



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

Date August 2011

August 2011

Our **next meeting** is Thursday, August 4th, 2011, 6:30 pm at Canton Library. Pot luck dinner. We'll be making final plans for the show, passing out flyers and signs for regional distribution and of course we'll also have helper sign-up sheets for the show. Please attend! It's vital that everyone comes and helps!

President: William deLorraine

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Field Trip Coordinators:

Bill deLorraine

Skyler Alverson

Scott Sutherland

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Bill & Joanna deLorraine

Webmaster: Glenn Simonelli

2011 Membership Dues collectible at any time but run from August 2011 to August 2012

If you do not have e-mail please let us know so we can mail you a hard copy of the newsletter.

Otherwise we strive to send all newsletters by e-mail. Make sure we are updated if your e-mail changes!

315-287-4652 or wdellie@verizon.net

Please mail dues to: Chris Sutherland; Treasurer, 287 Cty. Rd. 29, Canton, NY 13617

Have you paid your dues? It's important if you plan on collecting; you'll need current Club membership and Eastern Federation insurance cards.

Please send a check for your dues to Chris so you can continue to receive newsletters and take part in club events.

**Single Membership: \$10.00.
Family Membership: (Family members under the same roof at the same mailing address): \$20.00**

THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:

www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org

Minutes from the Last Meeting

The meeting began at 7:10 after our pot luck dinner. Skyler Alverson said there were two types of geodes ordered for the show and we might buy 30 from a fellow in Syracuse. One type is from Ohio and the other, Choyaa, is an amethyst Mexican priced around \$7.00. Trancas are the cheapest ones \$3.60

each. Skyler's friend Jim will pick them up for us and deliver. We affixed new dates on the signs (hot glue) and put together flyers at the meeting. Bill tested caulking gun adhesive but but it took too long to dry. Bill also noted he had received an e-mail from Steve Chamberlain with an attachment of a letter that he wrote about the State's release of 5 of the NYS Museum's Curators. We will pass Steve's letters on to the club. Bill sent a copy to the Watertown Daily Times. Bob Taillon, Show Chair, gave a report on the show. He stated there may be a problem with tables and spaces in the pavilion. The tables are "too large". Skyler made a motion that we spend at least \$200.00 on door prize specimens, Bob Taillon suggested \$300.00 and that was passed unanimously. We will try to have the same name badges for the show this year; Joanna will make them. Chris will buy wrist bands having different colors for each day of the field trips. Bill gave out some samples of rocks from the Dodge Mine to all.

Field Trips:



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- 6:00 Sunday Indoor 10- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Outdoor 9-5:00

each day of our show.
August 27th to Power's
and August 28th to Bush.
Leaving the show around
9:00 AM

Also planning a field trip in
September to Crystal
Grove Campgrounds for
Herkimer Diamonds.
Spending the night at the
cabins. If interested
please call Bill at 315-287-
4652.



October
15 -16 39th Annual Gem and
Mineral Show, Bristol, CT Beals
Community Ctr.
www.Bristolgem.org

WALWORTH QUARRY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday October 9, 6:30 AM
- 2:00 PM & **Sun, Oct. 10, 6:30**
AM - 12 NOON - **Open to the**
public. Hard hat (bicycle
helmets for children OK),
safety glasses, long pants &
sturdy footwear allowed. Power
equipment allowed. This quarry
is known for its water clear
fluorite, calcite, sphalerite, and
dolomite. For more info, go to
www.rasny.org/mineral or e-
mail mineraltrips@rasny.org or
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Birthstone for August



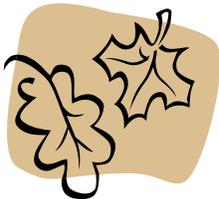
Peridot is the modern August
birthstone and the gem designated
for the 16th wedding anniversary.
See other [August birth stones](#):
Traditional, Contemporary,
Mystical, Ancient, Zodiac and Star
signs.

Peridot (pronounced pair-a-dot) is
a transparent yellowish-green
Magnesium/Iron Silicate. It is a
gem variety of the mineral
Chrysolite or Olivine and its
chemical formula is given by:
 $(Mg,Fe)_2SiO_4$.

Peridot ranges in color from light
yellow-green to the intense bright
green of new spring grass to olive.
Because of the way peridot splits
and bends the rays of light passing
through it, it has a velvety
appearance, a rich glow, and a
slightly greasy luster. The purer
green a peridot is the higher the
value. Any tinges of brown or
visible flaws greatly diminish the
price.

Upcoming Shows:

August 27-28 45th
St. Lawrence County Rock and
Mineral Club Annual Show;
Madrid Community Center
1835 St. Hwy. 345
Madrid, NY
Sat 9-5; Sun 9-3



September
17-18 Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Rhinebeck, NY Dutchess County
Fairgrounds www.mhvgms.org

**55th Annual Franklin
Mineral Museum Gem &
Mineral Show** September 24-
25, 2011; Held at: Franklin
School, Washington Ave.,
Franklin N.J Saturday Indoor
9-6:00 Saturday Outdoor 7:30