



# ROCK PICKENS



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: June, 2023

*Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is at the Canton Library, Wednesday, June 7, 5:30 PM*

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

**Rock On!**



**June 3 & 4** - Annual Orange County Outdoor Gem & Mineral Show at Museum Village

**June 24 & 25** - Gilsum, NH - Annual Gilsum Rock Swap

**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 Brown: (315)708-9122; Email: [gmsrocks@gmail.com](mailto:gmsrocks@gmail.com); Website: [syracusegemsociety.com](http://syracusegemsociety.com)

**July 15-16;** Herkimer Diamond Gem Show & Festival Herkimer County Fairground, 135 Cemetery Street, Frankfort, NY 13340. Sat. 9-5, Sunday 10-5.

\*\*\*\*\* 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023



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**August 3 – 6**, Rockhound Gemboree; The largest gem and mineral show in Canada. [bancroftontario.com/rockhound-Gemboree/](http://bancroftontario.com/rockhound-Gemboree/)

**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

Gardenscape Quarry TBA  
Hall Farm, North Gouverneur TBA  
Benson Mines TBA Early in August  
Power's Farm: During our annual show  
Diamond Mountain in Little Falls (July 16)  
Tahawas

### Notes & Minutes from the May 3rd Meeting:

Bill welcomed everyone and we went around the room with customary greetings and introductions. There were 15 members in attendance. Carlene delivered a PowerPoint presentation that Bill had created on "Quartz", the different varieties, colors, shapes, etc. Afterwards, we had "Show and Tell" featuring, of course, quartz specimens! ...of various sorts. Joanna gave the treasurer's report from Paisley. We talked about field trip possibilities. Sat., May 13<sup>th</sup> we will be going (went) to the storage shed to empty it out, replace the old flooring and racks, and install a new floor and metal shelving, etc. Afterwards, all can go to Bob's Diner in Fowler for a rest and food, then Bill invited anyone who wishes to come to our home to see the mineral collection until dusk

when they can depart for the fluorescent hunt nearby. Bob noted that Bill had a collection

second to none, other (?) than the NYS Museum. Although Bill thinks that assessment may be, shall we say, a bit too high?

Bill noted that the Curator of the Moscow Museum had been to see it also.

Bill informed the club that Mike Whitton advises that Diamond Mountain in Little Falls has free digging for certified mineral clubs this year! July 16<sup>th</sup> we will attend and Mike will be our guide.

Joanna gave the advertising report. Our show is listed in the "Adirondack Enterprise", "Arts in the Park", and the "Visitor's Guide"; "North Country Now" is printing our ads in July and August at half price!

Bill is sending our acknowledgements to vendors upon receipt of their applications to set up at the show, along with "Silent Auction" donation sheets as attachments and a list of food items the Morgan's will have.

T-shirt color this year is "Teal" and for women's V-neck, "Ice Blue".

We weren't able to secure an ATM for the show. We'll have a list of places in Canton that have an ATM for customers.

Caleb Fogg won the door prize; it was a beautiful sandstone sphere with crossbedding.

Going forward our meetings will start at 5:30 PM.



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## Notes From the President

We are very pleased that our club is going to be able to go to Herkimer to dig for Herkimer Diamonds this coming July 16<sup>th</sup>! It's been a long time since we've been there as a group and this year we have the opportunity to go to "Diamond Mountain Mining", a world class collector's mine in Little Falls, NY. We'll be allowed to bring up to 20 card-carrying club members; all ages are welcome.

Here are a few more details: gates open at 8:30 am, and check-in begins at 8:45. Tour begins promptly at 9:00 am. The dig day will end at 5:00 pm. We'll work out details before we leave for the trip, such as during the June and July meetings.

For now, I will need to have RSVP'S from club members who are interested in going to Diamond Mountain.

I'm advised that additional club members who would like to join the dig but do not fit within the 20-person limit, must make a regular reservation (\$100 ages 14 and up, \$25 ages 13 and under), so please RSVP on an ASAP basis; First come, First served!

Following are some of the suggestions they have for us on their website:

### Tools: to bring

- Rock Hammer(s); (3-4 lb. hand sledge works best, a 12 lb for

- breaking larger rocks is also helpful)
- Chisels; (For example, a 1 or 1.5" Irwin cold chisel and/or bull point chisel with hand guard)
- Screwdriver or Awl — pokey tools for exploring holes are key!
- Pry Bars—large for moving big rock and small for detail work. A 60 inch "pinch bar" is our favorite.
- Three-Pronged Rake
- Small Trowel or Shovel
- Garden hoe
- Screen or Sifter
- Kneeling Pad
- Root cutters (for dirt digging)

Commented [Wd1]:

### Basics:

- Closed-Toed Shoes are **Required**
- Boots with Tread (even better!)
- Work gloves/garden gloves
- Safety glasses
- Sunscreen / Hat
- Insect Repellent
- Lunch / Water
- Cooler
- Camping Chairs



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- Canopy or Easy-Up
- Buckets and/or baggies for carrying finds
- Paper towels/newspaper for wrapping crystals
- Clean change of clothes to drive home in

