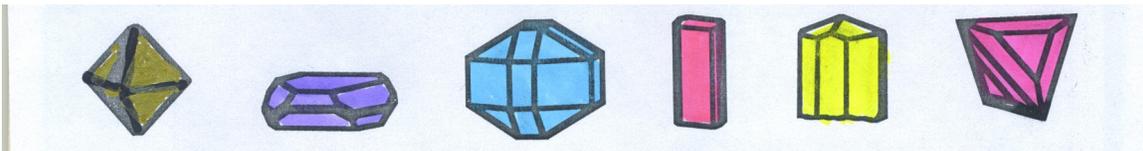


CHE-HANNA SKIN-SKINNER FEBRUARY 2026 EDITION

PREZ REPORT:

Our January meeting was with Dr Jennifer Peteya, Assistant Professor of Biology at Bloomsburg University. She let us in on the research that is going on the finding out what the colors of some of the feathers etc. of our prehistoric dinos were. Her excitement showed in her presentation. It was enjoyed by all which was a pretty good turn out. We did however still has a few chairs that were not filled.

NOTE: Last minute change, The program for Sunday, February 15 will be "Science Olympiad."



VP REPORT:

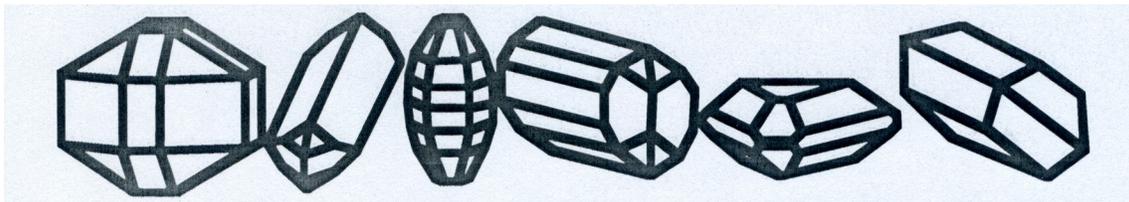
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club will meet on Sunday, February 15 at 2:00 P.M. at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. Please use the door next to parking lot marked Valley Seniors and go downstairs. Elevator is available.

The program will be "Science Olympiad"

Many of you know that we had a lot of Pebble Pups that participated in this after-school program at the Athens Area School. At the moment, we do not have any Pebble Pups involved, so Inga has asked for volunteers from the Harlan Rowe Middle School students. These students participate in at least 26 different events, some are academic events, some are building events. The students are building helicopters, scramblers, boomilevers, hovercraft, some robotic things, ping pong parachute, egg drop devises and so on. They are studying anatomy, disease detective, entomology, meteorology, dynamic planet, remote sensing, solar system, rocks and minerals, a lot of physical sciences, chemistry, and so on. The students attend several invitational testing events in preparations for the Regional contest on March 11. If they win that, as they have in the past, they move on to State competition on April 25. The team has made it to Nationals several years in a row. The odds are looking good for them to do this again.

The Pebble Pups will meet at 1:00 P.M. to decide on their display case theme and play the saran wrap game instead of regular door prize drawing.

Their January meeting is usually their annual holiday party. This year, they went to the bowling alley as a reward for working at the show last year and had lunch at Pudgies Pizza. A Good time was had by all! The girl team beat the boys team. Ms. Dorothy awarded some pretty nice Herkimers as their prize.



SECRETARYS REPORT:

Board meeting - 18 January 2026

Meeting called to order by President, Bob McGuire.

Inga had some publicity stuff to talk about. No notices to the Eastern Federation for the show. Trish to take care of this plus up-dating the meeting officers and other information. Inga will see about taking out a radio ad, also Rocket Courier ad. Some Sherry said she will work with us on that.

Inga was going to give the Morning Times the kids meeting and see if he'll put it in and also in the Daily Review.

Bob showed the show poster to be printed. FOMS in Franklin, NJ, put an ad on their website about our show.

Two contracts still to come in.

Jeff mentioned about Gambal Printing for flyers, etc. Jeff will do a display.

John Milligan was contacted and will not be doing a display as he has to work on Sunday. They will be there to help on Saturday.

There was talk about ideas to get people to come to meetings, picnics and show. They are thinking of a trip to the Museum of the Earth for a visit and tour. Inga is making contact for that. Will keep everyone up-dated.

Program for February is a presentation by Carl. He's having some major health issues so may no be able to come. If so, Inga will bring stuff from Science Olympiad on rocks and have a quiz.

Trish gave the Treasurer's report.

Picnics were discussed. The food truck will be available again this year. Stella's Food Truck --- good variety and good prices.

Motion made by Jeff, seconded by Trish, to adjourn.

Regular meeting minutes -- 18 January 2026

Meeting called to order by President, Bob McGuire, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. No additions or corrections to the previous minutes, so a motion was made by Marv, seconded by Inga, to accept the minutes.

Trish gave the Treasurer's report. After some discussion, report was filed for audit.

JoAnn gave the Sunshine report. All good. Anyone needs a card or call, let her know.

Jeff gave a little bit on membership.

Jeff brought up about getting permission to buy geodes. Inga motioned, seconded by JoAnn, to give Jeff permission to buy the geodes. Motion carried. For show publicity, it was mentioned to put an article in the Canton paper. Inga will take care of radio and newspapers.

Picnics, as of now, are June 14th - Towanda River Front; July 19th - Jim King park in Athens; August 16th - Hornbrook. Keep watch of the newsletter. These dates may change once they've been contacted. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. The club will provide the meat platter and rolls. Meet at Noon, eat at 1 p.m. May be some activities before eating and after eating.

For the February program, if Carl is not able to come, Inga will do rocks from Science Olympiad and have a quiz. Maybe Bruce can bring some rock related books from the club library.

March program will be Rich Gula from Mt. Pisgah.

April program will be George Walko from the Scranton club on Europolites (not spelled correctly).

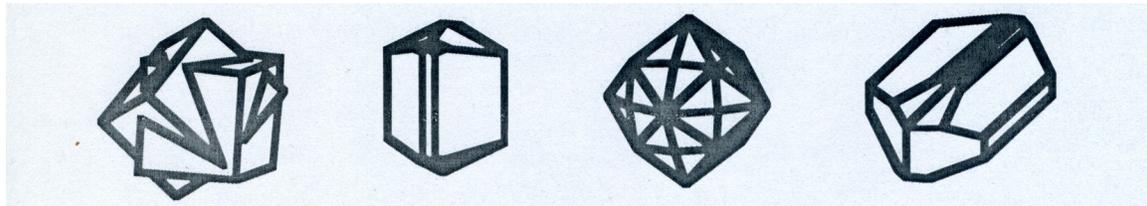
May program is Sprouts from Picture Rocks on shells.

Trish mentioned there are Che-Hanna winter hats left over from the Christmas party. They sell for \$13 each. Contact her if interested.

Trish is to contact EFMLS to up-date the directory information and pay the insurance. Mention the show also.

Jeff mentioned February 3rd or February 21st (Saturdays) to go to Museum of the Earth.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave, seconded by Trish.



SUNSHINE REPORT:

Brrrrr!! It's COLD! Hope all of you are well and enjoying whatever you are doing. Just think.....Spring is just around the corner. Which one.....I don't know. Sympathy to the family of Gloria Dick who passed away. She and Dick were long time members of the club. They enjoyed many field trips with other club members and gave a big collection to SRAC.

Get well to anyone who has been feeling poorly. Hope you feel better soon.

There are still the flu and other viruses going around so be careful when out and about.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to anyone who celebrates in the month of February.

Don't forget our show is coming up very soon. If you can help in any way please let Bob or Inga or any club member know how you'd like to help. We need many volunteers to have a good show. We've done it every year and hope 2026 will be another good year.

See you at the meeting on the 21st. Stay well; stay warm. (I borrowed that from Mary.)

JoAnn
Lady Sunshine



My memories of Gloria Dick



Gloria passed away on January 20, 2026, at the age of 95.

Many of you have not had the privilege of working with her on club displays or going on field trips with her and her husband D.H. I was very fortunate to have those experiences.

Gloria was mentor, role model, and friend to many of us.

Gloria belonged to several clubs and joined Che-Hanna soon after it was founded. The name Shin-Skinner for our newsletter came about during a field trip with the Dick and Walter family. Marge Walter drew the picture in the original newsletter, that we still use today. The whole Walter and Dick families enjoyed a lot of field trips together. Many other club members joined them at a cottage owned by Gloria's parents at Alexandria Bay by the St. Lawrence Seaway. There were many field trips to Canada because Gloria belonged to the Central Canadian Field Trippers Guild and knew a few quarry owners. Our club had

many special trips to the Rose Quartz pits due to the Dick's connection with the owner.

Long before I joined the club, I became friends with several club members and went to every show. I met Gloria as she stood by her display cases and talked to people about the minerals and rocks in the case. She mostly displayed self-collected minerals from field trips. Her cases always were very professional and well thought out. The most important part was that she interacted with people looking at the minerals or rocks and that created an interest in these people in joining the club to go on those field trips with the club and learn more about the hobby.

Gloria appreciated the common and plain minerals that most folks ignore. She had a special way of cradling the specimen in her hands while she explained the geologic history and chemical compositions of that mineral or rock. I learned from her to use daily newspapers to wrap specimens, that way you can see when they were collected. She would put different colored dots on the specimens to denote different locations and writing an identification number on it with India ink.

At one of the shows, I saw a mineral with the location name of Wilberforce Canada. I told Gloria that I was headed there to find my childhood babysitter that now lives there. She drew a map to a location next to a road where I could easily collect some minerals. I still have the huge Fluorichterite and the book of mica I collected on that trip. I wonder how many other folks were able to collect some nice minerals following Gloria's precise directions.

The Dick family camper was a pick-up truck that D.H. built up and that was very ingenious. A place for everything and everything in its place made long field trips to far flung areas while collecting many rocks possible.

Gloria and I became close friends after I joined her on trips to the Rochester Mineral Symposium. Many years later, the folks we met there always asked about my mother and I knew they were talking about Gloria. She was well respected by the well-known movers and shakers of the mineral world.

When I first joined the club, I knew very little about club or EFMLS procedures, lapidary stuff, and so on. I had always collected rocks and fossils and had taken geology classes, but there was so much more to learn.

At that time, I joined in 1983, Betty Hasco was the bulletin editor, and she asked me to help with that task. She would drop off a handwritten note pad on my back porch for me to type up after I came home from work or college classes. You can imagine, not knowing some of the terms and trying to read her handwriting, I made more than a few mistakes. Gloria would quietly and kindly correct me, teach me what I needed to know, so I could do better the following months. I appreciated that. She also had some tips on how to deal with the cumbersome

printing machine that Ted Keir gave to me to produce the newsletter. Gloria knew what it took to put together a newsletter, for me it was usually last minute, to get it in the mail to all our members wide and far.

Gloria also belonged to a club in Virginia. I remember one year, Gloria gave me a poem she had written for that club's newsletter. I published it in the Shin-Skinner the same month as the Virginia Club and when that other club submitted it for the Bulletin contest, she didn't get the prize because it had been published in another newsletter too. She and I had long phone conversations about rules and regulations of the EFMLS competitions. I could always trust her with any complaints or concerns. Gloria did not gossip.

I will always remember one display Gloria entered of her self-collected minerals at an EFLMS show in Syracuse. The minerals were collected on a trip to Michigan. There was a mineral from a place called Maybee, an old mining town, in the case. The judge took off points, saying that she should not put a mineral in case, if she did not know where it came from. Well, that was before Google.

I had hoped Gloria would embrace e-mails and social media as many of my older friends that are homebound enjoyed. She never did. I think it is sad when organizations stop sending printed newsletters to older members that are not on the internet. These people build the club and they feel left behind.

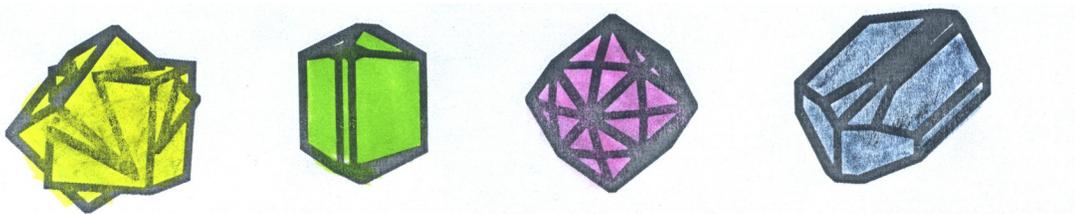
Gloria and I shared many common interests. We belonged to SRAC and were interested in the history of this land. She and her brother and friends would collect Native American artifacts along the Chemung in Big Flats. She donated a lot of material to local museums, and I think there is still quite a bit left in the greenhouse or sheds.

I hope to share some of her poems when the weather warms up and can dig into the club library and my own memory box.

As Ted Keir always said, "that's my story and I'm sticking to it."

Thank you for reading my memories of our club member Gloria Dick

Inga





Rest In Peace

Lovely Lady