

THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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November Meeting

The November meeting of the Capital District Mineral Club will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2005. We will meet in Meeting Room B on the concourse level of the New York State Museum, Madison Ave., Albany, NY (unless otherwise noted at the front security desk). Please sign in and out at the security desk. The museum doors will be open from 7:00-7:15pm and the meeting will begin around 7:30pm. Please be on time since after 7:15pm, we will no longer let you in.

November Program

Slide show featuring the first place winner for 2003 in the Eastern Federation Mineral & Lapidary Society competition, entitled "Illinois Fluorite--Remember the Past". It covers the early history of mining in southern Illinois and western Kentucky with pictures, maps, and stories of the miners. Most of the mines have closed now since the competition with China began a few years ago. It features two currently operating museums open to the public, the American Fluorite Museum in Rosiclare, Illinois and the Ben. E. Clement Mineral Museum in Marion, Kentucky. Every rockhound at every mineral and gem show has seen the beautiful fluorites from Cave in Rock, and its nearby neighbor Rosiclare, both in southern Illinois. Marion, Kentucky is also a nearby neighbor just across the river (free ferry ride) from Cave in Rock. Which now has a state park campsite available for the traveling rockhounds.

New Vice President for EFMLS

Our regional organization is the Eastern Federation of Mineral and Lapidary Society (EFMLS) and it has announced its newest Vice President for our area of the country (includes upstate New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio) as Hazel Remaley. Hazel is a member of the Che Hanna Rock and Mineral Club in Sayre, PA, which hosted the March 2005 Annual Meeting for the EFMLS. Her email address is northridge@infoblvd.net and she has told us that she will be communicating with our club to see how she can help us to help ourselves and regional organization as a whole.

Review of October Program

A DVD entitled, "Rhodochrosite-Red Treasure of the Rockies" was shown concerning the story of the Sweet Home mine in Alma, Colorado. It told the story of the little silver mine beginning in the 1870's and its rebirth in the 1990's as a world renowned source of

crystals specimens. It has a ninety minute running time. This DVD is now in the club library and available to any member requesting it at any of our monthly meetings. There were lots of oooos and ahhhhhhhhhs.

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 contact your current President.

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 "8/05" appear, your membership has expired August 31, 2005. 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. You may update on site at the dinner.

Upcoming Mineral Shows

November 5-6, 2005. Brewer, ME. Show; Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club; Brewer Auditorium, Willson St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1, children under 12 free; Contact Donna Timosa, (207) 947-6200.

November 5-6, 2005. Exton, PA. 36th annual show, "Gemarama" Tuscarora Lapidary Society; CFS, School at Church Farm, Bus. Rte. 30 and Rte. 202; Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5; Contact Nancy Marks, (570) 342-1355; e-mail: lolaLfields@yahoo.com; Web site: www.lapidary.org.

November 5-6, 2005. Media, PA. Symposium, "Classic Eastern Localities III" Friends of Mineralogy, Pennsylvania Chapter; Delaware County Institute of Science, 11 Veterans Sq.; Contact Arnold Mogel, 15 Oak Rd., Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972I; e-mail: pioche@losch.net.

November 11-13, 2005. Washington, PA. Show; Fair and Balanced Promotions; Washington County Fairgrounds; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-

6, Sun. 10-5; Contact F.M. Zambrotto, (304) 825-6845; e-mail: frankowrap@juno.com.

November 19, 2005. Macungie, PA. Show; Discount Card Club of America; Macungie Memorial Park; Sat. 9-3; Contact Ralph Renninger, P.O. Box 251, Emmaus, PA 18049, 888-285-2781; e-mail: r.renninger@discountcardclub.net.

November 19-20, 2005. Fairfax, VA. 14th annual show; Northern Virginia Mineral Club; Student Union II, George Mason University; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, teens \$2; Contact Jeff and Diane Nesmeyer, (703) 680-7724; e-mail: nesmeyer@erols.com; or Barry and Julianne Remer, (703) 262-0221; e-mail: bsbremer@comcast.net.

November 19-20, 2005. Montvale, NJ. 15th annual show; Somethings; Pascack Hills High School, Grand Ave. and Spring Valley Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Contact Somethings, P.O. Box 416, New Milford, NJ 07646, (201) 262-2726; e-mail: somthg@bellatlantic.net.

November 19-20, 2005. Worcester, MA. Annual show; Worcester Mineral Club; National Guard Armory, 701 Lincoln St., I-290 exit 22; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5; Contact WMC, P.O. Box 2278, Worcester, MA 01613, (413) 477-0107.



Robert Stitham, winner of the ugly rock contest at the September meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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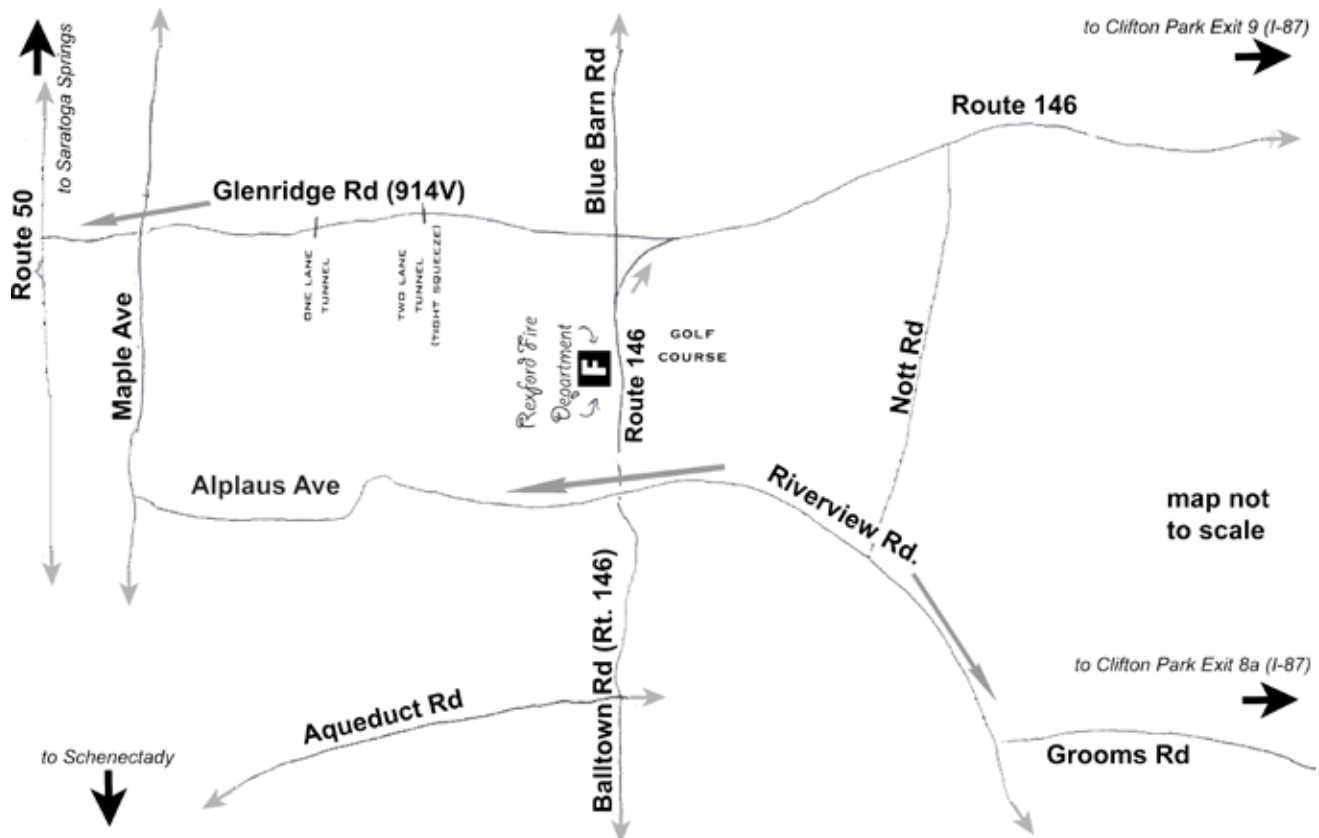
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Dues are \$20.00 Family membership; \$14.00 Individual membership; \$5.00 Student membership

MAP TO DECEMBER BANQUET



**CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB HOLIDAY BANQUET
DECEMBER 1, 2005**

The **DECEMBER BANQUET** will be held this year at the Rexford Fire Department (1601 Route 146 Rexford, NY 12148). The price of the banquet will be \$14 per person. If you plan to attend, you must pay in advance.

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/Mixed Cookies/Bars; and 8. Coffee, Tea, Fruit Punch, and Water.

TIME: Social Hour 6:00 pm; Dinner at 7:00 pm; Auction 8pm-ish.

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.

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

GIFT EXCHANGE: And as always (although not well publicized), we are doing a gift exchange. Bring a gift 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 gifts must be collected before any can be returned.

Reservations and check or money order must be received by November 20, 2005
You may call the Gearhardts at 518-355-0670 or mail your reservations and check to the address
below with the following information,

Names _____

Number attending _____ Amount enclosed _____

E-mail for important club updates: _____

Please enclose a check made out to the Capital District Mineral Club
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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.