



# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: September/October 2017

## September/October

The next club meeting is Wednesday, October 4th at the Canton Library, 6:00 pm; pot luck dinner. Show and tell mineral of the month is: "Herkimer Diamonds".

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



### Upcoming Shows:

#### 21-22 October 2017: Bristol, Connecticut

45th Annual Gem & Mineral Show  
Organized by: [Bristol Gem & Mineral Club](#)  
Beal's Community Center 240 Stafford Avenue

#### October 28 – 29, 2017

2017 Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show & Sale; Total Sports Experience 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, NY. Sat. 10 to 6; Sun. 10-5.

### Mineral of the Month for September:

Herkimer Diamonds: "Show and tell" at our next meeting.

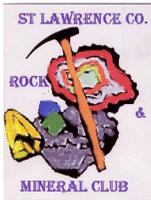
### Upcoming Events:

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Corn Maze at the Family Farm Rt. 58  
Morristown, NY Oct. – 10/21/2017**



Winner of the Amethyst Cathedral at our 2017 Annual Show in Canton, NY: Mary Jo Potter of Dekalb Junction, NY, pictured with Club President, Bill deLorraine

The St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club will have a club booth set up for advertising our clubs' activities and for showcasing and selling rocks and minerals. The event is sponsored by Community Broadcasters and 95.3, "The Wolf". There will be food, beverages, music, vendors, games and



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contests, arts and crafts, pumpkin patch, corn hole tournament, prizes and giveaways. Seven acres, 300,000 square feet of pathways, 11 decision points and a final Halloween party on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Come to the Corn Maze for a fun afternoon! 10:00- 4:00 PM. Our club receives one dollar per person attending the event on the day we're there! **(10-21-17)**



## SEPTEMBER.....

### Wayne Co. Mineral Collecting Trips:

Friday - Powers in the AM; *We have decided not to visit Selleck Road and will wait until the NY SF clearly defines their new rules for future collecting there*

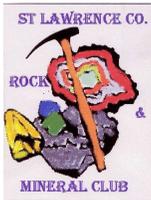
- **Saturday - Benson Mines and Rose Road**  
**Sunday - Bush farm and Talcville**
- **Friday, Sept. (15th)** we will meet 9 AM at the MacDonald's in Gouverneur and we will hopefully depart that location for Powers farm at **9:15 AM**.
- **Saturday, Sept.(16th):** We will meet at the Great American Grocery Store in Star Lake, also at **9 AM**. We will be met there by the caretaker of the property who will lead us in. We must be out by **1:30 PM**.
- **Sunday:** We will meet at the MacDonald's in Gouverneur again at 9 AM. **Bush Farm in the AM. Talcville for hexagonite** for those with interest afterwards if not visited Friday. Probably head for home in mid-afternoon

If you wish to attend any of these please contact Fred Haynes  
<mailto:fredpattyhaynes@gmail.com>

713-826-5011

### Minutes from the September Meeting:

Our meeting was held Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 17 members in attendance. Our meeting started with a pot luck dinner. Mike Morgan brought some geodes he had collected from Orlin, PA. Bill introduced Jerrod T. Booth, a DEC Forest Ranger who spoke to the club about mineral collecting on state land. He said that any collecting on state land requires a permit. He has done some in-depth research about Selleck Rd. and in particular expressed concerns about people having brought in mason drills and having drilled and removed large faces of rock. He further explained that it is illegal for people to sell anything that has been collected on state land and that he has seen specimens from Selleck Road advertised on line. He mentioned meeting up with the Wayne Co. club there at Selleck Rd. and related to us that a lady had locked her keys in her car while she was collecting. He explained to her that the state land is posted. She told him that the trip was associated with the St. Lawrence Club and hence the contact with Bill, President of the St. Lawrence Club.



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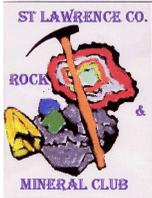
Jerod told us a permit would be a "temporary revocable permit"; meaning that all minerals collected must go "back in the ground". The land bordering State land is owned by five siblings from NYC. Their land is posted as well. The way to get a permit is to go to the Division of Lands & Forest in Potsdam. The contact person there is Tony Sparacino, Forester, Region 6 located at 6739 US Hwy. 11, Potsdam. He can be reached at 315-265-3090. Jerrod handed out laws specific to collection on state land. If anyone needs a copy e-mailed to them please contact Bill deLorraine.

After Jerod's presentation the meeting was then called to order at 6:50. The Treasurer's report was given by Joanna deLorraine; hand-outs of our bank balance and profit and loss statements from the show were given to all. Bill noted that at the next meetings' "show and tell" would be on Herkimer diamonds. This year at Showtime 2017 we gave out 330 mineral kits for kids. There were 80 children that attended the fluorescent hunt. About 25 collectors went to Bush farm and another 30 to Powers. Bill said there were some curve balls thrown at us at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour before the show. SUNY Potsdam was unable to deliver 50 tables and chairs as we had planned on. We ended getting them from Hurlbut's in Massena but had to pay quite a bit for them. They saved the day for us quite literally and they have all the 8' tables we need to keep vendors happy for next year. They also extended to us a generous discount and we thank them for that. There was much talk about the pricing for tables for next year. Also adding admission fee of \$1.00 for adults to enter the show. Some say other shows pay a lot more for the tables and that it may be wiser to charge a little more for table space rather than risk losing patronage by charging an

entrance fee. Our club prides itself on being able to sponsor a "free to the public" show which draws in so many people. We talked a lot about the admission fee and it seemed the consensus was to leave it as is -- a free admission show. Bill noted our club will have a booth at "The Corn Maze" sponsored by 95.3 "The Wolf" in Morristown in October. The club will receive \$1 per person attending the event the day the club is set up there and -- late-breaking news -- we have submitted the date of October 21st for our club to set up its booth. Dave LaLonde mentioned that the Walworth Quarry is open on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for digging. The meeting was adjourned about 8:00.

## Message from Dino Zack:

I would like to thank everyone who donated their time and rocks and minerals to both the Kids Fluorescent Mineral Hunt and the Kids Mineral Kits! Once again, we had a great turn out for both activities! Approximately 80 kids participated in the Friday evening Fluorescent Mineral Hunt and approximately 330 kids' mineral kits were given out (240 on Saturday and 90 on Sunday). If you visit <https://www.facebook.com/953thewolfny/> and scroll down to August 25 and August 26 you can see live interviews regarding both of these events!



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To those unfamiliar with the Kids Fluorescent Mineral Hunt, kids use one of the club's 18 hand-held ultraviolet lamps to find marble-sized fluorescent minerals "seeded" in a large section of grass. While we wait until night falls, I give a brief presentation consisting of an overview of geology and luminescence, and a little pep talk about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and the importance of these subjects in school. Once kids finish filling their paper bag with fluorescent rocks and minerals, they can bring them to my table where I identify what they found as well as supplement any they missed with a few more noteworthy specimens. We had a great selection of fluorescent rocks and minerals for the kids to find this year! The rocks and minerals we have for the kids come from both those purchased by the club from the Sterling Hill Museum in NJ and those donated by club members.

The Kids Mineral Kits was, once again, a big hit with the kids! This year we had over 50 different rocks and minerals for the kids to choose from...both local specimens and specimens from around the world! ...the hardest part for the kids is that they can only choose 12 to fill their egg carton! Again, the rocks and minerals we have for the kids come from both those purchased by the club and those donated by club members. The egg cartons were donated by Price Chopper, Canton, NY.