



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: October 2012

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Our next meeting will be held October 4th in the Canton Library at 6:30 PM. Pot luck dinner. Bring a mineral for show and tell, something that you may have acquired or collected in 2012.

President: William deLorraine

Vice President: Scott Sutherland

Secretary: Joanna deLorraine

Treasurer: Chris Sutherland

Field Trip Coordinators:

Bill deLorraine

Scott Sutherland

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2012 Membership Dues collectible at any time but run from August 2012 to August 2013

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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

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Nine members attended the Sept. meeting. Chris Sutherland won the door prize. Joanna read the minutes from the last meeting and Chris gave her treasurer's report which included totals from the show. It looks like our show did about \$1,000 dollars more this year than last. We lost money on the dinners again this year and on the t-shirts. The big money-maker was the auction of course. We also sold more tickets on the cathedral. We had a recap of the show. Dino raffled a fluorescent mineral specimen this year instead of a light. We had about 3 participants on the Sat. field trip to Powers Farm; Sunday a few more. None of the members present heard any of the radio ads this year. Many saw the articles in the newspapers. Dino did a great job with the kid's mineral hunt and got lots of donations for the hunt. Should have some left for next year's hunt. We will also go online this year to buy minerals for the kids where it's possible to purchase at better cost. Bob, Bruno, Wes Jennings, Ken West, Dave Millis, and Bill Chapman were some of the names mentioned

who were helpers. It was suggested that we hold the auction next year on Sat. right after the show closes at 4PM. We sold about 18 less dinners this year than we needed to sell to break even. That way there will be plenty of light and whoever wishes can go out for dinner afterwards. The geodes did not sell as well this year, and it was noted that they were not as good as other years. Let's get our geodes from a different vendor next year if we can. Volcanic-based geodes vs. concretionary! We did have a few less vendors this year.

A special thank you to Heather ("Ha Ha") O'Hara for her auctioneer efforts at the show this year. She did an excellent job helping Sky with the auction. There was much discussion on going to Herkimer to have a pocket opened up. We talked about sending out notices to all club members and having a vote on whether or not we should consider this. Talked about the possible costs to anyone involved, talked about dates, etc. In the end Chris Sutherland made a motion that the club wait until next year to consider this again. Chris opined that it was not fair that two people should "go for free". Bill and others explained that no one goes "for free". The \$1,500 was to "open it up" for the club. The normal fee is \$1500 for two people. Then \$40.00 for each additional person. Not that two would go free. A vote was taken on the motion; 3 voted to wait until next year and 3 voted to go ahead and look into it for this year. There



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were three abstentions. Bill, in light of the short time frame involved this year and short field trip season, and need to inform the membership more fully on all the issues involved, decided that it would be more prudent to wait until next field season to bring the issue before the membership again. Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40; motion seconded by Chris.

October 20-21

40th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Bristol Mineral Club, Beals Community Ctr. 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT

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43rd Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science mineral Section and Rochester Lapidary Society Monroe County Fair & Expo Center, Henrietta, NY

Saturday and Sunday October 13 & 14th

Walworth quarry Open House
Sign up at the quarry office starts at 6:30 AM both days. Safety talk 6:55AM. Entry into quarry from 7AM. You must be out by 2 PM on Saturday, and 12 noon on Sunday. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is required. (Hard hats, safety goggles, sturdy high shoes, etc.) Bicycle helmets are OK for kids.

Press from the Prez:

There are several items of interest in the upcoming events category. Check out the Ace of Diamonds website for more information regarding the guaranteed pocket of Herkimer diamonds. I will send out more information in upcoming newsletters with respect to this potential club-sponsored trip. The annual Walworth Quarry Open House is October 13th and 14th. The following weekend is the 43rd annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil show in Henrietta. So there's lots to do in October! Dino Zack advises he's finishing up this years' full-time activities in Massena but will be in the area part-time in the upcoming months. He has agreed to give a talk at one of our upcoming meetings if he's in the area at the time; let's hope so! He will be dropping off our inventory of UV lights for winter storage within the next few weeks. Each year the club has purchased a new UV light to add to the inventory of lamps used for Dino's immensely popular "Fluorescent Mineral Hunt For Kids". We never seem to have enough! To this end I have an idea. We can launch another bottle drive and we could call it the "UV-Bottle Drive" or some such thing. At any rate, Joanna and I are earmarking the proceeds from our bottle returns for that cause and we ask you to join along with us in doing so as well. This year let's purchase two UV lamps for the Kid's Fluorescent Mineral Hunt!

Here is something new that's on the horizon for us. Joe Laurenza, director of the Gouverneur Museum, has approached me about the prospect of our club putting on a display of local and St. Lawrence County rock and mineral specimens in a room in the museum for the

month of December. Set-up time would be by arrangement pretty much any time in November. The display room dimensions are 14'x 20' and can be furnished with as many as 9 card tables and at least 4, 2.5'x 6' tables set up around the perimeter of the room and at the center. The Garden Club of Gouverneur will also have floral displays throughout the building concurrent with ours during the month. I'll have more details available at the next meeting. Sound interesting? Let me know what your thoughts are on this and see you at the next meeting Thursday, October 4th, Canton Public Library, 6:30 pm.