

# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: October, 2018

## October

The next club meeting is Wednesday,  
**October 3rd, 6:00 PM at the Canton  
Library.**

**President: William deLorraine**

**Vice President: Lisa Garlough**

**Treasurer: Phoebe Rogerson**

**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**

**Show Chair: Gary Garlough**

**Webmaster: Glen Simonelli**

**Field Trip Coordinator: If interested please  
contact Bill deLorraine**

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William deLorraine, President  
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### Club Dues:

\$10.00 Single Membership

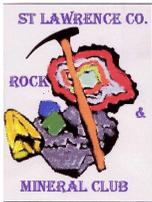
\$20.00 Family Membership

### Minutes from the September Meeting:

11 members attended the September meeting. The club sponsored a pizza treat before the meeting as a "Thank you" to this year's show helpers. The meeting began at 7:12 with the normal introductions. We had a show sign round-up. Any signs that were returned at the meeting were taken to the storage shed after the meeting by Scott Sutherland. Joanna gave the Treasurer's report and passed around a profit/loss

statement from the show and graph of income over the years. Bill noted that the egg cartons utilized for the kids's mineral kits were never received from Price Chopper this year. We checked in with Price Chopper just before the meeting tonight and they said that next year they will be sure to put the order in much earlier. Bill let the club know that we were asked to make a donation, if possible, towards long-time club member Paul Rice's burrial expenses. Davie Millis motioned that the club donate \$100.00; seconded by Roy -- motion passed unanimously. It was mentioned that the pavilion rental fee went up \$200.00 this year and that there is still no Wi-Fi there. We feel it's an unacceptable situation because our vendors are loosing out on sales. The Jr. Hockey league was supposed to help to get Wi-Fi installation set in motion, but nothing has come of it yet. Bill said members and vendors should write their concerns attention Mike Dalton, Mayor. Bob Taillon had a lady he had to turn away and Bill said another vendor lost much in sales also. Someone called Bill before the show and talked about an environmentalist who advised her to "throw out" any of the tremolite that her son collected, that it was hazardous to their health. Also someone at the show asked the same question. Bill told her that it was not hazardous, that these are large crystals -- not fiberous ones and that they are safe to collect. She did attend the show with her son and stayed for a long time. Bill purchased a nice green tremolite specimen from the club table for her son, with mother's permission, to the delight of the boy who noted "how nice everyone is" at the show.

We asked the club about newsletter printing. This month it was around \$27.00 for 18 newsletters, but it was a longer letter with more pictures than normal. The club voted and decided to continue to have them printed monthly by Ferguson Printing. Scott Sutherland



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said he would forward Bruno's address and telephone # to Bill to be in the next newsletter. Bruno would love to hear from club members.

Bruno Baldacci  
8681 Sugar Tree Dr.  
Novelty, Ohio 44072  
Tele: 330-690-2997

Bob Tailon questioned the pricing on the tables. He said one vendor paid \$80.00 for his tables but only had specimens for sale for \$2.00 - \$3.00 each so he only made \$20.00 for the weekend. He said that forces out smaller people. It was noted that is "how they learn, it may have been their first show, nothing is guaranteed, better pieces make more to be able to afford the tables". Dave Millis said he could have used more flyers for Higley Flow. And we need to have them at the Syracuse show next year. Guest speaker and presenter Dave Millis gave us a class on wire wrapping. He donated the materials and also gave away a few flats of mineral specimens as door prizes. Thank you very much Dave for a very fun and interesting meeting. Wes Jennings won the door prize drawing this month, a dendritic moss agate.

## News and Bits from the Prez

Check out the listing of upcoming field trips to see what's in store for late summer and fall. It promises to be a good future collecting time! With a week left before the scheduled trip to Benson mine at Star Lake on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the status of the "Pegmatite Pile" is as follows. The contractor is finishing up with crushing operations and is in the process of cleaning up and buttening things down. He will be moving the excavator to the pegmatite pile by "low-boy" but the time frame is not certain as of this writing. The caretaker will advise as soon as

this is accomplished but at any rate the trip will proceed in conjunction with the Wayne Co. club as planned whether the pile has been overturned or not.



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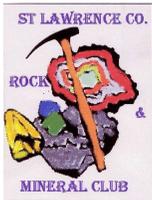
## **Wayne County Field Trips 2018:**

Bill Chapman – Field Trip Chair  
batnpill@empacc.net; 607-868-4649 or Fred Haynes –  
Newsletter Editor  
fredmhaynes55@gmail.com 585-203-1733

**Friday Sept. 21** -- We will visit Rose Road in Pitcairn for much of the day. I am trying to set up a visit to the Valentine Mine in Harrisville (either inside or at the gate) that can work with the mine operator. (Due to 7-day/week operations and liability issues this part of the trip has been cancelled).

There is a \$5 fee for collecting at Rose Road. The club will pay this fee for WCGMC members.

**Saturday, Sept. 22** - We will visit Benson Mines in Star Lake. We will meet at the IGA food store in Route 3 in Star Lake with plans to depart for the mine dumps at 9:00 AM. Bill deLorraine of the St. Lawrence Club is working with the caretaker there in an effort to have the dumps with the muscovite and pegmatite turned over. If this happens this visit will carry a \$10 per adult collecting fee to pay for this work and the club will cover the remainder of



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our club's share of the cost. We may spend most of the day at this location if the dumps are turned. We may stop at the roadcut in Fine, NY in the late afternoon or folks can choose to return to Rose Road. Rose Road is an after dark UV location, but given the logistics of our motels, this may be hard to work for many.

**Sunday Sept. 23** - Bill DeLorraine set up a visit to a private site in Macomb where there are white quartz crystals and crystal clusters some embedded in coarse calcite. We'll meet at McDonalds' in Gouverneur. **Be ready to leave McDonalds' at 9:00 AM" (i.e. come earlier if you plan to eat).**

## **October 6-7; Walworth Quarry Open House**

1200 Atlantic Ave., Walworth. Sat. 7-2 pm, Sun. 7-12,

## **Upcoming Shows:**

**27-28 October, 2018** Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show & Sale Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, NY Sat 10-6; Sun. 10-5.

**November 17-18—LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA:** Gem Miner's Holiday; Mid-Atlantic Gem & Mineral Association; Lebanon Valley Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-4; admission \$5, children under 12 free; vendors with gems, jewelry, beads, minerals and fossils, gift and craft-related

items, wholesale section available, hourly door prizes, grand prize drawing, handicap accessible; contact Jill Feder, (908) 720-1774; Email: [jillfeder.jf@gmail.com](mailto:jillfeder.jf@gmail.com)

## **Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase February 2-17, 2019**

Tucson becomes a playground for the world of international gem and mineral trading, collecting, and treasure hunting when the Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase arrives every January-February every year.

**Re: Sept. 21-23 Wayne Co. field trip with the St. Lawrence club,** Fred Haynes sends this note: You may also want to visit the Mindat sites for Rose Road and Benson Mines to read more and see pictures of both the sites and the minerals. Below are links:

**Rose Road** - Wollastonite or Green Diopside Mound - <https://www.mindat.org/loc-7083.html>

**Rose Road** - Purple Diopside Mound - <https://www.mindat.org/loc-257354.html> and yes that is me high in the crevice in the middle photo when you open the page! Van King took that picture in 2014.

**Benson Mines** - <https://www.mindat.org/loc-8651.html> If you are not familiar with [mindat.org](http://www.mindat.org), it is a wonderful website with info on locations and their minerals. There is often little information on ownership or access and this is on purpose since that changes all the time. But as far as finding locations and knowing what to look for the website is very useful. And it is worldwide! There is a lot more on the site than location data if you just surf around in it a bit.