



ROCK PICKKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

Date: April 2020

April

April's Club meeting has been **cancelled due to Covid 19**. We will advise when the meetings will resume. The Canton Library has informed us that the first possible date may be May 6th. This has been decided upon due to Covid 19 virus concerns; we are initiating this step so as to help contain the community spread.



President: William deLorraine
Vice President: Roy Rosenbarker
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PLEASE NOTE

Club Dues are:
\$15.00 Single Membership
\$25.00 Family Membership

2020 Shows

April 1st Herkimer - Ace of Diamonds opening day

47th Rochester Mineralogical Symposium April 23-26, 2020 has been cancelled due to the corona virus outbreak.

July 25 – 26 Burlington Gem & Mineral Club Show
<http://www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org/>
105 Pearl St. Champlain Valley Exposition
Essex Junction, VT

August 22-23 St.

St. Law. Rock and Mineral Club's 54th Annual Show

Canton Pavilion at 90 Lincoln St. Sat. 9:00-5:00, Sun. 9:00- 3:00 pm.
Admission \$2.00 adults, children free. The recreation center is working on outdoor electric hook-ups for vendors and visitors.
Vendor's registration forms have been mailed for this years' show.
315-287-4652 William deLorraine

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Minutes from the March Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 with 16 members and visitors in attendance. We went around the room with customary introductions then conducted a short meeting. We then pitched in to label and price minerals that the Wilmington, NY club donated to us. It was a good fun, night and we accomplished much with all the help we had. Phoebe presented the Treasurer's report. Gary Garlough gave a field trip report. He noted that he would be interested in leading a field trip to the corner of Rt. 58 and Rt. 3 past Edwards. There can be found large crystals of diopside and feldspar. Bob Taillon asked about Selleck Rd. The only problem there is NY State wants you to "look at, then leave behind" what you find! Bill has been in contact with Joe Boula of Benson Mines and is awaiting a return call. Another possible field trip might be to Macomb for the quartz and the Rose Hill, Pitcairn, locality. Registration forms were sent out in Feb. to vendors for our show. We have had responses from 6 thus far. Bill will be filing the IRS tax-exempt status form for our club soon. The door prize of a shell marble stone from China was won by phoebe. It had a notation on it "balance faith and protection". Bob Taillon told the club about the Canton Historical Association holding an event in the Canton Park. They asked if our club would like to attend and put on a presentation on minerals, etc. Bob will take the lead in this. Gary and Phoebe volunteered their help as well. Dave Millis will present a talk at our May meeting on Pegmatites. He offered to lead the field trip on Sat. of our show; Sunday he will set up for his wire wrapping. The meeting was adjourned and we all worked on marking the



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minerals. A big! Thank-you to George and Sue Robinson who were there to help identify and price the minerals.

The Metaphysical Corner



Amethyst: Found in as many places as Brazil, Bolivia, Mexico, Africa, Canada, Russia, USA and Europe, this stone has a rich history of astonishing civilizations with its stunning, saturated beauty. While the Neolithic people in Europe it as a mere decorative emblem around 25,000 B.C., Ancient Greeks and Romans used amethyst in several ways from beads in jewelry to amulets. These ancient civilizations placed a high value in this stone. Their belief was that the amethyst crystal meaning was synonymous with luxury. As such, it was highlighted as part of their crowns, scepters and rings. Christian bishops once wore amethyst jewelry in the form of a ring. Its color was meant to symbolize royalty and an allegiance to Christ. Members of the Catholic clergy wore amethyst stone in their crosses because their amethyst meaning was one of piety and celibacy. It is even thought that the breast plate of the high priest of Israel was adorned with an amethyst as its ninth stone. It's said that there were ten stones upon which the names of the tribes of Israel were engraved, and amethyst is believed to have been one of such stones.

Amethyst Meaning

The name amethyst translates in Greek to, "*not drunken.*" An ancient Greek myth explains this seemingly odd name. According to the myth, the god Bacchus was angry, and had vowed to descend a hoard of tigers upon the first person who crossed his path. Amethyst was on her way to give thanks at the shine of the god Diana, when she happened upon Bacchus. Before the tigers could eat Amethyst, she was saved by Diana, who turned her into a clear crystal. Bacchus, remorseful for the fate he had so recklessly caused the girl, poured the juice of grapes over the stone as an offering, and thus bestowed the crystal with its unique purple coloring. The Greeks gave amethyst crystal meaning, perpetuating a belief that it could inhibit the intoxication of all who wore it. In the Chinese philosophy of Feng Shui, amethyst meaning is quite different. Amethyst properties are not of sobriety, but of wealth in this ancient harmonizing technique. If placed in the wealth corner, amethyst can amplify the flow of prosperity into the home.

Amethyst crystal is one of several varieties of quartz, which gives it a crystal trigonal system. With a hardness of 7 on the Mohs scale, it is a durable stone. Its lavender to violet shade is the result of iron and aluminum deposits, as well as natural irradiation. Amethyst stone is made up of silicon dioxide.

Amethyst Healing Properties

Amethyst healing properties are as plentiful as the stone itself. It is thought of mostly as a protective stone. As it is

linked to the crown chakra, it is helpful in purifying the mind and clearing it of negative thoughts. This includes the negativity of stress and anxiety, which is why many meditate with amethyst so as to rid themselves of that darkness. Amethyst healing properties are especially useful in regards to work-related stress, because the stone is also associated with abundance; therefore, relieving stress while emanating prosperity. The amethyst properties which facilitate intuition and communication can also be applied to increased work effectiveness.

Amethyst Meditation

Amethyst is the birthstone for February, and known as the Zodiac stone for Pisces. It is also linked to the element of Wind. This element is believed to activate the mind, and assist in clairvoyance and intuition. It is the ideal stone for meditation that seeks to discover the reason for certain behaviors or actions, both on the part of oneself, or another. Whether you are looking to meditate for relaxation, abundance, protection or communication, a good mantra is: "*I trust myself, I see what I need and it will come to me.*" To meditate with amethyst, go into a room with soft lighting and a calm energy. You can use an [amethyst point](#), to send energy and intentions into the universe, or an [amethyst cluster](#). Sit or lay on the floor with the amethyst in the palm of your hand, and breathe in the violet energy of amethyst. Visualize what it is you want. Allow the mellow energy of the amethyst to bring to state of clarity. Imbue your soul with confidence and feel the amethyst radiating its protection into your spirit. When you are ready, take one last deep breath in, and slowly open your eyes as you breathe out. Cleanse your amethyst after meditating.

Amethyst Properties

Using amethyst to decorate the home is a choice many make for its appearance, alone. However, the stone can have many metaphysical benefits as well if placed in the right room. An amethyst in the family room can assist in familial bonding time, and provide the confidence and calm necessary for open communication. Amethyst in the office will bring intuition for making tough, gut decisions in business, and stress-relief for long work days. Placing an amethyst somewhere in the bathroom is another way to relieve anxiety during a soothing bath. **The Intuitive Eye**

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Amethyst is like a spa-day in a stone, it is the exact kind of relaxing energy that we could all use after a long day. Allow amethyst's energy of contentment to sooth away the day-to-day stresses that keep you up at night. In working with the third eye and crown chakras, Amethyst helps your body give into innate desires like sound sleep and relaxation, but it also works with your third eye to balance the mind with insightful solutions to problems.

May Meeting? April meeting cancelled, possibility of having to cancel the May meeting as well. Stay tuned...