



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: October, 2019

October

Next Club meeting is Wed., **October 2nd**, 6 pm @ the **Smokehouse** in Madrid for a dinner meeting to have a good time, relax a little bit after our successful annual show, and thank all members who worked during this years' show. This will be a short meeting featuring really good Smokehouse eats. Currently paid members who signed up as show helpers and who worked during the show will receive a \$10.00 stipend towards their meal. Please advise if you will be attending for head count. 315-287-4652.



President: William deLorraine
Treasurer: Phoebe Rogerson
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine
Advertising Chair: Elaine Hopper
Webmaster: Glen Simonelli

Field Trip Coordinator, VP and Show Chairperson are Needed for 2020: If interested please contact Bill @ 315-287-4652

www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org

e-mail: wdellie@gmail.com

Mail checks for **annual dues** 8/ 2019 – 8/ 2020 to:

William deLorraine, President
1 Indian Head Trail
Gouverneur, NY 13642

Club Dues have Increased:

\$15.00 Single Membership

\$25.00 Family Membership

Upcoming Shows 2019:

October

Walworth Quarry Open House is October 12th and 13th, 2019. This is a public dig. Times are the same as in past years: 7 AM to 2 PM on Saturday and 7 until noon on Sunday. Please arrive early to sign-in and participate in the safety talk that begins promptly at 7:00 AM. This is a working quarry and safety equipment is required (hard hats or bicycle helmets for kids, safety glasses, long pants, and boots). Gloves are recommended. All children must be accompanied by an adult/guardian at all times.

Walworth Quarry
1200 Atlantic Ave.
Walworth, NY..

OCTOBER 26-27

Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show & Sale. Saturday October 26, 2019 from 10am to 6pm
Sunday October 27, 2019 from 10am to 5pm. Location: Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, NY 14445.
Admission \$6 for Adults; Kids 12 & Under free with an Adult.

November 16-17—LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA:

Annual show; Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Association; Lebanon County PA Fairgrounds and Expo, 80 Rocherty Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1-4; General admission \$5 (discount coupon at website), free admission for children under 12; Vendors from across the U.S. offer a variety of specimens, displays, exhibitions, materials, and jewelry; contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301) 807-9745; Email: beadware@rcn.com



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: October, 2019

* No meeting was held in September.

Notes From the "Prez"

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who helped to make this year's show the great success that it was. I am happy to report to you that in the final analysis our club had one of the best "bottom lines" ever, if not the best! This is due in part because we had to, for the first time ever, charge an admission fee; more importantly the auction performed at an all-time high. Proceeds for the amethyst cathedral raffle set a record high as well.

So, where to from here? Last year's funds were running low and as a consequence we had to reduce scholarship checks to St. Lawrence Univ. and SUNY Potsdam Geology Departments to \$300.00 each rather than the usual \$500.00.

This year we could return to the customary \$500.00 scholarship per institution or we could do something altogether new. Something that potentially includes more students with hands on exposure to minerals, mineralogical research, presentations, professional mineralogists and researchers – Symposia. I am thinking of granting say, \$600.00 per institution purposed for student travel, expenses to the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. This could involve student research work and presentation of results there at the Symposium. I think this would be a good way to involve students more directly with what we do in our endeavors, hands-on mineralogy and collection; as well as the educational research benefits. It is a good forum for meeting prominent researchers in

the mineralogical field, for meeting collectors, such as ourselves, to have a look at excellent displays of quality minerals from vendors many of whom set up at our own show in Canton. I think that this type of exposure has the potential to set the stage for interested students to develop firmer roots and deeper interests and shared experiences in our chosen hobby.

Please bring your questions, comments or thoughts to the October meeting or e-mail me at: wdellie@gmail.com

Thank You;

--Bill--

Pictured below are shots of gorgeous geodes and other rocks we saw on our recent Alaskan cruise, these from Juneau. Totally unexpected, as were the prices on some of the specimens. The first photo, upper left, shows a huge, table-sized amethyst geode, polished on the edges, and covered with a round glass plate. One could walk away with that for a half million. \$\$, that is.

The bottom left photo is of a geode no bigger than 15" in diameter. The tag on that one is \$1950...

They are all gorgeous pieces mind you. Prices? Not so attractive....just thought you'd be interested...



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: October, 2019

