



ROCK PICKENS



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

Date: June/July, 2025



Next meeting is at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, July 8th 10th, at the Canton Library, 8 Park St., downstairs in the Paige Room.

President: William deLorraine

Vice President: Preston Zeallor

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Treasurer: (Acting: Joanna deLorraine)

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Club Dues

Dues are only \$15.00 for a Single Membership and \$25.00 for Family memberships

Memberships run through 12-31-25

(Family memberships cover family members residing at the same household with the same USPS mailing address)

Make checks payable to: **St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club** and mail them to:

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2025 Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Shows

July 7-8—MONROE, NEW YORK: Orange County Mineral Society of NY annual show; Museum Village, 1010 Route 17M; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission: Adults \$5, Seniors \$3. Scouts in uniform and children under 12 FREE

July 12-13 — Syracuse Gem Show: at the NY State Fair Grounds in Syracuse; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$8 Adults, Free for children under 12 & scouts in uniform with paid adult admission; tickets only sold at the door.

July 19-20 — Herkimer Diamond Gem

Show: Herkimer County Fair Grounds, 135 Cemetery St., Frankfort, NY 13340

July 19-20 — 44th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show: Champlain Valley Exposition, Expo North Bldg., 105 Pearl St., Essex Junction, Vt.

August 23-24 – St. Lawrence Rock &

Mineral Club's 58th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show at the Canton, NY, Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St., Canton, NY.

September 20-21st. POUGHKEEPSIE: Show and sale; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.; Gold's Gym & Family Sports Center, 258 Titusville Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$6, Seniors/Students \$5, Children under 12 FREE



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Field Trips:

To sign up contact VP & Field Trip Coordinator,
Preston Zeallor. 315-244-3040

- Fluorescent hunt; Harmer's Crusher Pad June 21^s (already completed)
- Bush Farm, Sunday, June 28th (James Taylor lading trip) 315-742-7589
- Moose River, June 29th (?)
- Diamond Mountain (TBD)
- Powers Farm August 23rd during show leaving at 9AM from the show. Must register ahead of time. (limited number)

Minutes May 13th Meeting:

May 11th, 2025, Meeting 13 attended

The meeting started at 5:30 PM sharp. President Bill deLorraine welcomed everyone. He introduced Cyndy Beechard and Grace Spencer from Ilion. Cyndy gave a talk on Eurypterids. Cyndy brought lots of samples for all to see. Cyndy gave everyone a folder of the State of NY on Eurypterids. On the state map, the Silurian Period which they were from was highlighted in yellow. The map shows where continents used to be. She had a sample horseshoe crab. They came from the same species as spiders, ticks, and scorpions. They had 2 tiny claws which were used to stuff food into their mouths.

Joanna deLorraine gave the Treasurer's report.

Preston Zeallor gave a Field Trip Report. He stated that the Macomb Field Trip had 3 families with kids. James and Denise Taylor found some good pieces. Under "new field trips," Bill noted that Gardenscape is flooded. It is also being sold, so things are up in the air. Other possibilities include Hall Farm for green tremolite, Bush Farm, and Harry Harmer's for fluorescents.

Bill noted that the storage shed inventory was completed earlier. In attendance as inventory helpers were as follows: Bill & Joanna, Cyndy

Beechard, Grance Spencer, Gary & Lisa Garlough, and Bob Tailon.

A show worker's sign-up sheet was circulated amongst meeting attendees.

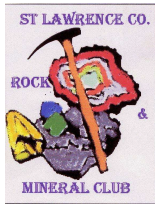
Heather gave a talk on club T-shirts from a new company, Great Northern Sign, Potsdam. They would need to do a silkscreen of the logo. The company they will be buying from is "Canvas." She had samples of their T shirts for us to inspect. The shirts were lighter than the ones we've had in the past and everyone voted to go with the new company as their prices were about the same as the old company we ordered from. We voted on colors, and selected teal.

Heather also asked a question: she was "told by someone" that our club paid \$300.00 for one vendor to have showers at the show. She asserted that most vendors, when traveling, have a place to stay and they plan, like she does when she goes to the Herkimer show. Bill and Joanna both said that was not the case. Joanna said we never paid \$300.00 for one vendor to take showers, but she would look it up and get back to Heather. Bill said it was not that much, and it was not just for one, but for all vendors, providing hot water and bathroom use behind the bleachers for Sat. only. Bill also sent a detailed informational cover letter with the vendor registrations which told all about it and that it was for all vendors. Heather did not remember seeing this. (Update at the next meeting.)

Door Prize. Heather drew the tickets. Bob won the Eurypterids specimen that Cyndy graciously gave to the club; our new member won the petrified wood piece.

Barb Decker had information on Phoebe Rogerson's obit. She had copies to pass around from the Watertown Daily Times and North Country This Week. She noted that the calling hours would be starting at 1:30 PM at Grace Episcopal Church in Canton with the funeral following at 2:30PM.

Bill asked if there were any other questions. Preston made an announcement that Melissa



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would no longer be doing wire wrapping classes for the club. There were some heated issues brought up. Meeting ended shortly thereafter.

Minutes of the June 10th

Meeting:

10 Members attended the meeting. The meeting began at 5:42 PM.

Introductions around the room were given.

- Joanna read the Treasure's Report.
- Field Trips: Preston gave a report about Diamond Mt. Mike Whitton said we could come for 2 days for 10 people. \$25.00 a day for the second day. Preston will send out an email to see how many want to go.
- Bush Farm field trip – meet at school 10:00 in Richville, then caravan.
- Report on the \$300 Pavilion cost that was questioned previous month by Heather: the first year the town raised the Pavilion rental across the board by \$300. In response to the increase, Bill negotiated with the Pavilions' manager, Meghan, to provide hot water to all our vendors on Saturdays.
- Club Picnic- Melissa sent e-mail. 3 confirmations so far.
- Chairpersons needed for

- Advertising, nominating committee. Melissa volunteered to chair nomination committee. Meeting ended at 6:15 PM

Mineral of the Month.

Amazonite

Amazonite is an attractive gemstone known for its distinctive blue and green color. It is a variety of potassium feldspar called microcline. Its chemical formula is KAlSi_3O_8 , indicating it is composed of the elements potassium, aluminum, silicon, and oxygen.



Feldspar Minerals Are Very Common. Amazonite is a green variety of microcline, which is a type of feldspar—one of the most common mineral families on Earth. Its Color Is a mystery The beautiful blue-green color of amazonite puzzled scientists for years. It's now believed to come from trace amounts of lead



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and possibly copper. Amazonite was used in ancient Egypt for jewelry, including pieces found in King Tutankhamun's tomb! It is strong but soft enough to carve. On the Mohs hardness scale, amazonite scores about 6–6.5, so it's relatively soft compared to quartz, but still tough enough for carvings and beads.

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Notes From the President:

Hello everyone – my apologies for the later than usual arrival of this newsletter. We recently were able to receive FIOS at home! -- a good thing. Lots of unexpected difficulties on the tech side -- not so good. Our internet was down for quite a while. Couple that with lots of summer travelling (Drs appointments, LOL) So I'm sending this out now and then it's off to getting a fresh August newsletter in the works!

I thought you would be interested to know that one of our very own club members, Mark McKenna, was recently inducted into the NYS Hockey Hall of Fame. (See below)





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- Mark founded the **Mountain Warriors Sled Hockey Team**, inspired by a moment at Fort Drum when he saw a soldier in a wheelchair unable to access gym equipment.
- He began hosting “Learn to Play Sled Hockey” sessions in 2010–2011.
- His annual **Mountain Warriors Sled Hockey Tournament** at SUNY Canton draws teams from across New York and Ontario.
- He was nominated by Michael A. Smith, a former NHL coach and executive, and was unanimously approved by the Hall of Fame board

We have been putting a lot of time into getting ready for this year’s show, Our club’s show signs have been deployed around the North Country and we are in pretty good shape that way for advertising. It appears that next year we are going to need a number of new bases so that we can increase our presence and density of sign “plantings” to enhance our visibility even more. Depicted below is the 2025 show sign deployment map.

There will be an adult fluorescent field trip Sat. evening of the show to Harmer’s crusher pad. Please let Bill know if you are interested, limit of 20. Dino Zack is leading the trip. Meeting at Tripp’s Diner in Fowler. Time to be announced.

