

ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: January/February 2020

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The next Club meeting is Mar. 4th, 2020 - 6 pm @ the Canton Library. We will look at and price some of the specimens received by donation from the Willmington, NY Mineral Club.

PLEASE NOTE

Club Dues have Increased:
\$15.00 Single Membership
\$25.00 Family Membership



The Christmas Dinner Party was, Sat. December 14th at 6:00 PM, Mullins Restaurant, Gouverneur, NY. 5:30 Cocktails

Election of officers was held after the dinner meeting. They are as listed below:

President: William deLorraine
Vice President: Roy Rosenbarker
Treasurer: Phoebe Rogerson
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine
Field Trip Coordinator: Gary Garlough
Webmaster: Glen Simonelli

Effective January 01, 2020 – January 01, 2022

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Mail checks for annual dues 8/ 2019 – 8/ 2020 to:

William deLorraine, President
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Gouverneur, NY 13642

2020 Shows

February 22-23

The Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale will take place on Saturday and Sunday, February 22, 2020 (10 am – 5 pm), and Sunday, February 23th, 10-5. Vendors display and sell gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, and much more.

Admission: \$5 each day. Children 12 and under are free. ****Cash Only****

March 21-22 –Buffalo Geological Society's 52nd Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show. The Fairgrounds in Hamburg, Market, Grange & State Police Buildings, Hamburg, NY. INFO: Jerolde Bastedo, jcbastedo@gmail.com

March 27-30 – Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Hickory, NC. Catawba Valley

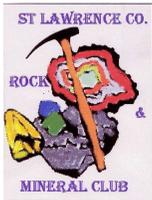
March 28th & 29th Che Hanna Rock & Mineral club show, Wysox, PA

April 1st Herkimer - Ace of Diamonds opening day

47th Rochester Mineralogical Symposium

April 23-26, 2020

Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport at 175
Jefferson Road Rochester, NY 14623



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4th Annual Pig n' Dig @ Crystal Grove Diamond Mine, Herkimer: May 30



Machine on site... fresh digging is guaranteed. Buy a meal, mine for free! Discounted camping available.

Menu includes: Pork (of course), Chicken tenders, Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage/Peppers/Onions, Greek Pasta, Broccoli Parmesan Pasta, Chef Salad, Strawberry Salad, Salt Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Rolls, Cookies and water/soda. All of this for \$30, mining included. Ages 9-14 Meal & Mining is \$20.00. Ages 8 & under a free with a paid adult.

Food service will be 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the field!

Want to dig and NOT pig? \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids!

**St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Show 2020
August 22-23rd**

Canton Pavilion. The recreation center is working on outdoor electric hook-ups for vendors and visitors. Vendor's registration forms have been mailed for this year's show.

Minutes from the November meeting:

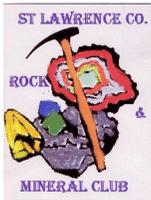
The November meeting was held on 11/06/2019 with 9 members attending. We went around the room as customary and introduced ourselves. Bill thanked Roy Rosenbarker on behalf of the club for picking up the mineral collection donated to our club from the Wilmington Club. Much thanks to Roy for doing this. We will start sorting through and boxing up with

labels the smaller pieces at our meeting in March in the Spring. Bill noted that he had heard from Dave Millis that in regards to his last presentation he found out that it takes 5-6 conifer trees to supply oxygen for one person. Dave's castle display made of mica is now in the Gouverneur Museum for its home resting place. It is in a nice glass case in the basement of the museum and Bill is getting new glass shelf and lights and labels for the display. Joanna read the Treasurer's Report from Phoebe. There were no minutes from our October dinner. It was noted that we are still in need of a field trip coordinator. Bill read the letter from Mr. Dalton, the Mayor of Canton to all attending members. The letter stated that we should be hearing from Mr. Jim Putman soon and that they are going to make sure they set up electrical hook ups for RVs at our next show. Friday before the show we will be asking our vendors to set up earlier and we will plan on closing the building by 6 PM on Friday night. This will help the town out by not having to make sure that someone can stay on their behalf. We will be adding this to our letter to the vendors that goes out early in the Spring. There is Wi-Fi available in the building now. It was announced that our Christmas Dinner Party will be held at Mullin's in Gouverneur on Dec. 14th. Bill asked if the members thought including metaphysical information on minerals in the newsletter was desirable and he also mentioned that he receives "Diamond Dan Publications" which has information we can also use in the newsletter. We talked about advertising for the club, Bill said in past years we had used "The Wolf" for radio ads which cost the club \$300.00. It was agreed that we do not necessarily need this, more importantly we need to make use of FB more. The door prizes were won by Bill deLorraine, a small black light and Gary Garlough, a polished moonstone specimen. The meeting was adjourned.

Notes from the Christmas Dinner held at Mullin's in Gouverneur:

- There were 11 members who attended the annual Christmas Dinner Party at Mullins. We had a short meeting after ordering our food.
- Joanna won the first drawing of a gold polished calcite crystal. There were two poinsettia drawings. Diane Taillon won one and Bonnie Rosenbarker won the other.
- Gary Garlough won a sampling of boxed meteorites.
- Phoebe won a "chrysanthemum stone" specimen
- A Christmas Card was signed by all for our web master Glenn Simonelli. Thank you, Glenn, for all your hard work.

The following column submitted by Bob Taillon, many thanks Bob!



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Introduction to Azurite

A highly sought-after crystal in the world of gemstones, Azurite is known for its stunning blue color, which evolved over the millennia through reactions between copper, hydrogen, carbonate, and oxygen. Azurite features deep contrasting shades of blue, which comes from its fusion with Malachite, a closely related mineral that contains nearly the same chemistry. In crystal healing, Azurite is a gem when it comes to enhancing creativity and inner wisdom because it cleanses and activates the third eye chakra.

To channel the healing properties of Azurite, place it in your office or studio for a constant flow of its powerful energy. Because it stimulates creativity and enhances intuition, the Azurite stone is excellent for using as a study aid or during a work session in the studio. Before you begin work on a project, sit quietly with the stone for twenty minutes to benefit from its inspiring energy.

Borrowing from the Zen tradition of meditation, gaze at the stone and notice any thoughts or feelings that come up. Keep a notebook handy in case you want to write down any notes that would be helpful later on. Then, gently let those thoughts and feelings fade away and begin to breath rhythmically while being mindful of inhaling positivity and exhaling any negative thought patterns that are holding you back from your natural state of joy.

Azurite Meaning

If you're having issues with communication, the combination of Azurite and Malachite is excellent for balancing the heart and throat chakras. To channel Azurite healing properties, create a sacred healing space free of clutter. Lying down in a comfortable position, place the stone on the throat or the top of the head and let its powerful healing energy soothe the area and give support to the voice.

Azurite Healing Properties

The Azurite meaning in crystal healing is also beneficial if you're having problems with concentrating because it boosts intuition and spiritual wisdom by helping to clear the mind of negative psychic debris and thought patterns that are no longer serving you. To maintain balance with this unique combination of minerals, hold the stone in your left hand and notice how it feels against your skin. Some characteristics to look for are its temperature and if it has any vibrations.

Complete the ritual by covering the stone with your right hand. In crystal healing, holding the stone in this way helps to maintain the yin-yang balance because the left hand is receptive to its energy while the right is vibrant and dynamic. Breathe calmly, close your eyes, and feel an incredible white light filling your body and spirit with peacefulness and tranquility. If negative thoughts come to mind during this

therapeutic session, gently let them melt away using a childlike spontaneity of spirit. If harmful thoughts arise, simply toss them away like a child throwing a ball across a playground.

A stylish way to have constant access to the healing properties of this striking gemstone is by wearing [Azurite jewelry](#).

The Azurite stone meaning is derived from the word 'azure,' which means "sky blue" and represents its stunning and distinctive shades of deep, jewel-toned colors. Its blue sapphire color has a tendency to become lighter or turn green when exposed to ultraviolet rays or excessive moisture, which makes it important to keep it in a dry place away from sunlight. It also has a hardness of 3.5 to 4, so always handle Azurite with care. These rare and stunning gemstones are powerful aides for inspiring creativity and a higher consciousness. (from Energymuse.com)

Notes from the Prez

Hello everyone; hope everybody is having a nice winter – it has been pretty bearable here thus far and hoping that it will end soon without major blizzards or ice storms. We'll see....

We are all lined up for this years' show at the Pavilion and the scholarship checks have been sent to St. Lawrence U. and SUNY Potsdam I think brings you up to date with the news. Something new I'd like your input on is with respect to a proposal I have regarding club members attending the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium in April. Here's what I have in mind. The Symposium features a number of scientific talks on various aspects of minerals, mineralogy, collecting, etc. There are numerous mineral dealers, vendors, and displays of minerals as well. During the talks and presentations, the vendors are not open for browsing or purchases but they are open for business during the noon break and after the technical sessions. There is a fun silent auction and a really great, sometimes loud and raucous voice auction following Saturday night's banquet.

Here's the proposal. How do you feel about allotting, say, \$50 per club member who wishes to attend the Symposium, with the proviso that each member who receives a \$50 stipend in turn donates a mineral specimen to the club table or the auction for the upcoming show in order to defray the cost of member stipends? It's a great early season "field trip", lots of fun, educational, and there's lots of interaction with like-minded collectors.