

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 142, Sayre PA 18840-0142



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 **27-March-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...

Wednesday, March 14, Che-Hanna meeting — board at 6pm, regular at 7pm — Sayre High School cafeteria

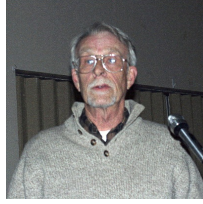
Saturday & Sunday, March 24 & 25 - Che-Hanna's 49th Annual Gem & Mineral Show — Wysox Volunteer Fire Company

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 rock hounds,
February is almost gone and March is around the bend. That means our 49th show is on that bend.



Dan Caister, SRAC

Pretty much everything is going OK. Dealers of course have been ready, display cases are filling up, we have a lovely forest scene gem tree by our own Sandy to be raffled off, and the paper was passed around for you to fill in when you could help at the various jobs that always have to be done at the shows.

February program by Dan Caister from SRAC was very interesting and it is a shame we can't get more people in to see these programs.

March just might be another really good program, so invite some friends.

—See you there,
Bob

Sunshine Report

Hope you all are starting to enjoy the nicer weather; hopefully Spring will be here soon.

Please keep Hilda in your thoughts and prayers. She's still going through some rough health issues. She is strong; it's not getting her down; hopefully all will turn out well.

Faith Toth is slowly coming along after her knee surgery. Hope she continues to improve.

With the flu going around, I hope you're not being bothered with that. Enough to do without getting sick.

Happy Birthday wishes for March to: Grace Yeager-Hall, 4th; Tracy Gault, 5th; John Morgan and Jim Pannebaker, 9th; Wes Kocsis and Bob McGuire, 13th; Trish Benish, 15th; Frank Meadows, 20th; Gay-Dee Bloss, 25th; Connie Fitch, 26th; Bill Chapman 28th, Hilda Gardiner and Dee Margetanski, 31st. Hope you all have a nice day.

The show is fast approaching. Volunteers are needed for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please see Trish Benish to sign the sheet to help out any way you can. The more, the better.

Take care; stay well; stay warm. Anyone see any robins yet??

—JoAnn

Show Volunteers

We still need help for this year's show. Please let me know what you are able to help with.

-Trish

FRIDAY, 23-MARCH-18 (SETUP)

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| 8:30 until finished | Duane & Inga Wells Bruce & Jeff Benish Bill Chapman Bob & JoAnn McGuire |
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SATURDAY, 24-MARCH-18

| | Security | Tickets | Raffle |
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| 9:00 - 11:00 | | | |
| 11:00 - 1:00 | | JoAnn McGuire Ted Rieth | Anna Markevitch |
| 1:00 - 3:00 | | | JoAnn McGuire |
| 3:00 - 5:00 | | | |

SUNDAY, 25-MARCH-18

| | Security | Tickets | Raffle |
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| 10:00 - 12:00 | | | JoAnn McGuire |
| 12:00 - 2:00 | | JoAnn McGuire | |
| 2:00 - 4:00 | | | |

SUNDAY, 25-MARCH-18 (TEAR-DOWN)

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| 4:00 until finished | Duane & Inga Wells Bruce Benish Scott Chaffee Bob & JoAnn McGuire |
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February Club Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Bob McGuire. Pledge was said. Ted Rieth introduced our speaker for the evening. Dan Caister, from SRAC, gave a most educational, interesting and informal talk on archeological research.

Secretary's report, to accept, was motioned by Inga, seconded by Hazel. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report is next month; they're every other month.

Inga reported the Pebble Pups met and learned the geological time scale. All had a good time. March meeting they will learn about purple rocks.

Publicity - is pretty much out. Still some posters there to give out if anyone needed any. Those should be put out beginning of March.

Old Business: Offer from Brian McGuire to pick up the trailer for the show and take it to the show; take it back; fix the lights, if they need fixing, for \$200.00. Motion made by Inga, seconded by Faith to have Brian take the trailer and to get two locks and keys. Pick it up when he can to work on it.

Bob showed a picture of a bus for the club to look at; a 12 passenger bus for sale; to use to go on trips and field trips. \$3500. Something to think about.

President read a letter from Dave Millis. He will do a program in May on cleaning minerals.

On show cases, Inga said the Kocsis will do a display case. She will e-mail pictures. SRAC will have an eight foot table for their display. Tioga Point Museum will have a display.

Bill Chapman will do cabbage at the show, along with help from John Morgan.

Dominic will do a display case of Herkimer diamonds.

Field trips: Bill Chapman mentioned the first of April the Ace of Diamonds opens. 26-29th of April is a trip to VA at a couple of spots to be kyanite blades. He also mentioned that Ken St. John is starting a fluorescent club in Wayne County. April 28th is the Super Dig in Franklin, NJ. Watch the newsletter for more information.

To get in touch with Bill Chapman, call him on the phone; having problems right now with e-mail.

The beautiful gem tree that was done by Sandy Keener will be auctioned off at the show. Motion made by Bruce Benish, seconded by Bill Dimmick for fifty percent to go to Sandy and fifty percent to the club. Motion carried.

Pizza was mentioned for Friday and Sunday of the show. Lot of discussion on this, will continue at next meeting. This is for dealers and workers.

Honorary Life Membership was also discussed. More on this later.

Nominating committee consists of Duane, Trish, and Mary; to get officers for 2018; all except for Treasurer.

There was a sign up sheet for the show. Need volunteers, so please let Trish know how you can help.

On the Post Office Box, Trish is going to use her mailing address and close the box in Sayre. We don't get that much mail. Motion made by Inga, seconded by Ted to do this. Motion carried.

Secretary read a letter from the Jack Walter family, thanking them for the thoughts and prayers on the passing of Jack and Marge and also for the donated bench, with a plaque in their name, placed at Round Top.

Good of the Order: Open Forest at Satterlee Creek Park will be on March 3rd; sponsored by Austin Lynch/Snyder Elementary School; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bruce and Jeff will be there, along with Duane, representing Che-Hanna. Star Wars is the theme. They have a chili contest, sled dogs food, etc., etc., and it's all FREE.

Inga will take the book to the school or last year's scavenger hunt on March 20th. Dan Rhodes will take the book and fossil to Towanda School for their winning second in the hunt.

Motion made by Duane, seconded by Jeff to adjourn. Motion carried. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14th; 6 p.m. Board meeting; 7 p.m. regular meeting.

—Joan McGuire,
sitting in for Peggy Huffman

Che-Hanna Junior Rockhounds

Next meeting is on Sunday, March 11 from 2 PM to 4 at the Athens United Methodist Church. Our program: Ruby asked to learn more about the different minerals that come in a purple variety. Since we are close to St. Patrick's Day, I will bring a few emeralds, too.

Our craft program will be egg-citing; we have lots of the small stick-on stones left from last month and they can be used to decorate Plaster of Paris or clay eggs and small egg-shaped concretions. There will be markers to turn these eggs into dino or dragon eggs. Hopefully, some of the eggs will have crystals growing inside.

Last year, I filled some Gertrude Hawk chocolate eggs with sugar solutions to make geodes, but a very hot day, before the AC was installed, melted the chocolate and turned them into a mess of epic proportions. I will try it again with those waxy candy melts.

Following up on the geological time scale from last month, I will bring my laptop and show you some awesome pictures of the ice age critters that roamed our area and some of the very strange ones that lived during the Eocene.

At the February meeting, we made mosaics and then learned about the geological time scale. I used battery operated candles to denote the different eras and periods, turned out the lights and had the kids' undivided attention. It is difficult to have activities during the winter that will intrigue the older boys while inside a newly finished room of the church. Soon, we will be outside where we can be messy and be more active.

—*Inga*



Sandy Keener's Gem Tree Scene

Editor's Note

I hope everyone is getting "revved" up for the show.

As Trish pointed out, there are still slots to be filled in the work schedule. It takes a lot to put the show together ahead of time, but what visitors see happens while the show is running.

If you are a contributor, please note that I have adjusted the submission deadline to after the show, so you can recover and maybe give me some show-related content.

As always, I welcome anything people give me to put in the Shin-Skinner. Whatever you provide, I will make an effort to fit it in. I can edit prose and even photos, if you don't think they're quite right. Cellphone snapshots and stories of interested and interesting visitors would be nice.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could get some appealing photography to use in member recruiting and for next year's show publicity?

Upcoming Shows



March

10-10...

FAIRLESS HILLS, PA - Annual show; Leidy Microscopical Society, Nothminster Presbyterian; 140 Trenton Rd.; Sat. 9am-3pm; Free Admission; 42nd Annual Micromount Symposium sponsored by the Leidy Microscopical Society. Learn about the world of mineral micromounts.; contact Don McAlarnen, 610-584-1364; don.mcalarnen@hpe.com

24-25...

WYSOX, PA - [49th Annual Gem and Mineral Show](#) sponsored by the [Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club](#). Minerals, gemstones, fossils, jewelry and hobby supplies. Door prizes. Exhibits, including Susquehanna River Archeological Center. Demonstrations, geode cutting. Food on-premises. Adults \$3, students \$1, under 8 free. Wysox Vol. Fire Co Social Hall, 111 Lake Rd; Wysox, PA.

April

7-8...

JOHNSON CITY, NY - Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Johnson City Senior Center; 30 Brocton St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults/Seniors \$4, Students under 12 free, Children under 12 free; 49 th. Annual New York Southern Tier Geology Clubs Show "Museum of Gems" Featuring Exhibits, Ultra Violet Display and show. Beads and supplies,

Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Gemstones. Flintknapping Display, Hourly Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Food and Drinks for sale. ; contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St., Bainbridge, NY 13733, (607)-967-8552; stonecuttertom@yahoo.com

28-29...

FRANKLIN, NJ - 46th Annual [NJ Earth Science Association](#) Gem & Mineral Show (with outdoor swap); Sat 9-5:30, Sun 10-5; Littell Community Center, 12 Munsonhurst Rd, Franklin NJ 07416; \$6, children under 14 free w/paying adult;

May

12-12...

OGDENSBURG, NJ - [North Jersey Outdoor Rock & Mineral Swap-N-Sell](#); 9-5; 30 Plant St; free admission/parking; sponsored by [The North Jersey Mineralogical Society](#).

19-20...

LEESPORT, PA: 50th! Anniversary show; [Berks Mineralogical Society](#), Leesport Farmer's Market; 312 Gernant's Church Rd.; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; Admission \$3; Gems, Minerals, Fossils, and jewelry. From reference to investment; contact Jim Woodeshick, (484)-338-6738; brwoodpile@yahoo.com

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, Children 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. Fun for the whole family; contact Fred Haynes, 10 Country Club Dr, Rochester, NY 14618 fredmhaynes55@gmail.com; www.wcgm.org