



# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: October 2023

*Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is at the Canton Library, **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30 PM. We are changing the meeting dates beginning this November. Please read below in "Notes from the President".*

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**Vice President: Scott Sutherland**  
**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**  
**Treasurer: Melissa Zeallor**  
**Field Trip Coordinators: Gary Garlough & Noah King**  
**Webmaster: Glen Simonelli**

Effective January 01, 2023 – December 31, 2023

## Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Shows

## Rock On!



**October 28-29, 2023** ...Rochester Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show; The Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, NY. 10am to 6pm on Saturday and 10 to 5pm on Sunday. Admission is \$7, two day is \$10.

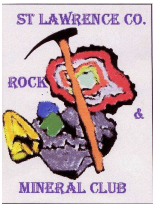
**November 2023** TBD Finger Lakes Holiday Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show  
Canandaigua American Legion, 454 N. Main St, Canandaigua, New York 14424

**November 2023** Gem Street USA - Buffalo Show; TBD; Hamburg, New York. The Fairgrounds at Hamburg (Grange Building), 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, New York 14075

**February 2024** TBD Winter Crystal Fest Gem Show; USW Local 1000 Union Hall, 100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning, New York 14830-2856

\*\*\*\*\* **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>, 2024**



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## Field Trip

**Gary Garlough, Field Trip Coordinator, is leading a field trip to Powers Farm on Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Meeting at the Town Barn Pierrepont**

**at the intersection of CR 29 AND 24,**

**weather permitting. If you have any**

**questions, Field Trip coordinator Gary**

**Garlough is available to answer them at:**

**(315) 212-7192. Leaving @ 9:00 AM**

**Bring your Membership Card...**



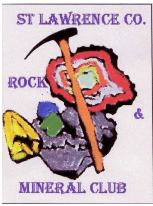
## Notes From the President

**We have made arrangements with the Canton Library to change our meeting dates to the 2nd Tues. of each month @ 5:30 PM. This begins with November's meeting which will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 14th.** This was done to accommodate more club members' schedules so that more of our members will be able to attend club meetings.**

During the last meeting we talked about the possibility of utilizing "Zoom" as a means for members to participate in club meetings who otherwise can't attend in person. There were many who stated their inability to use that particular virtual option. Therefore, we would like to try out an alternative, "Facebook Live". During future club meetings at the Canton, NY Library, someone there will go live on our Facebook "member page" so our remote members who have signed in during that time frame, via a link we provide, can watch it and participate during the meeting as well as view it any time thereafter. That way members who either live too far away to attend -- or can't make it in person that particular time -- can still be more closely involved in our club's activities. Kudos to club member Melissa Zeallor who made this new innovation possible!

From here on, if it doesn't work, it's on me. What you see below are links to the FB member page. The light grey box below will (should) take you directly there when you are viewing this online by doing the following: Hover your cursor over the "St. Lawrence County Rock and Mineral Club Members" line that is underlined; a small pop-up box will appear telling you to "Ctrl + Click" to follow the link to the FB page. It didn't work for me the first time because Joanna was signed in to FB. After I signed her out and myself in, then clicked on the link -- Presto! I was in!

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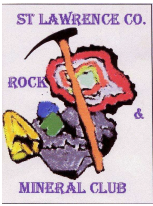
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## Notes & Minutes from the September 6th Meeting

There were 18 members attending the September meeting. Bill welcomed everyone and we went around the room with introductions. Bill gave the Treasurer's report in Paisley's absence. Next year's show dates are the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August. We took in more show signs. Signs are one of the most effective forms of advertising we have. Heather asked if we could get more signs. Bill noted that this is listed on the agenda. Signs were individually numbered this year, with numbers corresponding to specific locales on the regional map. Bill noted that it is not particularly helpful to "plant" signs outside one's own area. Nor is pulling other members' signs without informing them. One member traveled over 200 miles only to find the sign was already picked up by someone else! Bill had 20 new show signs made, this time printing our telephone number on them in case they were taken down or lost. We

have installed industrial Velcro tape on all of our signs now so the dates can be easily peeled off the next year. Under "recap of the show" he noted that Dino had 80 participants at the fluorescent hunt. And another record set for "Mineral Kits for Kids"; 370. Dino needs double the number of egg cartons for next year. Bill noted that Dave Millis was very busy this year, having had a full table of wire wrapping participants most of the time. Also noted was that the Pavilion had online, real time posting of our show. Thank you, Pavilion Director Meghan Richardson! Next year Meghan is having Pavilion staff set up the electric cords for us. Under "Advertising" we had ads in "North Country Now", WDT, Tribune Press and on our Club's website, FB, "Rockhounds of Upstate NY" and other smaller sites. Heather asked if we could email her the two ads and she will print some to take to her upcoming shows. Under "New Business"; Bill asked how do we want to celebrate "After the Show". We decided on having pizza at our next meeting in October. We voted on increasing our Mineralogy scholarships to Potsdam and SLU. to \$1,500 each. Bob Taillon made the motion; Joanna second the motion. The motion carried. Bob mentioned that for the floor plan, we could fit more vendors in next year. It was mentioned that we could put a banner in the park, many would see it. Lots of traffic in



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Canton. The Presbyterian church in the past has not allowed. Jason Fogg looked up the head of the church so we can call and ask again. Heather asked "why do we charge again on Sunday if they are just coming back?" Should they be able to keep a ticket and come again on Sunday? We discussed and the consensus was, yes, we will keep charging for both days. Noted that all other mineral shows do the same.

There was much discussion on lifetime memberships. In years past there were always lifetime memberships. Most were original members of the club and had been members for well over 25 years; decisions were made by "Presidential prerogative".

Bill asked what everyone wanted as a benchmark to reach this milestone, 25 or 30 years as a member. No decisions were reached other than to bestow the lifetime membership to two persons. Bob also told us about a rock identifier app on your phone that can scan a rock and tell you what it is. It would be perfect to show at schools to children. He also noted that our ads should list "NY" after "Canton" as our location as many people travel here from other states.

Bill noted that Dino has a connection for black lights. We can purchase LW lights for \$10.00 each for children at our fluorescent hunt; a very reasonable price. We also noted that LW lights are much safer for children's eyes than SW lights. We talked about by-laws. Joanna has the

originals that she typed. We need to update them and send to all members to vote on to accept. Heather O'Hara won the door prize of Peruvian Pyrite crystals. We will have "thank-you" cards to pass around and sign at the next meeting. These are to send to landowners as expressions of our thanks and gratitude for allowing us to collect on their properties and for our webmaster who does so much work for us as well! Many thanks Glenn Simonelli, our club's Webmaster.