



# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: November, 2024



Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is **November 12th at 5:30 PM**, downstairs in the **Canton, NY Library, 8 Park St.** There will be a **jewelry class** before the meeting starting at **3:30 PM.**

\*\*\*\*\* **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**  
**1846 St. Hwy. 72**  
**Potsdam, NY 13676**

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

Effective: January 01, 2024 - December 31, 2025



## NOTICE:

Our club is looking for an **Advertising Chair** and a **Nomination Committee Chair.**  
Contact Bill: [wdellie@gmail.com](mailto:wdellie@gmail.com)



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

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**2024**

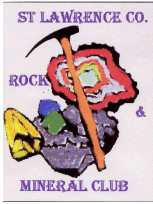
Hit control - click to follow link below to go to our **FB page** and sign in as a new member, or open if already a member:



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**November 15-14—Gem Miner’s Jubilee Holiday Show**  
Lebanon Expo Center  
80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, Pennsylvania  
**Admission: \$6.00**  
Friday, 12:00pm to 6:00pm  
Saturday, 10:00am to 5:00pm  
Sunday, 11:00am to 4:00pm

<https://www.gem-show.com/>



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## 2024 Continued

### **November 23 – 24—Crystal Fest Fall Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show!**

100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza

Corning, New York

Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm

ADULTS \$3, Children 12 & under & Scouts in uniform FREE with Adult.

Cash at the door, vendors take both Cash and Cards.

## 2025 Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Shows

### **March 15-16—Buffalo 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Show:**

The Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY. Market, Grange & State Police Buildings Adm. \$7.00  
Sat. 9-6pm; Sun. 10-5pm.

### **March 29-30—Albany Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show:**

Polish Community Ctr. 225 Washington Ave. Albany, NY Adm. \$5.00  
Sat. 10-5pm; Sun. 10-4m.

More information to come on the following:

- Syracuse Gem Show: July 12–13, 2025, at the New York State Fair Grounds in Syracuse
- Herkimer Diamond Gem Show: July 19–20, 2025, at the Herkimer County Fair Grounds in Frankfort

## Minutes from the October 8th, 2024 Meeting

*Joanna deLorraine, Secretary*

The meeting began at 5:40 PM Bill greeted everyone. 9 members attended.

Melissa presented the Treasurer's Report.

Field Trip Report given by Preston. There are no field trips planned at this time

Dave Millis noted that he went to Middleburg, PA and brought back some samples.

Bill said that we do have a list of safety equipment that is recommended for field trips.

Melissa mentioned that on our club field trip during the show, that some people did not know what to wear.

Next year we will have a list at the registration table, but people will not see it until they arrive for the field trip, as the public is welcome. There really is not room to advertise all of this, would be very costly.

Preston said, no open toe shoes, and mentioned having about 30 forms listing what people need to wear (no sandals) and suggestions for tools, etc. should be present at the show's registration table.

Bill reminded all that Mark McKenna volunteered, if needed to help James Taylor if there are a lot of people signed up for the field trip next year. We had 29 to 30 this year, and that is a record that we have not had before.

At the last meeting the question was asked: "Had we had done enough advertising for our show"? Bill asked Joanna to read the list of advertising that we did, which proved to be lengthy. Carlene mentioned radio ads and Joanna noted that a few years ago we took a survey at the entry



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door to the show where we asked everyone coming in how they heard about our show. Not one person said "radio ads" which we had been using all along. Joanna noted that also people are working during the day and not listening to the radio as much. Of course, the yellow signs are the number one best for advertising our show.

There was much talk about FB and advertising there. Bob Tailon said two weeks before the show share this, and to make it an "event"

Bill said there is another website that is very informative, Rockhounds of NNY

Bill talked about the need to establish a Nominating Committee.

It was decided that we would send out the By-laws before the end of the year for people to vote on them. He also said we do not have to hold the elections at the Christmas Party Dinner, we can change the date also in the By-laws.

Melissa asked about Electronic Polling. Sandy and Denise, writing in from home said "Straw Poll" is one site to use for this, and votes are anonymous.

Bill sent around a thank you card for Glenn Simonelli, our webmaster and we voted on sending a T-shirt and gift to Glen for all his hard work. Preston made the motion and Bob seconded. All in favor. (Not fair reading this Glenn)

The storage shed has been moved. Barry, Mark, and Sandy finished it up. All done, great job!

Preston said Heather mentioned she had shelves to donate to the club. The club voted on purchasing a new set of metal racks for our storage bin; 8' long X 24" deep. Preston made the motion to purchase and Bob seconded. All in favor.

Scholarships to the St. Lawrence and Potsdam Geology Depts. We voted on this. \$1,500 to each. Preston said maybe get a picture with a club member presenting the check to each and have it

in the newspaper. Good advertising for our club. Bill said maybe have someone take a picture with the Dean at the college or Dept. Head in Geology.

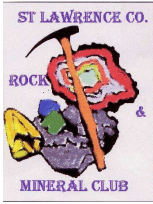
Bill noted the pavilion had talked about raising our fee for the rental next year.

Jason Fogg had an event for disabled people at the Cerebral Palsy Building in Canton where he works. Jason made 15 kits that had many types of minerals in the sand and the participants dug through them finding them. He also made a description page for them to help them identify what they found. He explained how generous members of the club were who donated the minerals and they were very appreciative. One of his coworkers' 8 yr old granddaughter helped him make up the kits and they both want to join the club. Jason thanked everyone who helped make this possible. A reporter from "North Country Now" was there to take a picture of the kits, Jason, his coworkers, and Bill deLorraine. Look for this in upcoming editions of "North Country Now."

Melissa gave a report on the jewelry class she gave to Keisha's girl scouts. They made earrings, rings, and gem trees with 14 girls attending. Melissa will hold a gem tree class on October 29<sup>th</sup>, more info to come.

Dave Millis distributed samples of minerals he had recently collected. He noted that he is getting ready to retire and has been recruiting new members in each club to take over the classes he has been doing. He has designated Melissa Zeallor as our club's gem and jewelry teacher for the future.

We talked about the Christmas Party. Preston mentioned that it would be better to have it earlier in the day as older people do not like to travel in the dark and Gouverneur is a bit of a drive from the Canton-Potsdam area. We will have our Christmas Dinner at Jumbo's in Gouverneur on Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> beginning 2 PM, with a rain date of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Kids meals will be paid for by the club; adults will have a \$10.00 stipend.



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Bill noted there would be **no official business meeting** at the Christmas Party and no “Brick and Mortar” meetings in January and February. We will have zoom meetings with featured speakers and wire wrapping classes during these months. Alissa Zeallor won the Obelisk tower door prize.

## Proposed Club Field Trips and Outings 2024 - 2025

To be announced.

*Field Trip Coordinators: Gary Garlough,  
Preston Zeallor & James Taylor  
Field Trip Scout: Noah King*

## “Mineral of the Month”:

Submitted by Melissa Zeallor

## NOVEMBER BIRTHSTONES

Citrine and Topaz

Individuals born in November can choose between two sunny gemstones to brighten up this chilly month.

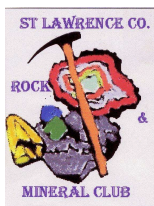
- Topaz and citrine look so similar, in fact, that they have often been mistaken for one another throughout history.
- They are unrelated minerals, and topaz occurs in a wide spectrum of colors far beyond yellow.
- Both birthstones for the month of November are abundant and affordably priced, even in large sizes, which means everyone can find a way to fit topaz and citrine into their budget.

**Topaz (Rough, Uncut) Imperial**



Throughout much of history, all yellow gemstones were considered topaz and all “topaz” was thought to be yellow. Topaz is available in many colors, and it is likely not even related to the stones that first donned its name.

Pure topaz is colorless, but it can become tinted by impurities to take on any color of the rainbow. Precious topaz ranges in color from brownish orange to yellow and is often mistaken for smoky quartz or citrine quartz, respectively—although quartz and topaz are unrelated minerals.



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The most prized color is imperial topaz, which features a vibrant orange hue with pink undertones. Blue topaz, although increasingly abundant in the market, very rarely occurs naturally and is often caused by irradiation treatment.

Topaz is thought to symbolize love and warmth. Regardless of the shade, the Topaz is well-known for balancing you out and preventing you from feeling overwhelmed. The most important connection bridged with the Topaz is vocalizing your boundaries. Not only does this make us feel safe, it helps us connect with what matters most.

## Citrine

November's second birthstone, citrine, is a variety of quartz that ranges from pale yellow to a honey orange color. It takes its name from the citron fruit because of these lemon inspired shades. The pale-yellow color of citrine closely resembles topaz, which explains why November's two birthstones have been so easily confused throughout history.

Citrine's yellow hues are caused by traces of iron in quartz crystals. This occurs rarely in nature, so most citrine gems on the market are made by heat treating other varieties of quartz—usually the more common, less expensive purple amethyst and smoky quartz to produce golden gemstones.

Brazil is the largest supplier of citrine. Other sources include Spain, Bolivia, France, Russia, Madagascar, and the U.S. (Colorado, North Carolina, and California). Different geographies yield different shades of citrine.



Citrine is more than just a beautiful gemstone; it carries a wealth of symbolism and cultural significance. Often associated with abundance, prosperity, and success, Citrine has been called the "Merchant's Stone" due to its believed ability to bring fortune to business and trades. This connection to wealth and success has been treasured throughout history, making Citrine a powerful symbol of abundance and positivity. This amazing stone has many physical, mental, and emotional properties.

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## Notes From the President



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Examples of wire wrapped trees made by the Star Lake Girl Scouts in one of Melissa's classes. --> --> -->

