

HISTORY
OF
THE CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB, INC.

ALBANY,
N. Y.

1956 -

"We cannot escape History"
A. Lincoln.

TO THE MEMORY
OF
OUR GOOD MEMBERS
WHO HAVE GONE ON BEFORE

* Mr. Murray Sarr	Dr. A.M. Bands
* Dr. A. C. Worth, Jr.	Gerald McLaren
* Mr. Wallace Knapp	H. Norman Snively
Mr. Steven Miller	Marion Rowley
Mr. T.V. Flannery	Ray Proper
* Mr. Paul Graziade	Edith Ibbott
Mr. Dennis A. Sweeny	George Laurson
Mr. Harold V. Wheatley	*Harold Tallmadge
* Mr. John Kuhorn	Donna Fales
* Mr. Isidro Fernandez	Helen Geiser
Mr. Fred Dowden	Ralph Lapham
* Mr. Arthur Flood	PAULINE McGONIGAL
Mrs. Anna Erbacher	
* Mrs. Jean Carr	
* Mr. Kenneth Carr	
* Mr. Jerome Lapham	
Mr. Roy C. Buell	
Mrs. Ruth Erlich	
* Mr. George Maslachenko	
Mrs. Clyde Tallmadge	
Mrs. Elsie Donohue	
Dr. A. M. Lands	
Mrs. Dorothy Wheatley	

* Indicates Charter Member

OFFICERS OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB, INC.,
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<u>Year</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>
1957	Jerome Lapham	Kenneth Carr	Jean Carr	Olga Pohl
1958	Ralph Lapham	Kenneth Carr	Jean Carr	Olga Pohl
1959	Chester Hunziker	Daniel Libeg	William Sumner	Olga Pohl
1960	Daniel Libeg Ralph Geiser	Ralph Geiser Arthur Flood	Polly McGonigal	Olga Pohl
1961	Arthur Flood	Isidro Fernandez	Robert Swigert	Helen Geiser
1962	Dr. Roy Fales	Ara Dildilian	Robert Swigert	Helen Geiser
1963	Ara Dildilian	Arnold Pohl	Erwin Potthoff	Helen Geiser
1964	Dr. Arnold Pohl	Erwin Potthoff	Dorothy Wheatley	Helen Geiser
1965	Erwin Potthoff	Elmer Rowley	Dorothy Wheatley	Helen Geiser
1966	Elmer Rowley	Robert Swigert	Dorothy Wheatley	Helen Geiser
1967	Robert Swigert	Louis Dushek	Mary Dushek	Helen Geiser
1968	Louis Dushek	Edward Kincaid	Mary Dushek	Helen Geiser
1969	George Schmidt	Fred Steinke	Mary Dushek	Helen Geiser
1970	Fred Steinke	Edward Kincaid	Mary Dushek	Helen Geiser
1971	H. Norman Snively	Burr Osbonlighter	Mary Dushek	Helen Geiser
1972	Burr Osbonlighter	Charles Vedder	Mary Dushek	Ruth Schmidt
1973	Charles Vedder	Richard Stein	Mary Dushek	Ruth Schmidt
1974	Richard Stein	Robert Fick	Mary Dushek	Ruth Schmidt
1975	Mary Dushek	Betty Phillips	Pat Hill	Ruth Schmidt

FIELD TRIPS
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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
1957	Franklin, N.J.	Brewster, N. Y.	Fonda, N. Y.	Chester, Vt.
1958	- - -	Portland, Conn.	Ellenville, N. Y.	Maine
1959	Ellenville, N. Y.	Penfield, N. Y.	Gore Mt., N. Y.	Fonda N. Y.
1960	Franklin, N. J.	Fonda, N. Y.	Chester, Vt.	Palermo, N. H.
1961	Newton, N. J.	Caanan, Conn.	Chester, Vt.	Gouverneur, N. Y.
1962	Penna.	Fonda, N. Y.	Chester, Vt.	Ohio
1963	Newton, N. J.	Scoharie, N. Y.	Cascade Lakes, N. Y.	Fonda, N. Y. Grafton, N. H.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>
1957	- - -	Gouverneur, N. Y.	Chandlers Mills, N. H.
1958	Fonda, N. Y.	Gouverneur, N. Y.	Forestdale, N. H.
1959	Chester, Vt.	Fayetteville, N. Y.	- - -
1960	Bancroft, Ontario, Canada.	Gouverneur, N. Y.	Willsboro, N. Y.
1961	Bancroft, Ontario, Canada.	Maine	- - -
1962	Cascade Lakes, N. Y.	Gouverneur, N. Y.	Fonda, N. Y.
1963	Maine	Middleville, N. Y.	

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1964	Amity, N.Y. Ellenville, N.Y. Fonda, N.Y.	Scoharie, N.Y. Grafton, N.H.	Overlook, N.Y. Batchellerville, N.Y.	Chazy, N.Y.
1965	- - - -	Middleville, N. Y.	Gilsum, N. H.	Pierrepont, N. Y.
1966	Portland, Conn.	Gilsum, N.H.	Saranac Lake, N.Y.	Ticonderoga, N.Y.
1967	- - - -	Fonda, N.Y.	Gilsum, N.H.	Pownal, Vt.
1968	- - - -	Franklin N.J. Judd's Bridge, Conn.	Lake Placid, N.Y.	Chester, Vt.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>
1964	Westmoreland, N.H. Gilsum, N.H.	Saranac Lake, N. Y. Minerva, N. Y.	- - - -
1965	Chester, Vermont	Fonda, N. Y.	Willsboro, N. Y.
1966	Judd's Bridge Conn.	West Cummington, Mass.	- - - -
1967	Leeds, N.Y.	Franklin, N.J.	- - - -
1968	Chittenango Falls, N. Y.		

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1969	Franklin, N.J.	Newton, N.J. Godfrey, Ontario, Can.	Greenfield, Mass. Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, Can.	Canton, N.Y.
1970	Franklin, N.J.	Mount St. Haillaire Quebec, Can.	Lasselville, N.Y. Eden Mills, VT.	Bancroft, Ont.
1971	Secaucus N.J. Knox, N.Y.	Fonda, N.Y.	Large Placid, N.Y.	Maine
1972	Secaucus, N.J.	Judd's Bridge Conn. Gouverneur area	Spruce Pine N.C. area Loudville, Mass. Goshen, Mass.	Middleville N.Y.
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>	
1969	Utica, N.Y. Illion George N.Y.	Fonda, N.Y.	---	
1970	Loudenville, Mass. North Creek N.Y.	Saranac Lake N.Y.	Mount St Haillaire Que.	
1971	Lasselville N.Y.	Thurman, N.Y.	Ravena, N.Y.	
1972	Schoharie, N.Y. Amity, N.Y.	Canastota, N.Y.	Rock Carnival Dushek's, Ravena	

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1973	Franklin N.J.	Fonda, N.Y. Providence, R.I. (3 days)	So. Bethlehem N.Y. Knox, N.Y.	Chester, Mass. Ohio (2 days)
1974	Batchlerville N.Y.	Fonda, N.Y.	Schoharie N.Y.	Saranac, N.Y. (2 days)
1975	Fonda, N.Y.	W. Cummington Mass.	So. Paris, Me. (2 days)	Chazy, N.Y.

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1973	No. Creek N.Y.	Rock Swap S. Bethlehem N.Y. (Dushek's) Minerva, N.Y.	Mt. St. Hilaire Que.
1974	Bancroft Ont. (4 days)	S. Bethlehem N.Y. Thurman, N.Y.	Schenectady N.Y. (Dickerslaid) Quarry Watervliet Reservoir
1975	E. Hampton Ma. Minerva, N.Y.	Franklin N.J.	Fonda, N.Y.

November 19, 1956 - Kurt Servos, Senior Curator, Geology of The University of the State of New York, New York State Museum and Science Service, Albany, N.Y., wrote the following letter to certain interested people in the Capital District:-

"When I came to the New York State Museum, two months ago, as Curator of Geology, I was surprised to learn that the Capital District does not have a Mineralogy Club. In order to rectify this shortcoming, and because several people approached me about this because I seemed to be the logical person to make inquiries, I was put in touch with Mr. Peter Zodac, Editor of Rocks and Minerals. Mr. Zodac gave me your name and thought that you might be interested in belonging to such a club and I am taking the liberty, therefore, to ask if you would be willing to attend an organizational meeting of a small group of people who are interested in forming a new club. Because the people who have approached me are eager to get started, we thought we might get a small group together during the last week of November. Most likely we would hold meetings, at least for the time being, in the State Museum, on the fifth floor of the Education Building.

Because a Mineral Club is as good as its members, we seem to have an enormous potential in this area. Consequently, I am looking forward with enthusiasm to the time, in the near future, when the Capitol district will have a vigorous and eager Mineral Club. I hope you join us in this endeavor. If you are willing to help us, you may wish to tell your friends who are also mineral collectors about the club we are trying to start."

This was the very beginning.

As the result of this letter plus many telephone conversations and personal talks with people whom he knew were interested the first meeting was held, not the last week of November, but December 13, 1956. On that evening 43 people attended and this was called "The Organizational Meeting". The people who attended became Charter Members and the date, December 13, became the Club's Birthday.

The pioneers who attended that First Meeting were:-

Cassius M. Boyce	Schenectady, N.Y.
Mrs. Kenneth Carr	Round Lake, N.Y.
Clifford Cashbit	Saratoga Spa., N.Y.
Ross Clothier	Stillwater, N.Y.
Bill Cotrofeld	Albany, N.Y.
Robert M. Eisenhard	Schaghticoke, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. George Ellrott	New Baltimore, N.Y.
Jack Fahey	Albany, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Isidro Fernandez	Albany, N.Y.
Arthur Flood	Glens Falls, N.Y.
Paul Graziade	Albany, N.Y.
Vernon Haskins	East Durham, N.Y.
C.E. Hunziker	Schenectady, N.Y.
Wallace Knapp	Troy, N.Y.
John Kuhhorn	Germantown, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kunsman	Albany, N.Y.
Daniel C. Libeg	Ballston Spa., N.Y.
George Maslachenko	Ft. Edward, N.Y.
Joe Perrone	Schenectady, N.Y.
Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Pohl	Albany, N.Y.
Robert Ransom	Schenectady, N.Y.
Robert Rourke	Schenectady, N.Y.
Robert H. Rourke	Schenectady, N.Y.
Elmer B. Rowley	Glens Falls, N.Y.
Murray Sarr	East Greenbush, N.Y.
Anthony Satnoff	Mechanicville, N.Y.
Gordon Shaver	Westerlo, N.Y.
N.C. Shay	Schenectady, N.Y.
Sylvia Sickles	Albany, N.Y.
William C. Sumner	Albany, N.Y.
Robert Swigert + GLADYS	Hudson Falls, N.Y.
H.R. Tallmadge	Schenectady, N.Y.
Leo Vermann	Coxsackie, N.Y.
James N. Warnock	Troy, N.Y.
John E. Wildzunas	Delmar, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Bradley L. Wilson	Schenectady, N.Y.
James Wilson	Troy, N.Y.
Dr. A.C. Worth, Jr.	Albany, N.Y.

These people enthusiastically agreed to meet once a month. The best night for the majority proved to be the first Thursday of the month with the second Thursday as an alternate.

1956

Mr. Warren Kunsman made a motion that an election of temporary officers, as well as a Committee to draft the Constitution and By-laws, be held. This motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Kurt Servos and Mr. Leo Vermann were nominated for Chairman. It was then moved that the two nominees serve respectively as Chairman and Vice-chairman and this motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Jean Carr was nominated and elected Secretary.

The Constitution and By-laws Committee was nominated and elected. This Committee consisted of :-

- Mr. Kurt Servos, Chairman
- Mr. Warren Kunsman
- Mr. Elmer Rowley
- Dr. Arnold Pohl

Mr. Servos and Mr. Rowley then recommended various books and magazines which would be helpful to the members in their study of rocks and minerals.

Thus the First Meeting came to an end.

1957

On January 3, 1957, the second meeting was called by Kurt Servos, Temporary Chairman, who gave a talk on "Methods of Mineral Identification and Crystallography"

Seven new members were introduced.

A motion was made and seconded to form a Committee to plan Summer Field Trips. The Committee chosen was:-

- Kenneth Carr, Chairman
- Elmer Rowley
- Leo Vermann

Jean Carr, Secretary, who was acting as temporary Treasurer until a Treasurer was elected, took a collection to provide for light refreshments to be served at future meetings

The meeting was then adjourned

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The third meeting was called by Kurt Servos, Temporary Chairman, on February 7, 1957.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted a report of progress was given by the Field Trip Committee as well as a report by the Constitution and By-laws Committee.