

# ROCK PICKENS



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: February 2024



**Our next scheduled mineral club meeting is the second Tuesday in March, the 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM in the Canton, NY Library.**



**Melissa Zeallor is leading a jewelry wire wrapping class on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM at the Knights of Columbus building in Canton.** Please bring your own tools if you have them and whatever you want to use for a stone. There will be some stones available. Bring your own drinks. The club is providing snacks. Seats are limited, so email Melissa at [melissazeallor@gmail.com](mailto:melissazeallor@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. More information is provided on page 3!

**President: William deLorraine**  
**Vice President: Preston Zeallor**  
**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**  
**Treasurer: Melissa Zeallor**  
**Field Trip Coordinators: Gary Garlough & Preston Zeallor**  
**Field Trip Scout: Noah King**  
**Webmaster: Glen Simonelli**  
*Effective- January 01, 2024*

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

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## Rock On!

\*\*\*\*\* Club Dues \*\*\*\*\*

Dues are only **\$15.00** for a Single Membership and **\$25.00** for Family

Memberships (per household @ the same mailing address) run through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

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

**Melissa Zeallor; Treasurer**  
**St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club**  
**1846 St. Hwy. 72**  
**Potsdam, NY 13676**

Hit control - click to follow link below to go to our **FB page** and sign in as a new member, or open if already a member:



<https://www.facebook.com/share/GjDRTTK3wuP1cTda/?mibextid=K35XfP>

### Diamond Dan Publications

Diamond Dan Publications produces materials to help mineral collectors of all ages to be successful. They even have a monthly eMagazine dedicated to young mineral collectors: Mini Miner's Monthly. Check out their website!



[diamonddanpublications.net](http://diamonddanpublications.net)

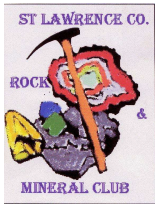
Also:

[www.minerant.org/kids.html](http://www.minerant.org/kids.html)

This web page has a number of links for fun things you can do to learn about and enjoy rocks and minerals. Also check out the other links at the top of the page. There is a list of mineral museums all over the world. You can spend a lot of time on this site. Use it a lot and enjoy it!

### Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Shows

**February 24-25: Winter Crystal Fest Gem & Mineral Show.** Union Hall, 100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning, New York. \$3 Adults, 12 & under free. Sat. 10-6pm, Sun. 10-4pm.



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## March 16-17: Buffalo Geological Society

54<sup>th</sup> Annual show. Erie County Fairgrounds in the Grange, Market, and New York State Police Buildings in Hamburg, NY. Sat. 9-7pm, Sun. 9-6pm.

## April 13-14: New York Southern Tier

**Geology Club Annual Show.** Johnson Senior Center, 30 Brocton St., Johnson City, NY. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4. Admission: Adults \$4; Children 12 and up, \$3.50; Under 12 free.

## April 27-28: "Crystal Fest" Finger Lakes

**Gem, Mineral Fossil Club** 100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning, NY 10-4 Sat. 10-6 and Sunday 10-4. Adults \$3.00 Children 12 & under and Scouts are free with an adult.

## May 11-12 "Quartz Fest" Finger Lakes

**Gem, Mineral, Fossil Club** Greater Canandaigua Civic Center 250 N. Bloomfield Rd. Canandaigua, NY \$5.00 Adults, children 12 & under and Scouts are free with an adult. Sat. 10-6 & Sun. 10-4

## July 20-21: Burlington Gem & Mineral Club

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show. Champlain Valley Exposition, Expo North Building, 105 Pearl St., Essex Junction, VT. Show Theme: "Made from Minerals". Saturday and Sunday, 10am-5pm. ADMISSION: Adults \$4, Seniors 60 and over \$3, Kids under 16 FREE with paying adult.

## August 24-25: St. Lawrence Rock & Mineral Club

57<sup>th</sup> Annual show. Located at the Canton Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St., Canton, NY. Sat. 9-4:30pm, Sun. 9-3pm. Admission: Adults \$4, Children 12 & under free. (315) 287-2560. Website: stlawrencecountymineralclub.org

## Amethyst

Amethyst, the February birthstone, comes in beautiful purple colors and makes a durable jewelry stone.



Amethyst is a 7 on the Mohs scale of hardness.

Russia was the major source of amethyst until the 19th century, when large deposits were found in Brazil. Once as rare as ruby or emerald, amethyst was suddenly in abundance. Today, the most important sources of amethyst are in Africa and South America. Brazil is still a major supplier, especially its southernmost state, Rio Grande do Sul, though the rough amethyst mined there tends to have a lighter color than amethyst found in other countries. Amethyst from Brazil sometimes forms in hollow, crystal-lined geodes so large you can stand in them. Amethyst is the gem traditionally given for the sixth wedding anniversary.



Click on the link below to check out this article from GeoscienceINFO's blog, ***Beneath Your Feet*** to see pictures and read a little more about these geodes!

<https://geoscienceinfo.com/visit-to-ametista-do-sul-brazil/>



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**Pictures below** from the wire wrapping class that Melissa Zeallor held on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Club in Canton

## Bloodstone



## Wire Wrapping & Jewelry Class

On February 10th from 1-3 the St Lawrence County Rock and Mineral Club will be hosting a wire wrapping and jewelry class. This class will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Canton.



- Rings (wire and a bead)- \$3
- Wire for pendants (3 per necklace)- \$2
- Necklace Rope - \$1 each
- Amethyst Gemstones - \$3 each
- Medium Polished Stones - \$2 each
- Small Polished stones - \$1 each
- Gore Mountain Garnet - \$2 each
- Seaglass - Free



Without members like you, we couldn't be the organization we are today.

Membership applications will be available.

If you have any questions please contact  
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## Jasper

