

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 Street) 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 **22-June-2018**. 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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Notable this month...

Fri-Thu, June 1-7 — mindat.org charity benefit **auction** — online at mindat.org

Sat-Sun, June 2-3 — Wayne County Gem & Mineral **Show** — Canandaigua Civic Center

Wednesday, June 13th — annual Che-Hanna **dinner** — Page Manor Apartments, 502 Church St, Athens

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

We Talk To Each Other - We Help Each Other - We Teach Each Other - We Smile A Lot!

President's Note

Greetings fellow rockers.

This is my last "president's notes".

The past 4 years have been loaded with happenings.

We lost some great members who were instrumental in starting this club and we miss them.

We made a good transition for our annual shows from Athens to Wysox. We are in Wysox for the next 5 years.

We still need to build the membership with new members, especially with some that can help in the different areas of club tasks. A lot of us are at the stage where health is slowing us down and some activities are just too difficult.

It has been a pleasure working with the members we have in continuing the club operation. Many of you do a lot more than you should have to. The love of doing is a powerful thing and it is a strong force in keeping us keeping on.

To the next set of officers, of whom we still don't have a full slate, I wish you the best and know that a lot of great history is behind this club.

—Thank you all.
Bob

Annual Che-Hanna Dinner

June 13, 2018 will be our dinner at Page Manor Apartments, 502 Church St, Athens, at 6:00 PM.

Dave Millis, aka RockDoc, will provide entertainment: minerals to be polished, as at one of the picnics.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own table settings. Meat platter and buns will be provided.

Charity Benefit Auction

For those of you who don't know, there is a wonderful world-wide-web resource for those interested in minerals — amateurs and professionals: mindat.org.

It is a gigantic, online, crowdsourced database of rocks and minerals and where they come from.

It's strictly non-commercial and now it's trying to raise some money, via an online auction. The auction runs from 10AM PDT June 1 to 6PM PDT June 7. Note the Pacific Daylight Time — auction site is on the West Coast.

Check out the site; there are some nice pictures, even if you don't buy anything.

The Ask

You've been asked for submissions to the Shin-Skinner in the past; some of you have been very generous in contributing content — text and pictures.



From now on, I intend to have a specific place for requests. This is it.

Please send me images of interesting mineral specimen labels, in any format. "Interesting" to me means a label from a famous collection, a famous location, or even a good layout. Please send examples of what you think is interesting.

—Editor



May Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President, Bob McGuire. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roc Doc did an educational program on cleaning minerals. Dave also brought door prizes and he will do the entertainment at the June dinner at Page Manor. He will bring minerals to be polished; like what was done at one of the picnics.

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Motion made by Inga Wells, seconded by Trish Benish. Motion carried.,

Treasurer's report given by Trish Benish. It was filed for audit. June 13th, 6 p.m., dinner/meeting at Page Manor; bring a dish to pass. Meat platter and rolls will be provided.

Slate of officers

President	??
Vice President	??
Secretary	Anna Markevitch
Treasurer	Trish Benish
Committee	Bruce Benish
	Jeff Benish
	Mary Walter
	Marv Remaley

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the June meeting.

Sunshine report was given by JoAnn McGuire. If you know of someone who needs a card or a call, please let me know.

Field Trips - Bill Chapman gave a report and said there will be a lot going on in the next few months. Think of a trip for the club.

Pebble Pups - Inga Wells gave a report and said they will meet Sunday, May 20th at the Lockwood Pavilion from 2 to 3:30 p.m. She is going to have a treasure hunt and have Bruce Benish do a presentation on surveying.

Library - Bruce Benish said there are a lot of good books that you can take out on loan. As he was looking through some of the books, he found an old book on cleaning minerals that had been donated by

Leon Shershin. Went along with the program that RocDoc was doing.

Good of the order - volunteers needed to get the food for the picnics in July and August. Dates are listed on the website and in the newsletter. RocDoc had fliers for the up-coming Syracuse show.

The Che-Hanna Rocks website will be kept and renewed in July.

Motion made by Hilda Gardiner, seconded by Trish Benish to adjourn. Motion carried.

—JoAnn McGuire,
Acting Secretary

Field Trips

For those of you who may not know, Bill Chapman is Field Trip Chair for both Che-Hanna and [Wayne County](#) clubs.

Che-Hanna members can attend Wayne County field trips, so I have summarized their schedule here. I updated it today.

Date	Locale	Where What	Contact
June 10 (Sunday)	Ilion	fossils (Silurian: Eurypterids)	Fred Haynes
June 16- 18	western Massachusetts	rhodonite, tourmaline, galena, "and much more"	Fred Haynes
June 22 (Friday)	Ridgemount, Ontario	fossils: Eurypterids	Stephen Mayer
July 14- 22	Bancroft and Temagami	3-4 days at each minerals	Fred Haynes

If you have any questions please contact Bill Chapman (607) 868-4669, batnpill@empacc.net.

May Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2018

Meeting called to order by President, Bob McGuire. Minutes were published in the newsletter and there were no corrections or additions. Motion made by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Mary Walter to accept minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Trish Benish. No questions, so filed for audit. Trish to check and see if we can get free checks; if not, she will purchase them. The mail is to go to Trish as there is no mail in the Post office box.

June meeting/dinner. Page Manor has been reserved. Gather at 6 p.m.; bring a dish to pass. Meat platter and buns will be provided. Trish to check with Sandy on platter. If Sandy can't do this, Trish will get the platter.

On the Wysox Fire Hall, waiting to get approval on the contract that Bob McGuire sent to them, for five years of shows there.

Slate of officers - No President or Vice President. Secretary, Anna Markevitch; Treasurer, Trish Benish. Committee - Bruce and Jeff Benish, Mary Walter and Marv Remaley., Nominations will be taken from the floor at the June meeting.

Hazel Remaley read some of the by-laws concerning committee members. This was revised April 13, 2005 and may need another revision.

Summer picnics at Satterlee Creek park will be July and August. Need someone to get the picnic meats, buns, etc.

A motion was made by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Bruce Benish to keep the Che-Hanna Rocks website. Motion carried. It expires July 1st so Bob will take care of renewing it.

Good of the order: President to pass on to the new President the Fire Hall address and the Sayre school address.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Bruce Benish. All in favor so meeting was adjourned.

—*JoAnn McGuire,*
Acting Secretary

Sunshine Report

Been having a few sunny days so makes folks feel pretty good. Then, we get those storms that make you feel like crap. Allergy season is here; those so afflicted now get to be miserable.

Some birthdays coming up in June include: Marv Remaley, 2nd; Ethan Sites, 4th; Evelyn Keir, 8th; Darius Yeager-Hall, 19th; Jadon Henrich and Duane Wells, 23rd; John Margetanski, 28th; and Flossie Lines, 29th. Hope you all have a nice day.

Anniversary wishes got to Ed and Fran Sick, 10th; Ed and Faith Toth, 14th; and Bruce and Trish Benish, 20th. Have a good day.

For those of you who haven't been up to snuff, hope you're better and out and about. If you know of anyone who needs a card or phone call, please let me know and I'll take care of it.

Guess that's it. See you June 13th at Page Manor for our annual dinner and installing new officers.

—*Miss Sunshine,*
JoAnn

Editor's Note

Well, the season has come for more than just attending rock club meetings. There are gem shows all over the place and the weather is mostly suitable for field collecting.

I'm presently straightening out my stored (IE boxed) collection and as I uncover things I haven't seen in a while, I wish I had kept a collecting diary. I have scattered records, but it would have been better if centralized.

I urge anyone to keep track of your mineral collecting activities, whether field trips, show visits, or club get-togethers. Where you went, what it was like, and, most importantly, whom you met, are good things to record. And, it can be something to tie your specimen labels back to.

It goes without saying, that your "diary" should be computerized in some way; you'll want perfect digital storage for the long term.

Che-Hanna Junior Rockhounds

The Junior Rockhounds met on Sunday, May 20th at the Lockwood pavilion for their first outdoor meeting of the summer. We welcomed Austin Yungwirth from Liberty, PA to our group. His grandmother, Ruth Spencer, brought him to the meeting. We hope to see Austin and his family at more of our activities. He knows a lot about rocks and minerals already and is eager to learn more and go collecting with the club. We had a lot of visitors to our meeting.

They came with the Henrich family and Tracy Gault to see what Junior Rockhounds was all about. After our meeting, that whole group went on to celebrate a birthday at Chucksters.

The meeting activity was a treasure hunt. We had Pre-K kids, students from kindergarten through 5th grade, and four 8th grade students. The group was divided into two teams, and each team created a treasure hunt for the other. There had to be 6 different steps the kids had to follow. The two teams exchanged their written directions. and they went on the basket ball court to do what was written.

With that many kids, I changed from rewards being out on the court to items on the 2 picnic tables that were home base for each team. Each child went home with three items they liked.

We tried to make a compass using items found in any first aid kit. We magnetized sewing needles, paper clips, safety pins and other objects containing iron or steel, placed them on a piece of cork (or substitutes: pieces of wood, a small leaf) and float the whole thing on water. The magnetized part of the needle will point to North. Some had problems because there was lots of magnetite and super magnets on the table. With those removed, the experiment worked.

Now, when meeting at a public park, one never knows what to expect. I arrived an hour early to peruse the area for broken glass, needles, and other things that could be dangerous and cleaned up the foot prints and gravel from the tables. I was really upset to find the work Scout Troop 1 from the Athens United Methodist Church did — destroyed.

Not so long ago, those boys worked hard to plane and stain all of the boards of the picnic tables to remove nasty graffiti. There is lots of new graffiti with letters carved deeply into the wood.

Duane and I are known to yell at kids and talk firm and politely to adults when kids are abusing the pavilions while the adults with them are fishing or sitting in their cars, smoking and using their phones and not paying the least bit of attention to the destructive behavior of the younger generation. Most just shrug and say, "Kids will be kids and they are having fun." I guess, if I just stay home on my hill, I will be a much happier person.

Therefore, besides the 2 summer picnics at Satterlee Creek Environmental Center, the other meetings will be at my house. I will notify parents of those dates via Facebook or a text. With the summer weekends so busy for all the families, we might have meetings on a weekday at 6 pm. We will do precious metal clays again and make bismuth crystals at one meeting. This requires heat and safety equipment.

My Audubon group will be carving soapstone, so if you are interested in joining us for this, let me know. Our kid's summer picnic will be at the Farm Animal place in Chemung, perhaps in August before school starts. That worked out well several years ago. There is lots to do for the kids and the owner is very helpful.

The summer picnics at SCEC are on Sunday, July 15 and August 19. There are always fun activities for the whole family. Have a wonderful summer.

—Inga



Upcoming Shows



June

2-3...

CANANDAIGUA, NY: Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center; 250 N Bloomfield Rd ; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; Adults \$3, Kids under 12 free; Educational exhibits, free crafts w/admission, craft demos, soapstone carving, wire wrapping, sluice, **UVBob** fluorescent mineral program, scavenger hunt for kids of ALL ages, geode cutting. Contact Fred Haynes fredmhaynes55@gmail.com; www.wcgmc.org

15-16...

QUARRYVILLE, PA: Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil & Mineral Club, Solanco Fairgrounds, Hoffman Building; 172 South Lime Street; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-4; Adults/Children \$3; features rock, mineral & jewelry vendors as well as a working tinsmith & Native American craft items. Speakers yet to be determined.; contact Eric Miller, (717)-339-9338; admin@millersmineralmine.com; <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterFossilandMine>

July

7-8...

ERIE, PA: 50th Annual Show & sale; Gem City Rock & Mineral Society, JMC Ice Arena; 423 W 38th St; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$4, Seniors \$3.50, Children under 12 free; contact Robert Gallivan, 427 Colleen Drive, Erie, PA 16505, (814)-454-6770;

gallivan@lycos.com

14-15...

SYRACUSE, NY: Gemworld 2018 @ SRC Arena/4586 West Seneca Turnpike/Onondaga Hill; Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4. [Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse](http://www.gemandsocietyofsyacuse.org)

21-22...

FRANKFORT, NY: Herkimer Diamond Gem Show & Festival; Herkimer County Fairgrounds; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; adult \$5; 135 Cemetery St herkgemshow.com. 4th year.

August

23-26...

MT. MORRIS, NY: 29th Annual show; Genesee Valley Flint Knappers Assoc; Letchworth State Park - Highbanks, Park Road - Mt. Morris Entrance, Highbanks Recreation Area; Thu 12-5, Fri 9-5, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-2; Free Admission; Contact us for more information: johncappellini@verizon.net; gvknappers.tripod.com

25-26...

CANTON, NEW YORK: Annual show; [St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club](http://www.stlawrencecountyrockandmineralclub.org), Canton Pavilion; 90 Lincoln St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-2; Free Admission; contact William deLorraine, (315)-287-4652; wdellie@gmail.com;

September

15-16...

HARRISBURG, PA: 53rd annual show; Central Penna Rock & Mineral Club; Harrisbury Consistory, 2701 N 3rd St; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$6 (coupon on website), children (under 12) free; 2 rooms of dealers, children's activities, daily talks by renowned geologist Jeri Jones, free rocks for kids; contact Betsy Oberheim (717) 469-2243, cell (717) 439-6549; aoberheim3@comcast.net www.rockandmineral.org