



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: December 2015



December 2015

Next meeting is **December 12th**, 5:30PM at "The Club", Canton, NY. It's the Christmas Party! Guest speaker is Jeff Cherenzelli. A short meeting and election of officers is on the agenda. Please let Bill and Joanna know your choices by Dec. 3rd.

President: William deLorraine
Vice President: Scott Sutherland
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine
Treasurer: Chris Sutherland
Show Chairperson: Gary Garlow
Advertising: Heather O'Hara
Newsletter Editor: Bill deLorraine
Webmaster: Glenn Simonelli

2016 Membership Dues

Please ensure that we have your current e-mail address!

We strive to send all newsletters by e-mail

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

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THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:

www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org

Minutes From the November Mtg.

Heather O'Hara introduced John Basham a gentleman from North Country This Week, who spoke to the club about advertising. He had many interesting new ideas, and spoke about us getting more involved with a Facebook, Pinterest, and /or an Instagram page along with many other helpful hints.

Bill welcomed everyone. Introductory remarks were that in future meetings we will be "spruced up" featuring more power point presentations; an idea inspired by club member Ashley Meade who suggested more in-depth discussions of the "Show and tell" mineral of the month so as to learn more about them. Also to revive the "Mineral of the Month" concept. We approved an advertising budget of \$500.00 for Heather O'Hara, Advertising Chairperson. Heather made the motion and Lisa 2nd it.

Some ideas brought up for field trips for next year were Benson Mines, Bush Farm (with new backhoe work done), Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa.

Some ideas for power point presentations given to us by George and Sue Robinson were: "Favorite field trips", topographic mineralogy, Brazil, USA, Mexico, Africa, Canada, Physical properties of minerals, geology of St. Law. County, crystal systems, uses of minerals, starting a mine: from exploration to reclamation, chemical groups of minerals,- calcites, oxides, carbonates, etc.

Bill showed some of the mineral boxes and ideas for making mineral kits. He also brought up the subject of making coasters from photographs of agate slabs or other minerals. Other things mentioned were an annual mineral calendar, or mouse pads.

Wes Jennings brought the (50 yr old) tumbler that he got at our auction, with just a little work it runs perfectly. This was from Fran McGregor's collections that she so generously donated to our club.



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The Christmas Party will be at the Club in Canton. Cocktails at 5:30 dinner 6:00 \$10.00 stipend to each paid member. Guest speaker Jeff Cherenzelli.

Bill thanked George and Sue for helping to label the minerals which are in our storage shed.

We are working on a set of by-laws which will be passed out at the Christmas Party for members to peruse over the Winter months. Next Spring we will begin reviewing them and make changes as warranted.

Other new business. Bob Taillon brought up that we should in fact not have our annual show the first weekend in August. That many people would be attending the Waddington event and we would not have a good turnout. After much discussion, it was agreed by all that we need to keep our show at the date it has always been, the third weekend in Aug. Therefore we will all need to put our heads together and come up with a new location and possibly new signs and ads. There was much discussion on which location. Bill and Joanna will look into the tractor and antique engine museum next door in Madrid. Chris had mentioned the Canton Pavilion, and another arena in Potsdam; hoping Heather could check into Potsdam. Anyone wishing to run for an office please let Joanna & Bill deLorraine know before Dec. 1st. We will have ballots and vote for officers at our next Christmas meeting.

February:

13-14—ALBANY, NEW YORK: Annual show; capital district mineral club, New York State Museum; Empire Plaza, 222 Madison Ave; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Admission is \$5.00, Children are free; contact Michael Hawkins, (518) 486-2011; e-mail: michael.hawkins@nysed.gov

March:

5-6—NEWARK, DELAWARE: Annual show; Delaware Mineralogical Society, Delaware Technical & Community College- Stanton; 400 Stanton-Christiana Road ; Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 11:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, Students \$4.00, Children are Free w. adult; educational exhibits of mineral, lapidary and fossil specimens, displays from regional and university museums, a roster of fine dealers of minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry and lapidary supplies, door prizes, demonstrations of gem cutting and polishing and a children's table, where youngsters may purchase inexpensive

mineral and fossil specimens. ; contact Wayne Urion, (302) 998-0686; e-mail: wurion@aol.com ; Web site: www.delminsociety.org

April:

2-3—JOHNSON CITY, NEW YORK: Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Johnson City Senior Center; 30 Brocton St.; Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm; Adults \$3.00, Children 12 and under are free; Annual club show "47th. Museum of Gems" Exhibit's - Ultra Violet Display - Flint Knapping demonstration - Beads and Supplies -Minerals and Fossils - Door prizes - Food and drinks for sale. Mineral and Gemstone Identification. Lots to do. Come early and stay late.; contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St., Bainbridge, NY 13733, (607) 967-8552; e-mail: stonecuttertom@yahoo.com

August:

20-21 St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club Show, Madrid, New York

**50th Annual Show - show site to be announced soon. Free admission, free mineral kits for kids, free gem tree classes. Fluorescent mineral hunt for kids Friday, 5th, at dusk. Hrs. Sat. 9-4, Sunday 9-3
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Christmas Party 12/12/2015 "The Club" - Canton, NY Bring a gift to exchange if you wish.

