



# ROCK PICKENS



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: May, 2026



Next meeting is... **May 12<sup>th</sup>**, 2026 @ the Canton Free Library at 5:30 PM

**Below is the list of newly elected Officers and Chairs for 2026-2028**

**President: Linda Schnittger**  
**Vice President: Gary Garlough**  
**Secretary: Amanda Fogg**  
**Treasurer: Ashley Meade**  
**Field Trip Coordinator: Preston Zeallor**  
**Field Trip Scout: Noah King**  
**Safety Coordinator: James Taylor**  
**Newsletter Editor: William deLorraine**  
**Newsletter Assistant Editor: Amanda Fogg**  
**Show Chair: William deLorraine**  
**Advertising: William & Joanna deLorraine**  
**Webmaster: Glen Simonelli**

Effective: January 01, 2026 - December 31, 2028

## \*\*\*Club Dues\*\*\*

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

(Memberships are **renewable now** and run through **12-31-26**)

(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:

**Ashley Meade; Treasurer**  
**St. Lawrence Rock & Mineral Club**  
**3715 County Rt. 14**  
**Madrid, NY 13660**



## 2026 Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Shows

### June

**06-07: Orange County Mineral Society gem, Fossil, Mineral and Jewelry Show**  
1010 Route 17M, Monroe, NY  
Admission \$5.00 Kids/Seniors \$3.00  
Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4.

### July

**11-12: GemWorld, NYS Fairgrounds**  
581 State fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY  
Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4.

**Visit us at:**

[www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org](http://www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org)

Here you will find **upcoming events**, notes from club meetings, pictures, membership applications, and much more!



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**18-19;** Herkimer Diamond Gem Show:  
Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY  
Admission \$6.00; Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-5.

## August

**29-30: St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Show.** 90 Lincoln St. Canton, NY.  
Sat. 9-4:30 Sun. 9-3:00  
Admission \$5.00 children under 12 free

## September

**19-20 Herkimer Diamond Gem Show:**  
Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY.  
Admission \$6.00; Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-5.

**19-20 Mid-Hudson Gem/Mineral Show**  
Gold's Gym, 258 Titusville Rd. Poughkeepsie,  
NY. Admission \$6.00. Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4.

## October

**24-25 Rochester Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show & Sale.** 435 E. Commercial St.,  
E. Rochester, NY. Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4.

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## Minutes From the April Meeting:

Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2026

- Linda called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **Officer & Committee Reports:**

- Linda requested that the minutes of March's meeting be read aloud. Amanda did not have a copy on hand. She will make sure to have them available in the future to be read aloud.

- Treasurer report not available. Linda mentions being in favor of an audit being performed once per year.
- Preston Zeallor mentions field trip to Rose Road for May 3rd. He is waiting for response about a trip to Herkimer which would be at the end of May or beginning of June.
- Melissa Zeallor had no monetary updates regarding wire wrapping. She stated that the next class would be Sunday, April 19th from 1-3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus. In the future she would like to try to hold classes at the First Presbyterian church due to nice facility and poor communication with the K of C.

### **Old Business:**

- Storage shed organization date set for May 23rd at 9 a.m. There is a need for specimen boxes and labels.
- **Action:** Check with Heather O'Hara about boxes as she mentioned being able to provide some during the March meeting.
- Paying Sandy for the amethyst cathedral was discussed. Linda said that Ashley (treasurer) and Sandy should make arrangements for that reimbursement of approximately \$340. The question was raised if Sandy should be asked to purchase another cathedral for the next show. All were in favor.
- **Action:** Bob motioned to give her another \$400 for the purchase. Melissa seconded.
- Bill briefly mentioned the mineral kits for kids. He is sure there will be need for more specimens to be added but is waiting for Dino to check the stock and get back to him.
- **Action:** Table for discussion later.

### **New Business:**

- Currently Bill produces the newsletter and sends it out via email. Linda asked if anyone was willing to take that over from him, saying that she



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will eventually take it over herself. No one volunteered, so Bill will continue for now.

- **Action:** Bring it up again at another meeting.

## Mineral of the Month: Millerite

Millerite is this month's "Mineral of the Month" because it's found close to home at the Sterling Mine in Antwerp, NY, a place we've visited several times in the past and where we hope to revisit in the future. Perhaps one of the best specimens of this mineral came from the Sterling Mine; it currently resides in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. A relatively uncommon Nickel sulfide mineral, it forms brassy, golden needles. At the Sterling Mine, it occurs typically in association with earthy and specular hematite, quartz, goethite, -- to name a few. The Sterling Mine is the first locality in the US where Millerite was identified. A lucky collector there may find a specimen where Millerite needles have been replaced by the green serpentinous mineral Pecoraite. Another famous US locality is Halls Gap, KY, where Millerite needles occur in quartz geodes.



Hair-like, filiform millerite in a quartz geode. Hall's Gap Road Cut, Lincoln County, Kentucky, USA.



Millerite; Sterling Mine, Antwerp, NY



Thompson Mine, Manitoba, Canada



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## Notes From the President:

