

# THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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## September 2008

### Next Meeting

Please come to the next meeting on September 4th. Our September meeting is a Show and Tell. Please bring your favorite two specimens that you collected or bought, and be prepared to tell the club a bit about it (where it was collected, what it is, what it means to you, etc.). The meeting starts at 7:30pm. Please sign in at the security desk when you enter. The doors to the museum will be held open from 7:00-7:15pm (sometimes earlier, but hardly ever later). We look forward to meeting you. Feel free to bring a friend. As part of our September meeting, it has been a tradition in the past to have an Ugly Rock Contest. Please bring in what you would consider the ugliest rock you've ever seen. One entry per person.

### Membership Renewal

Most memberships run out on August 31 (except very new members), so bring your checkbooks to renew your memberships. Please give your money/check to the membership committee. Be sure you have decided if you want to switch to an email newsletter.

### Field Trips

September 6. Chester, MA. Contact Robert Ballad at 377-8656 or rballad@nycap.rr.com.

September 27. Hooper Mine. Adirondacks. Contact Gerry Boileau at 482-0511.

### Club T-shirts Available

XL gray T-shirts with the club logo on the front and the quote "I'd Rather Be Rockhounding" on the back are available for \$12 each from Anne Woods.



### BBQ Rock Swap

The BBQ and Rock Swap Committee had a Rock Swap/BBQ on Saturday August 23 at Lake Taghanic. It was attended by 3 CDMC members and 5 members of the Mid-Hudson Club. We hope to have many more in the future.

### 2008 EFTA Trips

*Contact Trip Leaders if you want to attend trips*  
*Sept 6 or Sept 13. Rochester Lapidary Society. Barton Garnet Mine-Gore Mtn, NY. Contact Kim at kim@pandajewels.com*  
*Sept 13th. New Haven Mineral Club. Clark Hill Quarries, East Hampton, CT Pegmatite Hours 8am-4pm We do require all persons other than New Haven Mineral Club Members register with the Chair at least 2 weeks prior. Contact Art Doyle 203 795 4527 adoyle@crofut.com*  
*Sept 14. SVMC- Hurricane Mtn.- N. Conway, NH- Smoky quartz, amethyst, microcline, zircon, arfvedsonite, riebeckite. crack hammers & chisels for working granite decomposing ledges Contact Bob York (quartzhunter@aol.com)*  
*Sept 20. Berks Mineralogical Society. Burkholders Quarry, Lancaster County, PA start time 7:30 a.m. meet time, 8 am to 12 pm dig time. Limit 5 people. Contact Dean Evans, at insect@ptd.net.*  
*Oct. 11 and 12. Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club. Walworth Dig for fluorite, calcite, dolomite, galena, selenite. Sat. 7am-2pm, Sun. 7am-12pm. Power tools allowed. Contact Bill at dirtman300@aol.com or 315-483-8061.*

### Mineral Shows

September 6-7. New Milford, CT. 58th annual show; Danbury Mineralogical Society; New Milford High School, Danbury Rd.; Sat. 10-5:30, Sun. 10-4:30; adults \$4.50, seniors and full-time students with ID \$3, kids under 12 and scouts in uniform free; Contact Pat Hackett, (860) 355-9799; e-mail: prhackett@charter.net; Web site: www.danburymineralogicalsociety.org

September 6-7. Pownall, VT. Annual show; Northern Berkshire Mineral Club; American Legion Post #90, Rte. 7; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, children under 12 accompanied by adult free, Contact Cindy Hancock, 45 Spring St. Apt. 103, North Adams, MA 01247, (413) 664-4115

September 20. Albany, NH. Show; Saco Valley Gem & Mineral Club; Tin Mountain Center, Bald Hill Rd.; Contact Jonathon Herndon, P.O. Box 520, Center Ossipee, NH 03814-0520

September 20-21. Rhinebeck, NY. 39th annual show and sale,

"The Earth's Bounty": Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rte. 9; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors \$4, students \$2, children 12 and under free with adult, discount flier on Web site; Contact Carolyn Reynard, (845) 471-1224; Web site: [www.geocities.com/ny-rockhounds](http://www.geocities.com/ny-rockhounds)

September 26-27. Franklin, NJ. 52nd annual show; Franklin Mineral Museum; Franklin School, Washington Ave.; contact Lee Lowell, (973) 827-6671.

October 18-19. Johnstown, NY. Show and sale; Fulton County Mineral Club; Johnstown Moose Lodge, Rte. 30A and Rte. 67; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, students \$1, children under 12 free; Contact Chamber of Commerce, (800) 676-3858; e-mail: [pllenroc@frontiernet.net](mailto:pllenroc@frontiernet.net)



**Erston Barnhart  
Rock Buster News  
Central PA Rock & Mineral Club**



Margaret Hastings, CDMC Claim, Fonda, NY, 2003



Gilsum, NH at night.



Walworth, NY 2005



Tuscan, Arizona pinecone fossil at show



Gallupville Tentacullites...



Sterling Hill, NJ Trip

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Rhodochrosite, Tuscan,  
Arizona Show



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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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