

BRAG NIGHT, JANUARY 4, 2017

It's that time of year again! The time to see who's been out there digging, scratching, sifting, panning or hard rock digging for new specimens.

The following rules apply

1. Entries **MUST BE SELF-COLLECTED**.
2. Entries must have been **COLLECTED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016**.
3. **YOU MAY SUBMIT TWO ENTRIES PER CATEGORY**.
4. **CVMC DISCOURAGES THE ENTRY OF ANY MATERIAL COLLECTED AT UN-AUTHORIZED OR CLOSED SITES**. One purpose of the Club is to promote and encourage good collecting habits, which includes going only to permitted or open sites. Therefore, no entries will be allowed from closed sites.
5. Judging is purely subjective and will be done by all members attending the January meeting. The entry with the most votes will win and there will be only one winner per category.
6. The winner of each of the categories will then be put into a separate category entitled "**BEST SELF-COLLECTED SPECIMEN**" for the 2016 collecting season. The entries to this category will then be judged again, and a **BEST** will be selected.
7. Winners of each of the above categories will receive a blue ribbon.
8. The Winner of **BEST SELF-COLLECTED SPECIMEN** will have his/her name engraved on a plaque commemorating the winner. The winner will keep the plaque for one year.
9. Entries are NOT limited to only those locations on the CVMC field trip list as was published for 2016. If you collect somewhere else, you may enter that item, AS LONG AS THE ENTRY ADHERES TO RULES "1." AND "2."
10. When submitting an entry, clearly label the specimen on a 3 x 5 card with **Category on top, Specimen Name, Location, and Date Collected below, AND ON THE BACK YOUR NAME**

Brag Night Categories:

1. Children's Category (Ages 0-13)
2. Juniors (Ages 14-18)
3. Fossil
4. Faceted stone (self made)
5. Lapidary item (self made)
6. Jewelry item (self made)
7. Ugliest Specimen
8. Specimen from Maine
9. Specimen from New Hampshire
10. Specimen from Vermont
11. Specimen from Massachusetts
12. Specimen from Rhode Island
13. Specimen from Connecticut
14. Specimen from New York
15. Specimen collected anywhere else in the US
16. Specimen collected outside the United States

17. Micromount specimen
 18. Senior Citizen (65 or older) Category. This is the only category in which a specimen can be entered that was collected anytime in the senior citizen's collecting career
 19. Specimen collected on CVMC field trip
 20. Pocket contents
- "Good luck to everyone and have fun!"

You will not be allowed to compete in JANUARY'S BRAG NIGHT 2017 competition until your dues are paid.

JUDGES CHOICE AWARD

This award was established in 2012 and will be presented to a member who submits an item into competition. At least 3 judges (knowledgeable members of the Club) will judge the entries and pick one item that in their opinion is "Judges Choice Best of Show" .

The reason for this award is that in past years rare or very difficult to find minerals or fossils or extremely fine lapidary pieces were not picked for either their category or for best of show because the general membership was not familiar with the item. Many super pieces were not even considered by the membership.