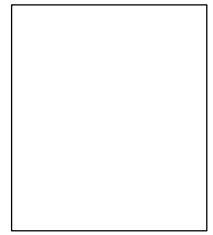


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**March Birthstone**



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**To:**

**Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. 9516 N. Rome Rd., Athens, PA 18810**

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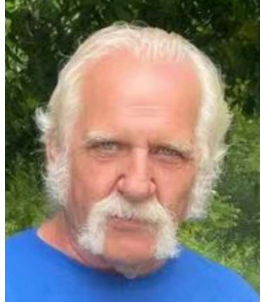
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**Bruce Benish**

## *President's Message*

*by Bruce Benish*

Greetings everyone.

It's the middle of February and the weather changes daily. They say we should be above average temperatures for a while so that's a bonus.

At our last meeting Dave gave an update on DNA splicing and a talk about morphing minerals. He had many examples which were pasted around for everybody to look at.

The next meeting is March 13<sup>th</sup>. A board meeting will be held at 6:00, the regular meeting will be at 6:30, assuming the weather cooperates. I believe Tony and Lou are doing an astronomy presentation.

Inga brought up at the meeting that it will be time to vote on new office holders. I hope some new people will step up as the people doing things now have been doing them for awhile. It's not hard just requires a little time. Everyone will help if you ask.

The shows coming soon. As always we are looking for help.

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  
MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM. BOARD MEETING AT 6 PM.**

*VP NEWS*

*By Bob McGuire*

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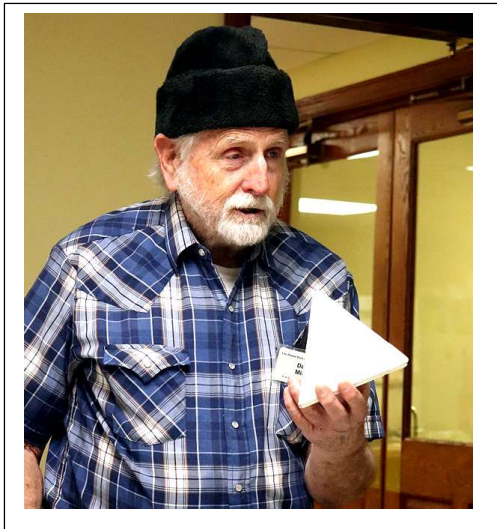


**Bob McGuire**

The February meeting was in the little side cozy room. Rock Doc did the presentation and was very good. A lot of confusing geo terms were explained and some samples were passed around. Good job Dave.

2024 show posters and quarter sheets were available and distributed. Use them where they will do some good. Only one more meeting before the show and remember, it takes the club members to put on a great show, so come and help.

Picnic locations are being worked on and will appear shortly on the web site.



C.Bourne photo



**JoAnn McGuire**

*Sunshine Report by JoAnn McGuire*

Hope everyone is doing well. I know the flu bug and some viruses are still going around and hope they are missing you. Hopefully warm weather will be on the way soon.....to stay.

Our sympathy to Ted Rieth on the recent passing of his step-mom in Delaware. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers during this sad time.



Good luck to Janet Andrus as she has shoulder surgery in March. Hope it all goes well and she makes a full recovery. Sure will miss her help at the show. Hope to see her back in action at the April meeting.

If you know of anyone who needs some cheer, please let me know. Stay well; stay safe; and see you in March, if all goes well. Meeting at the Methodist Church in Athens, 6:30 p.m.

JoAnn McGuire  
Lady Sunshine



*March Birthdays*

- 3 – Adalaide King
- 9 – Renee Moore
- 9 – John Morgan
- 9 – Jim Pannebaker
- 13 – Bob McGuire
- 14 – Eric Kirkpatrick
- 15 – Trish Benish
- 20 – Frank Meadows
- 22 – Ethan Stoddard
- 25 – GayDee Bloss
- 28 – Bill Chapman
- 31 – Dee Margetanski



*March Anniversaries*

- 30 – Phyllis & Sam Robison

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**Inga Wells**

*Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News*

*By Inga Wells*

The Pebble Pups will meet on Sunday, March 17, at 1:00 P.M. at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. Please use the ramp door in back of the building. I have not decided what the program will be and will announce it on our Facebook site. If the kids have a nice shell they would like to display at the show, please bring it to that meeting.

We will have an outreach meeting on March 9, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sheshequin-Ulster Recreation Hall, 65 Totem Pole St. Ulster PA 18850. Program on crystal growing and we will have a volcano bean bag toss for tumbled stones.

The April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at the rec center is canceled since we will be at Bradford County Conservation District's Earth Day Celebration with free activities for kids.

Inga  
607-425-7426

## *February Club Meeting Minutes*

*by Mary Walter*

Trish stated that Jeff ordered geodes and the order came to \$1,800.00. Hazel expressed the need to raise prices.

Inga stated that the Pebble Pups will meet on Sunday.

Picnic dates will be:

June 9th, 2024 at the Jim King Memorial Park in East Athens. Inga has made a reservation.

July 21st, 2024 at Round Top Park in Athens. Tentative

August 18th, 2024 Kirby Park in Nichols. to look for fossils in the creek. Tentative

Ted suggested a donation to SRAC. It was discussed having a meeting or program. Bruce Benish seconded it. Also, possible field trip to Museum of the Earth.

Dave Millis gave an interesting talk on Human Genomics which is lead to a treatment and cure of diabetes. Rock raffle was held.

Meeting was adjourned.

Dave gave a program on Geologic Terminology.(petrification, psuedomorphs etc.)

## *Upcoming Shows & Events*

(from various internet sources)

### **March 2024**

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

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

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

Wysox Volunteer Fire Co. social hall. 111 Lake Road, Wysox, PA

### **April 2024**

#### **13-14: New York Southern Tier Geology Club Show**

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