



ROCK PICKENS



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: November, 2022

Our November mineral club meeting is Wednesday, November 2nd, 6:00 PM, at the Canton Library. Show and tell: Bring specimens of minerals you have bought or collected this year. A short PowerPoint presentation on the Balmat Mines will be given by Bill deLorraine.

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**William deLorraine; President
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Upcoming Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Shows

*President: William deLorraine
Vice President: Scott Sutherland
Secretary: Joanna deLorraine
Treasurer: Paisley Kodama
Field Trip Coordinators: Gary Garlough & Noah King
Webmaster: Glen Simonelli*

Effective August, 2022 – December, 2023

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November 11-13, 2022. Gem Street USA - Buffalo Show; The Fairgrounds at Hamburg (Grange Building), 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, New York 14075

November 19-20, 2022. Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show; Civic Center Plaza, pin 100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning, New York 14830-2856

Feb. 2023 TBD James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show NYS Museum, Empire Plaza, 222 Madison Ave.

2022: TBD Winter Dem, Mineral & Fossil show Civic Center Plaza, Pin 100 Nasser Civic Center, Corning, NY

March 2023 TBD. Buffalo Geological Society Gem Mineral and Fossil Show; Erie County Fairgrounds, 5600 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, NY 14075

April 2023 TBD. Rochester Mineralogical Symposium; Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport, 175 Jefferson Road, Rochester, New York 14623

Rock On!



***** Club Dues *****

Dues are only \$15.00 for a Single Membership and \$25.00 for Family Memberships (per household @ the same mailing address) and run through December 31st, 2023



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April TBD: Freeport Gem & Mineral Show,
Freeport Rec. Center, 130 E Merrick Rd.
Freeport, NY

**May TBD: Finger lakes Gem, Mineral & Fossil
Quartz Fest** Canandaigua Civic Center, 250
North Bloomfield Rd. Canandaigua, NY

**August 26th – 27th, 56th Annual St. Lawrence
County Rock & Mineral Club Show:** Canton
Pavilion, Canton, NY

Minutes from the October Club Meeting @ Canton Library:

Mineral Club Meeting October 5th, 2022. 13 members attended. We went around the room with the customary introductions. There was no Treasurer's report and no Field trip leader's reports available. There was a club field trip to Pierrepont at Powers site on Sunday, Oct. 2nd. Carlene talked about the Powers trip. She said there was a lot to find in the spot. She was there about 1 to 1 ½ hrs. Jason Fogg and family said they were there until about 2:30 PM. Jason said there was mica everywhere. Delaney got 60-70 small pieces.

Bill announced a change in agenda; we will now hold the "Show and Tell" early in the meetings. Carlene brought rocks from Powers.

Under new business: we are looking for a person to fill the "Show Chair" position. Next year's show dates are scheduled for Aug. 26th & 27th. We need lots of minerals for "kits for kids". Bob Taillon suggested reaching out to other clubs for "kits for kids" material. Bill said we need to make an inventory of signs. Please bring to the next meeting any that you might have at home. The signs and bases basically cost us \$15.00 each and each year we lose some. Bill picked up a sign in Alex Bay the end of September!

Christmas party ideas. Bob Taillon will check

with his son about having the party at the Blue House in Madrid, 6:00 PM, Saturday Dec. 11th. More to come. Barb asked about having it at the Smokehouse and Phoebe the Clearview, Mullins, in Gouverneur. Bill and Joanna will check at Mullins.

We did vote on scholarships for Potsdam and St. Lawrence to give each \$500.00 this year. We talked about having zoom meetings possibly in January and February. The Albany NY show is in Feb. ; date to be determined.

Carlene will work with Bill on presentations for the meetings.

Samuel Fogg won the door prize, a polished, spiral shaped, rose quartz flame.

Notes from the President

We are having our Christmas party at the "Blue House" in Madrid on December 11th, I am pleased to report. Further details and dinner menu will be forthcoming. I'm pleased to report that we have almost double the balance in our account than we thought at our last meeting, this because we didn't have a Treasurer's report -- nor a Treasurer -- at that meeting. So much for relying on "memory"!

This will enable us to increase our scholarship checks to SUNY Potsdam and SLU from \$500 to \$1000 each without jeopardizing our ability to acquire specimens for Mineral kits for Kids, the Kids' fluorescent hunt, etc.

Other considerations include acquisitions of additional "show signs" and also, we might consider purchasing new shelving for our storage unit. I suggest stackable steel units available from "Uline" which are stronger than our present plastic shelving units and which also take up less valuable space.

Joanna and I approached Meghan Richardson, Pavilion director, about the possibility of having a mobile ATM unit at our show this coming year; we are awaiting her response as of this writing.

Come to Wednesday's meeting and see the PowerPoint presentation I have prepared Re: the Balmat Zinc mine: its minerals, infrastructure, underground workings and equipment; --Bill--