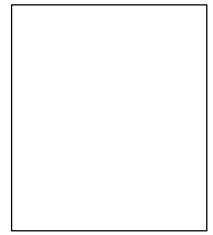


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PURPOSE: The club was organized in 1962 in Sayre, PA to assemble for the purpose of studying and collecting rock, mineral, fossil and shell specimens, and to develop skills in the lapidary arts. We are members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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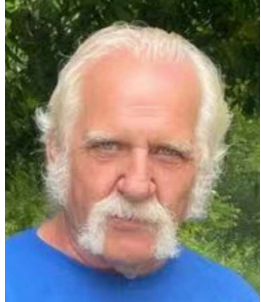
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Bruce Benish

President's Message

by Bruce Benish

Hello everybody. We had a successful auction last month. At least I thought so as I bought a couple of nice pieces.

Our next meeting is November 8th at 6:30 with the Board meeting at 6:00. The Christmas party will be December 10th at the Wild Fire Restaurant. As in years past there will be a \$5.00 deposit which will either be returned the day of the party or be giving to a chosen charity. We need to know at the meeting if you will be attending.

Bruce

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH TO:

AGENTOFEROSION@YAHOO.COM

THANK YOU.

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**NEXT MEETING: ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 8TH AT 6:30 PM.**

CHRISTMAS DINNER DUES ARE DUE AT THIS MEETING

Photo by JoAnn McGuire

**Bob McGuire***VP NEWS**By Bob McGuire*

Hi fellow rock hounds. The mineral auction last month of the Dell Wheat collection was a success. Big winners were Remaleys, DeMarcos, Frank, Inga and Dave. It all helps pay the club bills.

November program will be Rock Doc doing a special presentation on Mica and its crystal system and the unique way layers are tied together so that they split easily. He will show how to take it apart and why sometimes it doesn't split. Dave will also talk about the main five kinds and the five varieties. He will then have samples to hand out.

Bob McGuire photographs

C.Bourne photo

**JoAnn McGuire**

Sunshine Report by JoAnn McGuire

Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the Fall weather and colors. Me, I don't like what's coming. Our leaves and color have left already.

Don't know of anyone who is really under the weather, so I'll just say for everyone to stay well. If you do know of someone who needs some cheer, please let me know and I'll take care of it.



It was so good to see Anna at the auction/meeting last month. Hopefully, we will see more of her. Would like to see other club members who have not come to a meeting for quite some time. Always a fun evening and a good program each month.

See you at the November meeting at the Athens Methodist Church.

JoAnn
Lady Sunshine



November Birthdays

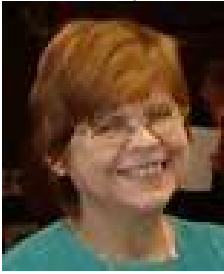
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C.Bourne photo

**Inga Wells**

Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News

By Inga Wells

The Pebble Pups families will meet on Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sheshequin-Ulster Rec Center, 65 Totem St, Ulster, PA 18850.

Program: Feldspar and Quartz; and for our craft, we will be making candy canes and stars out of wires, pipe cleaners and beads.

Dave will be on hand to teach how to make a wire ring and perhaps some other crafts for anyone 12 years and older. Our meetings are always open to adult club members! Come and help, come and learn something new, come and enjoy the hobby!

Our September meeting was a success. Thanks to Dave Millis for providing 2 stations to learn how to make a cube out of mica and hand polish a slice of soapstone. At the third station, we made gem trees, and the kids decorated the pots for their trees. Each kid could pick some door prizes. Thank you to the management at the rec center for opening their doors to our club and not charging us for the use of their facility. Thanks to Corrina for making the arrangements and advertising this new venture.

The Pebble Pup family will also meet on Sunday, November 19th at 1 P.M. at the South Waverly Borough Hall, 2523 Pennsylvania Ave. Program: More minerals and ores uses in daily life. Craft: making a star out of leftover wires, beads and whatever else comes to mind.

Our October meeting was fun. We enjoyed ferro liquid and magnets, and learned a bit about iron ore and uses of minerals in daily life. We melted Gallium in our hands and made critters out of wires and beads. Thanks to Dorothy and her sister for making the arrangements for us.

Pebble Pups do NOT have a meeting in December.

Looking forward to 2024, we will have our Winter Fun Party on Sunday, January 21st at 1 P.M. at the church.

Due to my involvement with Athens Area Science Olympiad, I will not be available to hold Pebble Pup meetings on Saturdays in January and February. I will be traveling with the team to invitationals. The team will be on break on Saturday, March 9th and I could meet at the Ulster Rec Center that day to get ready for our show.

The Sunday meetings have been scheduled through April.

Thank you,
Inga
607-425-7426

October Club Meeting Minutes

by Mary Walter

The club meeting for the month was our annual auction. I was unable to attend but it was reported that there was some spirited bidding. Over \$400 was raised. Some of the donated collection of Del Wheat (past member) was auctioned off. Del had some choice specimens.

There was a meeting of the Christmas party committee at Beeman's restaurant before the regular club meeting. There were five members in attendance. They discussed gift ideas, the menus for the party, the ugly sweater contest (in honor of Sandy Keener), and possible other activities that could be done. The committee will meet again November 6th for lunch at the Wildfire restaurant in Wysox. The party will be held December 10th. Your money needs to be turned into Trish Benish by the next meeting, November 8th: \$5 for active members and \$15 for non-active members and guests. There will be a gift exchange if you choose to participate. Watch for further messages.

Club dues are due by the 31st of December. If you do not have them in by then, you will lose your membership status and have to start over as a new member. Jeff's address is: 9516 N. Rome Rd. Athens, PA. 18810

Secretary
Mary Walter

Upcoming Shows & Events

From: <https://www.rockandmineralshows.com/location/mineral-shows/pennsylvania>

November 2023

4: Lancaster County Fossil & Mineral Club Show

Trinity Church of Christ: 450 W. Main St., Mountville, PA 17554

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterFossilandMineralClub>

17-19: Pittsburgh Gem Show

Altoona Grand Hotel: 1 Sheraton Drive, Altoona, PA 16601

Website: <https://Pittsburghgemshow.com>

18-19: Gem Miner's Holiday Gem, Jewelry, & Gift Show

Lebanon Expo Center: 80 Rocherty Rd., Lebanon, PA.

Website: <http://www.gem-show.com/>

25-26: Pittsburgh Gem Show

Washington County Fairgrounds – Hall 2, 2151 N. Main St., Washington, PA 15301

Website: <https://www.Pittsburghgemshow.com>

March 2024

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

The Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club Christmas party will be:

Sunday December 10, 2023

12:00 pm

12:30 pm food will be served

at: Wildfire Taproom & Grill (formerly Riverstone Inn)
47 Leisure Dr.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-8882

We hope to see you there for a fun afternoon of fellowship with our club.

The cost will be \$5.00 for Active members(after six months) \$15.00 for new members)

\$15.00 for Sustaining Members

\$15.00 for the first guest and \$20.00 for additional guests

Members will receive a refund of \$5.00 if you attend but no refund or gift will be given if you do not attend. This is an option that if you prefer that your refund cost of the dinner be sent to the Susquehanna River Archeological Center. If you want to use the \$5.00 as a donation instead of a refund the club will honor that . Please let me know if you want a refund or if you want it to be a donation. We will choose a charity each year.

Reservations are due November 8 2023.

Any reservation received after November 8, 2023 will not receive their gift from the club as we need to purchase the club gifts ahead of time.

We will still do the optional gift swap for those who want to participate by bringing a gift costing about \$10-12 hobby related and labeled male or female if it is gender specific.

Reservations for the party are to be sent to:

Trish Benish
9516 N. Rome Rd.
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Checks are to be made out to Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club
Please note if you want a refund or donation.

Members in good standing please give your shirt size also.

Committee Members:

Trish Benish, Lou & Tony DeMarco, Mary Walter, Janet Andrus & Luci McKinery