

Categories and Rules for the 2019 BMC Specimen Competition

The November BMC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12. For the 19th year in a row, it will once again feature our annual BMC Specimen Competition. You can download registration forms for specimens and displays from the BMC website at:

http://www.bostonmineralclub.org/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!

2019 Competition Categories

The individual specimen competition categories for 2019 are listed below.

A) Twelve 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. Previous year (collected Nov 2018 to Nov 2019)
8. 2019 BMC Field Trip
9. Fossil (any locality)
10. Thumbnail specimen (any specimen that fits inside a 1" perky box—can be any mineral species or locality)
11. Ugliest!
12. 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: Dioptase
5. Featured Group: Carbonates

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.

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).

D) Specimen Display Competition

The third basic competition is for displays of 10 or more mineral or fossil specimens organized around a single theme of the exhibitor's choosing (1st and 2nd place awards will be made in this category). The specimens can be self-collected, purchased, gifted, or bartered for.