



ROCK PICKENS



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

Date: August 2025



Next meeting is at 5:30 PM, September 16th, at the Canton Library, 8 Park St., downstairs in the Paige Room. Pizza will be provided for a celebration of a great show.

President: William deLorraine

Vice President: Preston Zeallor

Secretary: Joanna deLorraine

Treasurer: (Acting: Joanna deLorraine)

Field Trip Coordinators: Preston Zeallor, James Taylor.

Field Trip Scout: Noah King

Safety Coordinator: James Taylor

Newsletter Editor: William deLorraine

Newsletter Assistant Editor: Amanda Fogg

Show Chair: William deLorraine

Advertising: Joanna deLorraine

Webmaster: Glen Simonelli

Effective: January 01, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Club Dues

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

Memberships run through 12-31-25

(Family memberships cover family members residing at the same household having the same USPS mailing address)

Make checks payable to: **St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club** and mail them to:

**William deLorraine
1 Indian Head Trail
Gouverneur, NY 13642**

2025 Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Shows

September 20-21; POUGHKEEPSIE: Show and sale; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.; Gold's Gym & Family Sports Center, 258 Titusville Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$6, Seniors/Students \$5, Children under 12 FREE

October 25-26; Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show & Sale; Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, NY 14445. Sat. 10-6 PM; Sun. 10-5.



Ah... to be there!

Visit us at:

www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org

There you can find copies of previous newsletters, club photos, Interactive Geology and Earth Science Resources for kids, listings of local minerals and



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October 31-Nov. 2; Gem Street USA

Buffalo Show; The Fairgrounds at Hamburg (Grange Building), 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, New York 14075

November 22-23; Fall Crystal Fest Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show: Union Hall, Corning, NY

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Sat) and 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Sun)

Field Trips:

To sign up contact VP & Field Trip Coordinator, Preston Zeallor. 315-244-3040

Minutes of the July 8th Meeting:

9 Members attended the meeting. The meeting began at 5:35 PM.

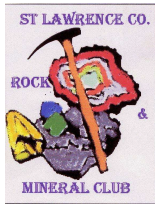
- Bill welcomed everyone.
- Joanna (filling in) read the Treasurer's Report.
- Club member Jim Price announced this would be his last meeting this year as he was leaving soon to go back to Palm Bay, FL.
- Field Trips: Preston reached out to Mike Whitton about the trip to Diamond Mt. (a free trip for clubs), Preston will be busy then, also James is busy then. Bob said maybe at the end of the year it might be a better time. (late Sept.)
- The show helper's spreadsheet was passed around for those wishing to sign up.

- Noah talked about maybe a trip to the "Ore Bed Creek" deposit he discovered.
- Bob Tailon mentioned that an audit of the books has never been done.
- Heather asked about the Food Truck, wondering if we could have burgers and hotdogs this year. Bill had asked Mike Morgan, and "Yes" -- they will have them.
- Looking for a field trip leader to Powers during the show.
- Bill and Joanna will pick up the rocks needed for Mineral Kits for kids in the wholesale section at the Syracuse Show.
- Jim Price won the drawing for an Amethyst specimen.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM. Motion made by Melissa and seconded by Joanna.

Diamond Dan Publications

Diamond Dan Publications produces materials to help mineral collectors of all ages to be successful. They even have a monthly eMagazine dedicated to young mineral collectors: Mini Miner's Monthly. Check out their website! This web page has several links for fun things you can do to learn about and enjoy rocks and minerals.

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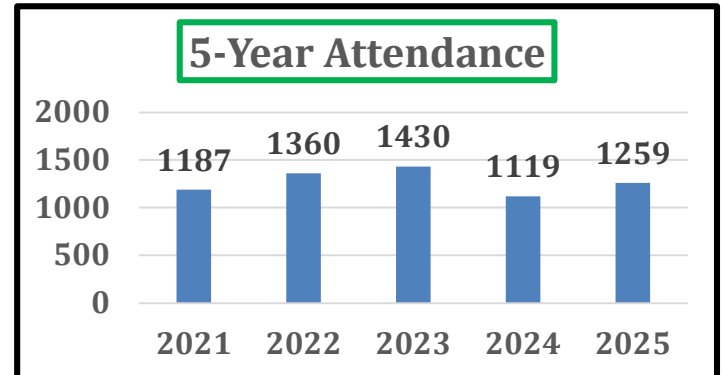
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Notes From the President:



I'd like to start off by thanking everyone who participated in this year's annual show - our helpers, our vendors, our skilled crafters, and everyone who came to our show – for making it so much the successful event that it was. We had a whole range of comments from people. Our vendors by and large did respectfully well, some commenting that they were building returning customer bases; others commenting that they “did OK” and really like the venue and coming here. A couple said that it's their favorite show and that they look forward to it more than others that they go to. We keep getting better, bit by bit, step by step, thanks to the efforts of you, our club members who pull it off. And a little planning in the background, LOL...(lots & lots & lots! Of organizational planning)

I include a bar graph, below, showing attendance levels over the past five last years. It shows that by and large the number of attendees this year is commensurate with previous years,. Revenues for the show increased by \$900 over last year, largely because the entry fee increased by a dollar.



Aided by the entry fee increase, Barry and Melissa are initiating a new program. Barry has a large property with extensive woodlands and a nice stream, perfect for camping. The concept is to have scouting groups come in for ring wrapping and jewelry making classes in that beautiful setting. It's conceived of as a way to introduce young people and their parents to our club, to crafting, minerals, & semiprecious stones; another way to engage younger people – perhaps piquing interest in something new to them and with a little luck – interest in the club's activities.





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Thank you Barry for making the arrangements for getting the club banner hung in the park! (photo prev. page).

Here are some more photos of our show floor:



Getting set up...



Early Saturday morning, opening day...



The Pavilion had a facelift!



We had two fluorescent mineral vendors this year! The black tents on the right; popular!



Dino, at Kid's Friday fluorescent mineral hunt



Another view of the Pavilion floor, early Sat.