

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

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PURPOSE: The club was organized in 1962 in Sayre, PA to assemble for the purpose of studying and collecting rock, mineral, fossil, and shell specimens, and to develop skills in the lapidary arts. We are members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

DUES are payable to the treasurer BY January 1st of each year. After that date membership will be terminated. Make checks payable to Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. as follows: \$12.00 for Family; \$8.00 for Subscribing Patron; \$8.00 for Individual and Junior members (under age 17) not covered by a family membership.

MEETINGS are held at the Sayre High School (on Lockhart Street) at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria, the 2nd Wednesday each month, except JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, and DECEMBER. Those meetings and events (and any changes) will be announced in this newsletter, with location and schedule, as well as on our website chehannarocks.com. Visitors are always welcome.

FIELD TRIPS are scheduled regularly from May through September; dates and details will be announced in this newsletter and on the club website.

ARTICLES submitted for publishing should be emailed to the editor using any text (ASCII) format; attempt will be made to use whatever is sent. Please make paragraphs obvious.

Deadline for submissions to the next Shin-Skinner issue is **21-September-2017**. Whatever you send me is likely to get published, so please **clearly mark** any part you don't want to see in print. Articles without by-line are written by the editor.

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Notable this month...

Wednesday, September 13, 7 PM

- **First Meeting of the Fall**
- **SRAC talk on Susquehanna Expedition**
- **Sayre High School cafeteria (on Lockhart St)**

Visit us at our website: <http://www.chehannarocks.com>

We Talk To Each Other - We Help Each Other - We Teach Each Other - We Smile A Lot!

President's Note

Hello Rockers:

Many of us are really in the rocker category but try to ignore it. Our last get together was the last picnic of the year. Members started the day cutting geodes and having a blast at it. Pretty soon it was time for food and that's always a big hit. After our tummies got filled, Dave showed us how to polish a specimen in 5 minutes. Worked pretty darn well. Then, of course, it was game time and the game was dice. Everyone is a winner at Dave's games.

Now we start the new season back in the high school at regular times. Sept is a board meeting at 6:00, program at 7:00, and then regular meeting. Up in the air is a **bus trip**; there'll be more at the meeting.

October is our annual auction. A bunch of specimens were donated by the Gilbert family who were members in the 60s. Bring your mineral related overstock to build the auction sales.

Seems like all organizations are reaching the situation where almost everyone is antique and running out of steam with not much of any one left to do the work. Tell some of your younger friends, who don't know what a hobby is, that there is a great meeting in September at the Sayre High School. Tell them that their name was called last time and they missed out on the \$100 prize. No, maybe not, might get in trouble. Just bring a friend.

—See you there,
Bob

Sunshine Report

Hilda Gardiner had her surgery on August 22nd and will probably have to have more chemo treatments, so keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a full, speedy recovery. She's so anxious to get back to work. I keep in touch with her on Facebook. I will get a card to her.

Get well to Bill Dimmick who had another toe removed. He hopes to be at the September meeting, but will see how he's doing. If you want to send a card, send it to his home address as he will probably

be out of re-hab soon. I will get a card to him.

Get well to Peggy Huffman who had recent surgery. Hope she's doing well and on the road to a speedy recovery. Thinking of you, Peggy.

I hear that Helen Tracy is doing pretty good and getting around a little better. Maybe we'll see her at a meeting soon.

Forgot August birthdays, so will do them, along with September. Hope everyone has a wonderful day. Happy Birthday to these August folks: Sam Robison; Virginia Milligan; Faith Toth; Mary Walter; Jerry Keener; Katie Phykitt; Brittany Hajguda; Ed King; Suzie Milligan; and Cindy Karpovich. Happy Anniversary to these August people: David and April Walter; Ed and Amanda King; Frank and Suzanne Niver; and Zach and Jillian Walter. September birthdays include: Gloria Dick; David Dick; Kaylea Mendez; April Walter; John Milligan; Dave Millis; Ed Toth; Charlotte Hajguda; Frank Niver. Anniversaries include John and Dee Margetanski; and Wes and Janet Kocsis.

I've been keeping up with Flossie Lines through her daughter, Chip. She posted a picture the other day on Facebook of the two of them getting their hair done. Flossie is looking so much better and hope she continues to improve with therapy. She's a fighter, that's for sure. Send a card to her; make her feel good and know that you're thinking of her.

Got this note from member Gay-Dee Bloss:

Please thank the club for placing the agate book in the Ulster library in memory of Paul. It is nice to know you remembered him and his love of making and sharing cabochon making. He had a gift making them and sharing with children. Good memories. Thank you again!

If you know of anyone who needs some cheer, please let me know and I'll get a card out to them, or give them a phone call.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you at the meeting, back at Sayre High School, on September 13th. Hardly seems possible that summer is almost gone.

—Miss Sunshine
JoAnn

Picnic Geodes



Polishing Class



Picnic Grub



Dave's Games



Courtney Shepler & Kati Phykitt



Junior Rockhounds (Pebble Pups) Alumni

Some of our Juniors are starting their College years. Breanna Forrest is attending Bloomsburg University. Courtney Shepler and Katie Phykitt are at Messiah College. McKenzie Clouse is also at college. I much enjoy the posts by their moms on Facebook.

Cameron Shepler has returned to the University of Arizona where he studies Geosciences. On his drive back to college, he visited several National Parks and Monuments. He bought a car over the summer and I'm looking forward to Facebook photos of his adventures in the West. After graduation, he plans to be working for the National Park Service. He has visited many of the parks while still in high school and many more during his years at college in the Western US.

Ariel Walter, a 2014 graduate of Athens Area High School and former Pebble Pup, had a great summer as an intern at Boeing. The company has put her on the employee educational leave and will hold her job for next summer. She is studying Aeronautical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the school will help her with her PhD. Best of luck to all of them.

I, and many other club members, have always felt that we should have our own **scholarship** for Junior Rockhounds heading off to college. These kids helped at the shows and make us so proud that they took the time in their childhood to be a Rockhound.

—Inga

Cameron Shepler



October Meeting Program

The September Che-Hanna meeting will have Deb Twigg from SRAC as speaker; her topic will be "The 1916 Susquehanna River Expedition". Following is a brief summary of the talk:



A century ago this spring, a team of archaeologists traveled the Susquehanna River by canoe, searching for evidence of habitation by prehistoric Native Americans dating back thousands of years.

The 1916 Susquehanna River Expedition marked the first scientific exploration of a waterway central to the history of North America. It's considered a milestone in the annals of archaeological discovery 100 years later.

"The primary purpose of the survey was to record and examine prehistoric sites," wrote expedition director Warren King Moorehead.

—Ted

Upcoming Shows



September

16-17... HARRISBURG, PA:

52nd Annual Show of the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club; Zembo Shrine Center: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5;

<http://www.rockandmineral.org/annual%20show.ht>

16-17... POUGHKEEPSIE, NY:

48th Annual Show and sale; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc., Gold's Gym & Family Sports Center; 258 Titusville Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Students \$2, Children free under 12 with adult; Show Theme- Garnet, the New York Gemstone; Dealers of Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Jewelry, Beads, Tools and Books. 6 free rocks for kids, annual earth science scavenger hunt for area high school students, fluorescent mineral display booth, lapidary demonstrations. ; contact Carolyn Reynard, 110 College Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, (845)-471-1224; sunstone33@verizon.net;

www.mhvgms.org

23-24... FRANKLIN, NJ:

61st Annual Franklin-Sterling Mineral Museum Gem & Mineral Show with Outdoor Swap; Franklin Mineral Museum, Littell Community Center; 10 Munsonhurst Road #12; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$7, Children \$4 (6-16); contact Robyn Seger; pesolutions.minerals@gmail.com;

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnualFranklinSterling>

October

20-22... BRISTOL, CT:

66th EFMLS Convention will be held in conjunction with the 45th Annual Gem and Mineral Show in Bristol, Connecticut, hosted by the Bristol Gem and Mineral Club. See <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/convention.htm> for details.

28... BIGLERVILLE, PA:

Swap & Sale; Franklin County & Central Penn Rock & Mineral Clubs, South Mountain Fairgrounds; 615 Narrows Road; Sat. 8-3; Adults/Seniors \$1, Students/Children Free; Lots of fun for all ages in a covered pavilion with food stand.; contact Tom Smith, (717)-552-6554; e-mail: tsmith1012@comcast.net

Editor's Note

I hope you had a nice summer; we're getting started on a new season of meetings. As always, if anyone had memorable rockhound experiences over the summer, drop me a note: I'm sure everyone would be interested.

I'd like to extend a big thanks to Trish Benish for her occasional email notifications, whenever some news needs to get out before I can send it out in a bulletin. They help a lot in keeping everyone informed.

Editions?

One of the benefits of my bulletin production software setup is that I can produce more than one edition of each issue without too much extra trouble (EG, I already shrink the paper version slightly so that it won't run off the edges when printed). Would anyone be interested in a **Large Print** version?

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