



New England Mineral Conference

Schedule May 15-17, 2026

Friday, May 15, 2026

EXHIBIT ROOM OPENS at noon (closed in the morning except to exhibitors & their helper/s)

TECHNICAL SESSION **begins at 10am this year!**

DEALERS are open during the day, and after evening activities until late into the night.

Credit/Debit Bar (4:30-6p), MMGM Banquet & Mineralogical Heritage Awards 5:30 – 7:45p

9a – 4:30p REGISTRATION is open in South Wing Lobby- Between visiting dealers, seeing displays (open at noon) and taking an optional visit to the Museum, swing by the Conference area lobby in South Wing and register for the full conference. Check in your Auction Items near the Grafton Room in the Concourse.

Please **bring your AUCTION ITEMS to the Concourse near Grafton Room for cataloguing.**

9a - 3p MAINE MINERAL AND GEM MUSEUM Visit Option: MMGM is opening an hour early for NEMC registrants to visit and will have entry open through 3pm. You may purchase a reduced rate entry through NEMC registration or arrive at MMGM with your name badge and purchase entry at their front desk. Plan for a minimum of 1hr to visit the Museum.

10a – about 3:30p **TECHNICAL SESSIONS**-Grand Ballroom.

10:00a – “**White Apatite from the Palermo No. 1 Mine, North Groton, New Hampshire**” by Donald A. Dallaire, Alexander U. Falster, William B. Simmons.

10:20a – “**Geology and Lithogeochemistry of the Brazil Lake Spodumene-Bearing Pegmatite Field, Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia**” by Cliff Stanley, Gregory Morris & Terry Goodwin

10:40a – “**Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction, Start to Finish**” by Rachel M. Gnieski

11:00a – “**Miarolitic Pegmatites of the Stove Mountain Area in the Colorado Front Range, Colorado Springs, Colorado**” by Sarah L. Hanson and Gary Zito

11:20a – 12:30p *LUNCH BREAK (on your own)*

12:30p – “**A Digital Camera for Public Use**” by Tom Mortimer and Kevin Mortimer

12:50p – “**Chemical micro-environments and mineral species richness in the Emmons pegmatite, Greenwood, Oxford Co, Maine**” by Alexander U. Falster, William B. Simmons, Karen L. Webber, and Encarnacion Roda Robles

1:10p – “**Columbite group mineral evolution across zonation in the Emmons pegmatite, Greenwood, Maine**” by Natalie K. Tolls

1:30p – “**Weak Ferromagnetism of Cobalt Sulfide Minerals**” by Thom Chaffee and Sarah P. Slotznick

1:50p – “**Fractionation in heavy minerals of the Plumbago North pegmatite, Newry, Maine, USA**” by Eyan Fennelly

2:10p – “**Mineral Evolution: the 4.5Billion-Year Story of Earth**” by Robert Hazen

3:00p – **Frank Perham’s Interview** with the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum, Part 2

4:30 - 6p ‘**Credit/Debit**’ Bar in Registration Lobby

5:30 – 7:45p **MMGM Banquet & Mineralogical Heritage Awards**, plus a Short Update on the Geoscience Portal

DEALER’S WING is *open after evening activities* and late into the night. Throughout the conference, this is not just about buying; it is a great time to ‘talk rocks’.

8:00p **HOSPITALITY ROOMS** open in the Dealer’s Wing. Light fare and beverages.

SATURDAY – May 16, 2026

LECTURES 9a to 4:00p

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

AUCTIONS: Noon through about 6pm

DEALERS INTO THE EVENING

8:00a –2p REGISTRATION OPEN

Auction Item Drop-Off/Cataloguing Resumes until 10am in the Concourse near Grafton Rm.

9:00a – **WELCOME ADDRESS** – Jan Morrison, Executive Director

9:10a-Noon **LECTURES**-Grand Ballroom (with short breaks in between at emcee's discretion)

- Robert Hazen – **"Time's Second Arrow: Evolution, Information and a New Law of Nature"**
- Rachel Gnieski – **"How to Make Museum Records Easier to Find and more Accessible for Everyone, an Exercise in F.A.I.R. Practices"**
- Jim Nizamoff – **"Microminerals, Another World in Mineral Collecting"**

Noon-2:00p

- **START OF SILENT AUCTION** to benefit the Conference. Please feel free to donate mineral items that we can auction. (Items should be brought to the Registration Desk **by 10am Saturday** so there is ample time to catalogue, price and display them on the tables.) LIVE AUCTION ITEMS are also available for viewing.
- LUNCH (On your own. The Hospitality Rooms host a private event during this period.)
- **DEALER'S WING** is open.

2:00p-4:00p **LECTURES**-Grand Ballroom

- Jeffrey Morrison – **"Logistics of Mining the Tamminen-Waisenen"**
- David Soncrant, John Sassi, Myles Felch – **"Newest Mineral Find at Georgetown, Maine"**

~ 4:15p – **LIVE AUCTION** to benefit the Conference (about 10 minutes after afternoon lectures end)

~ 6p – **END OF THE SILENT AUCTION** (about 5-10 minutes after live auction)

DEALERS EVENING SESSION begins after the silent auction and goes late into the night

6:30p HOSPITALITY ROOMS open with appetizers and beverages

SUNDAY- May 17, 2026: NOTE START TIME

FIELD TRIP a/o MAINE MINERAL & GEM MUSEUM VISIT

9:30a-4:00p Mine Field Trip/s-to be announced as you check in/register at the conference

SAVE THE DATES

TAILGATE MINERAL SALES on June 6, 2026 & September 12, 2026 (Rain Dates 6/7 & 9/13)

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12th Annual NEMC: May 14-16, 2027

13th Annual NEMC: May 10-21, 2028

14th Annual NEMC: May 18-20, 2029