

# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: April, 2022

**Our April mineral club meeting is Wednesday, April 6th, 6:00 PM, at the Canton Library.**



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**President: William deLorraine**  
**Vice President: Roy Rosenbarker**  
**Treasurer: Paisley Kodama**  
**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**  
**Field Trip Coordinators: Gary Garlough & Noah King**  
**Webmaster: Glen Simonelli**

**Effective January 01, 2021 – January 01, 2022**

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## Club Dues:

**\$15.00 Single Membership**  
**\$25.00 Family Membership (per household @ the same mailing address)**

Make checks payable to: **St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club** and mail them to:

**William deLorraine; President**  
**St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club**  
**1 Indian Head Trail**  
**Gouverneur, NY 13642**

## 2022 Rock & Mineral Shows

### Freeport Gem & Mineral Show -

**Start Date:** 04/09/2022

**End Date:** 04/10/2022

**Hours:** Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:30

**Address:** 130 E Merrick Rd

Freeport Recreation Center, Freeport, NY

Crystal Fest Spring Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by The Finger Lakes Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club.

100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza – Corning, NY 14830

**Saturday April 17, 10am to 6pm;**

**Sunday April 18, 10am to 4pm.**

Dealers selling Crystals-Minerals-Fossils-Jewelry-Gems-Beads-Wire Wrapped Jewelry-Metaphysical Stones

Adults \$3; Children 12 & under & Scouts in Uniform FREE when accompanied by an adult. (Masks will be required to enter, if you don't have a mask, we'll provide one.)

### Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club

**We're back!**

# Gem Fest 2022



**Sat. June 4 10-5**

**Sun. June 5 10-4**

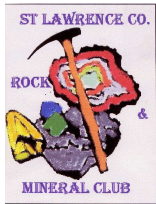
Greater Canandaigua Civic Center  
250 N. Bloomfield Rd, Canandaigua, NY

**\$4 Admission, Kids 12 & under FREE**

Soapstone Carving, Wire Wrapping, Sluice, Vendors, Exhibits, Free Prizes, Scavenger Hunt, Rock painting, Jerry's Dinosaur, our famous Rock Grab bags, and much more

**Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Beads & Jewelry**

visit <http://www.wcgmclub.org> for details



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## Syracuse Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show

July 9-10, 2022

Center of Progress Building at NY State Fair Grounds, 575 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse, New York 13209

## St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club Show – 08/27/2022 -- 08/28/2022

@ The Canton Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St. Canton, NY 13617

**Note: Opening day at Ace of Diamonds is April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Minutes from the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Meeting

Bill welcomed members and we went around the room with introductions. There were 8 members in attendance. Paisley gave the Treasury Report:

- New Business:
  - Anyone interested in Advertising Chair please contact Bill.
  - Already received two sign-ups for the show, Bill Cotrofeld (6 tables) and Mary Siver (two tables). Mike Walter paid last year but did not attend because of Covid therefore he is paid for this year if he decides to attend.
- Vendor's registration forms will be sent out in March on a first come, first served basis.
- Field trip Coordinators for 2022 (Gary & Noah) We scheduled some field trips for the year:
  1. April 9<sup>th</sup>; -- Macomb – Lancto property
  2. Powers – April 16<sup>th</sup>

3. Possibly Chub Lake (?)
4. Gardenscape Quarry (TBD)
5. Fluorescent Mineral (TBD)
6. Mitchell Prospect, diopside (pending permission)

- Next meeting is April 6th, 2022  
Door Prize drawing: Polished agate slice with stand – Zadock Roiger

**Note from Dino:** Update on the UV bulbs for the Kids Fluorescent Mineral Hunt UV lamps (recall we have 18 UV lamps with about eight (8) broken bulbs). I sold over \$350 of my fluorescent minerals this week as well as four (4) fluorescent mineral kits for \$. I recently wrote a check in the amount of \$150 to combine with the mineral sales for the purchase of 10 bulbs (the 10 bulbs were \$497.80 plus shipping). The 10 bulbs should arrive next week

I have finished pulling minerals for the kits and will be advertising them on Facebook's MarketPlace soon in hopes to earn enough for another eight (8) bulbs...I may drop the price to ~\$40 per kit (including shipping).

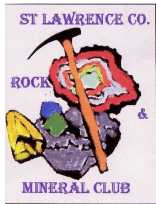
During the "Show and Tell" session Jason Fogg brought some of his fluorescent minerals collected at Balmat. Bill brought many fluorescent pieces mostly from Balmat as well. Bob brought a perfectly rounded, egg-shaped, stone that he had acquired. The meeting was adjourned at around 7:30 PM. It was snowing hard -- an icy mix all the way home!

## **The Metaphysical Corner**

### Opal

Opal is the traditional birthstone for those born in October.

Known as the "Queen of the Gems," there is no other gemstone that even remotely looks like the iridescent opal. Arabic legends



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reflected the belief that opals fell to earth from flashes of lightening. The ancient Greeks thought opals gave wearers the gift of prophecy, while Europeans have long considered opals to be symbols of hope, purity and truth. Opals are considered to be the luckiest and most magical of all the gemstones because it can show all colors. Opals are believed to enhance imagination and represent wisdom, hope and confidence.

Uniquely individual, opals often exhibit multi-colored flashes of light when viewed from different angles. There are four main types of opal – white, black, fire and boulder – and each has its own color story. White and fire opals are the most common, with true black opals bring quite rare. Opals show off their remarkable play of color best when cut into cabochons.

With a rating of 5.0-6.5 on the Mohs scale, opals are somewhat fragile and should be treated with care.

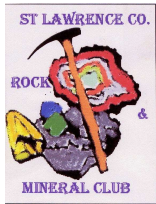
Opals are commonly treated with oil impregnation, sugar treatments and smoke impregnation, all used to enhance an opal's play of color. We like to periodically soak our opal jewelry pieces and specimens in distilled water as opal is a hydrous species and immersion in water does the trick to keep its colors vibrant.

Heat can lead to evaporation and cracking so opal jewelry is best stored in moist, absorbent cotton in a cool location. Store away from other gemstones to avoid scratching. Care for your opals by wiping them down with a soft, lint-free cloth. Avoid steam and ultrasonic cleaners, or cleaners with ammonia or bleach.



## Notes From the President

Over the years the **Rochester Mineralogical Symposium**, AKA "RMS", has been for us an early season event that we looked forward to with great anticipation. It's a place and time where mineralogical friends could gather to renew acquaintances, chat, browse vendors' minerals and maybe purchase some for their own collections, bring specimens to donate to auctions for educational and research fundraising efforts, view display cases of minerals sponsored by individual collectors, Colleges and Museums, and attend talks presented on all matters related to mineralogy. Those included "What's New in Mineralogy", Power Point presentations by premier, renowned,



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photographers featuring their stunning mineral photos, presentations on current mineral research by students, academic researchers and professionals. One of my earliest indelible memories is of the after-dinner auction, a really fun event during the RMS, that can oft-times get loud, jovial, and boisterous, in which a cake is auctioned off, incrementally, in slices, to the tune of something like \$400, or more. So, this year (I don't like to use "so" but tossed it in for chuckles, don't like to use "well" either...) the RMS has to cancel its "brick and mortar" venue because of COVID. Instead, the RMS is going to be held virtually this year. There are some advantages to this for our members including less cost and no travel or dining expenses. It affords an opportunity for our members to take a look at what's going on at the RMS so as to get something of a feel for the Symposium. Following is the latest from the RMS convenor: **"So, we are going to focus our energy on making RMS 2022 a more robust event online. We'll spread the event over more than one day, April 8-10, we will include longer feature talks, and we will be looking at more ways to improve social connection and have fun over the course of the event."**

This arrived not long ago:

## Mineral Symposium Coming in April

Dear Friends,  
The 49th Rochester Mineralogical Symposium has announced their schedule and is now open for registration. The symposium is free to all, but you must **register** to get access. Below is their announcement. And don't miss my *"What's*

*New in Minerals"* talk on Saturday at the symposium.

Sincerely, John Betts

ANNOUNCEMENT:

**49th ROCHESTER MINERALOGICAL SYMPOSIUM:**

**REGISTER NOW**

**[https://miamioh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_eJjY2-NORHatn0Oz6ro5Pw](https://miamioh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eJjY2-NORHatn0Oz6ro5Pw)**

### **Program Schedule**

Friday, April 8

8:00 pm Opening – Raymond McDougall

8:10 pm The History and Minerals of the Rubtsovskoe Deposit, Altai, Russia – Inna Lykova

9:15 pm – VIRTUAL LOUNGE