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



Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is October 8th at 5:30 PM, downstairs in the Canton, NY Library, 8 Park St. Please bring your show signs if you have not already done so. There will be a jewelry class before the meeting starting at 3:30 PM.

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
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Newsletter Editor: William deLorraine
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**** 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



NOTICE:

Are you interested in helping to advertise for our club's annual show?
Advertising Chair Position Open!
Contact Bill: wdellie@gmail.com

Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Shows

2024

October 26-27—Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show: Total Sports Experience, 435 W. Commercial St. E. Rochester, NY. Just off Interstate 490
Sat.10-6pm; Sun. 10-5pm. 2-day pass \$10.00

October 26-27 Freeport Gem and Mineral Show

Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:30
Freeport Recreation Center
130 E Merrick Rd
Freeport Recreation Center
Freeport, NY 11520



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November 01-03 Gem Street USA

Fri/Sat 10:00-6:00 11:00-4:00

5600 McKinley Pkwy

Erie Fairgrounds-Grange Bldg

Hamburg, NY 14075

November 23 - 24, -Crystal Fest Fall Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show!

100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza

Corning, New York

Saturday 10am to 6pm Sunday 10am to 4pm

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 55th 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 com 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 Sept. 10th, 2024 Meeting

Joanna deLorraine, Secretary

President: Bill deLorraine's welcome to everyone and thank you to all who worked at the 2024 show: 33 members attended the meeting which began at 5:40 PM. This was our clubs thank you for the hard work and a great show to celebrate with pizza, salad and desserts. The meeting began at 6:15 PM

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Zeallor

Jerry Curcio gave out specimens to club members that he had purchased long ago from past President, Skyler Alverson.

Recap of show: Bill deLorraine

Mineral Kits for Kids -282 distributed (there is one box left of egg cartons)

60 kids for the fluorescent hunt- Dino. All long wave lights this year. LW is easier on the eyes.

We need more fluorite for next year. Dino tumbled lots of the minerals for the kids to make them smoother to handle. **Advantage of LW lights: there are no batteries to purchase.** Need to order one box of egg cartons for next year.

Approximately **282** kids got mineral kits!

Dave Millis' wire wrapping table very busy...



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Attendance down a little We heard from many vendors that attendance at many of the shows this year was down.

On the bright side though: Most of our vendors did well or at least “OK” to fairly well. Bill and Joanna canvassed almost all of our vendors. One club member, via live stream, wrote that their experience contrasted with ours in that there were some vendors reporting to her that they “did not do well”.

Watertown Daily Times interviewed Bill and article was in the paper

Suggestions for Next Year’s 58th Annual Show

Increase admission adults to \$5.00 (\$1.00 going to wire wrapping) and anticipated Pavilion rental fee increase 2025.

Vendor Fees increase? Was not talked about.

T-shirts: Order more larger size T-shirts (2X, 3X), and fewer “large”.

Order more V-neck ladies T-shirts all sizes esp. 2X and 3X.

Mark brought up getting quotes from other shirt vendors; Heather said she would get quotes. She also said in her opinion the white print on the back of the T-shirts was not visible. Bill noted that online pre-production previews of black lettered versions vs white lettered versions showed that black letters on this background color were even less legible.

Barb asked about $\frac{3}{4}$ length T-shirt sleeves. There has been no motion brought up for this yet.

Heather also asked why she did not get notification about vendors advertising on the back of the shirts. Bill said because “that is in

the contract you signed and you did not choose to”. Heather mentioned that we must have lost money on the T-shirts. Joanna said “No, not really”. We have lots of them left to sell and we still have tote bags to sell. (The tote bags are included in the T-shirt invoice). Melissa said we paid \$1,156.25 for the T-shirts and brought in \$774.00, the difference being \$382.25. Joanna said we still have these left to sell. Also, the shirts give great advertising for our show. We have never had a loss on them.

Sandy suggested:

- 1) A floor poster for the wire wrapping floor space.
- 2) Tri-folds for tables (we email planograms to each vendor prior to their arrival every year)
- 3) Bracelets for kids, maybe stamps
- 4) Display different types of minerals found on field trips at front table with club sign-up forms – or, alternatively, at another table near Dave Millis’ wire wrapping space...
- 5) Have Show Helper sheets available – who signed up, time slots, etc. (There was a worker’s schedule at the registration table).

Members noted that lady’s V-neck T shirts were smaller fitting this year. Joanna said yes, prospective customers were appraised of this. The T-shirts were from the same company that we have always ordered them from. Joanna will check into it.

Members mentioned that vehicles were blocking the way for other vendors to get in the Pavilion and unload. Also, there was oil left on the floor and one truck left running with a definite gas smell. Megan, the manager of the pavilion mentioned the leak and was not too happy about it.

Preston said maybe we should add to the application form that vehicles must be shut off



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after entering the pavilion while loading and unloading. Melissa said maybe not let vendors drive in the pavilion. (Not a viable option) ... Others said you must drive in to unload. Preston intoned, maybe set a time limit an hour or hour and half. Bill recommended reversing the traffic flow, as Megan, the pavilion manager told him, (for the first time), "it is easier that way to navigate turns". Bill will investigate condensing the unused space in the middle of the arena that separates the aisles of vendors so there is more room at both end corners for vehicles to make turns, particularly those vehicles pulling trailers. The entrance where the large white truck is parked is a particularly tight spot. That way making all happy. Bill will add language to next year's "Opening Day Welcome Letter to Vendors" about not leaving vehicles running when setting up. It seemed to be a matter of common sense, but we'll leave nothing to chance moving forward.

Barry noted that he is bothered by carbon monoxide from engines running and has been poisoned by it. Also, that there was a large fan on the other side of the arena that was not being used that he spoke to Meghan about.

Sandy suggested that on the vendor form we ask if vendors need help unloading or loading so as to speed up those processes. There were people and young adults there who did help vendors with this at our show this year. And we believe it helped a lot.

Bob noted that the megaphone did not work well. Could not make out what the announcers were saying. (Check battery levels before use!)

Mark McKenna said that there is a speaker system that is up high above the floor. Bill noted that it is hard to get to and very hot up there. Mabe a karaoke mike next year instead of megaphone. (or replace the old batteries in

the megaphone...) To Mark's point, It might be well worth our while to bring a fan upstairs and use that system instead of either megaphone or karaoke, because that system is superior.

Heather asked about having another vendor who could provide hamburgs and hotdogs instead of, or in addition to, the meals. Kids just like them better. (We can check first with Morgan's about doing this)

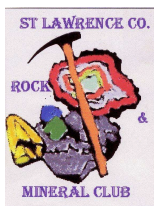
Preston asked about the club cooking their own homburgs and hotdogs. We will check with Morgans to see if they can provide hamburgers and hot dogs next year.

Heather enquired about lunch gift certificates for show helpers, asking "why only some workers got them". Joanna explained that they were only a very few and they were those who went "over and above". There is a Show Helper member who comes from NYC each year, donates monetarily, and is the last one to leave at the end of the show after moving tables and chairs off the show floor. There are others as well who contribute "over and above". Joanna reminded Heather of the plaques that former President, Skyler gave out for members who contributed similarly. Heather said she was "just asking".

Heather asked about advertising, if we had "done enough" this year. Bill answered "Yes" we did. Joanna will send her the extensive list of who we advertised with. Joanna noted the advertising budget is \$700.00 and we went over again this year. A little less than half of the budget was advertising in Saranac Lake, where Heather herself suggested.

New Business:

Bill noted that the Buffalo Club will be here on field trips later this week. They are going to



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Bush Farm, Powers, Rose Rd., and Macomb. Not sure if we can join them; if anyone interested, please let us know.

Melissa asked if it was ok to use the club's jewelry supplies to present a wire wrapping class to Keisha's girl scouts. Hands were raised in favor.

We talked about the storage shed. Joanna said there is a 10X10 larger spot they are holding for us for \$70.00 a month. Mark McKenna made the motion that we take it and Jerry Curcio 2nd the motion. Staying there, at least for the time being, is much closer to our show site. Jerry made 5 trips taking minerals back after the show. So, the closer our storage is to the show, the better.

Heather said she has a rack that she will donate to the club for use in the new, larger, storage bin space.

James Taylor talked about the Powers field trip during the show. He had thought it was only members who would be going on the trip and had 29-30 attend. So, it was very hard for him to keep track of them all. Bill noted that all our advertisements for the show included the field trip open to the public and that this number was about 3X the norm. Others mentioned maybe having a limit to how many can attend. And James talked about having a list of what they need to bring or wear when collecting. We used to have a list and will reconstruct it to display at the registration table next year and online at our club's website. James mentioned the Bush Farm, he had just heard about it. This is on our list, and has been, of possible sites to go on field trips. The list has been sent to the Field Trip Coordinators who should soon construct a field trip list with dates and meeting times for the rest of this year and 2025. The field trips will be posted in our newsletter along

with the list of what is needed to bring and wear when on them.

Alissa Zeallor won the door prize, a beautiful fluorescent green fluorite crystal grouping.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM Bob Taillon made motion to adjourn, Mark McKenna 2nd.

Proposed Club Field Trips and Outings in 2024 - 2025

To be announced.

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Field Trip Scout: Noah King

"Mineral of the Month":

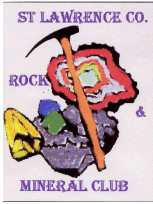
Submitted by Melissa Zeallor

What is Tourmaline?

Tourmaline is a semi-precious stone that comes in a wide range of colors. It is a mineral classed as crystalline boron silicate wherein boron is associated chemically with elements such as aluminum, iron, magnesium, sodium, lithium, or potassium. and. Tourmaline has a vitreous luster and is part of the [trigonal](#) crystal system. It comes in a variety of colors including black, pink, green, purple, rainbow, watermelon, and others. The meaning of Tourmaline is "protection and grounding".

Commonly encountered species and varieties of tourmaline include the following: (From Wikipedia)

- Schorl species
 - Brownish-black to black—***schorl***



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- Dravite species (from the Drave district of [Carinthia](#))
 - Dark yellow to brownish-black—*dravite*
- [Elbaite](#) species (named after the island of [Elba, Italy](#))
 - Red or pinkish-red—[rubellite](#) variety
 - Light blue to bluish-green—*indicolite* variety (from [indigo](#))
 - Green—*verdelite* variety
 - Colorless—*achroite* variety (from [Ancient Greek](#) [ἄχρωμος](#) (*áchrōmos*) 'colorless')

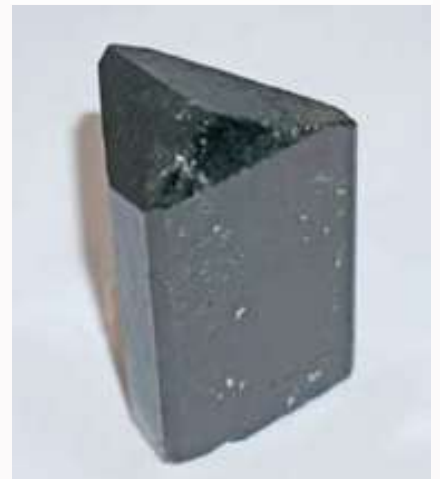
This month's "Mineral of the Month", Black Tourmaline, also known as Schorl, is the protector of the pack. This stone is all about shielding you from psychic attacks and keeping you feeling safe so you can step out into the world infused with purpose and self-confidence. You can read our in-depth guide to Black Tourmaline by clicking [here](#).

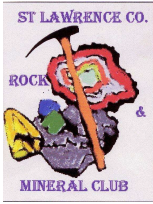
- **Meaning:** Tourmaline, often referred to as a "receptive stone," is celebrated for its wide array of colors and its ability to inspire enlightenment, balance, and remove blockages in both the physical and spiritual realms.
- **Healing Properties:** The crystal is believed to aid in the detoxification process of the human body, promote health and healing, and is associated with the heart chakra, thereby enhancing love, compassion, and tolerance.
- **Protection:** Tourmaline is renowned for its powerful protective properties, such as shielding the wearer or carrier from negative energies and transforming dense energies into lighter vibrations.
- **Usage:** It can be used in various forms like jewelry, in meditation, or placed in living

spaces, and is often utilized in tandem with other crystals to amplify its effects and facilitate a deeper spiritual connection.

- **Care:** While the page does not explicitly detail the care for tourmaline, it is generally advised to cleanse and charge crystals regularly, which can be done through several methods like using moonlight, sunlight, or other means. Reference: <https://tinyrituals.co/blogs/tiny-rituals/tourmaline-meaning-healing-properties-everyday-uses#>

Tourmaline is distinguished by its three-sided prisms; no other common mineral has three sides. Prisms faces often have heavy vertical striations that produce a rounded triangular effect. See photos below.





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As noted previously, we are moving from our rather cramped storage bin area to a new, larger, 10X10 foot space. We need to have that move accomplished by the end of October. Three of us did much of that work already, but there is much more to be done and we need a bunch more help to finish the job. Here is what we can do to get 'er done. Before the next meeting, those who don't wish to participate in the pre-meeting wire wrapping class, please assemble at the storage bin (**Summerhaven** on Rte. 11, also site of **Mike's Trophies**) at **3 PM**, and I think we'll be able to finish the job, with enough help. At **5 PM** we will button up, proceed to the library and start the regular club meeting. --Bill--