

THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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Next Meeting

Please come to the next meeting on February 7, 2008. The door to the museum (on Madison Ave., farthest from the red church) will be opened from 7:00-7:15pm (sometimes earlier, but hardly ever later). Please wait in front of the door for us to come let you in (make sure you can be seen from the inside of the lobby). Please sign in at the security desk when you enter. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. We look forward to meeting you. Remember that the walk from the parking lot to the museum entrance can be quite the wind tunnel, so bring appropriate clothing to stay warm.

February Program

Bruce Murray, our program chair, will be providing us with a video on Gold.

January Program Review

We watched a video on the rock cycle. It was really interesting.

Field Trip Meeting

The official field trip meeting of the Capital District Mineral Club was held on Thursday January 24, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the residence of Dick Wright.

New Officers Elected

President: Anne Woods
Vice President: Dick Wright
Treasurer: Robert Stitham
Secretary: Helen Eckler

Show Committee Update

Posters are available for distribution throughout the capital district. Please contact Mike Hawkins at 486-2011 or George Gearhardt at 355-0670 if you wish to obtain posters. Please let George know where you have distributed the posters. Posters will also be available for those members who were not at the January meeting (or for those who were and need more).

The members of the club will have the opportunity to sign up for favorite activities and time slots on either or both days of the February 23rd and 24th Gem and Mineral show dates at the February 7th meeting of the club. Or you may call George at the above number. George's email is: ggearhardt@nycap.rr.com.

Rock Show Display Case

We will be choosing the best of the collected club specimens brought to the February 7th meeting. Please make sure that the rock you bring is either smaller than 2" in height for the one case, or smaller area than 2x3" to fit in the other case. There is plenty of space for minerals, but please note that if they are exceptional, and also too big for the cabinet, we may display them on the table on their own.

Rules for rock, mineral, or fossil:

1. It must have been collected on a Capital District Mineral Club field trip
2. It must not be radioactive. :o)
3. If it isn't small enough to fit in the case, it must be big enough so that no one can walk away with it.
4. There will be limited space for large specimens, and the ones that stay will be determined by a show committee vote of those present.
5. Make sure large specimen is kid friendly; not poisonous to eat; no sharp contacts, not slippery enough to fall off table onto kid, etc.

Website Updates

Please go to the website and make sure that you are familiar with the other members on the committees for the club. Also, if you wish to be added or removed from a committee, please follow the directions on the website. This list is constantly changing on the web, so make sure you continuously check it before you make any committee decisions to make sure you are including all of your group members.

From time to time, new member photos are added to the website, please check back frequently to see new photos. Or, if you wish, you may submit new photos to Anne Woods for inclusion in the website. All original photos will be returned the next time you are seen.

Also, please check back frequently for important updates of upcoming rock digs and shows that come in at the last minute.

Rock Shows 2008

Feb. 2-16. Tuscan, AZ. Annual show, "Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions; The InnSuites Hotel, 475 N. Granada; The Mineral & Fossil Marketplace, 1333 N. Oracle Rd.; Quality Inn, 1025 E. Benson Hwy.; Ramada Ltd, 665 N. Freeway; 10-6 daily, 10-5 last day; free admission; more than 400 dealers from all over the world, artists' gallery; 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

23-24--ALBANY, NEW YORK: 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

Field Trip to Franklin, New Jersey

This year the Eastern Field Trip Association (EFTA) Trip: STERLING HILL SUPER DIG will occur on April 26, 2008. Registration and Trip Information is currently available at www.uvworld.org. On the same weekend, there will also be the 36th Annual NJESA Gem and Mineral Show & Outdoor Swap & Sell! The Delaware Valley Earth Science Society (DVESS)

and the North East Field Trip Alliance (NEFTA), in cooperation with the Sterling Hill Mining Museum, invite you to share an international collecting experience. This field trip has attracted dedicated collectors from across the globe. Be one of them this year! It WILL be an historic and memorable event. Tools and UV lights will be available for purchase at the Franklin Museum and the Sterling Hill Mining Museum. The Sterling Hill dig and find area will have excavation / turnover of fresh NEW soil areas for your digging pleasure -- tens of TONS of new material has been pulled down from the mountain just for us (that's what this year's fees help to pay for). Attendance is by advance reservation. Sign up early! We MUST have at least 100 people. and . in case you are wondering, it IS "rain or shine" -- so come prepared!!! Collectors enter any site at their own risk and must sign a hold-harmless liability waiver when registering. New, LOWER AGE RESTRICTIONS for the collecting areas. Standard Federation safety rules apply - safety goggles and durable footwear are mandatory (no sneakers or sandals). Work gloves are strongly recommended. PLEASE!!!! Note the age requirement at each site. Other questions? send email an Email to Jeff Winkler: TripMaster@UVworld.org ; Phone: 973-835-2582

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting of the Capital District Mineral Meeting will be on February 18, 2008. For further information, please contact Gerry Boileau at 482-0511.

Capital District Mineral Club Meeting
Jan 3, 2008

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

Program was done by Bruce Murray. Slides on "The Rock Cycle" enjoyed by all.

Raffle was done by George Gearhardt. Profit to club was \$38.00.

Attendance We had 22 members and friends attending.

Secretary Helen explained there was no report as last meeting was a dinner and mineral auction at Rexford Firehouse. Our President Anne Woods and Helen have decided to put mineral club minutes in the bulletin. All seemed to agree on this.

Treasurer Bob Stitham gave treasurer report also copy to Helen for records. Balance Dec meeting was \$6,102.90 and Balance at Jan meeting was \$6,692.87. Motion made and report was accepted.

George Gearhardt gave report on mineral show in Feb. Volunteers are needed for this. George gave out posters and flyers we each will put them where they will be seen. Still need helpers. George Gearhardt also brought a slide program book for Bruce Murray to use for programs.

Next meeting - we are all supposed to bring a special specimen we have found to show others.

Nominating Committee announced nominations for coming year.
President Anne Woods
Vice President Dick Wright
Treasurer Bob Stitham
Secretary Helen Mary Eckler
Motion made by secretary cast one ballot for all. Which she did.

Meeting adjourned on motion at 9:10pm
9 went to Denny's on Wolf Rd. Food and Visiting.

Respectfully submitted
Helen Mary Eckler

PUT YOURSELF ON A COMMITTEE: E-mail me at schmanie@albanyrockclub.com if you wish to be added or removed from a list. If there is a hole for a chair...please note in your E-mail if you wish this role.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: In charge of keeping track of who is a member, who owes money for membership, which members want an electronic copy of the newsletter, and which want a paper copy.

Jim Palmer: CHAIR

(Gerry Boileau and George Gearhardt)

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: In charge of making the club known to the public through pamphlets, website, word of mouth, etc.

Richard Hartnett: CHAIR

(Anne Woods and Tom Halleran)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: In charge of deciding who speaks at the monthly meetings.

Bruce Murray: CHAIR

(Richard Hartnett and Gerry Pratt)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nominates the new officers for the club membership to vote on at the January meeting. Committee gets dissolved after the vote

SHOW COMMITTEE: In charge of getting things together for February Mineral Show at the New York State Museum in Albany

George Gearhardt: CHAIR

(Bob Ballard, Tom Halleran, Anne Woods, Rich Stein, Bob Stitham, Richard Hartnett, Jo-anna Michalek, and Max Fischer)

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE: Meets early on to determine the list of field trips for the year. Contains a large number of actual field trip leaders.

Dick Wright: CHAIR

(Jim Palmer, Rich Stein, Tom Halleran, Richard Hartnett, Gerry Boileau, Bob Stitham, Bob Ballard, Anne Woods, and George Gearhardt)

AUCTION/ RAFFLE/DINNER COMMITTEE: In charge of monthly raffle for meetings, making sure the Auctions at the dinner run smoothly, and choosing the menu for the dinners.

George Gearhardt: CHAIR

(Bob Ballard, Anne Woods, Gerry Boileau, and Robert Stitham)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: In charge of choosing who gets the scholarship within the guidelines set up by the Board of Directors of the club.

Chair: Gerry Boileau

(Need more people...

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: In charge of the organizing, keeping track of, and ordering new library books.

Barbara Gearhardt: CHAIR

(Bonnie Unser)

AUDITING COMMITTEE: In charge of a once a year auditing of the club books (or more if necessary).

Tom Halleran: CHAIR

(Rich Hartnett and Helen Eckler)

EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: In charge of searching through old books, internet, etc. in for new and exciting rock trips. Then explorers will explore the site to make sure it is worthy of the club. Then new sites will be added to the trips for the year as permission is granted to us.

Dick Wright: CHAIR

(Anne Woods, Rich Hartnett, Rich Stein, Tom Halleran, Jim Palmer, Art Collins, Gerry Boileau, Bonnie Unser, Bob Ballard, Robert Stitham, and George Gearhardt)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: In charge of making sure ice cream socials, etc. are offered to club members after meetings for establishment of group togetherness.

Gerry Boileau: CHAIR

(Bob Stitham and Max Fischer)

GREETING COMMITTEE: In charge of making sure new members and visitors to the club meetings feel like a part of the group rather than outsiders.

Bruce Murray: CHAIR

(Charlyn Murray, Richard Hartnett, and Robert Kaufman)

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: In charge of making sure that the By-Laws of the club are up-to-date.

Rich Stein: CHAIR

(George Gearhardt, Bob Ballard, and Tom Halleran)

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: In charge of writing articles for the newsletter, putting it all together, folding, photocopies, putting on labels (provided by membership committee), and adding stamps. All under a deadline of before the 24th of each month.

Anne Woods: CHAIR

(Don Kauffman, Bob Ballard, Richard Hartnett, Bob Stitham, and Curtis Breuer)



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Names of children: _____ Total family members: _____
Street: _____
City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____
E-mail: _____
Membership Type: Family _____ Individual _____ Student _____

Membership Dues: \$20.00 Family; \$14.00 Individual; \$8.00 Student
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Who is this man?
This picture was
taken in the late
90s at a CDMC
Show at the
NYSM (members
guess)...member
George Gearhardt
took picture...but
he can't remem-
ber when..



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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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