



ROCK PICKKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: August, 2019

August

Next Club meeting is **Wednesday, August 7th**, 2019 at the Canton Library, 6:00 PM. Please plan on attending. Final plans for the annual show. Yellow "Show Signs" that need to be planted throughout the North Country will be distributed. T-shirts will be available to anyone working during the show. We need your help -- Please come!



President: William deLorraine
Vice President: Lisa Garlough
Treasurer: Phoebe Rogerson
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine
Show Chair: Gary Garlough
Advertising Chair: Elaine Hopper
Webmaster: Glen Simonelli

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

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Mail checks for annual dues August 2019 – August 2020 to:

William deLorraine, President
1 Indian Head Trail
Gouverneur, NY 13642
Club Dues have gone up:

NEW!
\$15.00 Single Membership
\$25.00 Family Membership

Upcoming Shows 2019:

Showtime!

August 24th & 25th

**53rd St. Lawrence Cty.
Rock & Mineral Club Show @ The Pavilion –
90 Lincoln St., Canton, NY**

Food concession stand is open both days Free gem tree-making classes on Sunday. Children's fluorescent mineral hunt at dusk on Friday night, August 23rd.

Free Mineral kits for children -- with labels. Field Trips: (\$5.00 per per-son). Powers on Sat. and Bush Farm on Sunday. Leaving @ 9:00 from the pavilion.

Admission: Adults \$2.00; children 12 and under free.

Mineral identification booth.

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54th Anniversary of our Club

September 21-22

Poughkeepsie, NY Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Show. Gold's Gym, 258 Titusville Rd. Poughkeepsie, NY Sat. 10:00- 5:00/ Sunday 10:00-4:00 Gen. Adm. \$5.00 www.mhvgms.org

Minutes from the July Meeting:

11 members attended the July meeting. We went 'round the room with introductions as customary. Joanna read the minutes of the June meeting. Wes Jennings made a motion to accept the minutes; Roy Rosenbarker 2nd. All in favor. Dave Millis, guest speaker for the evening, gave a great talk on "Prehistoric Life". Much detailed information was given on the different Plant and Animal kingdoms. "There are 28 kingdoms in all". 15 kingdoms of plants and animals including brown and red



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seaweeds, fungi, protos, etc. Three kingdoms of bacteria and 10 of archaea; they come from hot underground areas. They have cellular structure but lack nuclei. He talked about the different Ice Ages which occur 1-2 million years apart, each lasting about 100,000 years. Everyone thanked Dave for this great talk. Dave generously gave out specimens he donated as door prizes to everyone.

Back to the meeting: Jerry talked about the Gardenscape quarry field trip. The pit floor was flooded pretty much that day and as he crossed the pit water rose up to his knees and hips before he could get across to collect. But perseverance paid off and he hit the jackpot, so to speak. Jerry said there is still a lot more there and we should schedule another trip soon. Most who attended the trip were not so brave as to cross the water and as for myself – I had orthotics I wanted to keep dry. So next time! Jerry brought back samples of what he collected that day and gave some to the lucky folks at the meeting. He also donated a large specimen for the mineral auction during the show. Roy brought in samples of everything he collected on his cross-county trip this winter and spring. Lots of beautiful specimens from the dessert were on display! Wes Jennings brought in samples of what he collected on his last trip to Powers Farm. Very cool.

Gary reported on the show. He said the new manager or assist. Mgr. at Price Chopper in Canton wasn't aware of ever having ordered or donating egg cartons for mineral kits. Bill noted that we need 200 of them for the kid's kits. Gary is to get in touch with him again within a week. Wes said he would start saving egg cartons, but it was pointed out that it's essential to use new fresh cartons as persons with egg allergies could get very sick if exposed to used cartons. We will be receiving the dates for our signs on Friday and will affix the dates to them so they'll be ready for distribution at our next meeting Aug. 7th. We brought and distributed all the flyers to everyone at this meeting. Bill ordered a new banner to hang from the front of the Canton Pavilion; it's a smaller, more manageable, size. We still need to find a cathedral for the raffle. We are going to the Syracuse show and hope to find one there this weekend. Bill talked to Dino who

indicates he has lots of fluorescent minerals for "the hunt". Roy is going to make a black box for the fluorescent minerals for the kids to see before the hunt. Facebook ...need to "get the word out". Any club member can post to our page. Wes will put the word out on his sites too. Wes won the door prize which was a black light and a small mineral from the Balmat Zinc mines.

Bill and Joanna visited Fern Alverson in Syracuse in July. Fern is doing great and it was wonderful to see and visit with her again and reminisce. She loves getting the newsletter and keeping up-to-date with all of her old friends in the club. If you would like to get in touch with Fern or send a card, her address is: The Hearth, 830 James St. Syracuse, NY 13203 Room T03.

Herkimer Show Sat. July, 20th, 2019

Pictured below at the Club's Information table are Debbie Vai, Bill deLorraine (seated) and Mark Kucera.



As of this writing Joanna is just finishing Hot-gluing "dates" onto the show signs – readying them for the Aug. 7th distribution date. We spent lots of 'quality time' at the storage bin re-arranging and stacking plus added a new shelving unit in the back. Now it's possible to get in and out and one can actually find things! The Pavilion vendor space is filled! Heather "Ha-Ha" O'Hara is back on board this year as "Auctioneer Extraordinaire"; we're glad to have Heather back wheelin' and dealin'!