



ROCK PICKENS



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: January/February, 2023

Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is at the Canton Library, March 15, 6:00 PM

Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Shows

President: William deLorraine
Vice President: Scott Sutherland
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine
Treasurer: Paisley Kodama
Field Trip Coordinators: Gary Garlough & Noah King
Webmaster: Glen Simonelli

Effective January 01, 2023 – December 31, 2023

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Rock On!



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

Dues are only \$15.00 for a Single Membership and \$25.00 for Family Memberships (per household @ the same mailing address) and run through December 31st, 2023

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

William deLorraine; President
St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club
1 Indian Head Trail
Gouverneur, NY 13642-3438

March 18-19; Buffalo Geological Society Gem Mineral and Fossil Show; Erie County
Fairgrounds, 5600 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, NY 14075

April 1-2—JOHNSON CITY , NEW YORK: Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club; Johnson City Senior Center, 30 Brocton St; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adult \$4 Kids free under 12; 47th Annual Gem and Mineral show. Various Vendors selling Rocks, Minerals, Gemstones, Crystals, Fossils, Silent Auction, Food and Drinks available for sale ; contact Thomas Ogden, (607) 967-8552; Email: stonecutterton@yahoo.com

April 20-23, 2023. Rochester Mineralogical Symposium; (online this year)

April 15-16—FREEPORT, NEW YORK: Retail show; Freeport Gem and Mineral Show; Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E Merrick Rd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4:30; \$5.50. Children under 12 free with adult; Beautiful displays of minerals, fossils, gemstones, beads, and jewelry for sale. Drawings for \$10 gift certificate every hour to be spent at any booth ; contact Evelyn Gose, (631) 271-8411; Email: evelyn_gose@kaleidoscopegemshows.com; Website: kaleidoscopegemshows.com



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May 13-14: Finger lakes Gem, Mineral & Fossil Quartz Fest; Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 North Bloomfield Rd. Canandaigua, NY

July 8-9—SYRACUSE, NEW YORK: Annual show; Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse; Center of Progress Building, NYS Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$7 for adults, children under 12 free; 56 Quality Retail and 5 Wholesale Vendors, 6 Metaphysical Practitioners On-going Lapidary, Faceting and Jewelry-making Demonstrations Activities for the Children Lectures on Saturday and Sunday; contact Cheryl Brown, (315) 708-9122; Email: gmsrocks@gmail.com; Website: syracusegemsociety.com

August 3 - 6, Rockhound Gemboree; The largest gem and mineral show in Canada. bancroftontario.com/rockhound-gemboree/

August 26-27—CANTON, NEW YORK: Annual show; St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club; The Canton, NY Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St; Sat. 9-4:30, Sun. 9-3; Adults \$4, Children 12 & under free; Contact: William deLorraine, (315) 287-2560; Email: wdellie@gmail.com; www.stlawrencecountyminealclub.org

Notes & Minutes from the February 1st Meeting:

Bill welcomed everyone and we went 'round the table with introductions. Bill announced our special guest speaker, Dave Millis, who gave a presentation entitled: "Geology and Astronomy". There were 15 members in attendance.

Dave also talked about best ways of cleaning calcite and tourmaline minerals. He gave some of his pretty cool mineral specimens to attendees.

We discussed upcoming field trips. We will have a fluorescent trip, date tentative, pending approval from the site manager, in May. Collecting at Pitcarin was also mentioned and Dave noted that they have added more blue calcite to the piles at the entrance to the Valentine mine, which can be collected by anyone. Another site mentioned was at Bower Powers. Dave has been weeding and trimming the parking area there to accommodate more cars. Bill mentioned having a work day to brush out the road to clear it for travel. Another collecting site discussed was the Macomb site for white quartz; some club members have not been there yet. Old stand-bys include the Gardenscape Quarry on the Seavey Rd. Gouverneur, as well as Benson Mine at Star Lake, possibly in early August.

Next year's show is scheduled for the 4th weekend in August, on the 26th-27th. We are considering raising the admission to \$4.00. Signs and bases have been purchased to replace those lost last year.

EFMLS insurance has been paid for the year, as well as the storage bin rental fee. Bill noted we need to look at purchasing new metal storage shelves for our club; strong ones which take up less space plus not sag under a substantial weight load.

We'll talk about this, table rental fees, and entrance fees during our next meeting.



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Sample

Label Your Mineral Specimens Every good collector (should) has (have) a label accompanying every mineral specimen that she or he owns. The label must have the name of the mineral, the locality ("locality" is the name of the place from where the mineral was collected), and sometimes the specimen number. Locality: The locality information should be as accurate as possible. For example, "Globe Mine, Bisbee, Arizona" is better than "Arizona." As you learn more about minerals, you will discover how difficult it can be to know the exact locality of a mineral specimen. People who discover a mineral deposit don't want others to know about it, so they might be less than honest about where the specimens were found. Do the research you can and be as accurate as you can. Maybe someday in the future you will learn more about a specific mineral locality and will be able to go back to your records to make them more accurate. Number: You get to make up the specimen number for yourself. The easiest way is to keep a list Start and number 1 and every time you add a specimen to your collection, you record it as the next unused number on your list Once your label is created, place it with the specimen in your display case or in your mineral cabinet. (This article from Diamond Dan publications).

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Dig With The Experts 2023

Member tickets available on February 13th, non-member tickets available beginning February 20th.

Saturday June 3rd, 9 am -4 pm: \$90 for members, \$100 for non-members.

Sunday June 4th, 9 am - 4 pm: \$60 for members, \$70 for non-members.

Weekend pass: \$130 for members, \$145 for non-members, includes a DWTE 2023 t-shirt. Note: weekend passes are listed under June 3rd.

Monday June 5th, 9 am -4 pm; Free day for any Dig participants & members. Limited staffing.