



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: July 2015

July 2015

Next meeting is Wed., July 1st, 2015. Pot luck dinner, please bring a dish to pass and table setting.

President: William deLorraine

Vice President: Scott Sutherland

Secretary: Joanna deLorraine

Treasurer: Chris Sutherland

Show Chairperson: Gary Garlow

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Upcoming Shows

July 11-12, 2015

Gemworld - Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse,
SRC Arena, Onondaga Community College
4585 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syr., NY 13212

July 18-19, 2015

1st Annual Herkimer Diamond Festival & Gem Show

127 N. Prospect St. Herkimer, NY - Myer's Park
Herkimer, NY Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Herkimers-Diamond-Festival-Gem-Show/1389083001398174>

August 7-9, 2015

East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show

West Springfield, MA 10-6. Friday, 10-5 Sat. \$6.00
Adults. Better Living Ctr. 1305 Memorial Ave. W.
Springfield, MA 01089

August 22-23, 2015

St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club Show

49th annual show in Madrid, NY @ Community
Ctr., 1835 St. Hwy 345, Madrid, NY 13660. Free
admission, free mineral kits for kids, free gem tree
classes. Fluorescent mineral hunt for kids Friday,
21st, at dusk. Hrs. Sat. 9-4, Sunday 9-3.

September 19-20, 2015

Mid Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Show
Gold's Gym 258 Titusville Rd. Poughkeepsie, NY

October 17-18, 2015

Bristol Gem and Mineral Club Show

Beals Community Ctr. 240 Stafford Ave. Bristol,
CT www.Bristolgem.org

2015 Membership Dues from August 2014 to August 2015

**Please make sure we have your current e-mail
address!**

We strive to send all newsletters by e-mail

Please mail dues to: Chris Sutherland, Treasurer;
287 Cty. Rd. 29, Canton, NY 13617

**Single Membership: \$10.00. Family
Membership: (Family members under the same
roof at the same mailing address): \$20.00**

Contact information:

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THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:

www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org



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We need lots of photos of Sky Alverson for a memorial display at this year's show.

Please mail or e-mail them, before
August 1st, 2015

Please have your name on the back so we
can return them to you after the show.

Dino Zack
110 Peppermint Rd.
Lancaster, NY 14086
Or e-mail to:
dinorocks@gmail.com

("Snail mail" is preferable mode)

This note just in from Dave Millis:

JULY FIELD TRIP TO BANCROFT, ONTARIO

The first collecting day is the 15th. Most popular sites are, Bear Lake and Schikler for Apatite, calcite and Fluorite; Beryl pit for Tourmaline, Amazonite and beryl crystals; Miller site and the Fluoristerite road cut. The sites will be picked by consensus except Thursday will be Schikler, and Friday is a day you can go off on your own. Field trips start at 8 o'clock at Bancroft campground (613-332-3673); you do not have to camp there. Field trips end Sunday; I'm staying until Wednesday AM.

Crossing the border into Canada is easy -- avoid the "5 Fires": Firewater, Firesticks, Firearms, Fireworks, and Firecrackers. Crossing back is harder. Again, avoid the 5 Fires! Bring your passport or enhanced drivers' license. Your rocks

must be free of soil that may contain biologics, 716-866-8222 dinorocks@gmail.com
maximum purchases duty-free after a 48-hr visit is \$400 US per person per car. Taking pets along is a bad idea. If you do, a current rabies vaccine certificate is required both ways. The best currency exchange rates are with a credit card but you will need some cash.

This note just in from Rob and Sarah Bancroft:

Just wanted to let the club know that Rob and I will be going to the Bancroft area July 25 - August 2 to attend the local gem show and the Gemboree.

We will also be collecting at the Beryl Pit, Craigmont, Miller Farm, Bear Lake Digs, and more. If anyone would like to join us for all or even part of this time they would be welcomed.

(Contact Bill & Joanna)

Minutes from the last meeting: Our June meeting had 13 people in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM We went around the room with introductions. Scott presented the Treasurer's report. No minutes were read from the last meeting. Under "Advertising", there was no "new" news, other than the Watertown Daily Times was contacted and corrected about the day of our monthly meetings by Heather. Bob said we have about 45 signs for this year and made a motion to buy 100 bases which will be \$1.89 each. Bob will get in touch with Chris and make sure the diameter of the wires will fit. Probably need < 1/4". Lisa 2nd the motion to buy 10 new signs. Bill made a fold-out map with distribution areas for the signs. We have 36 drop points. Lisa asked if we order 100 bases would we need more signs? Bill did not think so. Bob checked inventories of geodes and signs in storage; he reported that we have about 4 boxes of geodes that were left over from last year. Scott



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noted that it takes two or three club members to run the geode sale and that maybe the manpower would be more useful elsewhere. Bruno and Ken Searles spent lots of time there. It was decided by members present not to purchase any more new geodes for this year's show and to use up the remainder this year. Heather said she would talk with Mike Rigel from the geology dept at SUNY Potsdam to see if she could get some students to help with the geodes and maybe mineral identifications. We talked about a memorial collage for Sky. Dino Zack volunteered to do this for us. The pictures will be returned after the show if donor's names are on the back. He said he and his family would be happy to do this and the club will mail the pictures back to contributors afterwards.

We have moved the registration table at the show this year to the far end of the building. We will need a sign outside pointing or showing that there are more vendors inside the clubhouse.

Fern called Bob Taillon and offered for him to pick out a specimen to be auctioned off at the show. Bob picked a large purple and white polished agate, 2' x 1 1/2' in size.

George and Sue Robinson are working on cataloguing and evaluations Schuyler's collection.

Ideas for the auction: Everyone come and receive a hat that was Skylers. Also decorate around the room and photo collage with the hats or club table.

Scott would like to see the club pay for entry fees to members only, for club sponsored digs. Up to \$10.00 each. Bob made a motion that we do this and Heather 2nd the motion. All passed in favor.

George noted that another great trip for the club would be the Ottawa Canadian Museum of Nature, it is not that far. Bill has contacted Jamie Knowlton of Gouverneur Minerals to see if we could go on a trip to Harrisville Valentine Mine. Awaiting a call from Jamie, the Gen. Manager.

Jerry Curcio brought minerals to pass out to anyone who wanted them from Lockport Quarry. Nice Selenite gypsum samples!

George Robinson won this month's door prize: a beautiful geode! Congratulations George.

Dino talked about minerals for the kits for kids, we have lots left but some of the prettier ones we need to replenish. We will get what we need by collecting some, or donations, and procure what we need at the Syracuse show.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Field Trip:

June 27th. Led by Scott Sutherland to Powers Farm. Meet at Burger King, Canton, University Shopping Center at 9:00. Leaving at 9:30 for the dig; (Weather permitting)