

ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: September, 2018

September

The next club meeting is Wednesday,
Sept. 5th, 6:00 PM at the Canton Library.

President: William deLorraine

Vice President: Lisa Garlough

Secretary: Joanna deLorraine

Show Chair: Gary Garlough

Webmaster: Glen Simonelli

**Field Trip Coordinator: If interested please
contact Bill deLorraine**

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Winner of Amethyst Cathedral raffle: Laurie Peary
-- pictured with club President Bill deLorraine



Mail checks for annual dues to:
William deLorraine, President
1 Indian Head Trail
Gouverneur, NY 13642

Club Dues:
\$10.00 Single Membership
\$20.00 Family Membership

Minutes from the August Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM. We had our customary introductions. Joanna read the minutes from the August meeting. Barb made a motion to accept and Roy 2nd the motion. Bill showed attendees a map of the areas where show signs need to be strategically placed. The map depicts regional sign locations with circles in those regions where members sign their "John Hancock" and how many show signs they are taking. Under old business: Dino's report from an e-mail indicated the fluorescent minerals were ordered, \$100.00. If anyone has any hexagonite, rodalite or rose quartz for the "Kits for Kids" it would be appreciated. Wes already gave Dino quite a bit but would see if he may have some more. Dino said he would like to get some Herkimer Diamonds. Roy asked "can I be a kid" 😊 Bill said he had some calcite that could be broken up. The T-shirts have been ordered, could not get all sizes in the blue, just a few might be a different color. Scott Sutherland brought over the bases for the signs and Dino and family has the dates all glued on them. A great big thanks to both! Gary said he would call Hulburts and order the tables, his count was one different. He will finalize tomorrow. Bill asked if the delivery was scheduled for 9:00 AM Friday. Bill noted that he has been in touch with Mr. Boula from Benson Mines He said it would take an hour to go in and an hour out \$400.00 - \$500.00 to turn over the rock. Bob asked can club pay \$500.00 for exclusive rights to go in. Wayne Cty. Can't go until Sept. 23rd. Can we wait that long? There was a motion suggesting \$20.00 per person to our club and \$500.00 from our club to Benson Mines from our club to go in alone would be paid. Roy made the motion and Wes seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Roy noted that we might want two trips for our club alone before others go in. Sue noted that the time lag from when they might turnover the rock to when we might go in that others might go. Scott mentioned that he thought there was not much up there to find but he is ok with it. Skipping to new business, the show fee went up \$200.00 and there still is no WiFi available. Jr. Hockey is supposed to be setting this in place. The pavillion Director said maybe letters from the vendors and club members stating their concern to the mayor of Canton might help. Mike Dalton is the mayor. Barb asked if we were having the radio station this year at the show, Bill replied "no". The By-Laws were voted on by the 14 attendees and by



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e-mail voters approved the By-laws on this date. Wes made a statement that our club is supposed to advertise for youth to join our club and he has never seen this in a memo. Maybe send letters to science teachers and try to involve college students. Joanna noted that we did have the boy scouts involved in our club many years ago to earn badges. Scott interjected that we did have Mat Bowman and Andy Sutherland involved at young ages. We have students help at our show with setting up and taking down as much as they can. Roy said the "kits for kids" involves many kids. Scott said the By-Laws form a good framework, we can always work on them to improve later. Roy said, "gotta start somewhere"! Barb said why not put a sign out in front of the library asking if anyone wants to get involved to come in. It was noted that membership for kids in the past was - and still is - \$5.00. Bill showed an EFMLS library video on Rodochrosite mining at the "Sweet Home Mine". Julie Hunter won the evening's drawing for an amethyst crystal cluster. A total of \$73 was taken in from bottle redemptions, this amount is being matched by a most generous anonymous donor to help fund Mineral Kits, Fluorescent stocks, etc. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. Show signs were picked up by members for regional deployment.

Showtime: Nearly 1,500 people attended the show in Canton!



Wayne County Field Trips 2018:

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September – Adirondack weekend mid-month and/or Virginia trip with GMSVP of VA
Friday Sept. 21 - WCGMC will be going to Rose Road and doing whatever we can at Valentine Mine
Saturday Sept 22 - Benson Mines.
Sunday Sept 23 - Macomb white quartz crystal location
October 6-7; Walworth Quarry Open House
1200 Atlantic Ave., Walworth. Sat. 7-2 pm, Sun. 7-12,

Upcoming Shows:

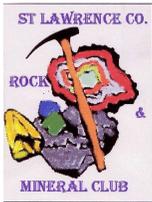
22-23 September 2018: Poughkeepsie, New York
49th annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show & Sale
Organized by: [Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society](#)
Gold's Gym & Family Sports Complex (258 Titusville Road) Theme: *Fossils*

29-30 September 2018: Franklin, New Jersey
62nd Annual Franklin-Sterling Hill Gem & Mineral Show with Outdoor Swap
Organized by: [Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society](#) and the [Franklin Mineral Museum](#)
Littell Community Center (formerly known as the Armory) (10 Munsonhurst Road #12) Indoor / outdoor

27-28 October, 2018 Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show & Sale
Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, NY Sat 10-6; Sun. 10-5.

News and Bits from the Prez

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual show in any way by having a club-sponsored pizza night for all. Thanks to everyone who helped to set up tables and chairs in preparation for the show and also to those who helped to gather them up again at show's end. Many hands made lighter work this year at the registration and club tables, the "Kits" tables, hauling materials back and forth to the club's storage bin; we do so much



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appreciate how much more smoothly and easily things seemed to go this year. All the show helpers contributions made the difference between a really nice, enjoyable show and – well -- I'll be honest – many of the workhorse, stressful shows of the past. Many thanks again all you show helpers!

At some point during “Showtime 2018” as I was contemplating how well things were going, how much our members were contributing to help make it a success, I thought to myself “wouldn't it be a good idea for us to do a little something afterwards to relax and celebrate”? It just seemed that every year after “The Show” we'd meet and discuss how things went, what we did right, and what we could do to improve next years' show. That's all well and good, but my thinking is let's take the time to celebrate the fruits of our labor and have a good time at it as well.

So... for starters, **Pizza and drinks will be delivered to the next meeting at 6:30**. We will kick back, relax, have a fun time while celebrating a successful 2018 show. Special guest for the evening is Dave Millis who is going to have a short presentation for our enjoyment as well! Please send me your pizza and soft drink preferences and I'll do my utmost best to please and accommodate when we put the order in!

Note that on the weekend of October 6-7th there's an **Open House at the Walworth Quarry**. This popular collecting event begins promptly at 7 am both mornings; Saturday's event runs from 7-2 pm and Sunday the quarry is open from 7-noon. Each day begins with a safety talk by Dolomite Products Superintendent Mike Bagne, 7 am. Safety glasses, hard hats, boots, long pants, no open-toed shoes -- are requirements. You can find ice blue colored fluorite, dog tooth calcite, sphalerite, selenite, celestite, and galena as well as some fossils to boot.

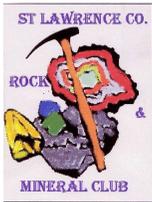
We are saddened to learn of the passing of long-time club member Robert Paul Rice on Sunday, August 19th. Paul enjoyed collecting Indian artifacts, rocks and minerals and was highly travelled all over Macomb where he was from. He carved and polished all sorts of whimsical figurines from the stones he collected locally and made neat “widjits”

from many of them. Paul thought highly of our club and ensured that donations in his memory be made to the St. Lawrence County Rock and Mineral Club.

Dave Millis displays the Mica Castle he created out of Mica from Benson Mines at Star Lake, NY.



Entrance to the Pavilion, Pepsi Banner



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The "Mineral Kits for Kids" Table



View of the main floor, Canton Pavilion



Gems and Malachite from Africa – Max Mpyoi



Carly singing "Super Dad" at Auction