



ROCK PICKENS



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



Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is the second Tuesday in June, the 11th at 5:30 PM, downstairs in the Canton, NY Library. Cake will be served!

President: William deLorraine
Vice President: Preston Zeallor
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine
Treasurer: Melissa Zeallor
Field Trip Coordinators: Gary Garlough & Preston Zeallor
Field Trip Scout: Noah King
Safety Coordinator: James Taylor
Newsletter Editor: William deLorraine
Newsletter: Amanda Fogg
Webmaster: Glen Simonelli

Effective— January 01, 2024

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 Dec. 31st, 2024; (Family memberships cover family members residing at the same household and having 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
1846 St. Hwy. 72
Potsdam, NY 13676



NOTICE:

Are you interested in advertising for our club's annual show?

Advertising Chair Position Open!

Contact Bill: wdellie@gmail.com

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:



<https://www.facebook.com/share/GjDRTTK3wup1cTda/?mibextid=K35Xfp>



Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Shows

June 1-2—Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club “Gem Fest 2024”:

Sat 10-5pm; Sun. 10-4pm. Admission \$5.
Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N. Bloomfield Rd, Canandaigua, NY

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



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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

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>

- August 1-4: 59th Annual Rockhound Gemboree Bancroft, Ontario Canada's largest Gem Show
- August 24-25: St. Lawrence Rock & Mineral Club 57th Annual show.
- September 21st and 22nd: 56th Annual OLMC Gem and Mineral Show
- October 26-27 Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show, E. Rochester, NY



Minutes of the May 14th Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Show and tell from field collecting trip to Diamond Mountain was given by Preston Zeallor. He passed around specimens they collected and also some that they collected from Mohawk. 20 members were allowed to get in free. There were 5 that signed up and did not show up. Two of them did call ahead and let Bill know.

Bill gave his slide show presentation on Agates. The ones shown were primarily from the Troutman Collection of 2014. Pictures shown were taken by George Robinson and were part of our club's collection.

The door prize of a pyrite cube on matrix was won by Amanda Fogg.

Bill announced anyone wishing to leave early before the business meeting could leave now.

Melissa Zeallor gave the Treasurer's Report.

Upcoming shows were Noted:

- June 1-2 Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club "Gem Fest 2024"
- July 20-21: Herkimer Diamond Gem Show: Herkimer County Fairgrounds Frankfort, NY

Preston gave the Field Trip Report:

It went nicely. Everybody found some stuff. He brought up the topic that the Club should have a policy going forward on field trips including:

- No drugs or drinking alcohol on field trips
- Policy needed for limited amount of people allowed to go on a free field trip- maybe \$25.00 to reserve spot and when you go you will be returned your \$25.00
- (On the last field trip we had three people who signed up and never came preventing a family that did want to go on the trip.
- Bill noted that this family will get priority for next year's trip to Diamond Mountain
- We will have a vote on this new policy at our June meeting. Preston will write up the policy and it should be added to our club's By-laws
- Melissa noted that one person watching said that it would be prohibitively expensive for them.
- We will talk more about this before finalizing.



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Bill asked the Mark & Linda Schnittger how they made out at the dig and they found some small ones and one larger broken piece. They also brought Blue Calcite from the Valentine Mine, front gate, to give to club members. Jerry Curcio said he found quartz crystal cluster there too, at the front gate.

Melissa will help with google sheets for sign up for the show. Melissa said Sandy also volunteered to help and suggested maybe tie-dye.

We need to select a color for the T-shirts for the show. Barb suggested getting some long sleeve T-shirts. Preston suggested not having the year printed on the shirts. Jason suggested maybe a polo shirt with just writing on it.

We talked about the **summer picnic for the club in Parishville. June 29th @ 12:00**. Joanna and Melissa will work on the sign-up for "who is bringing what". Preston will cook the dogs and burgers. No need to bring plates and silverware. Just bring what you want to drink.

Preston said June 4th is "garage sales" in Parishville. He would like to set up a table with our club's information and pamphlets and maybe some rocks to display.

June 11th and every Tues. is the Parishville Farmer's Market, and he will set up for cotton candy, popcorn and have our club's brochures and member applications on hand to advertise our club.

Bill said we could look into setting up a table at the St. Lawrence County Fair if anyone is interested in that.

Bill spoke about George Robinson, who recently passed. He was a foremost mineralogist. The club had sent flowers to his wife Susan and she sent a nice thank you card. Bill passed the card around for all to see.

Carlene said she was thinking about going to Bancroft for their show if anyone else is interested.

Proposed Club Field Trips and Outings in 2024

June 8: Gardenscape Quarry

- Calcite, Barite, Pyrite

- Leaving McDonalds in Gouverneur by caravan at 9:00 AM
- Bill will lead the trip

June 15: Harmer's Crusher Pad in Fowler

-Fluorescent Minerals

- Leaving Tripp's Diner in Fowler just before dusk
- Bill leading trip

June 29: Club Picnic, Parishville

- More information forthcoming

July 20: Benson Mines

- Mica, Sunstone, Sillimanite

- Leave Star Lake Dollar Store parking lot 9 AM

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

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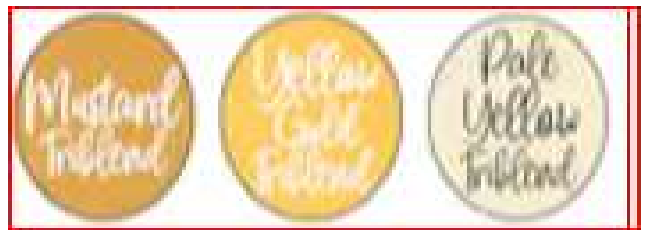


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Please vote for your favorite color for T-shirts this year by emailing Bill at wdellie@gmail.com





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“Mineral” of the Month: Pearl

Submitted by Melissa Zeallor

Pearls can symbolize honesty, purity and wisdom.

Pearls are the only gemstones made by living creatures. Mollusks produce pearls by depositing layers of **calcium carbonate** around microscopic irritants that get lodged in their shells, usually not a grain of sand, as commonly believed.

In addition to their unique formations, the metaphysical properties of these natural wonders are equally fascinating. For centuries, people have turned to pearls to calm and center themselves. Women in particular have used the gemstones to connect with their inner femininity, as pearls are said to be a link to a woman's 'inner goddess'.

For physical illnesses, pearls have the reputation of assisting with digestive disorders, heart problems, eye ailments, and improving the skin. Pearls have also been used to help with fertility and to ease pain during childbirth. Widely viewed in assisting with the 'matrix of life', pearls are thought to help balance all aspects of the body – physical, mental, and emotional.

Pearl Healing Properties and Benefits

- Emotional Healing
- Knowledge and Charisma
- Peacefulness
- Strength and Energy
- Clarity

Pearl Spiritual Properties and Benefits

- Wealth and Fortune
- Spiritual Support
- Protection and Power
- Creativity
- Abundance

Pearl Side Effects

- Disturbed Sleep
- Conflict with Horoscope
- Over-Empathizing

How To Cleanse Pearl?

- Moonlight
- Selenite
- Water

Here is one site that you can use to learn more about these different properties and all the different types of pearls.

<https://www.allcrystal.com/crystals/pearl/#:~:text=The%20Sacral%20Chakra%20in%20the,emotions%2C%20intuition%2C%20and%20flow.>



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QUARTZ FEST

Sponsored by The Finger Lakes Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club

July 27 & 28, 2024

Sat., July 27 • 10am - 6pm, Sun., July 28 • 10am - 4pm

Finger Lakes Mall Conference Center
1579 Clark Street Rd • Auburn, NY 13021

A FUN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Adults \$5, Children 12 & under & Scouts in uniform FREE with adult

Cash at the door and vendors accept Cash and Cards.
KEEP COOL in the AIR-CONDITIONED conference center!

Crystals * Minerals * Fossils * Jewelry
Gems * Beads * Wire Wrapping
Metaphysical Stones * Geode Breaking

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June 8th; Drone pic of club members on field collecting trip to Gardenscape Quarry (Ron Zamojski)



Club member Jason Fogg works with people with disabilities. He would like to make small mineral dig kits for about 20 participants. He is asking for any small, miscellaneous minerals that you may have collected and would be willing to donate to this cause.

Please remember to bring them to the meeting if you can contribute!

July 19th will be our next meeting. This is the **3rd Tuesday in July** (Because of a medical procedure the meeting had to be changed this **one** time. Then we will go back to the 2nd Tuesday