



ROCK PICKENS



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

Our October mineral club meeting is Wednesday, October 5th, 6:00 PM, at the Canton Library. Show and tell: Bring specimens of minerals you have collected this year.

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**

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

Effective August, 2022 – December, 2023

Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Shows

www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org
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October 22-23, 2022. **Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show & Sale;** Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, New York 14445

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October 23-24, 2022. **Saco Valley Gem & Mineral Club Show & Auction;** Albany Town Hall, 24 Eagle Street, Voorheesville, New York 12186



October 2022. ULTRAVIOLATION Fluorescent Mineral Show; SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 AT 9 AM – 4 PM, First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania 19030

November 11-13, 2022. Gem Street USA - Buffalo Show; The Fairgrounds at Hamburg (Grange Building), 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, New York 14075

**** Club Dues ****

Dues are only \$15.00 for a Single Membership and \$25.00 for Family Memberships (per household @ the same mailing address) and run through December 31st, 2023

November 19-20, 2022. Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show; Civic Center Plaza, pin 100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning, New York 14830-2856

March 2023 TBD. Buffalo Geological Society Gem Mineral and Fossil Show; Erie County



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Fairgrounds, 5600 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, NY 14075

April 2023 TBD. Rochester Mineralogical Symposium; Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport, 175 Jefferson Road, Rochester, New York 14623

Fern Alverson, lifetime member of our club and one of the original clubs' founding members, passed away recently.



Ferenrn Bloss Alverson Obituary

We are sad to announce that on September 27, 2022 we had to say goodbye to Fern Bloss Alverson of Chittenango, New York. Leave a sympathy message to the family in the guestbook on this memorial page of Fern Bloss Alverson to show support.

She was predeceased by : her husbands, Noel Bloss and Schuyler Alverson; her daughter Dena Rapoport; and her step-daughter Ann Weaver. She is survived by : her son Peter Bloss (Sandy) of Chittenango; and her step-children, Curt Alverson of Pennsylvania and Linda Alverson of Maine. She is also survived by 3 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and several step-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 6th 2022 at 10:00 AM at the G. F. Zimmer Funeral Home (702 Legion Dr, Chittenango, NY 13037).

Contributions in Fern's memory may be made to the First Baptist Church of Chittenango, 520 Tuscarora Rd. Chittenango, NY 13037.

Minutes from the September Club Meeting @ Canton Library:

Mineral Club Meeting Sept. 7th, 2022. 24 members attended.

The meeting started at 6:25 PM after everyone relished "show celebration pizza" from Sergie's. We went around the room with introductions. Bill showed everyone the T-shirt he was wearing as he introduced himself as club president. Its colorful graphics read: "I am a **Rockaholic**".

Paisley gave the Treasurer's report and profit statement from the show Bill said next year we are going to have to raise admission fees to keep pace with increased costs and that revenues should be in the neighborhood of \$1,000 more if we raise the admission to \$4.00 for adults. Bob Taillon asked "should we do that?" Heather O'Hara said the vendor tables should go up as well. They are \$35.00 per table now, so they would go up to \$40.00. Under "Field trips" Noah recommended going to Moon Lake for apatite. Moon Lake is SW of Gouverneur heading from Oxbow to Theresa. Bill said he was there many years ago. The big crystals that he dug were 3 to 4 feet down. Large green/blue crystals. We would need to get permission from the land owner. Scott Sutherland said the property owner owns up to the middle of the road. The location is next to the road, but not easy digging; mostly hammering, chiseling, and sledge work. Bill asked if there was a consensus to go back to the Hall Farm. Noah also said the Jennings Farm for albite crystals and "Salamander cave" would be good areas; former member Dave Lalonde owns the Salamander cave. There was mention of Sterling Mine. Jerry Curcio said that Olive Horning owns the mine and she has left the area for this year. Maybe next year in the Spring when she comes back. Jerry also said he would like to go to Bush Farm, for the brown tourmaline. We all decided on a field trip to Powers Farm on Oct. 2nd meeting first at the Pierrepont Town Barn, Rt. 24 @8:30 departing by car caravan at 8:45 AM. Under "show recap" Bill noted over 1360 people attended the show,



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counting the fluorescent hunt. We gave away over 328 kits for kids. Jerry Curcio saved the day for us by coming up with the amethyst cathedral raffle specimen. The amethyst cathedral sales were very good although down somewhat from last year. John Willson sold tickets last year and he was a great salesman, and that may have been the difference. He passed away just before the show. He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him. The club table was up about \$500.0 over last year. T-shirts did well this year we will be a little up on sales with about 8 or so tote bags left and a few t-shirts too. Heather asked about getting quotes from other sales companies. Bill said all companies would have been costlier this year because of shipping backlogs and items just not available. We had to do much leg work on our own to find the t-shirts and colors we wanted, esp. pink; we did get them at sale price by doing the leg work. The chestnut shirts were not available therefore our vendor obtained the closest color match they could. Not an easy task! Bill said he would like to order them soon for next year's show. Heather asked "why do we even do advertising?" Scott said maybe do the silent auction every hour if enough good stuff is available. Bill said it was trial and error this year; that's the reason it was done every couple hours or so. Club members might need to donate specimens in the future in order to keep auction and club tables supplied with specimens, perhaps something they found on a club-sponsored field trip, etc. Heather asked "What is the incentive for helping at the show?" Bob mentioned that T-shirts used to be free. Joanna said that was many years ago. Other years they were five dollars to club members who worked at the show. This year they were \$10.00 for show helpers. Suggestions for next year: Add helpers especially at end of the show. If you sign up as a show helper and can't make it, please call and let us know so we can find someone else to replace you! Re institute: "Show Chair" No 50/50/ raffle? Could be too much, although last year it was very successful, and fun.

Placing the Amethyst cathedral by the club table rather than out front at the registration table was a good move and it looks as though it should be a permanent change. Advertising: Bob said FB does not cost anything. The club has a page. He posts our ads out to other pages or groups such as yard sale sites, and they can repost and share. We need to buy new egg cartons for the mineral kits plus we need many new signs and bases. We had "Show and Tell" with minerals Carlene brought from her collection, including specimens from the Hall farm near Gouverneur. Jason Fogg brought a specimen to be examined. Brenden Whitman brought raw Ethiopian Opals that he was polishing up. The meeting ended with Brandon Rawson winning the door prize of a pair of sliced and polished septarian nodule halves. Bob gave a big (and much appreciated) "Thank You" to Bill and Joanna "for all the work they do". There was a round of applause. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.



Dave Millis' Birthday luncheon in Potsdam. Afterwards we all enjoyed a wire wrapping session with Dave.



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Happy Birthday Dave! A photo of Dave and his beautiful Mica sailing vessel.

Notes From the President:

We note with sadness the passing of several club members recently, John Willson and Fern Alverson. John's avidness and infectious smile were a welcome sight during the hustle and bustle of "Showtime" and I think his salesmanship skills brought lots of happy people over to our "Cathedral Table" where they had good times confabbing with him -- and purchasing chances on tickets.

Fern was one of the original founding members of our club, having been a member for over 50 years. We used to visit Fern and Skyler at their summer home in Rensselaer Falls, on the river, where she would dabble in jewelry making and he would accumulate

more specimens for his considerable collection. We would also enjoy the summer club picnics there and have fun perusing some of Skyler's collection that he would have out for sale. Fern's sharp wit kept us all at attention when we were there and we found that she was a pretty good manager when it came to keeping Sky in line. All except for his famed collection of "auction Hats", LOL....

May the memories of John and Fern be a blessing to all of us who knew them; --Bill--