



# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: November 2014

## November 2014

The next regular meeting will be held on Wed. November 5th, 6:00 PM, at the Canton Library. Pot Luck dinner; bring a dish to pass and table settings. Please bring a mineral specimen for "show and tell".



**President: William deLorraine**  
**Vice President: Scott Sutherland**  
**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**  
**Treasurer: Chris Sutherland**  
**Field Trip Coordinator: Jerry Curcio**  
**Show Chairperson: Bob Taillon**  
**Advertising: Heather O'Hara**  
**Newsletter Editor: Bill deLorraine**  
**Webmaster: Glenn Simonelli**

### Minutes From the October 1st 2014

#### Meeting:

*The meeting started at 6:37 after a pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all. Seven members attended. Joanna read the minutes from the October meeting; Barb made a motion to accept them. Chris read the treasurer's report. Bill brought up the topic of scholarship pledges to the colleges. There was much talk about the dollar amounts we should give to the colleges, but decided on \$500.00 to SUNY Potsdam and \$500.00 to St. Lawrence. Last year Potsdam College allocated the scholarship monies between several students for mineralogy books. This is made possible by funds brought in throughout the year through sales from the club table, geode cracker, and auction at the annual show and from generous donations, such as Stuart Gardner who donated many mineral specimens to our club from the collection of Bob Simon, a former miner engineer at Benson Mines. We also received a \$100.00 donation from Joe Laurenza, curator of the Gouverneur Museum, who did so because he was so delighted with the popularity of the Club's geode exhibition. This year Bill and Jerry displayed their collections of geodes, along with a*

### 2015 Membership Dues from August 2014 to August 2015

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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**

#### Contact information:

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#### THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:

**[www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org](http://www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org)**



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*rare dulcote geode from Scott Sutherlands' collection. The Gouverneur Museum said that opening day brought in the most ever for any exhibit at the museum! A number of school classes toured the exhibit as well. (Many thanks to Joanna, Jerry, and Scott for their participation and help in making this a huge success.)*

*Scott Sutherland talked about the fact that he had "deposited" many rocks in his driveway over the years and he was delighted to see how the driveway lit up with a black light! Turns out much of it was scapolite from Pitcairn. He also talked about the Beaver Creek area where Andy found a possible new Danburite locality. The only other places Danburite is found are Danbury, Ct. and Russell, NY. There were a variety of opinions expressed and the specimen was sent for further identification to St. Lawrence University and Hamilton College for identification.*

*Chris has booked our Christmas Party dinner for "The Club" in Canton on Sat., Dec. 6th. RSVP cards will be sent to members shortly. Save the Date. George Robinson will be our guest speaker.*

## Geode Exhibition, Gouverneur Museum



*Overview of Geode Display*



*Close-Up of Geode Display*



*Geode display with polished agate slab sun catcher*



*Mexican Coconut Geode display*



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**Citrine Cathedral display**

## Upcoming Shows

**November 14th -16th:** Hamburg, NY Hamburg Fairgrounds. Grange Building - South Park Ave. Friday and Sat. 10:00-6:00 Sunday 11:00-5:00. [www.gemstreetusa.com](http://www.gemstreetusa.com)

On a sad note, Virginia Searles, lifetime member and past Treasurer of the St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club, passed away on October 20th at the Fletcher Allen Medical Center in Burlington, VT.

At a future date to be announced, there will be a graveside service at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Parishville. Arrangements are with the Garner Funeral Service.

She was a lifetime member of the St. Lawrence County Rock and Mineral Club. She loved making jewelry out of rocks and gems. She was also a member of the BPW (Business and Professional Women).