

*Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.*  
 9516 N. Rome Rd., Athens, PA 18810



**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 St) 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](http://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 **18-February-2019**. 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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## Mark your calendars ...

Wed, Feb 13 - 7pm — Che-Hanna monthly meeting — Sayre High School, on Lockhart St

Sat & Sun, Feb 23-24 — Albany Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show — New York State Museum

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

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### **Note from the Vice President**

The January program was a big success with the various tables set up for wire wrapping, plastic lacing, jewelry making, and micro-mounting. All had a good time.

Regular meeting was mostly on updates on our upcoming 2019 show. Some members took home some of the show fliers and posters to put up the end of February. More will be at the February meeting.

Meeting for February will be another fun session at 6:00 with one area set up for tree making with Inga, and another area set up for some education on dinos by Anna.

The program will be "The Microscopic Mineral World of Adirondack Garnet" by Dr. Robert Darling from SUNY Cortland. Come one, come all, Open to the public.

—See you there,  
Bob

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### **Sunshine Report**

Happy Birthday to Zack Walter, 8th of February; Inga Wells, 11th; Brian Phillips, 18th; Sandy Keener, 21st; Nancy Welles, 23rd; and Priscilla Lingenfelter, 24. Hope you all have a nice day.

Happy Anniversary to Jerry and Sandy Keener, 23rd; and John and Suzie Milligan, 26th. Have a great day.

Had to give some sunshine to Bob and me. Bob got a cold and shared it. Ya know....misery loves company. We've been slowly getting better. Just a lot of sneezing, coughing, stuffy noses, etc. Hope you all aren't bothered with colds and flu.

Was nice to see Hilda at the meeting teaching her wire wrapping skills to the two new young men who joined. They were quite impressed with all the work stations and have signed up to help at the show.

Sympathy to Bill Dimmick on the passing of his Mom. Bill has been battling cancer and in remission right now. Thoughts and prayers to him and his family.

Don't know of those who've been kinda under the weather, so I'll just say "Get Well" to all of you.

Stay warm with this unpredictable weather. See you in February at the Sayre High School cafeteria, 7 p.m.

If you know of someone who needs a little cheer, please let me know and I'll do my best to take care of it.

—Miss Sunshine,  
JoAnn

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### **February 14th is Valentine's Day**



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## **January Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was convened by acting president Bruce Benish.

Show will be held March 23rd and 24th, 2019.

The Tuscarora club offered assistance with the show.

A Hope Diamond replica by late member Joy Bourne will be on display.

Two display cases are still open for the show.

A saw is needed for geodes; the possibility of renting one was discussed. We also need sticks for cabochons.

Arrangements for the setup and disassembly of the show were also worked out.

There will be no (board) meeting next month.

Treasurer's report by Trish Benish was next. We received a very nice letter of thanks from the Taco Food Pantry for our Christmas donation.

Meeting adjourned by acting president Bruce Benish, seconded by Bruce Benish.

—Anna Markevitch

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## **January Club Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by acting president Bruce Benish, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trish Benish next presented the treasurer's report — copies are available upon request.

Thanks to the Christmas Party committee for making all the arrangements for our holiday get-together.

Next was the sunshine report given by JoAnn McGuire.

The club would appreciate any input for possible field trips. Some suggestions already presented to Vice President Bob McGuire include museums in New York City and Rochester, NY, several rock shows and mining sites, including Herkimer, NY. A sign will be placed at March's rock show showing availability.

It is the 50th year of Che-Hanna's rock show. If any dealers have any gold to show or sell a a celebration of our 50 years, it would be appreciated.

All of our dealers are set to go as of tonight's meeting. We've been offered assistance at or next show by the Tuscarora club. There will be no gem tree this year. The trailer will be brought down and returned by Bryan McGuire.

Next meeting we will be recruiting volunteers for set-up, take-down, security, etc.

There were crafts featured after the meeting by Inga Wells and Trish Benish. Inga featured jewelry making, and Trish had plastic rope-lacing. Bob McGuire had a micromounting workshop that was also a lot of fun.

On January 20, Ann Markevitch and Inga Wells will be at the Sayre Health Care Center to do a talk about fossils, minerals, and geology, in general. Every is welcome.

Next meeting will be the 13th of February. Robert Darling from Corning Community College will be discussing garnets.

Motion to adjourn by acting president Bruce Benish, seconded by Mary Walter.

—Anna Markevitch

**January Workshop Pix** —photos by Bob

McGuire



Mary and Jeff checking out specimens.



Bob showing a new way to view specimens



Allan and Cory being taught wire wrapping by our Hilda (in center)



John really excited looking through the scope.



Anna and Max deciding what to mount.



Inga showing JoAnn and Sally tricks with beads, bobbles and sliced walnut shells.



Trish did a demo on plastic lacing.

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## Upcoming Shows



## February

1-17...

TUCSON, AZ: Multiple Gem & Mineral shows, all over town, including the main Convention Center show [shows schedule](#)

1-28...

QUARTZSITE, AZ: several rock & gem (and other) outdoor shows; [website](#)

23-24...

ALBANY, NY: Annual show; New York State Museum, Empire Plaza, 222 Madison Ave; All proceeds benefit Museum's mineral acquisition fund. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5; Adults \$5 and free admission for children under 12; featuring minerals, fossils, gems, and books offered by 30 dealers, and displays and museum tours; contact Michael Hawkins, 3140 CEC, Albany, NY 12230; Email: [mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov); Website: [www.nysm.nysed.gov](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov)

## March

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Wilmington, DE; 6th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show; sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society; Doubletree by Hilton, 4727 Concord Pike (Rt 2020, Wilmington) <http://www.delminsociety.net/marchshow/marchshc>

23-24...

WYSOX, PA: Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club show **THIS IS US!**; Wysox Vol. Fire Co. Social Hall, 111 Lake Rd. ; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, free for children under 8; dealers with minerals, fossils, lapidary, special exhibit by Susquehanna River Archaeological Center, and fluorescent programs by UVBob; contact Bob McGuire, 224 Church St., Lopez, PA 18628; Email: [uvbob1942@gmail.com](mailto:uvbob1942@gmail.com); Website: [chehannarocks.com](http://chehannarocks.com)