



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: January – February, 2013

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Our next meeting will be March 7th at the Canton Library, 6:30. Please bring a mineral specimen for show and tell and we will have a pot luck dinner before the meeting. In February some members will be traveling to **Albany for the annual show February 23rd and 24th.** If anyone wants to car pool please let us know.

President: William deLorraine

Vice President: Scott Sutherland

Secretary: Joanna deLorraine

Treasurer: Chris Sutherland

Field Trip Coordinators:

Bill deLorraine

Scott Sutherland

Newsletter Editor: Bill deLorraine

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

Please make sure we have your current e-mail address

We strive to send all newsletters via e-mail

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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

Minutes from the _____ **Last Meeting**

Our last meeting was our annual Christmas Dinner Party at "The Club" in Canton, NY. There were 9 members attending. Chris Sutherland won the door prize of a mineral specimen of disseminated sulfides crystals on matrix. Bill gave a power point presentation on the Balmat Zinc Mines and reasons for the mineralogical diversity of the North Country.

Save the Date:

40th Rochester Mineralogical Symposium April 18-21, 2013 Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport at 175 Jefferson Road Rochester, NY 14623



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[EFMLS Website](#)

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Registration forms available for Wildacres- contact Bill deLorraine

Wildacres (classes on beading, cabochons, faceting, geology, photographing minerals, silversmithing, soapstone carving, wirewrapping, etc. April 18th – 24th or September 2nd-8th

\$380.00 per person. Deposit of \$190.00 per person payable with registration.

Upcoming Shows 2013

February 2013

16-23: Annual Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the So. Maryland Rock & Mineral club. The Show Place, Marlboro, MD.

March 2013

9-10: Clifton, NJ - The North Jersey Mineralogical Society is proud to announce: 24th Annual North Jersey Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show at: Pope John II Center, 775 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ, March 9 & 10, 2013, 10am-5pm. Sponsored by The North Jersey Mineralogical Society. Door prizes, Refreshments, Free Specimens for all kids, all indoors, free parking. One of the TOP gem and Mineral shows in the North East! For more info: Visit our website - www.nojms.webs.com

23-24: Sayre, PA - The 44th Annual Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc, show will be held on March 23 & 24, 2013. Athens Twp. Vol. Fire Hall, 211 Herrick Ave., Sayre, PA. www.chehannarocks.com

23-24: Hamburg, NY - The 45th Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society, the Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY

June 2013

1-2: Plainview, NY - EFMLS Convention & Show hosted by the Island Rockhounds and Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club. Plainview, NY. EFMLS Meeting; Friday, May 31.

2-3: Smithtown, NY - EFMLS Convention & Show hosted by the Island Rockhounds and Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club, Smithtown, NY

Aug 24-25: Madrid, NY - St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club's Annual Show

We received a communication from the Rochester Mineral Club, Cindy Newman, that they would like to join in with our club on some local digs Memorial Day weekend and perhaps have a picnic at the deLorraine homestead at Sylvia Lake. We will make some definite plans at our next meeting, but we replied yes, that sounded like a great idea. She said maybe a small contingent from Rochester, 9-10 people are interested in coming up.



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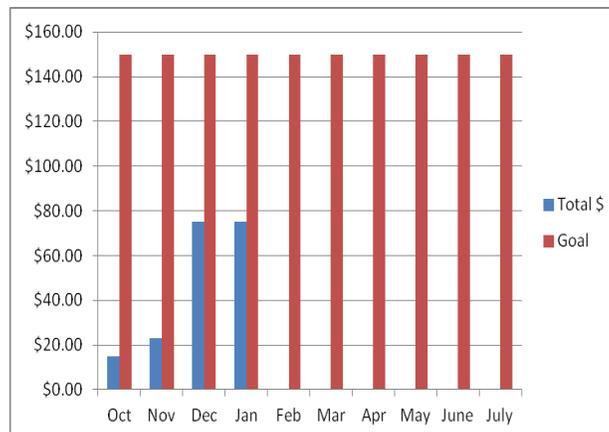
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UV Light Bottle Drive

Recently we initiated a bottle drive as a means to generate new funding to purchase UV lights for the Kid's Fluorescent Mineral Hunt held every year at the show. The chart below shows the progress achieved so far in achieving this goal. The goal of \$150 (Red bars in the 3D graph) will go towards the purchase of two UV lamps. Simply bring in your redemption \$\$ to the next meeting or send a check to Treasurer Chris Sutherland (address on P.1).

Thanks to a generous contribution by Gary Gonyea, we now have \$75.00 in our bottle drive account.

UV Light Bottle Drive Chart



The month of December through January 19th the Gouverneur Museum had on display minerals from our St. Lawrence County Mineral Club. Joe Laurenza, hosted a reception at the Museum with around 60 people attending. The article below was headlined in the Gouverneur Tribune Press. Thanks to all who helped out with this. It gave our club much publicity.



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This open house was a real gem!

by Sandy Wyman

Besides the festive air, due in part to the holiday décor at the Gouverneur Museum, the Saturday, December 15, open house to showcase the rocks, minerals and gems of earth's diverse geological resources from the forming of the planet itself, the formations gathered in display certainly took center stage.

From the lowly galena (lead) to volcanic tubes filled with colors of "gems" in hues of the rainbow, the show of showy seemed to hold everyone's attention span throughout the two plus hour open house.

Around 60 attended and there were many of the younger generation in house including some soldiers who had lots of questions having purchased stones or carved objects from another part of earth's massive crust and below.

One of the most interesting finds of the day belonged to Jeff Hall, of Theresa, who during his employment in North Dakota had the presence of mind after a flood to go and look what might have been unearthed after the water resided.

Low and behold, the petrified samples of wood were something not ever



seen in our neck of the woods, heavy, gray and retaining their original shape as far as we know at this writing it sure was something to see.

The show continues until January 19, and the museum is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., so there is still time to take in the best the old earth has to offer from here to the Southwest and South America plus many points in between.

There is a large display of Herkimer diamonds on view and can still be found in certain locations in that North Country.

Be sure to stop by and check it out!



Local mineral expert Bill deLorraine (left) checks out a large piece of petrified wood with Jeff Hall at the Gouverneur Museum on December 15. The special exhibit on gems will be featured at the library until January 19. (Sandy Wyman photos)



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Because of the holiday schedule, once again, our local subscribers can expect their paper a day late in the mail or on the newsstand. We'll be out on Saturday, January 5.