



ROCK PICKENS



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

Our September mineral club meeting is Wednesday, September 7th, 6:00 PM, at the Canton Library. Pizza will be delivered at 6:00 PM, bring your own drinks.

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**

Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Shows

**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 – August, 2023

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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

Rock On!

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

Notes From the President:

The 55th St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club's Annual show was a great success by just about every metric and I thank everyone who participated for all their efforts in pulling it off without a hitch. It was once said of our show, and I quote "it always just seems to 'come together'". Well, it may seem like that to the uninitiated and untried by fire, but behind the scenes there are a few people who work tirelessly doing lots and lots of organizational work -- striving to pull it all together -- so that it does in fact "come together" for vendors, club members, and attendees. The hustle and bustle and all the smiles and old friends that come with opening day of what I call "Showtime" make all the work superbly worthwhile. We amped it up on many fronts this year with your help and innovations and we have some new ideas as well to implement moving forward to next year's "Showtime 56". Rock on!

Here are some salient points: Registration table folks polled a number of show attendees asking them "how did you hear about us?". Most of the responses were "come every year", followed by "saw the yellow signs", then by "Facebook", then "heard from friend", then "newspapers and flyers". Interestingly, not one respondent said "radio".

This year's innovations include lighted display cabinets featuring minerals from St. Lawrence County and the NW Adirondacks,

silent auctions on both days vs. one "live" auction, and utilizing a portable megaphone for announcements. Our "Mineral ID" table, staffed by Brian Carl and Dr. Adam Pearson, from SUNY Potsdam and Dr. Jeff Chiaranzelli, from St. Lawrence U. elevated to new heights with the advent of a variety of new, more sophisticated identification techniques including fluorescence testing, a Geiger counter, dilute HCL for testing calcite, and who knows what else these folks have done! Henceforth we are going to be held to a much higher standard "rocking on"!

One more innovation we should consider for the future is that of security personnel on the floor during the show. One visitor commented that this is the only show they've been to that hadn't employed security persons. We haven't had any major league issues in the past but it's an issue well worth discussing.

We sited our food vendor, with the help of Code Enforcement Officer Tim Nolan and Pavilion Director Meghan Richardson, close to the main entry door to the venue. They did well there no doubt because of "location, location, location" but also because of Director Meghan's thoughtful idea to deploy picnic tables close by -- that worked out well.

Lastly, siting the "Mineral Kits for Kids" right out in front of the Pavilion was a good idea whose time was come.

We will very much miss our dear friend and member, John Wilson, who recently passed just before the show. We will miss his vivacious energy and enthusiasm and may his memory be a blessing to us all.

Minutes from the August Club Meeting @ Canton Library

10 members attended the August meeting. Bill welcomed everyone. Paisley



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gave the Treasurer's report. Bob made a motion to approve; 2nd by Jerry. Joanna and Bill gave the advertising report. Under field trips, Bill asked for a report on the Hall Farm collecting trip. Noah said it went well, and

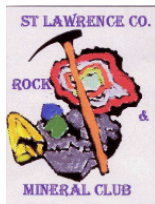
there were new excavations. They had to hike through prickly ash. No samples were brought to the meeting for "show and tell". Bill announced that Dino will have a fluorescent field trip after the show on Sat. 27th; meeting at Tripp's Diner beforehand. We went over the sign-up sheets. Bill asked that the registration table staff enquire of folks "How did you hear about us?" as they come through the door. We talked about prices for the T-shirts. Everyone agreed to make the T-shirts \$15.00 each and \$10.00 for working members and priced the bags at \$20.00. There were supply chain issues trying to get the T-shirts this year requiring our supplier – and us -- to do a lot of background checking to get close to what we wanted. Bill asked everyone to get the yellow show signs out and if people had distributed show flyers. Barb put out flyers at the Colton Post Office, Library, and Town Hall; Carlene put out flyers at the Canton Library, Potsdam and Historical Soc. Noah put out flyers at Kinney's in Potsdam; Paisley in Hermon. Bill and Joanna in Gouverneur at both Kinney Drugs, and in Kinney's in Canton, Stewarts in Gouv., Philadelphia, Saranac Lake, Alex Bay and Canton, Tripp's Diner, the Silver Leaf diner, St. Law. Univ., the Rock Shop in Saranac Lake, Valero Gas in Russell, Empire State Mines, Black River Adventures in Watertown, and online.

Mike and Lisa Morgan will set up their food truck next to the Pavilion this year. Picnic tables provided by the Pavilion are going to be set up conveniently nearby. We

would like to thank the Morgan's; they saved us from having our Pavilion rent doubled. They agreed to sign the contract enabling our club to save half on Pavilion rental fees because they live in Canton. Bill and Scott

priced and labeled minerals in the storage shed ahead of the show. Bill and Joanna also went on another day to price minerals and select specimens for the silent auction. Carlene is bringing a lighted display case and specimens to fill it for the show.





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NORTH COUNTRY

Saturday, September 3, 2022 B5

GEM OF A SHOW



A steady flow of people kept the Canton Pavilion humming during the annual Gem and Mineral Show on Aug. 27.

Tom Graser/Watertown Daily Times



A display case at the Gem and Mineral Show in Canton on Aug. 27 features minerals found in St. Lawrence County.

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The 55th annual Gem and Mineral Show hosted by the St. Lawrence County Rock and Mineral Club was held at the Canton Pavilion on Aug. 27 and 28. Tom Graser/Watertown Daily Times



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Winner of the 2022 Amethyst Cathedral, new club member Dave Russell, Forest Ranger from Malone.



Bill deLorraine, President, and winner of the 2022 amethyst cathedral, Dave Russell of Malone.