

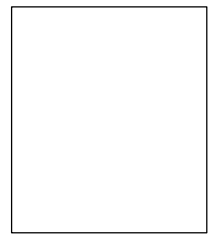
## February 2022 Edition of

The Shin-Skinner News  
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*52<sup>nd</sup> Gem & Mineral Show*

*March 26-27*

*Wysox Vol. Fire Hall*



First Class Mail

February Birthstone



Amethyst

**To:**

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 and Lapidary Societies, and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

**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 P.M. in the Cafeteria, the 2nd Wednesday each month, **except JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, and DECEMBER.** Those meetings/events (and any changes) will be announced in the newsletter as to event time, date and location. Visitors are always welcome.

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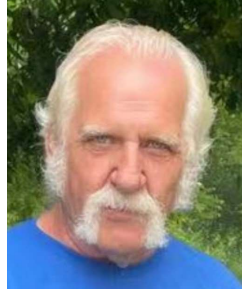
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Bruce Benish

### *President's Message*

*By Bruce Benish*

Happy New Year to everyone. The sun stays out a little longer each day, but it sure has turned cold.

Sorry to say Tom Beck and John Morgan both passed. They were long-time members and good friends to the club and will be missed.

At our January meeting Anna gave a nice presentation on her collection of fossils. How she remembered all the names and the pronunciation of them is beyond me. It was nice to see everyone who made it. Due to weather and other issues not everyone could.

At the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting we are doing a show and tell. Bring something club related or something else you find interesting that you would like to share.

The shows coming up quick. We are going to need help with the door, mini mine, etc. Let us know what and when you can do to help. I think we still need a display case or two filled.

Bruce

## **52<sup>ND</sup> Annual Che-Hanna Gem and Mineral Show**

**WYSOX VOL. FIRE CO. SOCIAL HALL  
111 LAKE ROAD, WYSOX, PA**

**March 26, 2022 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**March 27, 2022 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

### **SHOW HELP NEEDED**

**Please email Trish Benish to sign up.**

Email: [Patriciabenish@gmail.com](mailto:Patriciabenish@gmail.com)

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**NEXT MEETING IS AT ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH ON  
FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM.**

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JoAnn McGuire

## *Sunshine Report* by JoAnn McGuire

Hope you all are doing well with this cold, wintry weather. In Lopez, on Saturday morning, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had MINUS 35 degrees. Was a little chilly. I think more snow is on the way, but maybe not those frigid temperatures. The sun looks good from inside. Go out and it's a cold, cold day. The wind is never ending and doesn't help much.



Get well to all those who are not up to feeling the best right now. Covid cases are on the rise again, so we need to wear the mask, do the social distancing and wash our hands often. It all helps. Only hope this is over soon, but doesn't look like it.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting at the Athens United Methodist Church.

If you know of anyone who needs some cheer, please let me know and I will call or send a card. Have to give a call to some of those again who aren't able to get out very much and like to hear from someone.

Stay safe; stay warm.

JoAnn  
Miss Sunshine



### *February Birthdays*

11 – Inga Wells  
18 – Brian Phillips  
21 – Sandy Keener  
23 – Nancy Welles  
24 – Sissy Ezra



### *February Anniversaries*

16 – Joanne & Robert Stoddard  
23 – Gerould & Sandy Keener  
26 – John & Suzie Milligan

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Inga Wells

## *Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News*

*By Inga Wells*

The Pebble Pups Families will meet on Sunday, February 13, at 1:00 P.M. at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. Athens. Please use the ramp door at the back the building.

In case we can't meet in person, I will email a Zoom link and we will have our meeting that way.

Our program for February and March is Minerals of the Moh's hardness scale. In February, we will try to cover the softer minerals, Talc through Feldspar. On March 13 we will cover the Quartz family, Topaz, Corundum, Diamond and some of the famous crystals in those groups.

In addition, at the February meeting, I would like the kids to bring their favorite mineral or rock and tell us why they like it.

There is an event at Satterlee Creek scheduled on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. It is usually their Open Forest date. We usually participate in that. More information on Facebook when I have the details.

We will meet at the Church on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will play mineral Bingo since I printed lots of boards and would like to use them. It will be after our show, and I will pick up some nice prizes at the show.

Saturday, May 14, we will either meet at my house or at Satterlee Creek for some outdoor fun and working on the primitive art badge, and hopefully, to use up clay I bought before the pandemic.

There are 3 Picnics scheduled at Satterlee Creek with the rest of the club. June 12, July 17, August 21. We usually eat at 1 and Dave provides activities before and after the meal.

I am hoping that we will have some field trips.

Hope to see you in February,  
Inga  
607-425-7426

**The program for Wednesday, February 9** is a Show and Tell. Club members, you are the star! Bring your favorite rock, mineral, or lapidary project and tell us why you like it and what is special about it. Don't have a mineral or rock, talk about your collections or hobby, you might find someone else in the club with the same interest.

Contact Inga, 607-425-7426, if you have questions. We hope all of you will decide to share something with the group.

## *January Board Meeting Minutes*

*by Anna Markevitch*

Meeting began with a resolution to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

Jeff Benish read the Treasurer's report, due to the absence of Trish.

Inga Wells made a motion to do a yearly audit.

Bruce Benish discussed purchasing audio/visual equipment for the club.

Inga Wells suggested a gift card for David Dick. Bruce Benish and other members agreed to a vote at a future time.

A club wide discussion about other newsletters and their information that could be in our newsletter.

The new advertisements for the March show were delivered by Frank Meadows.

The program for February will be a show and tell by the members.

Dr. Deb Witmer will be our March speaker. She is an archaeologist and will be talking about her latest dig. Dr. Bruce Oldfield may be a speaker in April or May.

Dave Millis is currently President of the Mineralogical Society of Northeast PA. Congratulations.

Bob McGuire brought up show info. Some display cases are still open and Bob is looking for volunteers to fill them.

Meeting was informally adjourned.

## *Upcoming Shows & Events From: EFMLS.ORG*

### **March 5-6: Wilmington, DE 58th Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show**

DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON - The show features educational exhibits of mineral, lapidary and fossil specimens, displays from regional and university museums, a roster of fine dealers of minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry and lapidary supplies, demonstrations of gem cutting and polishing...Visit our website: <https://dmsrocks.org/rock-shows/dms-annual-show>

### **March 19-20: Hamburg, NY 52<sup>ND</sup> Show "FOSSILS OF NEW YORK"**

ERIE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – HAMBURG, NY BUFFALO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW. <https://bgsny.org/2021/01/18/bgs-52nd-annual-show-march-19-20th-2022>

### **March 26-27: 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Che-Hanna Gem & Mineral Show**

Wysox Vol. Fire Co. Social Hall – 111 Lake Road, Wysox, PA

### **March 26-27: Franklin County Rock and Mineral Club Show**

Eugene C. Clarke Jr Community Center – 235 South 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Chambersburg, PA 17201

### **March 25-27: Philadelphia Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair**

Lu Lu Temple – 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

**....More shows and events continued on next page**

## *Upcoming Shows & Events From: EFMLS.ORG*

### **March 25-27: Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club**

Hickory Metro Convention Center 1960 13th Avenue, Hickory, NC

### **April 30 – May 1: Berks Mineralogical Society Presents the 53rd ANNUAL Gem Show**

The Pavillion at Leesport Farmers Market – 312 Gernant's Church Rd. Leesport, PA 19533

### **April 10-11: New York Southern Tier Geology Club Show**

Johnson City Senior Center – 30 Brocton Ave. Johnson City, NY 13790

## *January Club Meeting Minutes*

*by JoAnn Mcquire*

Meeting opened with President, Bruce Benish introducing Anna Markevitch who did a program on fossils. Very interesting and she did an excellent job. She is a wealth of information.

Jeff read the Treasurer's report, due to the absence of Trish.

JoAnn gave the sunshine report and mention that Trish is to have surgery on Monday, the 17th, to fix the fractures that are broken. We will her good luck and speedy recovery. Please keep her in your prayers.

The show fliers were at the meeting and were taken by members. They are to be put out the end of February.

Bob gave the show report. Mentioned that all dealers are committed.

Bruce mentioned that he hopes to have a sign up sheet at the February meeting. Help when you can in any capacity.

Need to get in touch with Peggy Huffman and Bill Chapman to see about doing cabs. Jeff and Bruce will do geode cutting.

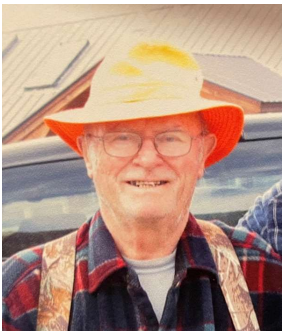
Sandy's son will again take the trailer to the show.

Mini mine is a go with Inga and Duane in charge. We are pretty sure there will be a food truck, outside, at the show this year.

The new Fire Company sign is up at the Hall and hopefully will advertise our show soon.

Bob McGuire to check on getting books for Faith Toth, John Morgan and Tom Beck.

Meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed snacks and visiting.



John M. Morgan

## *In Loving Memory*

John M. Morgan, 91, of Sayre, PA, passed away on Saturday, December 4, 2021, in his home.

John was born on March 9, 1930 in Halsey, PA to the late Joseph and Catherine Morgan. He graduated from Kane High School in 1948. John married Amelia "Emma" Snyder of James City, PA on July 28, 1951, and they lived together and raised their three boys, John, Thomas and Timothy, in Sayre.

John served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Salzburg, Austria in 1950-53. After completing his time in the military, he worked for IBM in Owego NY until his retirement in 1990. John enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, as well as rides in the country, hunting, fishing and daily walks in the woods with his dogs.

John is survived by his sons, Thomas (Michelle) of Parkville MO and Timothy (Linda) of Horseheads NY; his 8 grandchildren, Matthew of Austin TX, Austin of Montour Falls NY, Morgan of Greenville SC, and Ian, Connor, Avery, Wyatt and Rose of Parkville MO; his brother Edward (Jennifer) of Campbelltown PA and several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents Joseph P. Morgan and Catherine Rendosh Morgan, his wife Amelia Snyder Morgan, his son John P. Morgan, and his brothers Joseph and James, and his sister Kathryn.

He was a member of the Epiphany Catholic Church in Sayre, PA, as well as a lifelong member of the VFW and the Waverly Sportsman club.

Funeral services will be held in the Spring at the St. Callistus Cemetery, Kane, PA.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Thomas Cremation and Funeral Service, 1297, Elmira St., Sayre, Pa. Those wishing to leave a sympathy message for John's family may do so at [thomascremationfuneralservice.com](http://thomascremationfuneralservice.com)