



ROCK PICKKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: August, 2018

August

The next club meeting is Wednesday,
**August 1st, 6:00 PM at the
Canton Library.** It is vital that
members attend. We will be voting on the
by-laws and we will be passing out the signs
for our show in August.

Mail checks for annual dues to:
William deLorraine, President
1 Indian Head Trail
Gouverneur, NY 13642
Club Dues:
\$10.00 Single Membership
\$20.00 Family Membership

President: William deLorraine

Vice President: Lisa Garlough

Secretary: Joanna deLorraine

Treasurer: Elaine Hopper

Show Chair: Gary Garlough

Advertising Chair: Elaine Hopper

Webmaster: Glen Simonelli

**Field Trip Coordinator: If interested please
contact Bill**

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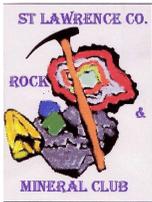
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Minutes from the July Meeting:

There were 17 members in attendance for the July meeting. Bill called the meeting to order welcoming all and we went around the room stating our names, as normally done. Bill presented the video on Lake Superior Agates. Wes Jennings brought samples from his collection and Roy brought some tourmalines that he had collected from Powers'. Roy also brought a sample of his first ever necklace that he had made for his granddaughter. Bill brought a puzzle that Sue Robinson had completed the design on and it was passed around the room. Sue said a good place to go for Lake Superior Agates is Moose Lake, in Minnesota. You can get a map of the agate location at the train station there. Also sent around the room for viewing was a bag of agates that were polished by George Robinson. Wes Jennings asked "Did you count these before sending around?" (Just in case any came up missing, 😊). The treasurer's report was given by Elaine Hopper. Elaine advised us that the Canton Pavillion's fee went up \$200.00 this year. Bob asked if they had gotten Wi-Fi yet as many of our vendors were asking for it last year. Bill will find out the answer. Elaine gave the advertising report. She has ads in "North Co. This Week". Joanna read the minutes of the last meeting. Wes made a motion to spend up to two hundred fifty dollars for the turning over of the pegmatite section of Benson Mines for our club. Roy seconded the motion. Dino suggested our club have exclusive right to go in. There was much talk about the dig and it was decided that we would need more than that to turn over the minerals. We may have to go in and partner with another club or clubs to come up with enough money to make it happen. Other field trips to be considered were the Valentine Mine, in Harrisville, and the Gardenscape Quarry on the Seavey Rd. Roy asked if we had ever dealt with Barrett Quarry. They own the Quarry in Saranac Lake. Dino has contacts and will check. We had a vote on the "pot luck dinners" at the meetings and the results were 3 for "pot luck" and 14 against. Our next meeting will be August 1st and we should have a presentation on Meteorites; Bill asked Wes about ordering it.



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Agates in Moose Lake

Every year, this Minnesota town introduces budding rock hounds to the thrill of the hunt. © Beth Gauper

During Moose Lake's Agate Stampede, children sift through tons of rock for agates and quarters.

It's no secret there's buried treasure right here in Minnesota. It's in every gravel pit, along every railroad track, on every beach. All you have to do is look to find a Lake Superior agate, Minnesota's official state gemstone.

And every July, agates also can be found spread over Moose Lake's main street — 400 pounds of them, some even polished, hidden along with 2,000 quarters in 4 tons of rock.

It's the Agate Stampede, centerpiece of Moose Lake's annual Agate Days, put on by the diehard rock hounds of the Carlton County Gem and Mineral Club.

Upcoming Shows:

August 25-26 - St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club's 52nd Annual Show

Canton, NY @ the Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St.
FREE ADMISSION!

Sat. 9-4:30, Sunday 9-3:00.

Wayne County Field Trips 2018:

Bill Chapman – Field Trip Chair
batnpill@empacc.net 607-868-4649 or Fred Haynes –
Newsletter Editor
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August 31-Sept 3 (Labor Day) – 3 day plus trip to **Kentucky** with CVGMC of NC (fluorite, geodes, etc.)

September – **Adirondack** weekend mid-month and/or Virginia trip with GMSVP of VA

News and Bits from the Prez

Reminder: We have set up a St. Law. Co. Rock & Mineral Club bottle redemption account in Gouverneur. We urge you to do the same in your community with the proceeds going to the club to purchase new fluorescent lights for the kid's mineral hunt and accrue toward the purchase of pieces for the "Mineral Kits for Kids". We have a most generous - anonymous - donor who is matching any amount we collect!

I spoke with the director of the Canton Pavilion about the rather steep rate increase and whether or not upgrades such as wi-fi came hand in hand with the increase. Alas, such is not the case at present. Here's 'the deal. The pee-wee hockey league has been promising for some time to fund wi-fi and bring it to the facility. As yet they haven't done so – meanwhile the chamber isn't moving to do it themselves given the promises made by the hockey group – so the issue is hanging there stagnant. For our part we can write to the mayor plus encourage our vendors to do the same; this would greatly help the director's case and might possibly help move things along.