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#### Next Meeting

Chelmsford, MA  
Public Library  
Saturday,

Doors open at 9:00 AM  
*Map and directions are  
on the back page*

For information regarding  
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due to inclement  
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### MEMBERSHIP

It is dues time again. All members should have received a membership form with their copy of the November, 2005 *Newsletter*. The dues are payable on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, payable to the MMNE. Payment should be sent to the treasurer, Anna Wilken, 79 Meadow Lane, Campton, NH 03223. Please fill out the renewal form completely to verify your mailing and e-mail addresses with Anna and insure continuation of your membership and *Newsletter*. There will be a directory of active and life members published with the March *Newsletter*, so make sure that your information is up to date. This list is privileged information, and by the terms of the bylaws, may not be distributed to any person who is not a current member of the MMNE. The list will contain name(s), mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address. If you do not wish to have this information published, please let Anna or your editor know.

The *Newsletter* is published in two forms – a hard copy which is mailed on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month to your address of record, and an electronic copy, published in MS Word format and sent to your e-mail of record at the same time. (Your editor does not have Mac capability.) Any photographs which are published will be in black and white in the hard copy, and full color in the electronic format. In the past the color photos have been reproduced in whatever pixel size they arrived. In the future, these will be reduced to 800 pixel format to speed up transmission and reception rates. (Your editor is running on a very slow dial-up line which has no options for higher speed transmissions.) You may opt to receive both copies, but if do not require the hard copy, please let your editor know. Our cost for each hard copy is close to \$1 each including postage, so if you do not need it, please do not request it.

Now is the time to consider writing something for the Newsletter. The request has been made many times before, but there have been no takers. Photographs are also accepted, particularly if there is some writing with them. The cupboard is bare, so please send your editor some material. If a member has specimens which he/she wishes to have photographed for publication, contact your editor prior to a scheduled meeting, and he will try to take photographs at that meeting. (He does not have a photo quality printer, so any hard copies will have to be made by the specimen owner.)

Mike Swanson. Editor

### PLEASE NOTE

No February Newsletter will be published as your editor will be unavailable for several weeks prior to the publication date. The February meeting will again be held at the Chelmsford, MA library on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The **Newsletter** is the official publication of the Micromounters of New England (MMNE). The last by-laws revision was April 19, 2003. The MMNE is a member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) (<<http://www.amfed.org/efmls>>) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) (<http://www.amfed.org>). Material from the *Newsletter* may be copied in other rock and mineral publications if credit is given to the author and the *Newsletter* and permission has been obtained from the author. If there are questions regarding copying contact the editor. The club address is c/o the Secretary. Meetings are held monthly, September through May, except for December, and usually on an informal basis in July and August. Sites rotate and will be posted in the *Newsletter* as far in advance as possible. Visitors are welcome to attend all meetings. Bring a microscope and light source if you have one.

**DUES** are \$10/year for a single person and \$15/year for a family membership, levied on a calendar basis. The family membership includes two adults and all children under 18 living at the same address. One copy of the *Newsletter* will be sent on a family membership.

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### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS: SHOWS

#### January 2006

21 – MMNE Meeting. Chelmsford, MA library. Doors open at 9<sup>AM</sup>

27-Feb. 12 – Tucson Mineral Show, Tucson, AZ

#### February 2006

18 – MMNE Meeting. Chelmsford, MA library. Doors open at 9<sup>AM</sup>

#### March 2006

18 – MMNE Meeting. Chelmsford, MA library. Doors open at 9<sup>AM</sup>

#### April 2006

15 – MMNE Meeting. Chelmsford, MA library. Doors open at 9<sup>AM</sup>

#### May 2006

20 – May Symposium, Elks Lodge, Hudson, MA

### MICROMINERAL RELATED CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

#### March 2006

30-April 2 – Atlantic Micromounters Conference, sponsored by the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge, MD. For registration and info contact Steve Weinberger at [cscrystals2@verizon.net](mailto:cscrystals2@verizon.net).

#### April 2006

#### May 2006

13-14 – Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Three County Fairgrounds, Northampton, MA

### MMNE Secretarial Report for November 19, 2005

In the absence of both a President and the Vice President, the business portion of the November MMNE meeting was brought to order at 12 noon by member Mike Swanson. The meeting was brief.

Club webmaster, Joe Mulvey, wished to know if he could post on the website articles that were reprinted in old MMNE bulletins and newsletters. In the past the club compiled a variety of articles from various sources in the form of booklets for the annual symposiums. The general consensus was that there should be no problem due to the age of these documents.

Anna Wilken asked Joe how club members could access the club website. He responded that once at the website the ID is "member" and the password is "mmofne" (lower case).

There was further discussion regarding who would be the 2006 May Symposium speaker. There was very specific interest in persuading Jim Nizamoff from the University of New Orleans to give a presentation on Palermo Mine. However, there were conflicting views as to whether he would be able to commit. Gene Bearrs said he would likely not be able to, but Mike Swanson said Jim is very interested in doing a talk on Palermo. Due to the popularity of this topic to members, it was decided to allow more time to clarify if he indeed will be available or not. Other names mentioned as possible speakers were Ronnie Von Dommelen (Minerals of Nova Scotia) and Terry Szenic.

It was reported that the Elks Hall contract was signed for 2006. It was recommended that publicity should be sent to Rocks and Minerals, Mineral News, Rock and Gem, EFMLS and regional club newsletters.

Treasurer, Anna Wilken, reported that the treasury contained \$6,481.71 and that the 2005 May Symposium revenues were \$1280, an increase of \$500 more than in 2004. This increase was attributed in large part due to the fine specimens donated to the club by Steve and Janet Cares. They were very popular at the mineral sales table.

Anna Wilken said that the MMNE had received a letter of thanks from the Family of Elaine Sole. This was in response to a note of condolence written by Pat Barker on behalf of the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Wilken, secretary