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



Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is July 19th, at 5:30 PM, downstairs in the Canton, NY Library, 40 Park St.

President: William deLorraine
Vice President: Preston Zeallor
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine
Treasurer: Melissa Zeallor
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Field Trip Scout: Noah King
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Effective: January 01, 2024 - December 31, 2025

Visit us at:

www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org

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

Dues are only \$15.00 for a Single Membership and \$25.00 for Family

Memberships run through 12- 31 - 24; (Family memberships cover family members residing at the same *household with the same mailing address*)
Make checks payable to: **St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club** and mail them to:

Melissa Zeallor, Treasurer
St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club
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Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Shows

July 20-21—Herkimer Diamond Gem Show: Sat. 9-6pm; Sun. 10-5pm. Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY

August 1-4—59th Annual Rockhound Gemboree: Canada's largest gem & mineral show. Fri.-Sat. 10-6pm, Sunday 10-5pm. 8 Hastings Heritage Way, Bancroft, Ontario www.bancroftrockhoundgemboree.ca

August 24-25—St. Lawrence Rock & Mineral Club: 57th 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

October 26-27—Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show: Sat. 10-6pm; Sun. 10-5pm. Total Sports Experience, 435 W. Commercial St. E. Rochester, NY



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September 21st and 22nd—56th Annual OLMC Gem and Mineral Show:

Ottawa Lapsmith & Mineral Club
Nepean Sportsplex, Ottawa. Sat. 10 - 6 pm;
Sun. 10-5 pm.

Website: <https://olmc.ca/gemshows.html>

Minutes of the May 14th Meeting:

Minutes from the June 11th Meeting



The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. 20 members attended the meeting and one person who wanted to see what our club was about, a friend of Carlene's. It was Bill's birthday so we had cake and cupcakes at the beginning of the meeting. The Fogg family gave Bill a present a Geology Shirt that says:

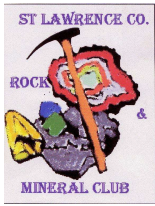
“Geologist: Because Engineers Need Heroes Too”.

Melissa gave the May's Treasurer's report. Preston was at the Parishville Farmer's Market and could not attend this meeting.

Under New Business:

- Bill announced that the **EFMLS** (Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies) awarded our club a trophy for a 220% increase in youth membership for a large club in 2024. Mark Kucera accepted the award on our behalf and will bring it with him to the show in August.
- This year's T-shirt color is “Aqua Blue” for the regular and for the girl's shirts, “Orchid”
- Then we decided that all “Show Helpers” would have a distinctively colored (Clay) Polo shirt with our club's name on it so that Show Helpers would be clearly identifiable as such to show patrons. Everyone who signs up to work during the show will get one of these polo shirts; you will need to send us and e-mail with your size when you “enlist” on the show helper sheet.
- We passed around different font sizes for the polo shirts to have everyone put a

- “check” by the font they would like. The winner was “Forte”, size 18
- Jerry Curcio volunteered to look for a cathedral for us at the Syracuse Show.
- We ran some email trial runs involving sending the sign- up sheet for show helpers. Soon we will send it to all members. You can just enter your name in the available time slot on the day you want; as soon as you make your entry, everyone else can see it, and know that that particular time slot is filled.
- Storage Shed inventory is July 27th. We need to inventory signs and bases before this date. (done)
- Bill spoke extensively about one of our vendors wanting to start up a new show in Clayton, NY, but wanting to use our club's name and wanting to use our vendor listing. Her new show would be a week or two after ours. We all talked about it, mostly all cons and not pros. Jason Fogg said that for one thing, Clayton is not in St. Lawrence County. Heather said we are a “Not for Profit” and can't make a profit. This vendor of ours wanted to give us \$2.00 per attendee for our compensation; her cut (read “profit”) would be \$2.00, while the arena's share of the admission fee of \$7 would be \$3.00. Several members noted we could lose our status as a Not-for-Profit organization if we accept money in this manner or allow others to do the same. We all unanimously decided it was not something our club should get involved in. This person just wants to bring back the Clayton Show. Bill offered other names she could use, such as “The Clayton Show”, “The” St. Lawrence Seaway Show” or “Jefferson County Show”. Sandy said it would be unethical for us to consider this venture. Bill noted we could poll our vendors and let them



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know to contact her if interested. But that is about all we can do.

- Bill noted there was talk during board meetings in Canton about maybe increasing our cost for the pavilion next year and as consequence we may have to consider going to \$5.00 for admission. It would have hit us pretty hard this year had they increased our Pavilion rental fees this year because we had already advertised a \$4 admission fee.
- Bill said he had a homework assignment for all to do. "Look at a map of your local area and make suggestions as to where to put signs" and send it to him by email. "We have about 65 signs, some need dates and Velcro, but we need to know the best, most optimal, sign placements" and also "do we need to order more signs?".
- Sandy asked about flyers. We will go to Staples and have some made to distribute.
- She also asked about having speakers at our meetings, and maybe by zoom. Bill agreed -- great idea.
- Melissa said she has heard back from a few members Re: the Club Picnic. Please contact her by the June 14th cutoff date if you are planning on attending and what you will bring for food to pass.
- Bob mentioned he saw our ad in "North Country Now". Joanna said there was a misprint in it -- their mistake. John Basham said he would make it up to us with some free ads.
- Bob said he would do an inventory for the signs. Dino also said he could do this on Sat. the 15th. Bob also noted he would like to stop being the FB Group Administrator; we agreed to having Melissa as FB Page Administrator.
- Bill thanked Amanda for her help with looking over the newsletter.

- James Taylor was on the zoom and noted that the Power's Road is blocked temporarily with dirt in the middle of the road. The family is doing road reconstruction.
- We sent around a "Thinking of You" card for all to sign, for Susan Robinson.
- Amanda Fogg won the door prize which was a carved and polished bear figurine.
- The meeting was adjourned approximately 7:15 PM

Proposed Club Field Trips and Outings in 2024

July 20: Benson Mines (Tentative)

- Mica, Sunstone, Sillimanite
 - Leave Star Lake Dollar Store parking lot 9 AM (pending confirmation)

July 20: Fowler Home Days

Bill has informational and display table there per request

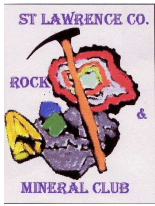
July 27: Club Storage Bin Inventory

August 24: Power's Farm

- Black Tourmaline, Quartz crystals, Uralite
 - Leaving from Canton Pavilion 9 AM
 - James Taylor, Safety Coordinator

August 24 Harmer's Crusher Pad

- Fluorescent Minerals
 - Leaving Tripp's Diner just before dusk
 - Dino leading trip



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“Mineral” of the Month: Strawberry Quartz

Submitted by Melissa Zeallor.

The Strawberry Quartz

Zodiac: Libra + Aries

Element: Fire

Chakra: Heart

Planet: Saturn

Strawberry Quartz (a form of Hematoid Quartz) is known to soothe and guide. It carries a peaceful energy that brings balance to your emotions. When holding this beautiful crystal, you can't help but become filled with pure joy, it helps to increase optimism and overall positive thoughts. It encourages you to look deep inside yourself to find hidden inner truths, understand your true purpose in life and live in the moment.

Strawberry Quartz is often confused with Rose Quartz. While they belong to the same family, the two stones are unique in color, chemical composition, and purpose. This berry-colored crystal is much rarer than Rose quartz and usually shines deeper with a vibrant red core. Pops of softer pink are present, too. But when you compare Rose Quartz with Strawberry Quartz, the latter is clearly the darker of the two. The deeper red tones are a result of the mineral's iron oxide content.

The Strawberry Quartz meaning is that this is the stone of universal love and purpose. The meaning of Strawberry Quartz beams with positivity and can ultimately help you become more in-tune with yourself. It provides inner peace and encourages you to look inward.

It's the ultimate heart-healer that can change your entire outlook on life and the people around you.

Strawberry Quartz is beautiful enough to appreciate on its own. However, practitioners flock to this crystal for its various healing properties. With a compelling meaning and powerful energy, this is a stone that can benefit pretty much anyone.

The properties of Strawberry Quartz have the biggest impact on your emotional well-being.

Everyone can use a bit of emotional healing. Luckily, this stone offers that in droves. When you have this crystal by your side, you can experience vitalizing energy that goes directly to your heart. Regular meditation with the stone is thought to strengthen the heart and cleanse your blood from waste. Like other detoxifying stones, some believe that it flushes your body of toxins that harm you. As a result, you may experience better immunity and improved organ function all around.

The heart chakra is the center of many core emotions. It's said to govern your feelings of compassion, empathy, forgiveness, and most importantly, love.

Strawberry Quartz keeps you grounded. Because it's a form of Quartz, this crystal also plays well with others. In a grid setup, it can amplify the energy you receive during an intense healing session.



Strawberry



Rose

Zodiac Connection

The properties of Strawberry Quartz can infuse some loving energy into your soul regardless of your zodiac sign. Strawberry Quartz is one of the official crystals for Libras. Some say that Strawberry Quartz works as a Leo stone as well. Even though it's not the official stone for the zodiac sign, the loving energy can positively impact how Leos falls in love.

Out of all the stones we've used, the core Strawberry Quartz meaning might be the most appealing. The world needs more love, and using this as a channel to help you find your purpose is a recipe for happiness.

Reference: Strawberry Quartz Crystal Tumbles | The Essential Collection

Strawberry Quartz: Meaning, Uses & Healing Properties (crystalviden.com)



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July 27 & 28, 2024

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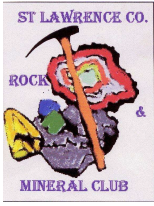


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Pictured above: Club member Lucien with a really nice specimen of Scapolite, variety Wernerite, he collected on our field trip to Harmer's crusher pad in Fowler, NY, the evening of June 15th. Fluorescent yellow, LW.

July 16th is the next Club meeting date. This is the **3rd Tuesday in July**. (Because of a medical procedure, the meeting had to be changed this **one** time. Then we'll revert to the 2nd Tuesday of the month.



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Notes From the President



Save the Date

Storage shed inventory date -
July 27th Lots to accomplish!

We need to label and price any minerals for the club table that are not marked. Also, we'll be assembling boxes for "loose" specimens that we want to put out on the club table for sale. Bring a table and chair if you can. Pop-up shelters are good too. Starting at 10:00. Rain date is the 28th.

We'll be doing a comprehensive inventory of the contents of the storage bin. This will include the minerals we have for the "kits for kids", what we have for the fluorescent hunt, how many signs and bases, and how many Totes there are -- plus a specific enumeration of the contents of each tote.

Joanna and I recently ensured that we have plenty of show date strips, all neatly laminated and sealed, ready to affix to our show signs. We visited the Staples store in Watertown, rented their computer for 15 minutes or so, and printed out the dates at a font size of 275, a little larger than previous years. Staples then cut the strips and laminated them for us. We have heavy duty outdoor Velcro tape that we use to affix the date strips to the signs now, rather than the "old" hot glue method we used in years past. It makes it so much easier to put the dates on and take 'em off, and less labor intensive too. We were able to re-use a bunch of older "24-25" date strips that we saved from a previous year's show so we realized some savings there.

We'll package up as many bundles of show signs and bases as we can this day and distribute them right there to members who can begin placing them over hill and dale around the North Country.

Before you know it, before we all know it, the time will be upon us to deploy and "plant" our yellow show signs across the North Country landscape. These have proven over the years to be quite effective as advertising agents with the added benefits of being lightweight, easily adaptable from year to year, and fairly durable when treated with some degree of care.

During the last meeting I asked members to come up with suggestions for best placement of these signs. I have maps showing the locations of where we placed these signs in the past, but I would really like input from other club members who are more familiar with locales near them that I'm not.

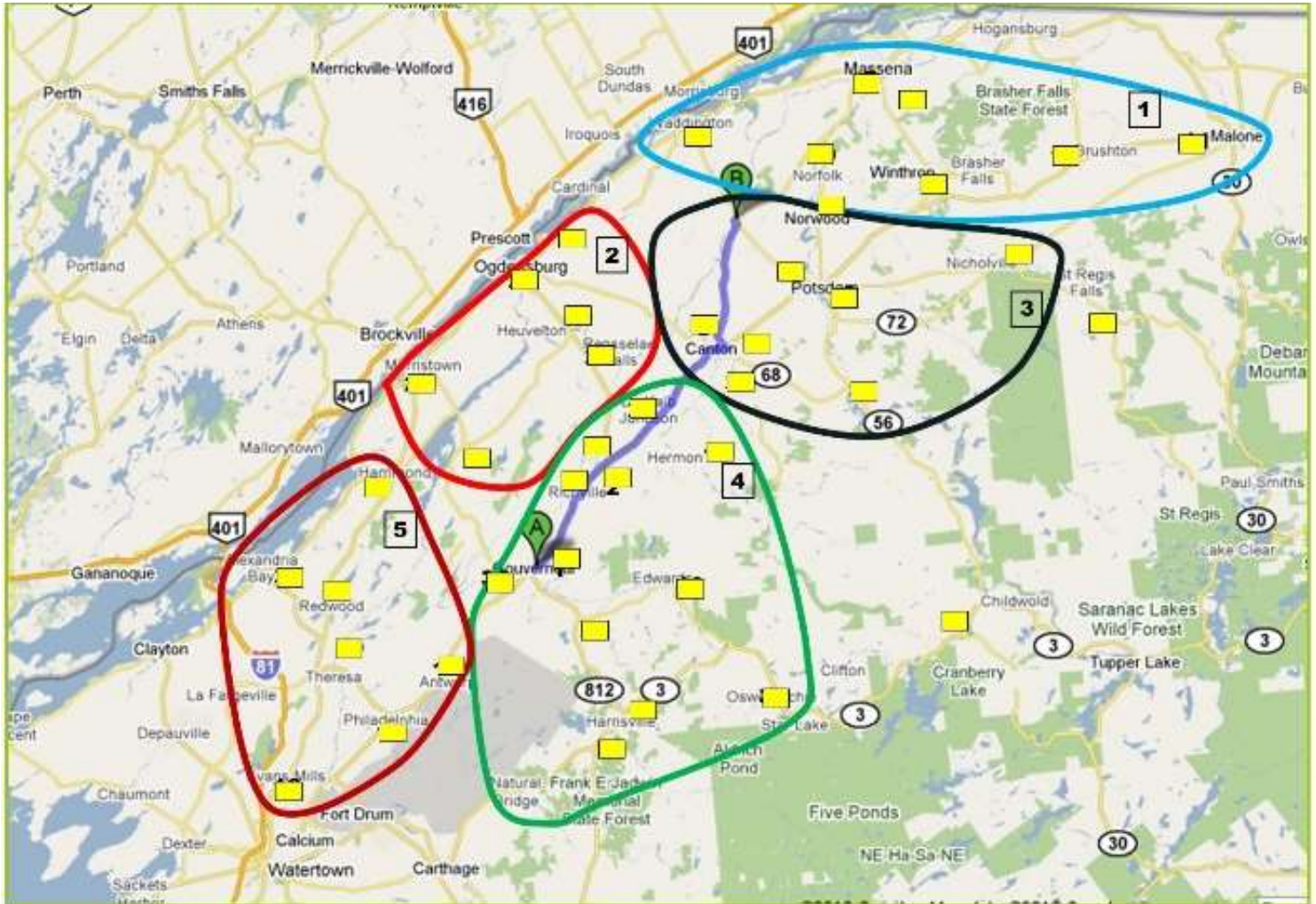
Please spend a little time before the next meeting, this coming Tuesday, the 16th, so that we can collectively do a more effective job of making folks aware of our mineral show. I pasted a copy of one of the maps I use for convenience. It shows areas within a 50-mile radius of Canton. I'd appreciate comments and input. Should more areas be included? How many signs in Potsdam? In Canton? Any in Waddington? And so on. Have at it and let's have some feedback please!

(The map is on the next page...)



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Show Sign Deployment Map (as of 7-2024)

This map shows the approximate locations where the club has deployed show signs in previous years, depending upon availability etc. There are 5 “zones” shown here, these are fluid and can be changed to better fit circumstances if desired, but the idea is that persons or teams of members living in or near these zones are best suited to place our signs. Yellow boxes represent our show sign spots, roads and route numbers shown in oval symbols.