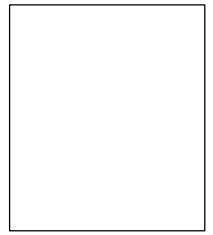


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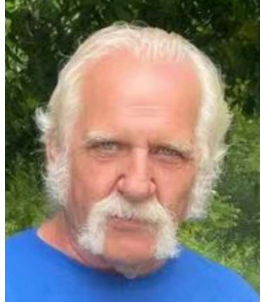
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Bruce Benish

President's Message

by Bruce Benish

Greetings everyone.

The cold right now is depressing, but take notice that it is still light out at 5:00 so the days are getting longer and the warmth of spring is not so far away.

At our January Meeting Joe Shepler gave a excellent presentation on the national parks around the Colorado Plateau. The pictures were wonderful and the stories were fun.

The next meeting is February 14th. The meeting will be at 6:30, assuming the weather cooperates.

The shows coming soon. As always we are looking for help. I believe there still some cases open if somebody wants to do a display contact Bob and let him know.

Thats it for now.

Bruce

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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THANK YOU.

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**NEXT MEETING IS AT ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH ON
FEBRUARY 14TH AT 6:30 PM.**

Photo by JoAnn McGuire

**Bob McGuire***VP NEWS**By Bob McGuire*

The January meeting was a very interesting tour of our most famous National Parks presented by Joe Shepler with some help from son Cameron. Presented with self photographed scenes taken on their trips out west. He managed to throw in some geologic info throughout his program. Very good job Joe.

The February meeting is the 14th at 6:30 pm. The program will be by Rock Doc on petrification, metamorph, polymorph, daddymorph, mommymorph, babymorph, and a bunch of geologic terms that you need to know. Bring paper and pen and take notes.

It will be interesting and educational.

C.Bourne photo

**JoAnn McGuire***Sunshine Report**by JoAnn McGuire*

Hope you all are staying warm with this terribly cold weather. Sure has been a crazy winter so far. Hope everyone is well so far.

Get well wishes to Janet Andrus as she is having painful problems with her shoulder. Surgery is scheduled but not until March. Send a prayer her way that she's feeling better soon.

I hope Marv and Hazel are enjoying their time in sunny Florida. I heard there are certain places that have been getting some pretty cool weather. Hazel said they went to a "huge" flea market one day. Lots of vendors and lots to see.

Saddened to hear of the passing of Helen Tracy recently. She was a good club member and good friend. She was our Club photographer and took a lot of photos of Club activities when she could. We have many albums filled with all the pictures that she took. She helped in the show kitchen when we had our show in Athens. She will be missed.

Our show is coming up, so if you can help, in any little way, please let Trish know at the meeting. Every little bit helps, from set-up to helping during the show and tear-down at the end of the show. The more help, the better and faster things get done.

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

See you at the February meeting, Wednesday the 14th, 6:30 p.m. at the Athens United Methodist Church. Dave Millis to do the program. More on that elsewhere in the newsletter.

Stay well everyone. Keep warm.

JoAnn
Lady Sunshine





February Birthdays

11 – Inga Wells
14 – Waylon Smith
18 – Brian Phillips

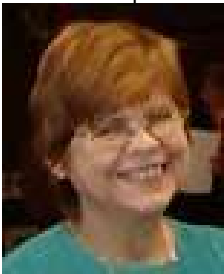


February Anniversaries

26 – John & Suzie Milligan
29 – Shayna & Jeremy Dimmick

♥♥♥♥ **Happy Valentine's Day** ♥♥♥♥

C.Bourne photo



Inga Wells

Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News

By Inga Wells

The Pebble Pup will be meeting on Sunday, February 18 at 1:00 P.M. at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. We will be learning about the Phylum Mollusca. We are planning a display case at the show with our favorite mollusks such as bivalves, cephalopods, ammonites, and gastropods.

As always, we can use some stuff for our mini-mine at the show. We can use anything that is safe for young children. We use small items in the ore cart and bigger stones will be on the side of the mine and the kids can pick a rock from that pile. Last year, the magnetite was a big hit as was the fluorescent minerals since I bring a big UV light to shine on the rocks. I donate a box of small dinosaurs or other critters and every ore cart will have one of those in there.

Thank you in advance for your kindness to the kids that come to our show.

Inga
607-425-7426

January Club Meeting Minutes

by Mary Walter

There 16 members in attendance

- the Treasure's report was reviewed, filled for audit
- 2024 budget was reviewed, no changes approved 1st Bob McGuire 2nd Ted Re
- Helen Tracy passed away. The items from her Christmas gift, the food items will used for breaks at the meetings, the notebook and such will be used for game prizes. The plant hopefully someone can bring back to life.
- Sunshine report
 - Helen Tracy passed away.
 - Scott Chaffee has a birthday in January.
 - Gloria Dick sent a thank you card for the Christmas presents she received from the club.
 - Janet Andrus is having surgery in March.
- The Juniors/Pebble Pups will be having a pizza party at the Methodist Church January 21st. Inga Wells has games and activities planned.
- Dave Millis would like to have an all-day learning craft day. Possibly at the South Waverly Community Hall. There is no set date.
- Bob McGuire reported that the March show is all a go.
- Dave Millis donated some stone pieces for the cabbing activity at the show.

2024 picnic dates

June 9th

July 21st

August 18th

Locations to be announced

Program

Presented by Joe and Cameron Shepler.

Cameron is a National Park Forest Ranger in the South West United States. Joe narrated some beautiful pictures he had taken while visiting Cameron. Going to the many National Parks. The beauty of the Grand Canyon or the wonder of the earth bridges at Bridge National Park.

Thank you Joe and Cameron

***** It's Show Time *****

We need your help!

Mark your calenders

March 22nd - set up

March 23rd - show

March 24th - show and clean up

Mary Walter

Secretary

January Board Meeting Minutes

by Mary Walter

- the budget was reviewed and filled for audit
 - the new budget for 2024 was reviewed and approved with no changes. 1st Inga Wells
2nd Bob McGuire
 - Inga and the Juniors/Pebble Pups will be having a pizza party January 21th at the Methodist Church. There will be games with prizes.
 - Gloria Dick was very thankful for the plant and presents she received from the club.
 - April 20th 2024 is Earth Day. The club is planning on having a booth at the festivities in Wysox. Inga Wells is planning on having a child's swimming pool filled with sand and fossils for the kids to search thru to find treasures.
 - Dave Mills would like to do an all-day teaching day. Possibly at the park at the South Waverly Community Hall. No date has been set.
 - Bob McGuire reported that things are moving along for the show in March. It was approved to reduce the number of advertising flyers printed. There are not too locations that will let you put up a flyer. With internet it was felt we get the coverage.
- Adjourned
1st Inga Wells 2nd Bruce Benish

Upcoming Shows & Events

(from various internet sources)

February 2024

24-25: Winter Crystal Fest Gem Show

USA Local 1000, 100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning, NY

March 2024

2-3: New York Gems, Jewelry & Mineral Show

High School of Fashion Industries School-Based Health Center, 225 W.24TH St. #343 New York, NY

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

April 2024

13-14: New York Southern Tier Geology Club Show

Johnson City Senior Center, 30 Brocton St., Johnson City, NY