



# ROCKPICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: November 2016

## November 2016

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM at the Canton Library. Pot luck dinner!

**President: William deLorraine**

**Vice President: Lisa Garlough**

**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**

**Treasurer: Ashley Meade**

**Show Chairperson: Gary Garlough**

**Newsletter Editor: Bill deLorraine**

**Webmaster: Glenn Simonelli**

### Club Members

Please pay your annual dues; many of us did not catch up annual dues at the show.

Please mail dues to:  
**Ashley Meade, Treasurer**  
**3715 CR 14**  
**Madrid, NY 13660**

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

We strive to send all newsletters by e-mail

**Single Membership: \$10.00; Family Membership: (Family members under the same roof at the same mailing address):**

**\$20.00**

**Contact information:**

**315-287-4652 or**  
**[wdellie@gmail.com](mailto:wdellie@gmail.com)**

**THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:**

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

## NOVEMBER



### **Minutes from the August Meeting.**

**11 members attended the Oct. meeting. The meeting opened at 6:15 PM with a pot luck dinner. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve by Wes Jennings and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Decker. Treasurer's report was read by Ashley Meade. Bill noted that we normally award mineralogy scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to St. Lawrence Univ. and SUNY Potsdam. Bob Taillon made a motion to do the same this year and Roberta Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Next year's show will be held the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of August at the Canton Pavilion. Bill mentioned that we are looking for an Advertising Chair and new Treasurer at the end of this year. We also need a "Chair" for speakers at meetings. There is a list of field trip locations which Sue and George are examining, crossing off those that the land owners no longer allow access to. The Christmas Party is Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at "The Club" in Canton. More information to follow. We are looking for a guest speaker for the X-mas party. Bill spoke with George Persson during the last field trip at the Benson Mine stop and asked if it would be possible to bring in heavy equipment to turn over the pegmatite pile. George indicated that it would be possible to**



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**do so and at reasonable cost. Other clubs would contribute to covering the cost as well. Bill said the “mineral of the month” could be selected from the list of minerals from St. Lawrence County that appears on our show flyer. The list could be expanded to include minerals from the NW Adirondacks. George won the door prize drawing of calcite from Charcas, Mexico. He donated the specimen to the Potsdam Geology Dept. We looked at the “Show and Tell” calcite crystals that Bill brought from the Gardenscape white marble Quarry on the Seavey Rd. near Gouverneur. He noted that Dr. Bruce Selleck from Colgate University gave a talk recently at St. Lawrence University having some bearing perhaps on the way these calcite crystals were formed. (Dr. Selleck grew up near Pierrepont on a farm located on the Selleck Road). Dr. Selleck’s talk had to do with dolomitization of marble in NW Adirondacks, or the process of converting it from a calcium carbonate to a calcium-magnesium carbonate. During the dolomitization process, Ca ions are “lost” in solution and there is a volume loss in the rock as well. The white calcitic marble in the Gardenscape quarry is normally unremarkable in terms of crystal collecting save for patchy, tan to brownish stained areas, which turn out to be enclaves of dolomitized marble. Bill related to us that he began looking in the tan-colored blasted rubble because he knew that fluids must have altered that volume of rock, and that it had been dolomitized. The search paid off! There was calcite crystal-lined vugs, some with bladed barite. Bill’s interpretation of the field evidence was that the vuggy areas were manifestations of the**

**“volume loss” and the Ca ions lost to solution during dolomitization were reprecipitated as calcite crystals in the vugs. He is sticking to that story.**

## Message From the Prez

The annual Christmas dinner is set for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at “The Club” in Canton, NY, 6:00 pm. (5:30 for Cocktails). We will have two drawings, one for a centerpiece and one for a mineral specimen. Guest speaker to be announced.

Please let us know your choice of menu. We must have reservations before Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> to ensure a place for you. Please call us or send an e-mail to [wdellie@gmail.com](mailto:wdellie@gmail.com) with your dinner choice and how many will attend. A stipend of \$8.00 to each current member will be given at the dinner.

Dinner choices are:

Prime Rib (salad not included) \$17.99 (salads are \$3.95 extra)

Chicken Monterey \$12.00 (salad extra)

Haddock \$13.00 (salad extra)

Pasta Primavera (salad included)

**Oct 29-30 9am-5pm at 53 Becky Ave Tupper lake. [518-354-3211](tel:518-354-3211) ; also [aster52002@yahoo.com](mailto:aster52002@yahoo.com).**

**Wes Jennings** is having a Rock & Gem sale from his-1500lb collection of stones from New York State & most recently collected from the Northwest & Southwest. I will also have some freebies.



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## Metaphysical Minerals

The following article was contributed by Bob Taillon.

**Herkimer Quartz "Diamonds"** are the high energy seekers of the crystal world. Unusually transparent with a brilliant sparkle, they manifest pure, solid Light and are powerful amplifiers of spiritual energy. As perfect conduits of the universal Life Force, they are exceptional healing crystals, and are used in meditations, dream and vision work, and advanced spiritualization applications. Herkimer Diamonds are the most powerful of all Quartz crystals. Being doubly terminated, they have the ability to not only transmit their own energies, but to receive spiritual energy and to amplify and focus it intently. They are reported to be harder than all other Quartz, giving them the strength and durability to handle difficult challenges beyond the scope of other Quartz crystals. What they lack in physical size, they more than make up for in spirit energy.

This mineral owes its name to Herkimer County, New York, USA, the principal place where it is found. The small, double-terminated crystals are short and stubby, formed in a hard rock matrix giving them their strength. They may be exceptionally clear and colorless, or contain rainbow inclusions, air bubbles, or black carbon deposits. A small percentage of these crystals contain enhydro inclusions of water. Some are smoky rather than clear, and similar-looking crystals have been found at other sites, but generally do not have the same hardness or high gloss of genuine Herkimer Diamonds. [Simmons, 196][Eason, 136]



## Herkimer Diamond Uses and Purposes -

### Overview

The Herkimer Diamond is an "attunement stone," useful for attuning to another person, group or environment. It is particularly beneficial to use before the "laying-on-of-stones," or other healing situations when the practitioner and subject are not well acquainted, and is an exceptional crystal for linking people together who have to be apart. For attunement, the Herkimers should be held simultaneously as one at first, then upon parting, each person should retain one of the stones; or, a cluster may remain at one location while an individual carries a portion of that cluster on his person to connect with the energy of a group or environment. [Melody, 319][Hall, 143]

Herkimer crystal is also a valuable asset in its ability to receive and magnify the influence of other stones. It expands a small or soft energy stone, giving it the strength and effects of a much larger stone. [Megemont, 67][Simmons, 196]

Herkimer Diamonds have a crystal memory, accepting and retaining information which can be retrieved at a later time. They may also be programmed with thoughts of love, well-being, or healing for others to draw on. [Melody, 319-320][Hall, 143]

The Herkimer Diamond is extremely useful in healing environments where its clarity, brilliance and high frequency facilitates the removal of energy blocks or debris, and stimulates healing by increasing the amount of Light energy the body can utilize. [Ahsian, 197-198] It is an exceptionally strong crystal for clearing electromagnetic pollution, radioactivity, and geopathic stress, and makes an excellent environmental spray or gem elixir. Larger Herkimers, even cloudy, included ones, may be used to grid a home, healing space or bed. [Hall, 143][Ahsian, 197] Herkimer is a good crystal for teachers of spirituality and alternative therapies. As a power stone in the workplace, it brings positive attention and prosperity through high achievement, and assists with research and study as it stores knowledge. It is also beneficial in stabilizing company finances. [Eason, 41, 136]



## Herkimer Diamond Physical

### Healing Energy

Herkimer crystal is a supreme remedy for fighting pain. Placed on the afflicted area, the energetic current begins to circulate in as little as three to four minutes, reducing the pain until it disappears. [Megemont, 67]

Herkimer Diamond is a powerful purifier, ridding the body of toxins, and has been used to correct imbalances in RNA/DNA, cellular disorders, and metabolic rate. [Melody, 320][Hall, 143] It is helpful in preventing physical exhaustion and burnout, and stimulates immune defenses. [Eason, 136]

Herkimer alleviates tension in the outer and physical bodies, and helps to re-align the energy structure. It also releases tensions and rigidities of body tissues, allowing for memory recall in these areas to help facilitate healing. [Melody, 320][Hall, 143]

Herkimer is also supportive of the eyes and is useful in eyesight correction or healing. [Ahsian, 197]



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## Herkimer Diamond Emotional

### Healing Energy

Herkimer Diamond carries an energy of delicate harmony and an understanding of the essential being within the self. It allows for appreciation of all that is within us, and encourages us to recognize that there is "nothing to become," that we already are what we are seeking and only need to allow the actualization. [Melody, 319]

Herkimers encourage the concept of beginning again in this lifetime, clearing the body-mind system of unconscious fears and repressions, and allowing for total relaxation and expansion of the Life energy. [Melody, 319]

Rare, water-included Herkimer Diamonds are special healers of the emotional body, helping to see one's deepest self and in bringing the light of Spirit into dark places. In clear Herkimers, water inclusions stimulate the heart center, creating an illuminating and uplifting energy that may bring on feelings of rapture. In foggier Herkimers, water inclusions allow one to see what one fears most within oneself, without judgment or losing heart. Water-and-carbon-included Herkimers assist in removing energetic chords, arrows or patterns from the emotional body. [Ahsian, 197]



## Herkimer Diamond Spiritual

### Energy

Herkimer Diamonds emanate the brightest crystal Light, purifying one's energy field and attuning to the Divine.

They carry the grace of a constant, almost subliminal connection to higher spiritual domains, even to the point of drawing angels to its pure etheric radiance. [Simmons, 196] Herkimers have also been credited with enticing fairies.

Because of their high vibrational frequency, Herkimer Diamonds may stimulate clairvoyant and clairaudient abilities, and may assist in prescience or telepathic communication. [Melody, 319] They are extremely useful for vivid dreams and dream recall, and may be used to recover past life information. [Eason, 136][Hall, 142]

Herkimers are powerful tools for astral travel, dimensional shifting and other explorations into expanded reality. Grids with large Herkimer Diamonds are used to create dimensional doorways, their internal structure making them ideal for both sending and receiving energy. They provide power and assistance when establishing vortices for Earth healing or sacred space, and are suitable for electrical or magnetic vortex grids. [Ahsian, 197]

Because of its powerful otherworldly energies, Herkimer is not a stone for children or animals. Carrying Herkimer or wearing as jewelry for prolonged periods may cause disorientation in some individuals. [Eason, 136]