
The 8th Annual NEW ENGLAND

MINERAL CONFERENCE

2023

MAY 19-21
NEWRY, MAINE

*Grand Summit Resort
Hotel & Conference
Center at the Sunday
River Resort*

Lectures, Presentations,
Displays, Exhibits, Banquet,
Dealers, Hospitality Suite,
Auctions, Field Trips, Technical
Session, and Museum Visit

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EVENT: 8th Annual New England Mineral Conference

DATES: May 19, 20 & 21, 2023

LOCATION: Sunday River Grand Summit Hotel & Conference Center, Newry, Maine

PRE-REGISTRATION is in full swing, both online, and by US Mail. Please go to our **website at this link/address** to pre-register. Remember, if you want to attend the Banquet &/or Heritage Awards Ceremony on Friday night, pre-registration, which is open until May 1st, is a *must*.



ROOM & BOARD

It's not at all required to attend NEMC, but many of us choose to stay on site during the Conference. Some attendees needing lodging prefer to secure it at other locations (hotels, VRBO, AirBnB, etc.)

If you want to have a room at Sunday River during the Conference, reservations can be made directly by calling their Reservations Department at 1-800-207-2365. Be sure to refer to the ***NEW ENGLAND MINERAL CONFERENCE 2023 GROUP*** when making your reservation so you will qualify for the special group rate. Conference attendees are general housed in the northern wing of the facility. First floor of the South Wing is strictly for our Dealers, and Conference 'staff' are housed in the second and third floors of South Wing.

If you have special needs for site access, please let the Reservations Department know so they can appropriately accommodate.

Note that it is questionable whether the on site restaurants at Sunday River will be open

during the Conference; there are, however, several restaurants in the Newry and Bethel area that will be open through the event.

MUSEUM VISIT

On Friday, May 19, the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum will open early at 9am for any NEMA registrants that would like to visit. You may visit the Museum throughout the day with the last entry at 3pm and an early closing of 4pm so they can prepare for the Heritage Award Ceremony at our Banquet. Brief overview talks will take place in the MMGM Discovery Gallery at 9:15a, 10:15a and 11:15a. MMGM is kindly offering a 33% reduced rate for our attendees. For those that pre-register, you can head straight to the Museum for a visit (we will provide them with a list of names for those that have purchased a Museum visit option), or you can obtain your registration tag at Sunday River first, then head to the Museum. For those not pre-registered, you will need to first register with us at Sunday River, and can then go to the Museum and purchase your ticket on site at MMGM. Better yet, become a member of the Museum and you can visit as often and as long as you'd like! Check out becoming an MMGM Member here: [MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP](#)



FRIDAY TECHNICAL SESSION

Our full afternoon TECHNICAL SESSION will begin by 12:40pm. We're excited about this new educational aspect of the Conference and are looking forward to these sessions. I'm sure there will be at least one to spark your attention. After the sessions conclude, you can meet the speakers in person to chat some more. Or aim to sit at the same table with one of the speakers at the banquet and learn more! Here is a list of sessions with times, speakers, and topics:

- 12:40 Tom Mortimer: Minerals Including Recent Finds from Hurricane Mountain, Conway, New Hampshire.
- 1:00 Don Dallaire: Radioactive pyromorphite from the Manhan lead mine, Easthampton, Hampshire county,

Massachusetts.

- 1:20 Alexander U. Falster et al.: Unorthodox formation conditions of elbaite/fluorelbaite in an unexpected location in the Emmons pegmatite, Greenwood, Oxford Co., Maine.
 - 1:40 Doug Bowen: Discovery of a new pegmatite west of Sebago Lake.
 - 2:00 Natalie Tolls: Geochemical trends of zoning in heavy minerals in Emmons pegmatite.
 - 2:20 Susanna Kreinik: Phosphate mineralogy of the Fletcher pegmatite, Grafton Co., New Hampshire.
 - 2:40 Lloyd Alexander: presented jointly with Alexander U. Falster : Ryerson Hill Quarry, Maine: Pegmatite Contamination and Titanium Dioxides.
 - 3-4 Phil Persson: Critical Elements for pegmatites.
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Friday night Banquet (purchase by May 1 only with pre-registration) & Heritage Awards

Friday "evening" starts early in Newry with a "cash" bar that will either be in the registration lobby area or windowed concourse hallway. (exact location TBD). I put "cash" in quotes because Sunday River catering requires that you pay with a credit card, so be forewarned to bring a credit/debit card as your payment source if you want to imbibe.

The bar will open at the end of the Technical Sessions, which are planned to finalize at 4pm, and will stay open until the banquet dinner begins at 5pm, or maybe even a bit into the dinner time (for those that want to purchase a glass of wine to have with dinner).

Dinner is a full buffet with rolls, salad, two entrees, two sides, and a dessert. Water, coffee, and tea will be provided as beverages.

The Maine Mineral and Gem Museum will hold their Heritage Award Ceremony toward the end of the dinner. The award is to honor an individual (or individuals) who have made a significant contribution to the New England mineral community. That could be in their activities, in volunteering, in their career, in mineral finds, or in a unique collection. Watch MMGM's website or Facebook page for further information about this year's recipient.

We'll have a brief break from 6:30p to 7p for waitstaff to clear the banquet and seating to open for the evening session that begins at 7pm. Those that aren't attending the banquet and haven't yet checked in at registration can do so between 6:30p and 7:30p at the Registration Desk in the lobby.



Gary Freeman explains his mining process and hopes of a new find... 2017

We ease into the talks with our **annual Miners Update** where you can hear what has transpired over the past four years and what might be in store for the upcoming mining seasons at various mines in New England. This update can bring gales of hilarity and lots of mining stories to light and can also be interspersed with the serious science of what is being found and impacts those finds might have.

At the end of the update, we all head to the Dealer's Wing on the South Wing, First Floor to see what Dealers have for sale, nosh at the Hospitality Suite, renew old friendships, and make new ones. The wing will be open late into the night but know that the Hospitality Suites will close "at a reasonable hour" so the chefs can get some needed rest for a very eventful Saturday.

SPEAKERS

Saturday morning begins with our board member and emcee, Don Dallaire, who will provide any housekeeping/good of the order missives and you'll have a short welcome from me (with a lot of Jeff woven into it), and I'll have "emcee" duty through our first speaker's talk. Once done, Don will resume his emcee role of introducing our speakers and working to keep us on task and on time (he's good at this!). We'll have coffee, tea, and water in the back of the room for those that want or need it. Speakers and talk topics are:

Saturday morning speakers:

- Don Dallaire: "Beryllium Minerals of New Hampshire"
- Alexander Falster: "An Overview of the Emmons Pegmatite"
- Phil Persson "The Pikes Peak Batholith, Central Colorado, USA- Geology, Mineralogy, and Gems."

We break for lunch (on your own) and you can begin bidding on the silent auction items. Bid often, bid high. The Dealer's Wing is open during the lunch break, as well, so be sure to visit them.

Saturday afternoon speakers:

- Jim Pecorra: "An Historical Overview of the Elizabeth Copper Mine in South Strafford, VT"
- Jeff Morrison: "Frank Perham Through My Eyes"

After the speakers have concluded, we'll have a very short 10–15-minute break, then head right into the live auction. The silent auction will follow the closing of the live auction. At the end of the silent auction, our clerks will process payments (if all goes well, we *should* be able to handle credit card payments, too. You might bring cash or a checkbook in case technology or wi-fi connections defeat us at this.) We thank you in advance for your generous support of NEMA through your donations and bidding at the auctions.



AUCTIONS

Please remember that we will be holding both silent and live auctions on Saturday, and we count on Dealers and attendees for donations to the auctions.

Ready to trade up to a new specimen? Here's the spot to benefit NEMA's work *and* maybe find that unique specimen, gemstone, or mineral-related item you've been looking for or dreaming about. It might be an "experience" item (eg a day of mining with one of our local miners), visitors passes to one of the mineral museums, or a book or periodical that catches your interest.

We will gladly accept auction donations on site at the auction. Tricia Perham and a crew of volunteers will be staffing an area to receive the items and have the associated forms for you to complete to help bring the highest bids to the tables. Start considering what you might bring as a donation to the event; we are and will continue to be grateful for your support in this way. (more on the auctions in subsequent posts (and maybe in e-mails), including a preview of live items we know will be on the auction block).



2016 NEMC Field Trip to Mt. Mica

FIELD TRIP/s & FIELD TRIP LUNCH

Locations for Field Trips to mines for collecting will be announced at the Conference. These are usually trips to mines that are closed to the public, but mine owners generously give special entry to NEMC participants for one day of collecting. Mine rules apply at all sites, and liability waivers must be signed in advance. Field trip tickets and field trip lunches may be purchased through pre-registration, or on site through Saturday morning at noon. There are usually 2-3 options for field trip lunches, including a vegetarian option.

DEALERS

We still have space for dealers. If interested, please call Jeff at 207.232.4973, or e-mail him at jmorris7@maine.rr.com



No creepy kids at the end of this hallway...just dealers waiting to open their doors to rock lovers!

VOLUNTEERS

There are several options for volunteering at the Conference or Conference-related events.

We still have need for a few volunteers on Friday for helping with registration (led by Jan Morrison, Lily Sweeney, and Tricia Perham), receipt of auctions items (led by Tricia Perham), and in banquet table decoration (led by Pam Price). Saturday we will need help again with registration and with auction set up. Please click [here](#) to let Jan know if you'd like to volunteer for these needs.

QUESTIONS: Have questions? Please contact Jeff at jmorris7@maine.rr.com, or Jan at nemineralinfo@gmail.com.

TAILGATE on JUNE 10th, 2023

Spring into Summer!

MINERAL Tailgate Sale

Saturday, June 10, 2023
9am to 4pm
(rain date: Sunday, June 11)



Kids' Activity Area - EXPANDED!
Mine tours • Food to Purchase • Talk Rocks
30+ Vendors Specializing in Minerals from the Northeast
Havey Quarry, 34 Levine Rd, Poland, ME • nemineral.org • haveyquarry@gmail.com

TAILGATE on JUNE 10th (rain date of June 11th)

In lieu of our historical Education Day on Friday of the Conference, we will instead have expanded kid's activities at a Mineral Tailgate Sale to be held June 10th at the Havey Quarry from 9am – 4pm, benefitting NEMA's programs. We are hopeful that those that have volunteered for Education Day will instead come to the June 10th Tailgate (and/or September 16th Tailgate), and set up your station there. Jen Cote will be coordinating the Kid's Activities areas and can use a bundle of volunteers to help her. Please let Jan know your interest and willingness by emailing her at this link, and put KID's ACTIVITIES/TAILGATE VOLUNTEER in the subject line.)

If you want to be a Dealer at either of the Tailgates (June 10th or September 16th), please contact Jeff by email, or by phone at 207.232.4973. (note that Jan does **not** handle dealers sign ups...)



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