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NEXT MONTH:

Our next meetings will be **Saturday, October 17**, at the Fogg's in Goffstown, NH.

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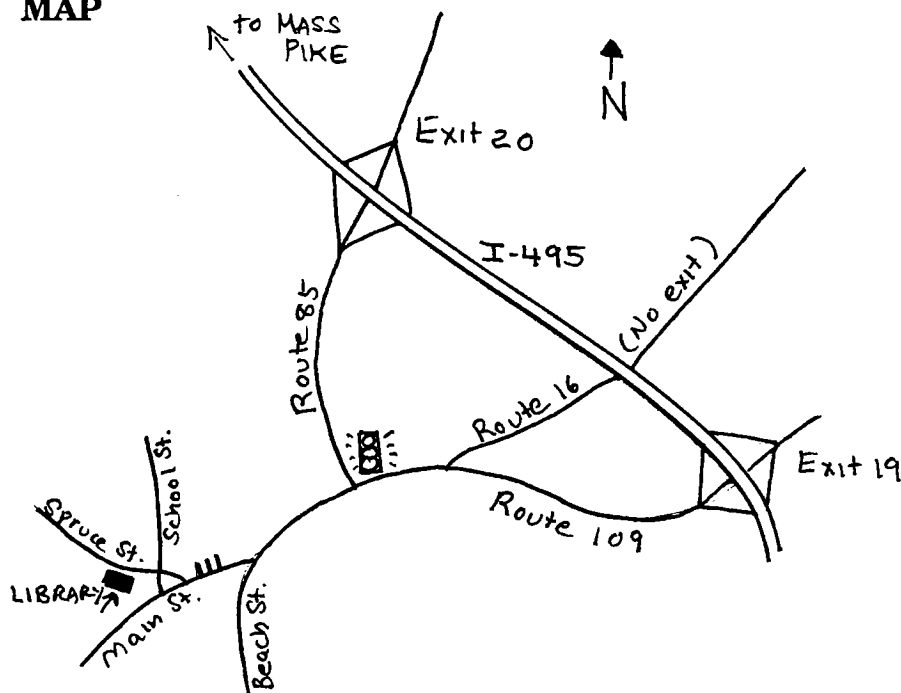
Newsletter #161

Our first regular meeting of the MMNE this year will be on **Saturday, September 19th**, at the **Milford Public Library**. Since this is a new location, we are sending out the bulletin a little early so that you will have time to consult the map included. Please note that the library does not open until **10:00 am**. So early arriving members may find themselves waiting outside until the doors open. This Month's Program will feature a slide presentation by Palmer Sevrens concerning his and his wife Betty's trip west this past winter.

Directions to the Milford Town Library:

Take your best route to I-495. If northbound enter Milford via Route 109 (Exit 19); if southbound, enter via Route 85 (Exit 20). At the traffic light, follow Route 16 (Main Street) west, bearing right at intersection with Beach Street. Spruce Street is about ½ mile from the light on the right, and the Library is a short distance on Spruce Street on the left hand side. A Parking Area is on the far side of the Library, or you may choose to park on the street or in the school lot opposite. The meeting room is on the near side on the lower level. There is a drive where you may unload on the same level to save a flight of steps.

MAP



United States and Canada to issue new Mineral Stamps:

The U.S. will issue a new block of mineral stamps featuring azurite, copper, variscite and wulfenite. These 29 cent stamps will be issued as first day covers on September 17th, in Washington, D.C.. They will go on general sale the following day.

The Canadians will be issuing their stamps on September 21st. (denomination unknown). The five minerals featured are grossular garnet, sodalite, native gold, native copper and galena.

Baltimore Mineral Society to hold annual micromount symposium

The Baltimore Mineral Society is holding its annual Paul Desautels Micromount Symposium on the weekend of September 25-27 of this year. The theme of this year's gathering is **phosphates**. There will be a series of presentations on this topic, including one by member Bob Whitmore concerning the Palermo Mine. Anyone interested in receiving a full symposium flyer should contact:

Alan J. Pribula
6228H Laurelton Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21214

Please note the following telephone change for members Charles and Marcelle Weber

-- (203) 457-9810.

Note: The Mont Saint-Hilaire collecting date is Sunday October 4th (not the 3rd). Apparently it was listed several places incorrectly.

Talc --The Vermont State Mineral

Thanks in large part to the effort of MMNE member Sue Hadden, Vermont now has a state mineral, gem and three state rocks. In the 1991 Northeast Meeting Program Book, Sue wrote an article advocating talc as a candidate for state mineral. This encouraged her to set the whole thing in motion, and with the support of mineral clubs, legislators and industry leaders, a bill was passed and signed into law designating talc as the state mineral, grossular garnet (from Eden Mills) as the state gem, and marble, granite and slate as the three state rocks -- all associated the public image of Vermont, and of former and present importance to the state's economy. Well done Sue!

The Micromounter's Dilemma or "What to Do?"

When mounting a prize specimen, just right to fit into the box, and you turn it over and find a second fine crystal, both being too good to pass up. "WHAT TO DO?" Try the crank. Pierce a hole in each side of the box, just enough to allow the specimen to turn, then glue a piece of paper clip onto one side of the specimen. After it dries, put the specimen in the box with the paper clip through one side hole, and glue the paper clip fashioned with the crank to the opposite side of the specimen. Let dry and you can turn the crank and see both of the prize specimens. If your dexterity will not allow you to do this, buy Paul Smith a roll of film for his camera and he will mount it for you.

When breaking material for mounting, you find a prize winning crystal on matrix that is too large for the box, but you fear trying to trim it will destroy the specimen, it is perfectly permissible to get a larger box. In the eyes of some judges it might affect your score, but at least you have preserved the specimen, which probably would have gone to the bone pile if you had tried to trim it. so you can't show it in competition; it's better than being lost in the trimmer dust.

Often when trimming a small specimen, it becomes rounded and can't be properly placed in the trimmer. "WHAT TO DO?" If you have a grinding wheel, just put the side opposite your specimen on the wheel and flatten it out. This will give a good base to attach the cork. After grinding, it should be put in the sonic cleaner to get all the dirt off before mounting. Be sure it isn't water soluble, or so delicate it will be destroyed in the sonic cleaner.

by Fred Schaefermeyer, in The Mineral Mite, May 1992.

Program Book Binding

Arrangements are being made to enable members to have their Northeast Meeting Program Books (1982-1992) put into one volume by means of a plastic "comb" binding. A protective cover will be added as well as a list of additions and corrections. If your set is incomplete, we can supply a limited number of copies of some issues at \$1.00 each*. Others may have to be reproduced and will be completely on white copy paper (including the cover) at about the same price. Cost of binding, including added covers and additions and corrections will be about \$5.00. Prices are partially dependent on the number ordered, and will be rounded off to the benefit of the MMNE. Please return the completed order form below by the time of the **October meeting**, along with what issues you have available. Be sure your name is on every issue and enclose all in a plastic bag in chronological order (1982 on top, 1992 on the bottom). We will try to have a specimen bound copy at the September meeting.

*If you have extra copies of some issues, please consider donating them to the MMNE for resale. We are badly in need of 1982, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1990, and 1991.

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