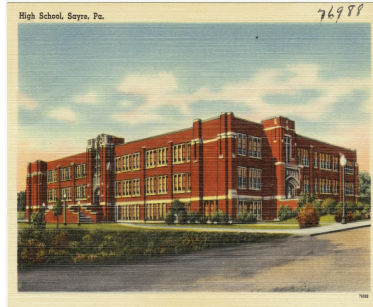


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The Shin-Skinner News — February 2020



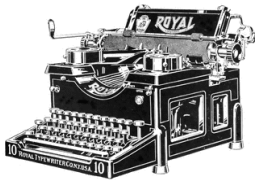
Our monthly club meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, at 7pm. It will be preceded by a board meeting, at 6pm. We'll be finishing up details for the show. The program will be "Show 'n Tell". [Reminder: if school is canceled, so is the meeting.]



In February, we had a club meeting and another great Bruce Oldfield program, this time on feldspar.



Che-Hanna's time to shine is almost here! Our show is March 28 & 29, 2020.



Still working to get into a new schedule for Shin-Skinner production; my intent is to publish as soon as possible after each month's meeting. Please bear with me as I get into a new rhythm.

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

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March Meeting

Our regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 11.

We'll start with a board meeting at 6:00pm and have our club meeting at 7:00pm, to finish up details for the show.

The program will be "Show 'n Tell". Members will bring a favorite specimen that they personally collected, bought, or traded for, and tell why it is special.

The public is invited and welcome to see how we have fun with rocks.

—*Bob McGuire*

Sunshine Report

After the last meeting I decided I was going to spread some sunshine to a few of those "older" members who aren't able to make the meetings and activities. So, I called and had a nice phone chat with Evelyn Keir. I asked her how she's doing and she said, "my motto is hanging in there". She's doing well, still in her own home. She has lots of family and an aid to help her when she needs it. She doesn't go out too much; just to the Doctor when she has to. She asked about club members and how everyone is doing. She gets the Shin-Skinner so feels like she's still part of the club. (You will always be part of the club, Evelyn.) She doesn't do crowds anymore so won't make the annual show. She did say usually her "Number Two son" attends the show.

I called Helen Tracy to see how she's doing. She said pretty good and gets around some. She can walk to Carl's and the Dandy with her walker, so I'm sure that gives her some exercise too. She has friends there where she lives so gets together with them. She misses the meetings and picnics, but isn't able to come. Hopefully, you'll start enjoying the nicer weather, Helen.

Then, I called and had a nice chat with Gloria Dick. I asked how she's doing and she said, "I'm old". She's doing quite well. Doesn't get out much. She said her daughter lives close by so does her

shopping and transportation, if she needs to go some place. Goes to the doctor when she has to, but said she doesn't have a really good doctor now. Said she outlived the other doctors. She said there is a mall close by so that's the main attraction in their small community. I asked if David might come to the show and she said it always depends on the weather, which is true for most folks. She is a great-grandmother now. She doesn't drive anymore but is still in her own home and taking care of daily things herself. She's still interested in minerals and has her collection. She said anyone interested in getting to know her and see her minerals, it's no problem. Just contact her and take a trip to see her. She did say that when David is home, he sometimes takes a flat home with him. Her fossil collection is at SRAC. If you're up that way, stop in to see her collection. Enjoy your summer, Gloria.

I enjoyed talking with all of them and they sound so good and were happy to hear from me.

Here are some birthdays for the month of March: Grace Yeager-Hall, 4th; Tracy Gault; 5th; John Morgan will be 90 years young on the 9th; Jim Pannebaker, 9th; Wes Kocsis, 13th; Bob McGuire (UVBOB), 13th; Trish Benish, 15th; Frank Meadows, 20th; Gay-Dee Bloss, 25th; Connie Fitch; 26th; Bill Chapman, 28th; and Dee Margetanski, 31st. Hope you all have a great day.

Hope all of you are feeling well and not bothered by the flu bug or colds that are prevalent now. Hopefully we'll get warm weather soon and will stay warm for the Spring and Summer.

If you know of someone who needs a card or a phone call, please let me know and I will take care of it. Enjoy your month of March. Hope to see many of you at our annual show, March 28th and 29th.

—*JoAnn,
Miss Sunshine*

Minutes of the February Club Meeting

Bruce Benish was acting president.

The meeting was held in the Sayre high school cafeteria. There was chance of mixed precipitation forecast, which started as the meeting ended. There were 18 members present and the Landhorst family as guests.

The program was given by Bruce Oldfield, on feldspar. He talked about how when calcium, potassium, and sodium are mixed with magma the structure is changed. Example: the different patterns in granite (counter tops) were made by which chemical got mixed in the magma as it was forming.

Silicates is the largest group of minerals, which includes quartz, albite, etc.

Bruce Oldfield offered to to a couple more programs in the future for us. He will be taking a cruise around Norway to see northern lights and offered to show us pictures of his journey.

Bruce also brought up taking a walking tour around Binghampton to look at the fascinating stone builds, with all their hidden gems. Also at a later date.

Bruce Benish opened the meeting by the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from last month's meeting were read and accepted.

Joann gave the sunshine report. Inga Wells had a birthday on 2/11. Ted Rieth was not at the meeting: he is feeling under the weather. Max Grimm was at the meeting, still working on his health concerns.

There was no treasurer's report, it being an even month.

Geodes have arrived for the show. There will need to be a price adjustment, because of their higher cost to us.

The dop wax melter is here. We need to figure out how many preforms we have and if we need to buy more. We might also need to cut more dop sticks.

The fire company is only offering hot dogs and beverages [at the show]. Hazel has been looking into ordering pies from a professional baker that we could cut and sell. This would need two members for the station.

If anyone has small stone items (not sharp) and would like to donate to the mini-mine, contact Inga.

Pizza will be provided for those doing setup on Friday and for take-down on Sunday. Donuts and coffee will be provided in the mornings.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS -- help when and where you can

The club now has its own email address:
chehannarocks1969@gmail.com

Possible field trips:

- Walking tour around Binghampton, checking out the interesting stone buildings. No date set.
- Ace of Diamonds, April 1st. This is their opening day.
- Possible trip to the 1000 Islands and taking a boat cruise. No date set.

—*Mary Walter,*
Secretary

Upcoming Shows & Events



March 21-22... BUFFALO, NY:

Buffalo Geological Society's 52nd Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show. The Fairgrounds in Hamburg, Market, Grange & State Police Buildings, Hamburg, NY. INFO: Jerolde Bastedo, jcbastedo@gmail.com.

March 28-29... WYSOX, PA:

Annual show; Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc.; Wysox Volunteer Fire Co. Social Hall, 111 Lake Road ; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3, students \$1, free admission for children under 8; Special exhibits, fluorescent show, dealers selling minerals, fossils, lapidary, gems and jewelry, activities for children; contact Bob McGuire, 224 Church St., Lopez, PA 19628, (570) 928-9238; Email: uvbob1942@gmail.com; [Website: chehannarocks.com](http://chehannarocks.com)

March 28-29... PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA:

Annual show; Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society; Lu Lu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$7, kids 12 and under \$2, free admission for uniformed scouts; Dealers selling fossils, minerals, gems, with exhibits, speakers, activities for children; contact Douglas M Klieger; Email: dklieger@verizon.net [Website: www.philamineralsociety.org](http://www.philamineralsociety.org)

March 28-29... CHAMBERSBURG, PA:

Annual show; Franklin County Rock and Mineral Club; Hamilton Heights Elementary School, 1589 Johnson Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, free admission for children under 12 when accompanied by a paying adult; Dealers offering jewelry, gemstones, minerals, fossils, with displays and demonstrations ; contact Michael Mowen, 5979 Altenwald Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268, (717) 264-9024; Email: mlmo@innernet.net; [Website](http://www.frcmc.org)

April 16-16... BIGLERVILLE, PA:

Show and sale; Franklin County and Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Clubs; South Mountain Fairgrounds, 615 Narrows Road; Sat. 8-3; Adults \$1, free admission for children; 35th annual show with a great diversity of fossils, rocks, minerals, books, associated equipment, an opportunity swap, buy and share stories; contact Tom Smith, 10 Roger Ave., Shippenburg, PA 17257; Email: tsmith1012@comcast.net; [Website: http://rockandmineral.org/](http://rockandmineral.org/)

April 23-23... FAIRLESS HILLS, PA:

Annual show; The Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA, Inc.; Christ United Methodist Church, 501 Wistar Road; Sat. 9-2; Adults \$2, free admission for children 12 and under; contact Brian Schwab, 539 Sycamore Avenue, Croydon, PA 19021; Email: www.holschw2@aol.com; [Website](http://www.holschw2@aol.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/holschw2).

April 25-26... FRANKLIN, NJ:

Show and sale; The Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society, Inc. (FOMS); Littel Community Center, 12 Munsonhurst Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$7, children (ages 6-16) \$4; Indoor and outdoor sales of minerals, rocks, jewelry, crystals, gems, beads and fossils; contact Gavin Hannah; Email: green4gavin@hotmail.com; [Website: http://www.fomsnj.org/Events.aspx](http://www.fomsnj.org/Events.aspx)

More Shows & Events

June 6-7... CANANDAIGUA, NY:

Annual show; Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club; Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N. Bloomfield Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3, free admission for children under 12; 20 vendors, exhibits, demonstrations, fluorescent mineral program, geode cutting, and activities for children; contact Fred Haynes, 10 Country Club Drive, Rochester, NY 14618, (585) 203-1733; Email: fredmhaynes55@gmail.com; [Website: http://www.wcgmc.org/](http://www.wcgmc.org/)

June 19-20... QUARRYVILLE, PA:

Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club; Solanco Fairgrounds, Hoffman Building, 172 South Lime St.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 9-4; Adults \$4, children (6-12) \$1, free admission for children under 6; contact Eric Miller; Email: emill1960@embarqmail.com; [Facebook](#)

August 22-23... CANTON, NY:

Annual show; St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club; Canton Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3; Adults \$2, free admission for children 12 and under; Dealer sales, free mineral kits for children, field trips, gem tree classes, and a mineral identification table; contact William deLorraine, 1 Indian Head Trail, Gouverneur, NY 13642, (315) 287-4652; Email: wdellie@gmail.com; [Website: www.stlawrencecountyminealclub.org](http://www.stlawrencecountyminealclub.org)

November 7-8... OAKS, PA:

Annual show; Tuscarora Lapidary Society; Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, 100 Station Ave, Hall D & E; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6 (two-day ticket \$9), children under 12 \$1, free admission for scouts in uniform when accompanied by a scoutmaster; 51st Annual Show: Gemarama 2020 - Pictures in Stone, with 27 vendors, demonstrations, exhibits, mini classes, and activities for

children; contact Linda Green, Tuscarora Lapidary Society, 24 Upland Rd, Brookhaven, PA 19015, (610) 490-5252; Email: information@lapidary.org; [Website: www.lapidary.org](http://www.lapidary.org)

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Beryl (var. Emerald)

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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 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. 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 **15-March-2020**. 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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