

# THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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## October 2011

### October Meeting

The next meeting will be on October 6th at 7:30pm and will be held at the NYS Museum on Madison Avenue in Albany, New York. As usual, the Museum is closed at this time. But someone will be in the lobby from 6:45pm to 7:15pm to open the door for you. Be on time and sign in at the lobby desk. The meeting will be held in Room B on the concourse level. There is an elevator available or the escalator may be working.

### October Program

The October 2011 program for the Capital District Mineral Club will be a three-part program; a 20 minute DVD on petrified wood, Rich Stein's continuation of his "Mineral Art" and "Show and Tell" continuation for the rockhounds who were dealing more with water than minerals in September. We had some interesting materials members brought in for September. Bring in the minerals, picture and materials you had gathered for Rich Stein's 'Mineral Art', Rich says he has more, many more minerals which can be used for your mineral picture.

### Overview of September Meeting

Jim Palmer chaired the September meeting, collected Dues and said he would do the same in October since many people missed the Sept. meeting. President Bill Cotrofeld, who is busy cleaning up some water damage to his property, said he will start sending meeting and dues notices out the week of Sept. 18 to the 24th.

Mike Hawkins brought in and showed us a beautiful 2012 Gem and Mineral Show poster. Really sharp. It's nice to know that the show will go on, thanks in part to the Capital District Mineral Club members' efforts.

- Bruce Murray (Program Committee Chair) (rbruce@cisbec.net)

### October Field Trip Schedule

**Oct. 1. Barrus Ledge, MA.** Barrus Ledge - Richard Hartnett 439-7243. Meeting time is 11:00-11:15am at the Old Creamery Grocery, 445 Berkshire Trail, Cummington, MA (413)634-

5560 <http://www.hidden-hills.com/oldcreamery/> It should be noted that one should wear proper footwear for uneven walking conditions in the woods. Caravan leaves at 11:15am sharp according to Richard Hartnett's clock (assuming all clocks are different, plan on early arrival at meeting spot). If we are gone, do not attempt to find the site on your own. Hard rock equipment ok, rock saw ok, no sawing near the llamas. Bring bug spray, sledgehammer, chisels, safety glasses, sturdy shoes. Bring hard rock mining equipment. Will be looking for massive tourmaline in white rock...with the chance of finding nice crystals.

**Oct. 1. Rickard Hill Quarry, Schoharie, NY.** Anne Woods 322-7932. Meeting place will be the back gate of the quarry at noon. Paul Griggs will then lead us throughout the quarry to collect fossils. Please bring hardhats, gloves, hiking boots, safety goggles, as well as buckets, lots of bug spray, hammers, suntan lotion, chisels, etc. You will be collecting many different kinds of fossils. Sometimes travertine (flowstone calcite) is available in small amounts. Due to the dual leaders on this trip, it is imperative that you listen to both leaders and stay with the group. Limit 20 people.

**Oct. 8-9. Walworth Quarry, Walworth, NY.** 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. (on your own.)

**Oct. 15. Hudson Quarry, Greenport, NY.** Anne Woods 322-7932. Tools: hammers, chisels, bucket, gloves, safety glasses, hard hat, steel toed boots, safety vest. This is a working quarry. Kids welcome under direct adult supervision. Collect: Fossils of various kinds. Limit 10 people.

**Oct. 28-29. Vermont Quarries. Vermont**Contact Bill Cotrofeld 802-375-6782 for more information.

### Showdates 2011

- Oct. 15-16—Bristol, CT: Annual show; Bristol Gem & Mineral Club; Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave.; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors \$4, children under 12 free with adult; contact Dave Korzendorfer, 208 Westledge Rd., West Simsbury, CT 06092, (860) 651-9980; e-mail: Bristolgem@hotmail.com; Web site: www.bristolgem.org
- Oct. 15-16—Johnstown, NY: Annual show; Fulton County Mineral Club; Johnstown Moose Lodge, Rte. 30A; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3; contact Bob Hartig, (518) 842-5948; e-mail: rockbob@nycap.rr.com
- Oct. 29-30—Freeport, NY: Show and sale; Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5.50 (50 cents off with this ad), children 12 and under free with adult; contact Ralph Gose, P.O. Box 1418, Melville, NY 11474, (631) 271-8411; e-mail: ralph\_gose@kaleidoscopegemshows.com; Web site: kaleidoscopegemshows.com

### New and Old Members (a reminder to all)

1. If you are going on a field trip, please advise the field trip leader if you are a new member.
2. Ask them what the proper clothing, tools, etc. are for the field trip in question before you attend the trip.
3. Please read the safety articles provided to you in your membership packet.
4. Always stay with the group. Do not wander far away without asking permission. Always let the field trip leader know where you are.
5. Sign up for the trip by calling the number in the newsletter for that trip. Receive a confirmation from the leader before attending.
6. In a active quarry, you must have steel toed boots, hard hat (OSHA), safety glasses, and a fluorescent vest. On other trips this may or may not be required.
7. If you bring kids, you are responsible for them.
8. Be aware of tics.
9. Bring bug spray, suntan lotion, water, a bit of food, and be aware that most locations have no facilities.
10. If it looks like rain, bring rain gear (we don't always run when it starts to rain).
11. You must report all injuries to the field trip leader .
12. The field trip leader is in charge of you on the field trip. If you don't obey them, you will be asked to leave.
13. Never arrive late and attempt entrance to a quarry or other private property on your own without the field trip leader.

### Kid Dig Collecting

Now that collecting season almost over please remember our Kids Dig at the mineral show in Albany as you sort through your buckets of stuff. We could always use some different materials, the more colorful and brighter the better. It's better to have 10, 20 or more of the same mineral rather than 1 or 2 of many different minerals. The rocks you pick up for the kids may not be something that you would keep for yourself, but think about it for kids just starting out. Grab a handful of something you think a kid might find interesting each time you are out collecting. Thanks.

-Bob Hartig


### DUES ARE DUE!!!!

Our fiscal year ends August 31st, therefore your dues are due right now. Send to our post office box or brings to the meeting. The cost is: Family's at \$20.; Single's at \$14.; and Student's at \$8. Reminder: new members joining this year, your dues are not due until August 31, 2012. If you renewed your membership and did not receive membership cards, we will have them at the October meeting. - Jim Palmer and Bob Hartig

19th ANNUAL JAMES CAMPBELL MEMORIAL

# GEM MINERAL & FOSSIL

SHOW AND SALE  
FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 2012  
10 AM-5 PM  
ADMISSION: \$6, INCLUDES ENTRY TO NEW YORK IN BLOOM

  
NEW YORK State Museum  
Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY  
Information: 518-474-5877

Co-sponsored by the Capital District Mineral Club and the New York Academy of Mineralogy  
All proceeds benefit the Museum's mineral acquisition fund  
The New York State Museum is a program of The University of the State of New York | The State Education Department | Office of Cultural Education

Capital District Mineral Club

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Membership Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Membership (any previous member)

Membership Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$14) \_\_\_\_\_ Student (\$8)

Please make check payable to: Capital District Mineral Club

Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Total family members: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to get the newsletter by \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail or \_\_\_\_\_ snail mail?

Did you or your family get?

\_\_\_\_ Membership Packet \_\_\_\_\_ CDMC card(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Fed Card(s) \_\_\_\_\_ receipt

**Membership ends on 8/31. For new members only: members who join the club at the NYS Museum Mineral Show or after May 15 will have their membership extended until 8/31 next year.**

CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB WAIVER REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN FIELD-TRIP ACTIVITIES  
The undersigned, in consideration of the privilege of attending field trips related to the collection and or study of rocks, minerals or fossils, or any other participation in events and activities, hereinafter being referred to individually as "Field Trip" and collectively as "Field Trips", hereby release the Capital District Mineral Club (CDMC) and officers, Field Trip Leaders and other members of the CDMC from any and all liability with respect to injury to person or property of the undersigned, free from cause whatsoever, which may occur while the undersigned or their children are attending or participating in any Field Trip. The undersigned hereby acknowledges his/her understanding that rock, mineral or fossil collecting is an inherently dangerous activity which can result in serious bodily injury or death, and hereby confirms his or her voluntary assumption of the risk of such injury or death. The undersigned agrees to comply with any and all rules and restrictions which may be communicated to the undersigned by the CDMC and /or landowner with respect to the Field Trip. The undersigned further agree and warrant that if at any time he/she believes conditions to be unsafe, he/she will immediately discontinue further participation in the Field Trip. This release is being signed with respect to all Field Trips conducted by the CDMC, until such time as the undersigned shall revoke this Release by written notice to the President of the CDMC. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, the undersigned has signed this Release.

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Part of Rich Stein's mineral table. Note new ice cream cone. From display of February 2011 at NYSM.

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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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