



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: December, 2018

December

The next club meeting is the Christmas Dinner Party on Saturday, **December 8th; 5:30 cocktails at Mullin's Restaurant in Gouverneur, NY. Dinner and meeting to follow.**

President: William deLorraine

Vice President: Lisa Garlough

Treasurer: Phoebe Rogerson

Secretary: Joanna deLorraine

Show Chair: Gary Garlough

Advertising Chair: Elaine Hopper

Webmaster: Glen Simonelli

Field Trip Coordinator Needed: If interested please contact Bill deLorraine

www.stlawrencecountyminealclub.org

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Mail checks for annual dues to:
William deLorraine, President
1 Indian Head Trail
Gouverneur, NY 13642

Club Dues:

\$10.00 Single Membership

\$20.00 Family Membership



Minutes from the November Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM. Five members attended the meeting. Joanna read the minutes from the October meeting. Barb Decker made a motion to accept the minutes; Robert Lake 2nd the motion. All in

favor. Joanna gave the Treasurer's report. The Canton library has been paid for 2019 for meeting space. There are no meetings in Jan. and Feb. Bill and Joanna organized and inventoried the signs and bases in the storage shed. There are 45 signs and as many or more bases. They are all sealed in a large tote. We talked some about next year's show-related expenses and what we might do in terms of fund raising during the year in order to have more funds on hand prior to the show. Robert Lake suggested a membership drive, college involvement and specimen raffles at each meeting.

We also talked about long power cords for vendors occupying center pavilion sites. Bill purchased two extra 100'-long cords, but it was mentioned that we should also purchase additional power strips.

Barb asked if we could have a black light box at the show. We talked about making the T-shirts \$15.00 instead of \$12.00 each.

We may have to consider – for the first time – charging an admission fee for adults.

We debated what a reasonable admission fee might be, whether a \$1.00 or \$3.00 would be appropriate or just what level would be best. It was suggested that \$1.00 would be way too low and that some shows charge \$3.00 - \$6.00. We will talk more about this in the future. Bill mentioned that \$2.00 admission fee shouldn't be a cost factor in terms of cutting back attendance.

It was noted that we are in need of a Field Trip Coordinator. Please contact Bill if interested.

Bill and Joanna attended the Walworth open house. They did not find anything special although others did find some good fluorite specimens and fossil corals as well. Heavily attended.



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Barb mentioned a way to make more for the club would be to charge \$15.00 per membership; Robert said \$20.00 would be ok too. To be discussed further at future meetings.

Bill noted that he reconciled the Club's EIN # with the one the IRS had. Our bank had a different EIN# than the IRS evidently because somewhere along the way a treasurer had requested -- and received -- a new EIN #. These numbers are used every year when the club is required to file with the IRS for tax purposes. Simply put, the EIN identifies the club as a non-profit organization. Scott takes care of this for the club each year and we thank Scott for doing that! Bill first inquired of the IRS if it was possible for them to change their number to match the bank's number. You can guess how that went! You don't mess with the IRS. The bank's number now matches the IRS' number. So we are all set for future filings.

Gary Garlough won a Madagascar Celestine specimen in our monthly door prize drawing.

Christmas Dinner Party:

Our annual club Christmas dinner party is at Mullins, Rt. 11 in Gouverneur, on Dec. 8th, beginning at 5:30 pm for cocktails and dinner at 6:00 pm. There will be door prizes and soon-to-be announced program for the dinner.

Please **RSVP** immediately to wdellie@gmail.com if you will be attending or call 315-287-4652. All you can eat buffet, \$20.00 or possibly three dinner choices were discussed. We are pleased to announce that there will be a \$5 per member Christmas dinner party stipend.

The Club would like to recognize all the work and many hours that George and Susan Robinson put in at Timmerman Hall, SUNY Potsdam, in reorganizing the Geology Department's collections. They labeled and boxed duplicates and donated them to the Club for our scholarship fundraising efforts. Many thanks again, George and Sue!

Stunning 5,655-carat emerald found in Zambian Mine

A 5,655-carat emerald pictured above was recently found in Zambia's Kagem mine. The stone will be *auctioned off at Sutherbys.*





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Upcoming Shows 2019:

23-24 February:

Albany Gem Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale
-Annual James Campbell Memorial \$5.00
The Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale will take place on Saturday and Sunday, February 23, 2018 (10 am – 5 pm), and Sunday, February 24th, 10-5.
Vendors display and sell gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, and much more.

23-24 March 2019: Wysox, Pennsylvania
50th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
Organized by: [Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club](#) Wysox Fire Hall (111 Lake Road)

March 23-24th 2019 Herkimer Diamonds @
The Fairgrounds in Hamburg. Market, Grange & State Police Buildings. Sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society, Inc. Admission \$6.00- 12 and under free.

April 11-14th **Rochester Mineralogical Symposium** Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport, [Rochester, NY](#)

August 24-25th
St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Show.
90 Lincoln St. Canton NY.