



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: November 2015

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Next meeting is **November 4th**, 6:00 pm, at the Canton library. Pot luck dinner, please bring a dish to pass.



President: William deLorraine
Vice President: Scott Sutherland
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine
Treasurer: Chris Sutherland
Show Chairperson: Gary Garlow
Advertising: Heather O'Hara
Newsletter Editor: Bill deLorraine
Webmaster: Glenn Simonelli

Minutes From the October Meeting

Eight members attended the October meeting. The sumptuous pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all. Treasurer's report was read by Scott Sutherland. Bill asked if we needed to pay any outstanding bills for 2016. We are now paying for two storage lockers. He noted we need to pay for the website and our meeting place at the library by January for the entire year.

Richard Boelter asked how net profits from this year's show compared to last year's; the answer was that net profits were up \$2,000.00 from last year thanks to generous contributions from Rocko and Fran McGregor. Next year's show is at least tentatively reserved for August 6th and 7th. When we called Madrid Town Offices to reserve the customary late August weekend date, the Town Clerk informed us that she was not there when a wedding was booked on our weekend, the third weekend in August. Facilities were booked every other weekend except the 6th and 7th. Bill called Rocko to make sure this date would not conflict with any other large show that our same dealers normally attend and it did not. Bob Taillon noted that the 1st week in August is the same as the Waddington Home Show and the Gouverneur Fair. Bill said he had been in contact with a Gouverneur Fair representative and that it would not be a problem for our club to set up a booth or table during fair week from which we could then advertise our show that week which might be of great help. Bob said Judy was going to talk to the board to ascertain whether or not they could get the wedding party to change their dates. Town Clerk informed Bill

2016 Membership Dues

Please ensure that we have your current e-mail address!

We strive to send all newsletters by e-mail

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

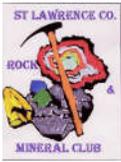
Single Membership: \$10.00. Family Membership: (Family members under the same roof at the same mailing address): \$20.00

Contact information:

315-287-4652 or
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THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:

www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org



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that a down payment has already been made for the date; accordingly the Madrid Town board will not contact the wedding party and ask them to reconsider. Our annual show remains set for the 5th through 7th. Bill also noted that we need to submit the \$25.00 fee to the town of Madrid earlier than in the past, say in January, so the board can vote on it then rather than so close to "show time" in June. That way our date will be confirmed and set "in stone" earlier instead of hanging 'in limbo" until late summer as has been the case in prior years. Bill has reserved the earlier date in August for our show for the next two years in advance. If 2016 proves out to be successful for us we can stick with the change in date; if not we can revert back to the 3rd weekend in August for year 2017.

Our club's Christmas party will be at "The Club" in Canton on Dec. 12th. We talked about asking a few guests and a guest speaker to be decided upon.

We voted on scholarships to the two colleges again this year, \$500.00 each to the St. Lawrence and Potsdam geology departments. Lisa made the motion and Barb Decker 2nd the motion.

Bill noted that we need to contact the major advertising sites before the end of this year to ensure our club's show information is included, such as Rock and Gem, Lapidary Journal and the EFMLS directory.

It was asked if we had any volunteers to find guest speakers for our meetings and there were none. Bill noted we could get EFMLS library videos and CDs to show at meetings.

We talked about field trip coordinators for 2016. Names mentioned were Jerry Curcio and Scott Sutherland.

The field trip to Vanderbilt's Valentine Mine was a good time. Bill noted that one lucky collector turned over a "nondescript" rock and discovered a prize quartz crystal grouping on its underside. Participants also collected drill core samples and zinc ore specimens at the St. Lawrence Zinc Co. Mine at Balmat before

proceeding to the Owen prospect at Pierrepont.

We talked about the By-Laws. Scott said he had done them three times and that with his computer crashing they were lost. He did have another club's as a template from we could cut and paste. That will be a project for the new year.

Scott wanted to mention that he and Chris have enjoyed their terms in office as Vice President and Treasurer respectively, but they feel it is time to move on and let someone else fill those positions. They will be resigning at the end of this year. This in order to make room for "new people with new ideas and interests"; the hope being that perhaps eventually more new potential members and younger people interested in mineralogy might be attracted to attending the meetings and joining our club. He did say that he does believe that all clubs are in much the same situation as ours. With that being said, we would like anyone who is interested in those positions, or any of the offices, President, VP, Treasurer, or Secretary to let our President Bill deLorraine know before December 1st and they will be included on a ballot for Officers which will be voted on at our Christmas Party meeting Dec. 12th.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

November:

21-21—LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club, Trinity Church; 450 West Main Street, 762 Harper Avenue; Sat. 9:00 am-4:30 pm; Adults \$3.00, Children are free; 2ND Annual show featuring specialty minerals and fossils from local areas; oldest trilobites in the world...perfect graphite crystals in blue quartz found in Pa for first time ever by club!; contact Christopher Haefner, 762 Harper Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601, (717) 285-0870; e-mail: haefnercatherine@yahoo.com; Web site: Facebook:

February:

13-14—ALBANY, NEW YORK: Annual show; capital district mineral club, New York State Museum; Empire Plaza, 222 Madison Ave; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Admission is \$5.00, Children are free; contact Michael Hawkins, (518) 486-2011; e-mail: michael.hawkins@nysed.gov



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March:

5-6—NEWARK, DELAWARE: Annual show; Delaware Mineralogical Society, Delaware Technical & Community College- Stanton; 400 Stanton-Christiana Road ; Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 11:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, Students \$4.00, Children are Free w. adult; educational exhibits of mineral, lapidary and fossil specimens, displays from regional and university museums, a roster of fine dealers of minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry and lapidary supplies, door prizes, demonstrations of gem cutting and polishing and a children's table, where youngsters may purchase inexpensive mineral and fossil specimens. ; contact Wayne Urion, (302) 998-0686; e-mail: wurion@aol.com ; Web site: www.delminsociety.org



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April:

2-3; JOHNSON CITY, NEW YORK: Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Johnson City Senior Center; 30 Brocton St.; Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm; Adults \$3.00, Children 12 and under are free; Annual club show \"47 th. Museum of Gems\" Exhibit's - Ultra Violet Display - Flint Knapping demonstration - Beads and Supplies -Minerals and Fossils - Door prizes - Food and drinks for sale. Mineral and Gemstone Identification. Lots to do. Come early and stay late.; contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St., Bainbridge, NY 13733, (607) 967-8552; e-mail: stonecuttertomm@yahoo.com

**Save The Date: Christmas Party
12/12/2015 "The Club" - Canton, NY**

August:

6-7; St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club Show, Madrid, New York
50th Annual Show in Madrid, NY @ Community Ctr., 1835 St. Hwy 345, Madrid, NY 13660. Free admission, free mineral kits for kids, free gem tree classes. Fluorescent mineral hunt for kids Friday, 5th, - at dusk. Hrs. Saturday 9-4, Sunday 9-3 wdellie@gmail.com 315-287-4652.



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