



# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

Date: September 2012

**September 2012**

Our next meeting will be held Sept. 6th in the Canton Library at 6:30 PM. Pot luck dinner with recap of our annual show.

**President: William deLorraine**

**Vice President: Scott Sutherland**

**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**

**Treasurer: Chris Sutherland**

**Field Trip Coordinators:**

**Bill deLorraine**

**Skyler Alverson**

**Scott Sutherland**

**Acting Co-Editors of Newsletter:**

**Bill & Joanna deLorraine**

**Webmaster: Glenn Simonelli**

**2012 Membership Dues collectible at any time but run from August 2012 to August 2013**

**If you do not have e-mail please let us know so we can mail you a hard copy of the newsletter--**

Otherwise we strive to send all newsletters by e-mail. Make sure we are updated if your e-mail changes!

**315-287-4652 or wdellie@gmail.com**

Please mail dues to: Chris Sutherland; Treasurer, 287 Cty. Rd. 29, Canton, NY 13617

**Have you paid your dues? It's Important if you plan on collecting; you'll need current Club membership and Eastern Federation insurance cards.**

**Please send a check for your dues to Chris so you can continue to receive newsletters and take part in club events.**

**Single Membership: \$10.00.**  
**Family Membership: (Family members under the same roof at the same mailing address):**  
**\$20.00**

**THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:**

**[www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org](http://www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org)**



**Winner of the Amethyst Cathedral: Norman Cody with Bob Taillon and Bill deLorraine**

**Minutes from the Last Meeting**

There were 17 people in attendance at the August meeting. Jerry Curcio won the drawing for a calcite specimen. No minutes were available to be read from the last meeting. The treasurer, Chris Sutherland read her report. Chris and Scott bought \$180.00 worth of minerals for our monthly drawing for the year. Many were purchased from the

State Museum's table at the Syracuse show. Bill made an aerial satellite map of the show site and where the dealers should be parked outside in case of inclement weather. The field tends to flood where they normally have parked in past years and our club has been told we would be responsible for damage to the lawn. So to avoid this from happening Bill has had the foresight to have other plans. Bob Taillon gave his report on the show. He said we had told the Marines we would cover 75 dinners for the spaghetti dinner on Sat. night. Joanna asked specifically what the menu is so that ads could be drafted. Answer: spaghetti, meatballs, salad and garlic bread are on the menu. Club members will supply cake for dessert. Bob said the Marines indicated that spaghetti is the hardest dinner to do. Al Finnegan is the caretaker for the Madrid Facility. Field trip sign-up and departures are from the club house. Auction is in the Marine Corps League Building. Some comments were that it is very hot inside that is why the auction was outside last year. But when it gets dark you can't see the minerals and all bets are off in case of inclement weather. Bill said that we would take different steps this year such as bring in pedestal fans, etc. Sign-up sheets were passed around



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and 2012 club T-shirts were given out to anyone who signed up to work at least 4 hours at the show. We need field trip leaders for Sat. and Sunday. New dates were affixed to the signs and these were distributed. Bill noted Curran Wade in Massena again will be running radio ads for the show. Scott noted that we should have first aid available and on another note, maybe a towel should be placed across geodes when breaking so as to not to throw pieces. Linda Moershell noted she is trained in Wilderness 1st aid. Concern noted on driving after dark after the kid's mineral hunt, putting them potentially in harm's way.

Barriers or yellow tape will be put up this year for guides where the children can walk safely. It was mentioned by Bill that walkie talkies are a good idea to bring to the show for communication between club members. Bill noted that the Herkimer Ace of Diamond Mine has- until the end of the year- a reduced fee of \$1,500.00 fee for them to open new ground. They guarantee a pocket and require a 25-day notice. We'll discuss the possibility of a trip there at a later date. Sounds really interesting!

## Upcoming Events

### September 15-16

Gem, Mineral, Fossil Jewelry Show  
Poughkeepsie, NY; Gold's Gym 258  
Titusville Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY

### September 15-16:

47th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry show and 62nd Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club. Zembo Shrine, 2801 N. 3rd St. Harrisburg, PA

### September 29-30

Franklin Mineral Museum, Franklin-Sterling Hill Gem & Mineral Show, Franklin School Washington Ave. Franklin, NJ

### October 20-21

40th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Bristol Mineral Club, Beals Community Ctr. 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT

### October 20-21

43rd Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science mineral Section and Rochester Lapidary Society Monroe County Fair & Expo Center, Henrietta, NY

## Press from the Prez:

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who helped make the 2012 Rock & Mineral Show a banner year for the club. We pulled off the club's 46th annual show with no sweat, (save for that induced by sunshine and high temperatures!) Hardly a glitch and no worries about rain and hurricane related weather. Yes, it all "came together" as the saying goes. But good shows don't just "happen". They "come together" because, behind the scenes, there is good planning, execution, advertising, and lots of elbow grease. Then there are more visible aspects such as sign preparation and deployment, table set-up at the community center, and

clean-up phase. And let's not forget the auction! Nor the kid's fluorescent mineral hunt hosted by the inimitable Dino Zack and helpers. Especially helpful contributors were aforementioned Dino Zack; I also would like to thank Jerry Curcio and Scott Sutherland for their field trip leadership roles; Scott put in a call to the Sherriff's Dept. requesting that they swing by at the grounds at night for security patrol – a nice innovation. Warm thanks again this year to Dave Millis for his free demonstrations on wire wrapping and calcite rendering. Also thanks to cleanup crews, mineral kits "kids" and geode crackers; nice jobs. Bob Taillon did a splendid job of marking the field again this year. The Marine Corps League served a delish spaghetti dinner with all the fixin's. We need to do some tinkering with the Saturday night supper in future because in the last two years the club has lost money during this event. It has gone from a money-maker to a dollar drain. One of the reasons for this switch is that the club has to guarantee a fixed number of dinners to the Marine Corps League; this year it was 65 dinners. We came up 18 dinners short in our sales. The Marine Corps League personnel are easy to work with and very much willing to help come up with workable solutions such as multiple menu choices. The dinner is a great lead-in to the auction as it helps keep people "on Campus" so to speak – right there and ready-to-go for the auction. That's all for now folks. See you at the next meeting, 6:30 PM Thursday, Sept. 6th. We'll collect any unreturned show signs then, conduct a financial review of the show, plus have a "show and tell" featuring new specimens you may have found or acquired at the show.

---Bill---



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## A few pics from 2012 show



Wire-wrapping  
Intensity! Dave Millis with young,  
intent student.



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Jerry Curcio with Bush farm  
tourmaline.



Auctioneer Extraordinaire!  
Schuyler Alverson and helper Dino  
Zack Showtime 2012