



# ROCK PICKENS



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: January 2024



**Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is the second Tuesday in March, the 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM in the Canton, NY Library.**



**Melissa Zeallor is leading a jewelry wire wrapping class on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM at the Knights of Columbus building in Canton.** Please bring your own tools if you have them and whatever you want to use for a stone. There will be some stones available. Bring your own drinks. The club is providing pizza. Email Melissa if you plan to attend. [melissazeallor@gmail.com](mailto:melissazeallor@gmail.com) Seats are limited.

*President: William deLorraine  
Vice President: Preston Zeallor  
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine  
Treasurer: Melissa Zeallor  
Field Trip Coordinators: Gary Garlough & Preston Zeallor  
Field Trip Scout: Noah Livingston  
Webmaster: Glen Simonelli*

*Effective- January 01,2024*

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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*) run through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

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**

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:



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### 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!



[diamonddanpublications.net](http://diamonddanpublications.net)

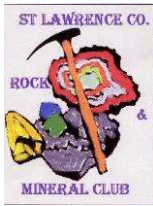
Also:

[www.minerant.org/kids.html](http://www.minerant.org/kids.html)

This web page has a number of links for fun things you can do to learn about and enjoy rocks and minerals. Also check out the other links at the top of the page. There is a list of mineral museums all over the world. You can spend a lot of time on this site. Use it a lot and enjoy it!

### Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Shows

**February 24-25: Winter Crystal Fest Gem & Mineral Show.** Union Hall, 100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning, New York. \$3 Adults, 12 & under free. Sat. 10-6pm, Sun. 10-4pm.



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## **March 16-17: Buffalo Geological Society**

54<sup>th</sup> Annual show. Erie County Fairgrounds in the Grange, Market, and New York State Police Buildings in Hamburg, NY. Sat. 9-7pm, Sun. 9-6pm.

## **April 13-14: New York Southern Tier**

**Geology Club Annual Show.** Johnson Senior Center, 30 Brocton St., Johnson City, NY. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4. Admission: Adults \$4; Children 12 and up, \$3.50; Under 12 free.

## **July 20-21: Burlington Gem & Mineral Club**

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show. Champlain Valley Exposition, Expo North Building, 105 Pearl St., Essex Junction, VT. Show Theme: "Made from Minerals". Saturday and Sunday, 10am-5pm. ADMISSION: Adults \$4, Seniors 60 and over \$3, Kids under 16 FREE with paying adult.

## **August 24-25: St. Lawrence Rock & Mineral Club**

57<sup>th</sup> 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: stlawrencecountymineralclub.org

## **Minutes from the December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner Meeting & Election of Officers**

21 members and guests attended the Christmas Dinner Party at Jumbo's Diner in Gouverneur on December 16<sup>th</sup>. A buffet dinner was served and after that President Bill deLorraine gave a slideshow on the Titan Mines in Balmat with slides of new and exciting minerals that have come out recently. Kirk Fallon, dinner guest from Titan Mines, addressed many questions about the mine. Door prizes were given to everyone attending

thanks to the club and especially to Jerry Curcio who brought many gifts to give so everyone would have one to take home.

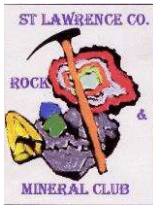
The slate of officers for the club was voted on and approved after sending to all members, either those attending the dinner or by email to those who were not able to attend.

Bob Tailon motioned to accept the ballot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Schnittger, the slate of officers unanimously approved.

Following the election of officers, updates to the by-laws were passed. Copies of the amended bylaws were emailed to members prior to the meeting seeking suggestions for improvements, corrections, or additions. There were several good suggestions by two respondents which were incorporated, most of which were grammar and spacing. Jerry Curcio motioned to accept the changes to the By-laws; Linda Schnittger 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

At the closure of the meeting, Bill thanked everyone who attended and spoke about having to consider bringing the Club's By-Laws up to date and current with such things as electronic voting via the internet, and other possible "cyberspace" issues, in the near future.

Bill asked for us to join in a big round of applause for our server and also for chef Tyler and noted as well that there is a breakfast buffet the next day on the 17<sup>th</sup>, at Jumbos. They have a buffet every other Sunday.



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## What are the critical minerals for 2050?

Which minerals are needed most and in what quantities? Among all critical minerals, lithium, graphite, cobalt, nickel, REEs, manganese, copper, silicon, chromium, and zinc require the largest percentage growth by 2050 to meet the demand of growing low-carbon energy technology under the NZE enerypot.eu.

## Notes From the President



Hi all. As I sit here at the window, I'm glad to see the sun is shining as it warms the house on this cold, wintery day at the beginning of the new year, 2024. It's going to take some time for me to get used to "24" now and to break out of the habit of entering "2023" on forms and correspondences. At least the days are getting longer already and the cold weather keeps the bugs down, LOL. Most of 'em anyhow—watch out for ticks if you're out and about.

I would like here to thank club member Dino Zack for his tireless work for the club in

running the Kid's Fluorescent Mineral Hunt and for all the work he's done getting our UV lights "up to par" so that we can continue this popular event at our show. Dino is upping our profile even as we speak by procuring new rechargeable longwave UV flashlights that will replace the older, battery-powered shortwave models we currently use. The rechargeable longwave flashlights offer a number of advantages to the club including much less purchase price, far less operating cost, improved operational safety, and less cost to purchase LW specimens for the hunt. It's a win-win-win all the way around. Many thanks again to Dino for upping our club's game, so to speak. Dino does a bunch of this out of his own pocket too, I hasten to add, like providing these flashlights to kids who attended the Christmas Dinner party.

Inasmuch as there aren't any scheduled winter meetings and of course no collecting, except for the collecting we can do at winter shows, see the Corning show for instance, we do have activities planned, such as the upcoming wire wrapping class at the Knights of Columbus Club in Canton. That's going to be on January 13, from 1-3 pm. Pizza for snacking, bring your favorite sodas, juices, or water. I inserted some photos of our first class below, and thank members Barry and Mark for treating us all to pizza!



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