



# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: August 2014

## August 2014

We held a quick meeting to pass out signs for the show on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, at the Canton Library. They should all be strategically placed by now; if you still have signs that are not deployed, please get to it! The next regular meeting will be held on Wed. Aug. 6th, 6:00 PM, at the Canton Library. Pot luck dinner; bring a dish to pass and table settings.

**President: William deLorraine**

**Vice President: Scott Sutherland**

**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**

**Treasurer: Chris Sutherland**

**Field Trip Coordinator: Jerry Curcio**

**Show Chairperson: Bob Taillon**

**Advertising: Heather O'Hara**

**Newsletter Editor: Bill deLorraine**

**Webmaster: Glenn Simonelli**

## 2015 Membership Dues from August 2014 to August 2015

Please make sure we have your current e-mail address

We strive to send all newsletters by e-mail

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

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

**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)

## Upcoming Shows

**Aug 8-10 Springfield, MA Gem and Mineral Show** [Better Living Center at the Eastern States Exposition](http://www.betterlivingcenter.com), 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089

**Aug 22-24 St. Lawrence County Club Show, Madrid, NY**

<http://www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org/>

**Saturday Field Trip to Powers Farm** (doubly terminated black tourmaline, smoky quartz)

**Sunday Field Trip to Bush Farm;** brown tourmaline

**October 25-26: Rochester, NY - 45th Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show** sponsored by the Rochester Lapidary Society. 2014 will be at the same location as 2013: The Main Street Armory, 900 East Main Street, Rochester, NY. Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10 am-5pm. Web site: <http://www.rochesterlapidary.org/>

## 51st Annual Rockhound Gemboree

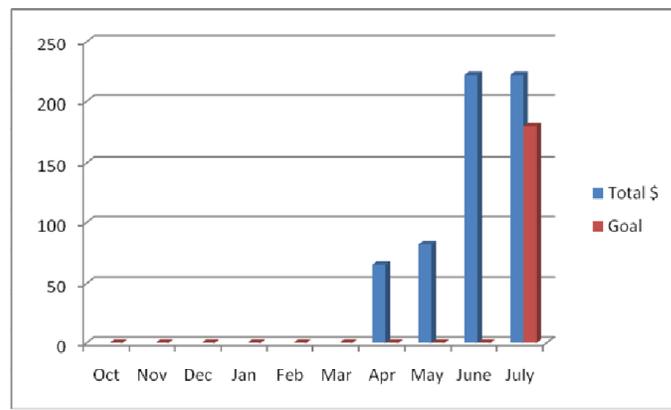
**Dates:** Jul 31, 2014 to Aug 3, 2014

**Location:** 63 & 103 Newkirk Blvd

**Address:** Bancroft, Ontario

**Website:** [www.bancroftdistrict.com](http://www.bancroftdistrict.com)

## Black Light Bottle Drive 2014!





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## Minutes From the Last Meeting:

There were 17 people in attendance on our July 2nd meeting. Bill welcomed Dino and Amy Zack and family back. Joanna read the minutes of the last meeting and Chris read the treasurer's report. Show Chair Bob Taillon said we need 27 tables for the vendors inside the Community Center building. Sam's Party rentals can provide tables to us, deliver and pick them up for \$6.00 each. He suggested we have them deliver 20 as it's not always clear at any given time how many will be on hand and available inside the building. A few other members also thought that many additional tables would be needed. Bill and Joanna thought perhaps 10. Bob said we need to let Sams Party Rentaks know asap. Bob will call Joe Finnegan on Monday, July 7th to determine whether or not Madrid can provide us with some sort of assurance or guarantee that there will be "X" number of tables at showtime so that we in turn will be able to provide Sam's with an accurate number of tables to rent. If not, we'll have to rent 20. Bill suggested using 1/4" particle board on the tables we use for the auction so as not to scrape them. Bill contacted Don Butters to see if the Marine Corps would be interested in sponsoring a Saturday morning breakfast, no word yet.

We need an inventory of the signs. Dino and family volunteered to glue the new dates on the signs. Chris will pick the dates up from Ferguson Printing and give them to Dino. Dino will have them ready by the to be distributed Thursday, July 24th, at a quick meeting at the Canton Library. Bill has regional maps that will be distributed at that meeting so that members will know where to deploy the yellow signs. Gary and Lisa said they have 6 signs.

Heather gave a report on the advertising. Many of the e-mail contacts on the old advertising list were no longer extant. She has advertised with NPR and "North Country This Week", which reaches many. Heather brought a copy of the "Currier" which ran a 1/2 page article on the clubs' show. Chris noted that we should strike the word "camping" from all

of our advertising literature.

Dino gave a report on the black lights. Sky has the geodes for the cracker. We need fluorescent minerals for the kids hunt. Dino will collect some with Bill, but we need fluorescent fluorite. Dino recommended buying Raytech lights. They cost around \$110.00 come with a warranty. He gives talks to kids at schools a lot and is very involved with the Boy scouts. He bought a Black light of his own to raffle away at the kids hunt! He is going to try and keep track of how many kids participate in the hunt this year by giving a ticket to each for the drawing. Dino recommended getting two \$50.00 USPS "flat rate" boxes of florescent minerals from Franklin, NJ. Bill has the contacts' name and address. Heather said she might have some fluorite. Dino said it is a good idea to have the helpers with more powerful lights to help get as many kids through as possible. He is more concerned with someone loosing a light or taking it home inadvertently. He has 4 scout groups. Chris will check on the egg cartons for the kids' mineral kits. Dino and family will run the booth. Drawing for the black light and shirt will be about mid way through the kids' fluorescent hunt. We have \$222.00 for the black light fund.

Motions made at the meeting:

- Dino motioned that we purchase 3 backlights around \$80.00 each, with 2nd the motion; passed.
- Dino made a motion that we buy 2 flat rate boxes from Franklin, NJ. \$50.00 each. Joanna 2nd the motion; passed.
- Joanna made a motion that we spend up to \$200.00 at the Syr. show for minerals for the kits for kids. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>; Passed.
- Heather made motion that we have a 2nd prize at the kids hunt; the club will give a T-shirt. All in favor.



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- Bob made a motion that we spend up to \$200.00 at the Syr. show on minerals for our monthly meetings for the drawings. Dino 2<sup>nd</sup>; Passed.

## Updates from the Prez

A big “Thank you” to all who attended the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to help with show sign deployment. We especially thank the Zack family for their amped-up work on those signs as they put many hours in stripping off last years’ dates and hot gluing this years’ date strips back on. These signs should now be dotting the North Country providing highly visible advertisement for our show. Dino procured three flat rate boxes full of fluorescent pieces from Franklin NJ for the Kid’s hunt on Friday evening so we’re pretty much set for that event. Still waiting for bulk fluorescent fluorite to arrive. Bill, Joanna, Scott and Chris attended the Syracuse show where they purchased door prize specimens and Kid’s Mineral Kit pieces in the wholesale room.

We had one “anchor store” vendor withdraw this year but he will return next year. We do have a replacement for him in the community center building. Bob advises that the table rental service has 10 available so that we should have adequate numbers when the big day arrives. Just to be sure, though, I will contact several dealers and ask them to bring a table or two of their own. No surprises! Town office personnel advised us recently (today) that they no longer loan out tables from the Community Center building so numbers of available tables should not be a concern. As of this writing 16 people have responded that they would like to partake in the Saturday morning “all-you-can-eat” breakfast hosted by the Marine Corps League. Serving begins at 7:30 am so as not to interfere with vendors setting up shop or attending the first field trip of the day.

Breaking somewhat from tradition we are printing a different sort of picture below, more of a biotic pic than an exotic mineral pic. That’s because many of us spend lots of time in the field collecting and now, in addition to the usual array of critters, beasts, slithery serpents and assorted creepy crawlers, biting bugs and poisonous plants, there is another rather sinister sounding player growing in the fields. We should all be aware of this imported exotic invasive species, the giant hogweed. It can grow to a height of 14 feet and it sports white, umbrel-shaped flowers at the top.



*Evidently there haven’t been any sightings in St. Lawrence County to date but plants have been spotted close to Watertown. Here’s what to do if you come across Giant Hogweed: First, don’t touch it! And keep away from it. It can cause permanent scarring and even blindness. Secondly: Email DEC: [ghogweed@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:ghogweed@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or call the Giant Hogweed Hotline: 1-845-256-3111. Provide photos, detailed directions to the plant infestation and estimate the number of plants. Be aware, be safe, collect responsibly and have fun!*

Keep in mind the Geode exhibition at the Gouverneur Museum. Our display will run from September 17th through October 18th.