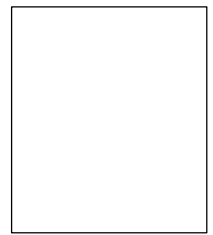


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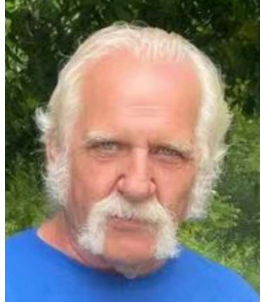
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Bruce Benish

President's Message

by Bruce Benish

Happy Thanksgiving everybody. It's the day before Thanksgiving (yeah my newsletter is last minute again) and the weather has gotten cold.

The November meeting went well. Dave gave a talk on the different types of mica and the plans for the Christmas party were finalized.

Our next meeting is the Christmas party on December 10th at the Wild Fire Restaurant. The name on the sign is still the Riverstone, so don't be confused. As in years past there will be a gift exchange. Keep your gift in the \$10 to \$12 range if you chose to participate.

For those people who don't come and I don't see otherwise Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bruce

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

**PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH TO:
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THANK YOU.**

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**CHRISTMAS DINNER IS DEC 10TH
WILDFIRE RESTAURANT - SIGN SAYS RIVERSTONE
47 LEISURE DR. TOWANDA, PA 18848 (570) 265-8882
MEET AT NOON. EAT AT 12:30 & OUT BY 4:00**

Photo by JoAnn McGuire



Bob McGuire

VP NEWS

By Bob McGuire

November program was the Rock Doc doing MICA. Dave talked about the various types of mica and showed many examples. He then proceeded in demonstrating how to slice or split the mica into very thin pieces. He has spent a couple years building things with these thin pieces of mica and showed some of his works including the large house. Then samples were made available to attendees.

The Christmas Party will be past by the time this comes out but I wish each and every one of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Bob

Bob McGuire photographs



C.Bourne photo

**JoAnn McGuire**

Sunshine Report by JoAnn McGuire

Hope all are doing well. Don't really have anything much to report. Inga is doing much better since her fall. Hope she continues to improve.

Stay safe and stay well. I did hear there is a flu bug going around and hope no one gets it. Weather has been so up and down, cold and hot, it's no wonder folks are sick.



Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party on the 10th, weather permitting.

If you know of someone who needs some cheer, please let me know and I will take care of it.

JoAnn
Lady Sunshine



December Birthdays

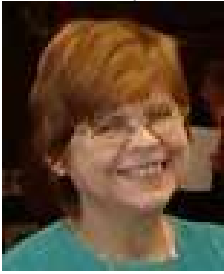
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December Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this month

C.Bourne photo

**Inga Wells**

Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News

By Inga Wells

The Pebble Pups will not meet in December.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 21 at 1:00 P.M. at Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. We meet in Bethel Hall, so please use the ramp door at the back of the building.

This will be a combined meeting of both groups and our annual holiday party with pizza, cookies, games, and prizes.

We had eleven children attend the November meeting at the Ulster Rec Center. We learned about feldspar and quartz and made holiday themed items. Our next meeting at the Ulster Rec Center is on Saturday, March 9 at 10 A.M.

At our November meeting at the South Waverly Borough Hall, we learned about the copper and silver minerals and turquoise, the traditional birthstone for December. We had a family with four children join our meeting. Everyone created some nice winter-themed items.

This is just my personal opinion and based on my personal experience, I'm a believer in the antibiofouling properties of both ores. Silver and copper have great antimicrobial properties. Many ancient cultures stored their water in copper vessels and some still do.

Wishing everyone a meaningful holiday season and hope to see all of you in 2024.

Inga

November Board Meeting Minutes

by Mary Walter

- 7 board members in attendance
- Trish Benish gave the treasure report. Filled for audit. Trish will be reviewing the budget for next year. A check that was sent to FMLS for scholarship was returned, the person it goes to has changed.
- There was discussion about the inactive members, the club having to paying insurance with FMLS for them. This was put on hold for now.
- There are 3 members that are shut ins and will receive gifts from the club for Christmas. Helen Tracy, Gloria Dick and Peggy Huffman.
- Inga Wella gave a scheduled of where the Juniors will be meeting. They are now using the Ulster Rec building, South Waverly Community hall and the Methodist Church. She wanted to thank Dorothy Stevens for making arrangements for South Waverly and paying the usage fees. Hazel Remaley thanked Inga for all she puts into working with Juniors.
- Bruce Benish is going to look into donating the picnic tables that were at Satterlee Creek to the Litchfield boat launch.
- Talked about what publicity is needed for the upcoming show.
- Bob McGuire handed out the new contract for use of the Wysox fire hall. Bob also turned in three checks from dealers to pay for their table space at next year's show.

Secretary Mary Walter

*November Club Meeting Minutes**by Mary Walter*

Dave Millis did a presentation about mica. He explained the different varieties of mica and the what it can be used for. Dave showed some of the art work that he has made using mica sheets. He showed how to separate the sheets from the book. Dave gave away door prizes.

After a break the regular meeting was held. There were sixteen (16) members in attendance.

- The October 2023 minutes were approved as written
- Trish Benish read the treasures report. The report was approved for audit. Trish will be reviewing the budget for next year. Trish reviewed the preparations for the Christmas party. Reservations for the party needed to be turned into Trish the November meeting.
- Bob McGuire turned in three checks from dealers that will be at next March's show. We have a food truck that will be show. The contract with Wysox Fire company for use of the hall has been signed. It was discussed what publicity is needed for our upcoming show. We are going use standard hand out.
- JoAnn McGuire gave a Sunshine report. Janet Andrus will be having surgery in February. The DeMarcos are not feeling well.
- Discussion of definition of levels of membership was discussed.
- The Christmas Party will be held at Wildfire restaurant in Wysox just over the Towanda bridge. Starts at noon with meal served at 12:30pm. We need to be done by 4pm. Buffet and dessert with cash bar. Coffee and some cold beverages provided.
- Dues for 2024 are due by December 31st 2023. Jeff Benish is handling memberships. Please mail checks made out to Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club to:

Jeff Benish
9516 N. Rome rd
Athens, PA. 18810

There are a limited number of club tees shirts for sale. The shirts are \$9 each plus \$5 shipping. Shirts will also be sold at our upcoming show. Contact Trish Benish if interested. 570-888-1026 mail checks to:

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Happy Holidays

Secretary
Mary Walter

Upcoming Shows & Events

From: <https://www.rockandmineralshows.com/location/mineral-shows/pennsylvania>

November 2023

25-26: Pittsburgh Gem Show

Washington County Fairgrounds – Hall 2, 2151 N. Main St., Washington, PA 15301

Website: <https://www.Pittsburghgemshow.com>

March 2024

23-24: Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club – Annual Rock & Mineral Show

The Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club Christmas party will be:

Sunday December 10, 2023 at 12:00 pm. At 12:30 pm, food will be served

at: Wildfire Taproom & Grill (**formerly Riverstone Inn**)
47 Leisure Dr. Towanda, PA 18848 (570) 265-8882

We hope to see you there for a fun afternoon of fellowship with our club.

The cost will be \$5.00 for Active members(after six months) \$15.00 for new members)

\$15.00 for Sustaining Members

\$15.00 for the first guest and \$20.00 for additional guests

Members will receive a refund of \$5.00 if you attend but no refund or gift will be given if you do not attend. This is an option that if you prefer that your refund cost of the dinner be sent to the Susquehanna River Archeological

Center. If you want to use the \$5.00 as a donation instead of a refund the club will honor that . Please let me know if you want a refund or if you want it to be a donation. We will choose a charity each year.

Reservations were due November 8 2023.

Any reservation received after November 8, 2023 will not receive their gift from the club as we need to purchase the club gifts ahead of time.

We will still do the optional gift swap for those who want to participate by bringing a gift costing about \$10-12 hobby related and labeled male or female if it is gender specific.

Reservations for the party are to be sent to:

Trish Benish 9516 N. Rome Rd. Athens, PA 18810

Checks are to be made out to Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club
Please note if you want a refund or donation.

Members in good standing please give your shirt size also.

Committee Members:

Trish Benish, Lou & Tony DeMarco, Mary Walter, Janet Andrus & Luci McKinery