



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: July/August, 2023

*Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is at the Canton Library, Wednesday, August 2nd, 5:30 PM **This is our last meeting before the show. All please try to attend; we need your help!** If you have specimens for display at the Silas Wainwright Historical Society with Carlene or the Colton Library with Barb, please bring them to this meeting. We will be distributing show signs so please attend or set up a date with Bill when you can receive the signs. There are 55 of them to be placed around the north country. This has been found to be the best way of advertising our show. A survey showed the signs were one of the foremost ways to let everyone know about our show.*

******* 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, 2024

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

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Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Shows

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

Rock On!



August 26-27—CANTON, NY: Annual show; St. Lawrence Rock & Mineral Club; at the Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St; Canton, NY.

Sat. 9-4:30; Sun. 9-3; Adults \$4, Children 12 & under free; (315) 287-2560

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Field Trips for 2023

Hall Farm, North Gouverneur TBA
Benson Mines TBA Early in August

Power's Farm: During our annual show, Sat.,
Aug. 26th
Tahawas TBA



Notes From the President

On a rainy day this past Saturday, July 29th to be exact, we held the Club's annual picnic here at our home at Sylvia Lake. A good time was had by all (6) of us, LOL, despite the rain which lasted throughout the day. Luckily, the rain wasn't heavy, and we were under awnings and overhead decks much of the time, so we managed to stay dry for the most part. We had a good time with the best of company and lots of rocks that Jerry brought with him.

Joanna and I have been spending much of our time preparing the yellow show signs, getting them ready for distribution around the North Country as part of our advertising campaign. This entailed placing industrial strength Velcro tape segments on the signs, front and back, as well as on the laminated "show dates" strips, front and back, and sticking those onto the show signs. In all there were 440 or so scissor cuts we made on the

Velcro tapes. And that made for tired fingers and wrists, believe me. But we got them done and ready to go. Each sign is numbered now too.

Sign and base distributions at meetings in past years was marked by chaotic pickups of those items, or so it seemed. And return of those items was pretty "iffy" and that was quite apparent. At \$15 per sign, something had to be done.

This year the regional distribution map for the show signs remains much the same as previous versions. Six areas have been defined and boldly outlined on the regional map showing the towns and villages where the signs go, and the number of signs that go with each area. What's different is that now the numbered show signs are bundled together according to how many are required to populate each map area.

We'll know who withdrew bundles of signs and bases, how many, where they're going, and which signs by number.

Such innovations we think will make it easier for all and encourage accountability, thus avoiding situations such as last years' where we retrieved a sign in Alexandria Bay 2 months after the show!

Another innovation is one that club member Carlene brought up. Carlene has a number of secured display cases at the St. Lawrence Historical Society and has offered to put on display mineral specimens from St. Lawrence County and the NW Adirondacks. She's had experience in handling delicate items and we encourage members to bring specimens they can loan for temporary display to Wednesday's meeting so she can collect them for setup and display. The display will run from now until right after the show. It will be a great educational and visual exhibit for the Historical Society and a nice promotional event for the Club's show as well.



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Similarly, Barb Decker is setting up displays at the Colton Library so please bring specimens you may have to the meeting for the Colton Library.

The "Show Helper" sign up sheet that Brandon and circulating via email is looking sparsely populated with names. Let's get a-goin' folks!

Notes & Minutes from the July Meeting:

11 Members attended the meeting. New members Marie and Ron Zamojski were in attendance. We had "show and tell". Bill brought some Herkimer Diamonds and gave a Power Point presentation on them. We will be taking a trip to Diamond Mountain in Little Falls on July 16th. The owner is letting mineral clubs in for free digging as a courtesy, because he likes to share. We have a limit of 20 to attend this event.

Field Trips will be to Gardenscape on July 29th and Rose Rd. on July 30th along with the Wayne County Club. The good thing about Gardenscape is you can drive right up to where you collect.

Brandon will set up a spreadsheet and send to all with directions to sign up to work at the show. Scott Made a motion to authorize up to \$450. For an amethyst for the drawing at the show. Bill won the door prize of Tiger Eye Stone.