

# From Alchemy to Atoms: Ordering Minerals Through Time

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This talk will survey the shifting landscape of mineralogical classification schemes in the early 19th century, including systems that focused on external characters (Werner), crystallography (Haüy), and chemistry (Berzelius), and why the system of James Dwight Dana ultimately triumphed.

**NEW DATE:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026

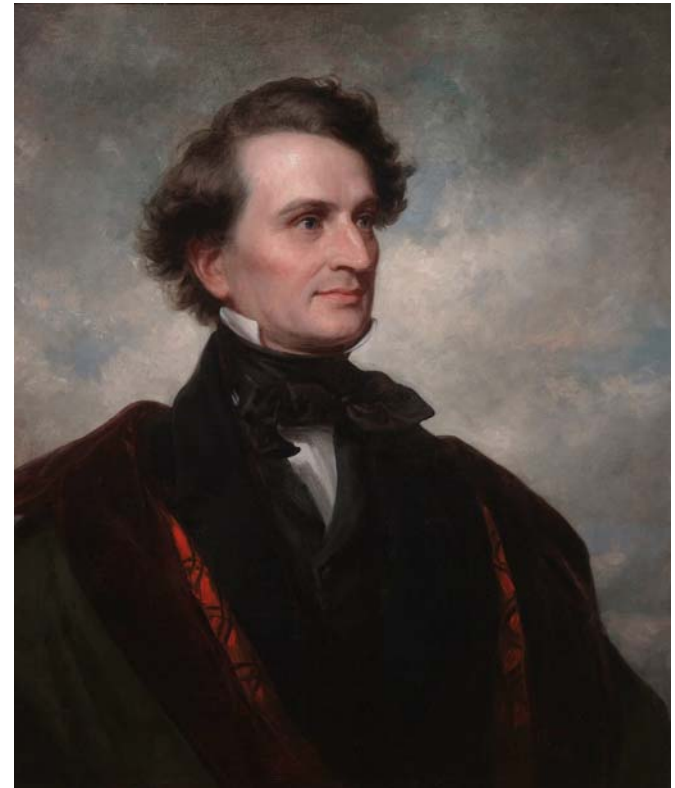
**LOCATION:** Boal Hall, 113 East Pine St.,  
Boalsburg, PA 16827

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. Social Hour & Refreshments  
7:45 Announcements, Q&A  
8:00 Featured Program

Nittany Mineralogical Society monthly meeting

All are welcome to attend

Free admission, free parking, free refreshments



James Dwight Dana (Painted by  
Daniel Huntington in 1858)

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