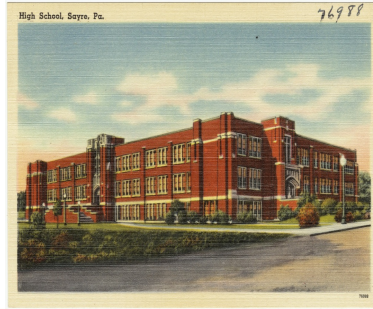


Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

The Shin-Skinner News — November 2019



Our monthly club meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, at 7pm; board meeting at 6pm. The program will be "Mantle Mylonites: Observing Deformation in the Mantle", by geologist NIK DEEMS. (Mylonite is a metamorphic rock.)



The October meeting was our annual auction; you have a whole year to collect something worth auction for next time!



Our Christmas party is December 7, 12pm to 3pm, at The Grille at the Train Station. Reserve your spot with Trish by November 13.



Don't forget to renew your Che-Hanna membership! If you don't pay up with Trish Benish by January 1, your membership will lapse and you'll need to wait 6 months before getting all your benefits.



The next big show is the Gem, Mineral, and Fossil show at the NY State Museum on February 22 and 23, 2020. It's jointly sponsored by the [Capital District Mineral Club](#) and [New York State Academy of Mineralogy](#).



Che-Hanna's time to shine will be here before you know it; our show is March 28 & 29, 2020.

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

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Annual Auction

With tables full of things to bid on, another auction has come and gone.

Thanks to everyone who brought treasures, all the bidders, and especially those who ran the auction: Marv, Dave, and JoAnn.



Sunshine Report

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who celebrate in the month of November. Have a great day.

Get well to all who are not feeling well right now. Hope Dominic's hand is healing well after his accident.

Hope to see you at the next meeting at the Sayre High School. Guess that's about it this time.

—JoAnn,
Miss Sunshine

Memberships Are Up For Renewal

Hello Che-Hanna Members,

Just a reminder that membership renewal is due by January 1, 2020. You don't need to send a renewal form if we have one on file, but we are asking you to send us suggestions on what you would like the club to do for trips, presentations, and meeting subjects. Also, if any contact information changes, please let me know so that we can keep our records up to date.

If your dues are not paid by January 1, 2020 your membership will expire and rejoining later will be considered a new membership requiring a new registration form and a waiting period of six months to receive discounts on trips, Christmas dinner, and any other workshop privileges, etc.

Your feedback is very important to us; we try to come up with programs based on your interests.

Thank you,

Trish Benish patriciabnish@gmail.com

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CHE-HANNA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB, INC.
AND MAIL IT TO: TRISH BENISH
9516 N. ROME RD. ATHENS, PA 18810

\$12.00 for Family; \$8.00 for Individual and Junior members (over age 17) not covered by a family membership.

Annual Christmas Party



The Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club Christmas party is December 7th, 2019 at the Grille at the Station, 12:00. We hope to see you there for a fun afternoon of fellowship with our club.

The cost is \$5.00 for members (after six months/\$10.00 for new members) and \$10.00 for the first guest and \$15.00 for additional guests.

You will be refunded \$5.00 if you attend but won't receive a refund or gift if you do not attend. If you prefer, your refund may be donated to the Susquehanna River Archaeological Center (SRAC). Please let me know which you want. We will choose a charity each year. **Reservations** are due by **November 13, 2019**.

*Any reservation received after November 13, 2019 will not receive their gift from the club as we need to get the order for the shirts in ASAP. *

We will still do the optional gift swap for those who want to participate by bringing a gift costing about \$8-10 hobby related and labeled male or female if it is gender specific.

THE GRILLE AT THE TRAIN STATION
718 N Lehigh Ave
Sayre, PA 18840
email: hello@thegrillesayre.com < he.
phone: (570) 888-3100
Social hour 12:00p.m.
Dinner hour 12:30p.m.

Menu Choices

Each choice is served with house salad and homemade bread.

- MARDI GRAS JAMBALAYA — Fresh green peppers, red onion, smoked Andouille sausage and shrimp sautéed in our house Cajun seasoning with Arrogant Jalapeño Butter, finished with wild rice (spicy)
- BOURBON TERIYAKI SIRLOIN — 10 oz. Sirloin Coulotte Steak cooked your way with a choice of a side
- SEAFOOD FETTUCINI — Scallops and shrimp with sun-dried tomatoes
- CARIBBEAN GRILLE CHICKEN — Two Caribbean seasoned boneless chicken breast grilled and served over a bed of wild rice, topped with our homemade mango salsa. Includes a choice of side.

If any club members who are on any restrictive diet due to allergies etc. can not order the above choices, please let Trish know and you will be able to order something off the menu that you are able to eat.

Sweatshirt size S-3XL _____

Reservations: please send your payment, choice of meal, refund or donation, and sweatshirt size to:

Trish Benish
9516 N. Rome Rd.
Athens, PA 18810

Please make out checks to Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

—Trish Benish

Che-Hanna Outreach

Sullivan Terrace



Been a bit busy with outreach.

Did a 3 1/2 hour program at the Sullivan Terrace in Dushore for mostly senior citizens.

Did 4 programs for 4 fourth grades in Wyalusing Elementary School for about 100 kids. Bob

—Bob



Upcoming Shows & Events



November 2... LANCASTER, PA:

Friends of Mineralogy Symposium for Mineral Collectors - Penna Mining and Mineralogy; dealers; auction; Nov 3: Peach Bottom quarry field trip (for registrants);

<http://www.rasloto.com/FM/>

November 2-3... OAKS, PA:

Annual show; Tuscarora Lapidary Society; Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, 100 Station Avenue, Hall D; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$6, two-day ticket \$9, children under 12 \$1, free admission for scouts in uniform when accompanied by scoutmaster ; 50th anniversary show: Gemarama 2019 — All That Glitters, featuring 27 vendors, demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, and activities for children; contact Linda Green, Tuscarora Lapidary Society, 24 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015, (610) 490-5252;

Information@lapidary.org; www.lapidary.org

November 9... MOUNTVILLE, PA:

Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club; Trinity United Church of Christ, 450 W Main St.; Sat. 9-4; Admission \$3; contact Eric Miller;

emill1960@embarqmail.com;

<https://www.facebook.com/LancasterFossilandMine>

November 16-17... LEBANON, PA:

Annual show; Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Association; Lebanon County PA Fairgrounds and Expo, 80 Rocherty Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1-4; General admission \$5 (discount coupon at website), free admission for children under 12; Vendors from across the U.S. offer a variety of specimens, displays, exhibitions, materials, and jewelry; contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301) 807-9745; beadware@rcn.com; www.gem-show.com

Editor's Note

You may have noticed this month's Shin-Skinner is a little longer than usual; it's because of the extra meeting minutes. I missed including the September ones in the October issue because of a combination of bad timing, illness, and inclement weather (and sloth), so I include them here. The club secretary, Mary Walter has been nothing but diligent in getting them to me. Thanks, Mary.

September Board Meeting

- Mary Walter will be taking over the Secretary duties until June, when elections will be held.
- Dave Millis brought in a sample of canvas bags that might be given to members. To pay for the bags using some of the show's money.
- There are going to be some new rules for the October auction. Members bring in items for the auction. For 2 of the items the member can receive 80% of the bid and the club will get 20%. For any items after the first 2, 100% of the bid goes to the club. A minimum bid will set by the contributing members. If that amount is not reached, the member can cancel the sale.
- Dave showed some Seneca Fossils
- [Bower Powers farm](#) is open anytime
- Dave Millis will be using aluminum wire for wire wrapping at our next show. It is more cost effective and Dave will be able to teach younger children
- It was discussed if the Sayre School is sold, what we might be able to do
- Dave Millis' Mica Castle will be on display at the [Gouverneur Museum](#)
- Dave brought up about possibly buying a Dan Powell booklet on fossils for the show, at \$15. If you buy the booklet, you have the right to make copies of the pages
- The Christmas party is December 7 from 12-3 at the Grille
- The previous minutes were read; there were two corrections:

- The saw was \$250
- The Christmas party date was Dec 7th
- Trish read the treasurer's report
- Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

—Club Secretary,
Mary Walter

2019 Photo Competition



[The Geological Society of London](#) conducts an annual contest for best geology pictures. I liked this [year's winners](#) quite a lot; see what you think.

Largest Geode in the World

The [largest geode](#) in the world, at 11 cubic meters, was found in 1999, but mineralogists just recently determined how it became so large.

Meteor Craters

Surfing around the Web, I stumbled across a set of images (slides, really) of [meteor craters](#) and associated information. (Number 37 is the big one, which made mammals possible.)



September Club Meeting

- There are two corrections to last month's minutes:
 - the date of the Christmas party is December 7
 - the price of the saw was \$250
- the meeting was started at 7pm by president Dave Millis
- the Pledge of Allegiance was said
- the Sunshine report was given by JoAnn McGuire.

Hazel Remaley took a fall. Max Grimm is in the hospital.

- Mary Walter read the minutes from the last meeting, with two corrections
 - Trish Benish read the treasurer's report, which was approved
 - The Christmas party will be at the Grille, December 7 from 12pm to 3pm
 - Gifts for the party were discussed; nothing was decided
 - [Bower Powers farm](#) is now open all the time
 - There is no new information about the possible sale of the Sayre schools
 - Dave Millis will be using aluminum wire for the March show. It is cost effective and he will be able to offer the class to younger children
 - Inga Wells shared that the Audubon will be having a program about bats. The meeting is the next Tuesday; meal at 6pm and program at 7pm. All are welcome.
 - The Benishes are doing a program at the Sayre Senior Center, if anyone is interested to help
 - Long-time member Barb Segar passed away at the Sayre Senior Center
 - The replacements for Dave Millis were announced:
 - November - Ted Rieth
 - December - Trish Benish
 - January - Frank Meadows
 - February - Bruce Benish
 - March - Jeff Benish
- Dave will be back from Florida in April.

- Bob McGuire brought up that we still have the book which North East Bradford School won at this year's show
- For the outreach program that Inga Wells and Bob McGuire presented, the Club was given a \$100 donation for their service
- The night's program had to be postponed because of AV issues — it will be presented in November.
- There was a visitor: Lori Sullivan.
- There is going to be an Indian Artifact auction at Pepper's Auction in Canton, PA.
- Dave Millis' Mica Castle will be on display at the [Gouverneur Museum](#).
- There will be a field trip to the Ace of Diamonds mine on September 8, possibly stopping at a fossil location on the way home, depending on time and weather.

Members will meet at the old K-Mart store in Sayre at 730am, then caravan to Rt88, mile marker 39 at 9am and meet up with Dave Millis. Dave will lead the group to the Ace of Diamonds.

Those attending should bring their own tools and lunch.

The club will pay members' admission fee at \$10 each.

- Motion to adjourn by Inga Wells; seconded by Bruce Benish
- refreshments

—Club Secretary,
Mary Walter

Free Mineralogy Books

I just discovered a cache of online mineralogy books! It's provided by mindat.org, that wonderful repository of mineral and mineral collecting data.

They are free to download, although the site limits the number you collect per day, in order to limit their bandwidth use. Some of them are quite large.

[Have a look.](#)

October Club Meeting

- no treasurer's report was given because it was an even-numbered month
- the minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed and accepted (motioned by Bob, seconded by Jeff)
- Sayre Health Care visit: 4 members went and decorated rocks/fossils with some children
- there will be more field trips planned for next spring. There was a good turnout for Ace of Diamonds
- Sunshine:
 - Hazel and Marv Remaley had an anniversary
 - Inga was under the weather with a reaction to a flu shot
 - Max Grimm is home from the hospital
 - Dominic Ferrante smashed his finger using a kettle bell; had lots of stitches
- JoAnn and Bob did programs with the residents of Sullivan Terrace and 4th graders at Wyalusing schools.
- The audit was completed by Duane Wells — the paperwork was done very well
- Dawn was wondering what the scholarship money in the budget is used for.

Hazel explained that there are amounts going to the Eastern and American Federations and is awarded from there.

- It was discussed about setting up scholarships for area high school students. This was tabled until spring.
- There is going to be all sorts of excitement happening at the Satterlee Creek park (where we have our summer picnics). There will be sled dogs, food, and tables set up with various displays. The club will have the new saw set up and geodes will be available for purchase or if there is a specimen you would like cut, bring it along.

- Christmas party will be at the Grille December 7th, 12pm-3pm; there will be 4 choices for meals. Choices must be made in advance. For those with special needs or prefer a plainer meat, we will be checking with the Grille for what can be done.

The cost this year is \$5 for members, \$10 for 1st guest, \$15 for 2nd, with the money due mid-November.

For those who chose not to receive their reimbursement (when they attend), the donation will go to SRAC.

It was brought up "why was the party changed from Sunday to Saturday?" It was explained that, in the past, there have been complaints that the party conflicted with the Valley Chorus Concert and with members going to Church. It was also brought up that Saturday the 7th is the first day of deer/buck hunting in Pennsylvania.

The club members will be the only people receiving gifts at the party, so a nicer quality gift can be given: possibility of sweatshirts or T-shirts, depending on pricing.

Trish is working on getting a speaker for the party.

- The Woolly Mammoth was named in Ted Keir's honor
- Applications for "Rock and Gem" magazine were offered
- Walworth Quarry will be holding an open house Saturday 7-2 and Sunday 7-12. There will be a safety meeting at 7 each day
- ALL HANDS ON DECK: The 2020 show will be here sooner than we know: March 28 & 29
- Club dues are due by the end of the year
- Dave offered a paper about where oxygen comes from
- Meeting was adjourned
- The annual auction took place

—Club Secretary,
Mary Walter

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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 St) 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 **18-November-2019**. 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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