



ROCK PICKENS



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: August, 2024



Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is August 13th, at 5:30 PM, downstairs in the Canton, NY Library. Bill & Joanna will not be able to attend. VP Preston Zeallor will fill in for Bill at this meeting.

*President: William deLorraine
Vice President: Preston Zeallor
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine
Treasurer: Melissa Zeallor
Field Trip Coordinators: Gary Garlough,
Preston Zeallor & James Taylor
Field Trip Scout: Noah King
Safety Coordinator: James Taylor
Newsletter Editor: William deLorraine
Newsletter: Amanda Fogg
Webmaster: Glen Simonelli*

Effective: January 01, 2024 - December 31, 2025

Visit us at:

www.stlawrencecountym mineralclub.org

Hit control - click to follow link below to go to our [FB page](#) and sign in as a new member, or open if already a member:



<https://www.facebook.com/share/GjDRTTK3wuP1cTda/?mibextid=K35XfP>

***** Club Dues *****

Dues are only **\$15.00** for a Single Membership and **\$25.00** for Family

Memberships run through 12- 31 - 24; (Family memberships cover family members residing at the same *household with the same mailing address*) Make checks payable to: **St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club** and mail them to:

Melissa Zeallor, Treasurer
St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club
1846 St. Hwy. 72
Potsdam, NY 13676

NOTICE:

Are you interested in advertising for our club's annual show?

Advertising Chair Position Open!

Contact Bill: wdellie@gmail.com



Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Shows

August 24-25—St. Lawrence Rock & Mineral Club: 57th Annual show. Located at the Canton Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St., Canton, NY. Sat. 9-4:30pm; Sun. 9-3pm. Admission: Adults \$4, Children 12 & under free. (315) 287-2560.

Website: <http://stlawrencecountym mineralclub.org/>

October 26-27—Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show: Total Sports Experience, 435 W. Commercial St. E. Rochester, NY. Sat.10-6pm; Sun. 10-5pm.

September 21st and 22nd—56th Annual OLMC Gem and Mineral Show: Ottawa Lapsmith & Mineral Club Nepean Sportsplex, Ottawa. Sat.10 - 6 pm; Sun. 10-5 pm. Website: <https://olmc.ca/gemshows.html>



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Minutes from the July 16th, 2024 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:46 PM. President Bill deLorraine had everyone introduce themselves.

- There were no samples for show and tell.
- Treasurer's Report was given by Melissa Zeallor
- Barry Whiteford gave input on raising the admission to \$5.00 next year to help with the costs to the club. Barry said he would like our club to get more involved in creating new things that would help. He said he has a three-stall garage 30X40 with heated floors, water, and floor drain where we could make things that went along with our club's ideas.
- Bob Tailon mentioned that the last he knew we were going to have our July Meeting on the 19th. Melissa Zeallor said a second email was sent out to say it was the 16th. The date was in the newsletter.
- Bill noted that he had tried to contact the caretaker at Benson Mines for our field trip this Sat. but had no return calls. Bill has to be in Fowler the 20th, same day for a set-up of mineral tables at the Fowler Home Days. This has been planned for a very long time. Also on this date is Joanna's class reunion.
- Another round of sign-up sheets for show helpers went around with highlighted spots that need filling.
- Melissa Zeallor noted that she could not access the workers for the show sign-up sheets on One Drive. She will add the sheets to FB.
- Show Signs: Bill had asked for ideas for placements of the signs from members. Dino replied with many suggestions.
- Carlene will place signs in Ogdensburg on Rt. 37

- We talked about needing new banners; Barry Whiteford mentioned getting a banner in the park in Canton. Bill noted we could use the one that is normally on the front of the Pavilion or we could request one from Pepsi. We need to get permission from the minister of the Presbyterian Church that owns the land. We have tried in the past to no avail. Joanna will try to contact him again and maybe Barry and Mark will be able to put in a good word.
- Barry also said if we could get in touch with local schools and let them know about our show, it would be good. Joanna mentioned schools not open when our show is happening. But college is. She will send our ads to local colleges, to Geology Depts. and ask them to post them on bulletin boards for all students coming in and parents to see. Barry also said that the yellow signs are sure stand-outs amongst the rest. Esp. noticeable at the intersection in Canton by Burger King. Bill: "You mean "Dellie Designs?" as he designed the yellow signs.
- On the 27th we will meet at the Canton Storage Shed. We will mark minerals, assemble boxes, and price the minerals. Also do a detailed inventory with a list on the outside of each tote noting exactly what is in them. Lots of help would be appreciated!
- We have had a problem with the polo shirts and will not be able to offer them this year. Maybe next year with a new vendor. Our vendor was way too expensive.
- We are having a hard time finding a cathedral for the raffle this year. Barb Decker asked if we could get something different. Joanna noted we have already advertised the cathedral in many places so can't change for this year.
- Carlene said she would check with Ken Armstrong to see if he would be able to sell one to the club. He is not attending shows this year.



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- Melissa Zeallor came up with some new rules for field trips. We are voting on them and if approved will let everyone know and will add to the By Laws.

- Bill mentioned that he had been contacted by Stuart Price who has 16 flats for sale if anyone is interested.

- Dino Zack advised having a limit of 25 for the fluorescent hunt on Sat., August 24th of the show.

- Dino has bought over \$600.00 for the mineral kits for kids. The club will reimburse him \$350.00 and he will donate the rest. **Thank You Dino!!!!**

- Carlene announced that Kirk Farrell from the Balmat Zinc Mines donated a crystal of anhydrite to the Canton Historical Society. One half of the prism is colorless and the other half of the crystal, is purple.

- Bob Tailon won a polished jasper ball in our monthly drawing. (Rock ID app.) But not always correct.

- Sandy was online viewing the show and she asked what amount we would want to give as an incentive for a zoom meeting during the winter months. The club had much debate. Bill advised that we would offer the book on Balmat Mines and a stipend from \$150.00 - \$200. Final to come. We will have a zoom meeting speaker in January and Feb.

- Carlene said she will work with Sandy on grants available for speakers, called a micro grant could be up to \$1,000.00 to explore building a bank of educational material.

- Joanna said Dave Kords might also have a geode that he would sell the show.

- Bob Tailon said original member of the club, Bruno Balducci, who was a member of the Camp Drum Winter ski patrol, including former President, Skyler Alverson. Both passed way, but Bruno has

a camp in Chase Mills and Bob has been in contact with his relatives. There may be club information there that he will see if can be turned over to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Proposed Club Field Trips and Outings in 2024

August 24: Power's Farm

- Black Tourmaline, Quartz crystals, Uralite
 - Leaving from Canton Pavilion 9 AM
 - James Taylor, Safety Coordinator

August 24 Harmer's Crusher Pad

- Fluorescent Minerals
 - Leaving Bob's Market in Fowler just before dusk, 7:30 PM.
 - Dino Zack leading trip (See "Notes from the President" section for more details)

"Mineral" of the Month:

Submitted by Melissa Zeallor

Pyrite (Fools Gold)

Pyrite is spiritually known for attracting money. It's known also, according to Crystal Healing, that having this crystal with you attracts wealth and fame.

Also, sleeping with Pyrite can be beneficial,



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especially if you seek protection or wish to tap into its energy for manifesting abundance.

Pyrite is a powerful protection stone that works on the physical, etheric, and emotional levels to shield and protect from all types of bad vibrations and/or energy.

Pyrite, a stunning metallic brassy yellow mineral, is composed of sulfur and iron. The piece pictured below is from the Zinc Corp. of America Mine at Pierrepont, now closed.



Pyrite cube in matrix, Logrono, Spain



Pyrite "Ball" ZCA Mine, Pierrepont, NY



Pyrite cube, Logrono, Spain



Pyrite cubes, Logrono, Spain



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Notes From the President



Dino Zack's Field Trip Sat. night of the show to Harmer's crusher pad in Balmat for fluorescent Minerals.

Back by very popular demand, Dino Zack will be leading an adult (age 12 and above) fluorescent mineral hunt on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Harmer's Crusher Pad located in Fowler, NY. We are allowed 25 people and are prioritizing club members on a first come, first served basis.

Please reply to Dino via email at dinorocks@gmail.com as soon as possible if you can commit and he will add you to the list. ***If you commit and fail to show up, you are taking someone else's place who may want to attend so please be considerate.***

We will assemble at Bob 's Market in Fowler at 7:00 PM, perform a safety talk, then caravan over at 7:30 PM (No Late arrivals or early entries into Harmer's Pad prior to assembly at Bob's Market). We need to finish the fluorescent mineral hunt and lock the gates at 10:00PM sharp.