

Categories and Rules for the 2017 BMC Specimen Competition

The November BMC meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7 November. For the 17th year in a row, it will once again feature our annual BMC Specimen Competition. Registration forms for specimens and displays can be downloaded from the BMC website at

http://www.bostonmineralclub.org/other_events/mineral_competition.

Please download and print the appropriate forms and bring them with you to the competition. It will save you a lot of time on the night of the competition!

2017 Competition Categories

The individual specimen competition categories for 2017 are listed below.

A) **Thirteen Self-Collected Categories for Individual Specimens:**

1. Connecticut or Rhode Island
2. Maine
3. Massachusetts
4. New Hampshire
5. Vermont or New York
6. Outside New England and New York
7. New Collector (<5 years of collecting experience)
8. Previous year (Nov. 2016 thru the present)
9. 2017 BMC Field Trip
10. Fossil (any locality)
11. Young Collector (16 years old or younger)
12. Thumbnail specimen (any specimen that fits inside a 1" perky box- can be any mineral species or locality)
13. Self-Collected Best of Show (1st & 2nd Place)

B) **Five Open Competition Categories for Individual Specimens:**

1. New England (VT, NH, ME, MA, CT, and RI)
2. Outside New England
3. Thumbnail Specimen (any mineral species or locality)
4. Featured Mineral Species: Calcite
5. Featured Group: Rhombohedra

C) **One Lapidary Category: Self-Created Lapidary.**

This must be original, self-made work that can include faceted, carved or polished stones; stones incorporated into an object; self-made jewelry using stones plus silver, gold, or other metals or alloys. Note that due to room size constraints very large pieces with one dimension greater than 12" cannot be entered. Entries can include single items or collections of up to 4 items of the same type (e.g.: 4 cabochons of different shapes & materials, 4 faceted gems, a wire-wrapped necklace & earring set).