotrofeld 802-375-6782 for more information. Locations to be announced at a later date.

Looking For a New Home

Rich Stein has a bunch of things that need to find a new home for storage.

Included are: Three flats of selenite crystals from Wyoming, left here by the Vedders. Intent was to use them as favors at one or more club banquets, as specimens for drawings at meetings, and perhaps some in club auction.

A display case 2' x 2' x4' when assembled. This is a very sturdy case – made from ¾" plywood. Designed to use cloth-covered Styrofoam interior and risers. Extra styrofoam pieces Has its own lighting system.

At least six boxes of specimen material for the Sand Tubs. Additional supplies for the Sand Tubs – donations from Rich. Also, some extra sand. A third tub for the Sand Tubs, and a large plastic tub for washing the sand periodically.

Miscellaneous mineral and fossil pieces that Rich needs to dispose of. One flat of highly fluorescent aragonite from what is now the Lafarge quarry in Ravenna. This was a one-time find, sometime in the 70's or 80's. To be shared among club members.

Polished stones for the Sand Tubs. Leftovers and Rightovers.

Some specimen and polishing materials left here by the Wielands. Generously set aside for the club by daughter Carolyn Wieland, now living and working in Moscow, Russia.

Rich would appreciate if all these things could be re-

moved before the end of August. If anyone is interested in a calcite collection, Rich is planning to dispose of his – as a unit. Total 125+ pieces.

September Program

The Capital District Mineral Club Program for September 1, 2011 will be Show And Tell. Bring your minerals, rocks, fossils, artifacts, gardenites, antiques, etc. and be prepared to talk about what it is, where you found it, where you bought it or how you obtained it. You will get about 3 to 5 minutes on the microphone. Don't be tempted to deliver a 30 minute soliloquy on your trip to the diamond mines in South Africa, or Brian Harbour, the A-V engineer's finger might slip and hit the power off button. Not that it would really happen. Brian is a nice guy.

It would be nice if you would label your find and put it on a side table so that when it's your turn to talk you can walk to your exhibit so people can see where it is. Hopefully, somebody can bring a U-V light and I can bring a walkie-talkie - no, no, not a walkie-talkie, a - - - geiger counter, if I remember. With luck, I can bring my wife.

There is also a single page on a 'First Aid Kit for Rockhounds' that I would like to pass around and make some comments on conditions to avoid. Richard Stein, later on in the year, will give us the full-bloom story on 'Safety for Rockhounds.'

Bruce Murray

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All submissions to the newsletter must be in my hand before the 18th of any given month, or they will be used in the next subsequent newsletter.

The purpose of our club is:

- To promote and encourage the study of mineralogy and other applied sciences.
- To cooperate with educational and scientific institutions in order to bring about a better and more general understanding of earth sciences.
- To provide a program with suitable speakers for scheduled meetings.
- To sponsor, direct, and assist in the planning of excursions to mineral localities and other places of geological interest.
- To cooperate with organizations whose purposes are similar to those stated in the foregoing items.

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