

THE SHIN-SKINNER - MARCH 2023

VP REPORT for March 2023

Our February meeting with the DVD on GEMS IN AMERICA was received very well and everyone learned something new. At the meeting were 2 visitors and we are happy to welcome Michelle Smith and Luci McKinery as new members.

The March 8th meeting will be at 6:00 for the board meeting and then 7:00 for the regular meeting. The program will be a treasure hunt show and tell. Search your cellar, attic, closet, garage etc for that lost treasure. It could be your very first mineral, or one from a special friend, one that has special meaning and a story to go with it. It will be fun to see some unexpected finds that were stashed and forgotten.

Hey! let's think about a bus trip.....

WHEN SUBMITTING NEWS TO ME, DO SO JUST BY SENDING ME AN EMAIL, NOT A PDF. THEN I CAN COPY AND PAST AND CORRECT MINUTE ERRORS. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT BY THE 20th. THANK YOU.

On a different note the Che-hanna and Audubon club members were part of a surprise birthday party. Duane and Theresa put together a party for Inga to celebrate her 25th anniversary of her 50th birthday. The party blew Inga away with some family present also. Duane said he told more lies in the past 3 weeks than he did in his whole life, just to keep Inga out of the loop. After the super success of the party, I do believe he will be forgiven.



I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to everyone that took the time to attend my surprise birthday party and sent cards. Thanks for your kind words in those cards. I appreciate the friends I have in this club.

From a grateful Inga.

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SECRETARY:

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Benish at 7pm. There were 14 members in attendance. We had 2 guests joining us, they want to become members, Michelle Smith and Luci McKinery.

The meeting was mostly about our up and coming show, March 24 set up, 25 show, 25 show and clean up. We need any help you can give. Hazel Remaley handed out more posters/flyers to be put in the community. It was asked if there are enough tickets, we do have 1 new roll, need to check the other 2 rolls.

Hazel Remaley thanked Bob McGuire and Inga Wells for getting the word out about the show, doing a lot of postings. Inga Wells and Dave Millis will identify minerals at the show if people ask for help. Minutes were accepted as published.

JoAnn gave the Sunshine report.

Bob McGuire has purchased his own printer to do the Shin-Skinner. The club will be responsible to pay for supplies, ink, paper, stamps envelopes, etc. Thanks Bob for taking on being Editor. The club will not need to buy a computer and printer.

Trish Benish resigned from doing membership duties. Inga Wells will be taking over the duties of collecting dues, keeping the members list updated etc.

Dave Millis is working on setting up some field trips. Deep Springs for fossils and the St Lawrence area for assorted minerals. No dates have been set yet.

Pebble Pups will be electing their own slate of officers.

The program was a movie about various gem digging locations throughout the US. Some of us had been to some of these locations.

Here is our Sunshine Gal:

Merry sunshine to all! What a great few days of weather we had. Temperatures in the 50's and lots of sunshine in February is almost unheard of. I'll take it and any more I can get.

Get well wishes to Trish Benish. She still seems to be bothered with some sort of bug. Hope she feels better soon. Her back is coming along well and she's getting around much better.

Got to visit with Anna Markevitch recently. Said she is NOT moving any time soon. She likes where she is. She's still so busy at work and trying to get things done at her apartment. She works nights so is unable to make the meetings, but is always wanting to know what goes on. We keep her in the "loop". She has acquired a cat that she named Domino as she's black with white spots. It's really good for her and keeps her company. Domino has a male friend who comes often to visit. Eats with her, then leaves until the next day. She does have a Saturday and Sunday off once in a while so she "may" be able to come to the show and even set up a display.

Happy Birthday to: 9 - Jim Pannebaker - 13 - UV Bob McGuire - 14 - Eric Kirkpatrick - 15 - Patricia Benish - 20 - Frank Meadows - 25 - GayDee Bloss 28 - Nicole Kane, Hope you all have a nice day.

Don't see any anniversaries in my list, but if I have missed you, hope you have a great day.

Hope to see you at the meeting on March 8th, 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Athens. There will be lots of discussion to finalize show plans. If you can help at the show, please volunteer some time. Doesn't have to be a lot, but the more volunteers we have, the better it will be. We will have another outstanding show again this year. Take care. JoAnn Lady Sunshine

Junior Report:

At their February meeting, the Pebble Pups elected their Junior officers. Atticus Kane is the Junior President, Aubrey Westbrook is the V. P. and Olivia Kane and McKenley Kinner-Sluyter will serve as our Scribes. They will be writing a sentence and draw a picture that might be submitted to the Shin-Skinner Newsletter.

The kids presented their favorite rock and talked about it. They decided they would like a bright blue cloth for the display case at the show for the Ancient Ocean display. They are working on their Showmanship badge.



Junior President Atticus



Junior V P Aubrey



Scribe: McKenly



Scribe: Olivia

Atticus likes his really cool bismuth crystals specimen.

Aubrey has a hunk of Fluorite she bought from Rock Doc..

McKenly has her birthstone, a lovely Ruby crystal

Olivia with her BIG Herkimer rock with diamonds in it.

Next Junior meeting is on March 19, 1:00 P.M. at the Athens Methodist Church.

We will be doing the final prep for display case and mini-mine.

Happenings:

The 23rd Open Forest is on Saturday, March 4 from 10 - 2 at Satterlee Creek Environmental Center, 2817 Cotton Hollow Rd. Litchfield Township, PA.

Same place we hold our summer picnics. Che-Hanna will be participating - as always.

If the sky is clear, Dave Millis will have activities for kids outside, near the marshmallow roasting pit. In case of rain or snow, Inga and her helpers will have a beading activity at the Audubon table inside the lodge. Thanks to Sandy Keener for all those beads. There are a lot of fun things to do at Open Forest. The sled dogs races are fun. This is the only fund raising activity the school and committee members hold in a year. I believe we should support them.

There is a silent auction, donations are welcomed. There is a raffle of a beautiful quilt, a 50/50 raffle, Chili contest, free food and hot drinks. Many other organizations will be there too.

Hope to see you there.

Prez notes:

Greetings everyone. Our weather has been a roller coaster ride lately, but today was a nice one so I'm not complaining. It's a little over a month till the show and we need people to assist at different times and places. We still have one meeting before the show, March 8th. There is a board meeting at 6:00 with the regular meeting at 7:00. Speaking of meetings I try to keep them informal, but I have to ask everyone to not speak at the same time. Mary is trying to take minutes and that is hard when there are multiple conversations going on. I try to let everyone who wants to speak have a chance. Bruce