



# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

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## November 2011

*Annual club Christmas Party in November! Ho Ho Ho!*

Our **next meeting** is the Christmas party! It's going to be held on **Sat., Nov. 12th**, at 5:00 pm at Mullin's Restaurant, Gouverneur.

**President: William deLorraine**

**Vice President: Scott Sutherland**

**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**

**Treasurer: Chris Sutherland**

**Field Trip Coordinators:**

**Bill deLorraine**

**Skyler Alverson**

**Scott Sutherland**

**Acting Co-Editors of Newsletter:**

**Bill & Joanna deLorraine**

**Webmaster: Glenn Simonelli**

**2011 Membership Dues collectible at any time but run from August 2011 to August 2012**

**If you do not have e-mail please let us know so we can mail you a hard copy of the newsletter.**

Otherwise we strive to send all newsletters by e-mail. Make sure we are updated if your e-mail changes!

**315-287-4652 or wdellie@gmail.com**

\*(please note the email change)\*

**Please mail dues to: Chris Sutherland; Treasurer, 287**

Cty. Rd. 29, Canton, NY 13617

**Have you paid your dues?**

**It's important if you plan on collecting; you'll need current Club membership and Eastern Federation insurance cards.**

**Please send a check for your dues to Chris so you can continue to receive newsletters and take part in club events.**

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

**THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:**

[www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org](http://www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org)

## **Minutes from the Last Meeting**

13 members attended the October Meeting. Ken West won the door prize of a piece of Malachite. 7:15 the meeting was called to order after another delicious dinner. We had a quick review of our club's trip to Crystal Grove. We had a great time; campfire, oh-so-good decadent smoores and all. Good company, good food, good stories. There were a couple of matrix pieces collected by a couple members after lots of hard pounding. Found out that you can go to Ace of

Diamonds mine and hire a guide take you to a collecting spot for a quite reasonable fee. At Crystal Grove the ledges were "tough as nails", so to speak. Bill found a can after digging nearly a 2-foot hole on the piles. We surmised that the piles had been reworked, but how many times??.

A former club member, Terry Holmes, is moving out of state and donated his collection to the club. He gave it to Bill who in turn placed it in the club's storage site just outside of Canton. Bill had to remove all of the old plywood signs to make room. We need a club workday set to go through and organize everything in the storage shed. We asked whether or not everyone returned their signs for the show. We need to get a rough count of how many we do have. We will keep the two Adirondack A-frame signs, but the remainder will consist of our newer version. Skyler observed that you can read our signs from a distance, not like many others out there. Bob opined that the signs held up better with the new wire bases. We talked about the Christmas Party. \$10.00 will be given towards the dinner for each paid member. The dinner will be at Mullins in Gouverneur this year. Bill asked Chris to reimburse Dick Houck at the Sterling Mine Museum, NJ, for the mineral boxes that he sent up filled with fluorescent minerals for the kid's mineral hunt. Bob made a motion to



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send the fire dept. \$100.00 for a donation because they helped with the parking at the show. Skyler 2nd the motion. We did give the Marines \$150.00 for use of their building. Bob also mentioned that on Selleck Rd. it looks like someone has brought in drills. Drill holes are abundant. Just a reminder to all collectors that hand tools only should be used for collecting on sensitive or restricted lands. If you make a hole fill it up when you are done. Some of the simplest rules to follow can make a big difference to land owners who could easily shut down the location if not upheld. "Garbage in garbage out".

It was suggested that we have a "club table" at the 2012 show, and use some of the items in storage for the auction. Good ideas, we do need more volunteers at the show. Tim noted that Joplin Mo., the town that was so hard hit by tornado damage, really had the mineral dump piles stirred up along with everything else. You can find dogtooth calcite crystals and galena. He also said the Pitcher OK mine is really something to see and that the Tri State Mineral Museum is top ranked thanks to a large donation of a spectacular tri-state mineral collection to the museum. Tim tells us it is really something to see if you are in the area!

## Upcoming Shows:

**April 19-22:** 39th Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Raddison Hotel, Jefferson Rd.

**September 15-16:** 47th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry show and 62nd Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club. Zembo Shrine, 2801 N. 3rd St. Harrisburg, PA

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