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CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB HOLIDAY BANQUET DECEMBER 6, 2007

The **DECEMBER BANQUET** will be held this year at the Rexford Fire Department (1601 Route 146 Rexford, NY 12148). Reservations were due on November 20. This is an active fire station, please do not block fire doors when parking your car.

MENU: The meal will be a buffet style dinner as follows: 1. Tossed salad with choice of Italian vinaigrette or Ranch dressing; 2. Beef Stroganoff; 3. Chicken and Biscuits; 4. Vegetarian Lasagna; 5. Roasted Red Potatoes; 6. Mixed Vegetables; 7. Fruit Shortcakes/a variety of mixed cookies/bars; and 8. Coffee, Tea, Fruit Punch, and Water.

TIME: Social Hour 6:00 pm; Dinner at 7:00 pm.

AUCTION: Each member is allowed to bring up to three (3) items to include in the auction. Please know the name of the specimen and the specific location where it was found.

We are accepting items having to do with earth science which would include rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary, books, equipment, etc. The split is 80/20 with 80% of the proceeds going to the seller. Please bring your checkbook or cash. We do not accept credit cards.

PAYMENT: After the entire auction is done, you will be allowed to purchase your item by waiting in line. After you have paid for your item, we will then let you have your specimen. We need to do it this way to avoid total chaos.

GOODIES: There will be a goodie at each place setting.

GEOLOGICAL GIFT EXCHANGE: And as always (although not well publicized), we are doing a geological gift exchange. Bring a geological gift (rock, mineral, or fossil) with a value of about \$5 wrapped, and exchange it with someone else who has done the same. Make sure to give them all to Anne Woods upon arrival who will then make sure no one gets their own gift back. She will then make sure everyone gets a new one. All geological gifts must be collected before any can be returned.

MAP TO DECEMBER BANQUET



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is now looking for volunteers to club offices. If you or anyone you know would like to be considered for the Presidency, Vice-Presidency, Secretary, or Treasurer positions of this club, please email the club website.

Dues Are Due

The Capital District Mineral Club, Inc. has a fiscal year that begins with September 1 and ends with August 31. That means the new year started already. Look at the mailing label on your newsletter and if, after your name, the numbers "8/07" appear, your membership has expired August 31, 2007. Please renew by completing a membership form included in this newsletter or print a fuzzy one from our website (address on last page). Send checks, payable to the Capital District Mineral Club, to our post office box (address on last page), or you can renew at our monthly meeting. You will receive your new membership cards (ours and EFMLS) either by mail or at the meeting. Please note that you must have an up-to-date membership card to participate in the December Auction.

Upcoming Mineral Shows

January 23-27--Quartzsite, AZ: 42nd annual show, "QIA Pow Wow"; Quartzsite Improvement Association; 235 E. Ironwood Dr.; Wed. 9-5, Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-

5; free admission; more than 400 vendors, Contact Diane Abbott, P.O. Box 881, Quartzsite, AZ 85346-0881, (928) 927-6325; e-mail: powwow@qiaaz.org; Web site: www.qiaaz.org.

February 2-16--Tucson, AZ: Annual show, "Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions; Quality Inn, 1025 E. Benson Hwy.; Ramada Ltd, 665 N. Freeway; The InnSuites Hotel, 475 N. Granada; The Mineral & Fossil Marketplace, 1333 N. Oracle Rd.; 10-6 daily, 10-5 last day; free admission; more than 400 dealers from all over the world; free shuttle to other Zinn shows; contact Regina Aumente, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mz0955@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com.

February 23-24--Albany, NY: 15th annual show, "James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale"; 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.

Rules For Club Live Auction 2007

- 1 Each member may submit up to three rock related items (minerals, fossils, rocks, books, tools, etc.).
- 2 The seller will fill out two forms. (1) an identification form for each item (including name and location found) to be given to the winning bidder. (2) A seller summary sheet to record the winning bids. (for use by the auction committee).
- 3 The auctioneer's decision on the last bid is final.
- 4 All those bidding at the auction will be given a bid number to be used in signaling a bid. These will be given out just prior to the start of the auction.
- 5 The minimum bid will be \$1.00 and increased by \$1.00 on each subsequent bid. [Exception occurs if the seller has indicated a minimum bid.]
- 6 The auctioneer will clearly state at the conclusion of the bidding for each item the winning number of the bidder and the winning bid price.
- 7 The items will be delivered to the winning bidder. Do not approach the bidding area.
- 8 The seller will receive 80% (rounded to the nearest dollar) of the selling price in cash at the end of the auction.
- 9 At the end of the auction, the buyers should line up to make payments of either cash or check, {no credit cards} to the club treasurer.
- 10 Please turn in your bid numbers for future use at the end of the auction.

Capital District

Mineral Club

Meeting Nov 1, 2007

Meeting was held at New York State Museum, called to order at 7:30 pm

Program A videotaped called the physical properties of minerals. Very interesting.

Regular Meeting. We had 46 present. Vice President Anne Woods presided in the absence of our president. Jim Palmer took care of memberships. Gave us copies of New lists and addresses. Helen Eckler Secretary took care of minutes and Bob Stitham our treasurer gave his report.

Treasurers Report. Balance on hand June 1, \$7,190.30 Interest June to Oct 21.69 Dues \$437 Raffles \$101. Auction \$400. Balance \$8,155.99. Disbursements Scholarship Check \$500. Check for Mailbox \$41.68. Balance now \$7614.31

Raffle was held club received \$46. Trustees meeting report was given by Gerald Boileau.

George Gearhardt spoke about our December 6th meeting a dinner at the Rexford Firehouse.

Reservations have to be in by the week before with \$14 pay for your dinner. Gifts of minerals may be brought as gifts if you bring one wrapped you may take one.

Auction of minerals will be held. Club share 20% your share 80%

George Gearhardt has calendars for sale. \$5.00 + 16 cents postage. Also patches for \$2.00 each. Mineral club patches.

Gerald Boileau announced the dessert run to Denny's on Wolf Road. Anyone wishing to join us can come.

People made motion to close meeting. We did.

A motion also made for people with Email to give address to Jim Palmer. Will save on cost of mailing bulletins.

Respectfully submitted.

Helen Mary Eckler

2008 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: April 18 - 24 _____ September 8 - 14 _____

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to BARBARA EDGE, Registrar at 1639 Fowler Rd; Woodruff, SC 29388. No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2008. (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You may photocopy it as needed.)

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number with area code: _____ e-mail: _____

Club/Society Affiliation: _____

Fee for each session is \$330.00 per person. Deposit is \$165 per person, payable with registration. Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of \$165 is due 30 days prior to start of session.

Cancellation policy: If unable to attend, fees paid will be refunded if notification is given prior to one month before the session begins. No refund will be made after that date.

Circle appropriate responses:

Have you been to Wildacres before? Yes No Is your Club sponsoring you? Yes No

Name of roommate: _____ (If none, one will be assigned).
Are you: Male Female (No single rooms are available). Are you a smoker? Yes No

Do you have any physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs? Yes No
If YES, please explain on reverse side.

Do you have material for exhibiting that you would be willing to display at Wildacres? Yes No
If YES, please contact Steve Weinberger <cscrytals2@verizon.net> . Lined display cases are available.

Do you have a skill to demonstrate or a program to share (up to 40 minutes)? Yes No
If YES, please contact Cathy Gaber at <bg@his.com>, or 301-654-7479.

Class Pre-registration.

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website for class offerings. <www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm>
All participants must take classes.

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? We will be preregistering you for classes you indicate. When a class is full NO others will be assigned to that class, and you will be assigned your next class choice(s). No class placement is guaranteed.

1st _____ 3rd _____

2nd _____ 4th _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2008)

Mail to: Barbara Edge, Wildacres Registrar
1639 Fowler Rd
Woodruff, SC 29388

If you have any questions, please contact either Barbara Edge, Registrar at 864-433-1692 or Wayne Sukow, Director at <d8olite@fastmail.fm> or 703-280-8108.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

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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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