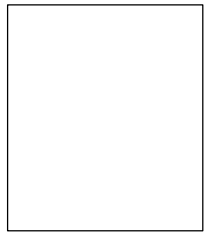


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### September Birthstone



Sapphire

Gemstones



To:

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JoAnn McGuire

***Sunshine Report***

***By JoAnn McGuire***



Hope everyone is enjoying the weather, whether rain or hot and humid. Gotta put up with what we get.

Get well wishes to Theresa Wells who has been having some medical issues. Hope she's feeling much better. Get well to anyone else who may not be feeling up to par.

Was nice to see Peggy Huffman and Gerry and Sandy Keener at the picnic. Was a nice group that gathered and all had a good time.

Hope to see you at the next meeting which will be Wednesday, September 8th, Satterlee Creek from 5-7 p.m. Hopefully the weather will be nice and it will stay light for traveling home.

Good luck to Dominic Ferrante as he moves to his new home in New Jersey. He will certainly be missed. He was at most of our meetings; he always displayed some nice minerals at our show. Hopefully, he was able to take some minerals with him. He had some "BIG" ones. Keep in touch, Dominic.

If you know of anyone who needs a card or phone call, please let me know and I will do my best to take care of it. With the rise in Covid again, who knows what's going to happen with meetings and shows. Can only hope it doesn't get so bad that we go into lock-down.

Take care and stay well; stay safe.

Miss Sunshine  
JoAnn

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**NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5-7 PM AT  
SATTERLEE CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER.**

Rock Doc



Dave Millis

## *Field Trip Report/Program* by Dave Millis

Che-Hanna field trip to collect horn coral went as planned. Attending were Jeff and Bruce, Hazel and Marv, and Dave(me). We met at McD at 10am at exit 15 on I-81. Drove about 6 miles to the site and were collecting by 10:30. All had enough in an hour and were back to the cars by 11:30! Easiest dig there is; just had to pick them up.

Inga scheduled a herkimer trip to Crystal Grove north of St Johnsville. So, I scheduled the adult trip to coincide. Most people are expected to drive there on their own. Else, they have two choices. First they can meet me at 8am on I-88, mile marker 39, rest area. If so, call so I know to wait for you. If I am expecting you, I'll wait until 8:15. Phone (305) 395 9560.

The second choice is to follow these directions from the rest area. Take exit 13, route 205 north to route 80. Take 80 and 205 east to route 28. Route 28 goes into Richfield springs and turns left - you turn right. In a couple blocks take route 167 to little falls. Then get on route 5 east to the light in St Johnsville. Turn left. 1/2 to 1 mile up this road stay right at the Y. About 4 miles later, you will be there.

The program this month is hands on mineral identification. With free adult sized samples which you can keep

Keep them together and you will have the beginnings of a set that will allow you to teach the young generation. And will give you a start in the same direction

The October program is the auction. I don't know when or where either meeting happens.

Dave

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Inga Wells

## *Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News*

*By Inga Wells*

The September meeting will be a field trip to Crystal Grove to dig Herkimers on Saturday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. We will also meet in my yard to do some "gold panning" and look at the sand and rock mix I bought from a mine in the south. I see lots of nice minerals in that mix. Date to be determined. Perhaps, Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please let me know if you are interested in continuing our meeting at the Athens Methodist Church in Athens from October through next April. I need to schedule that early September to get it approved by the church board. Thinking of the second Sunday of the month. Is 1 P.M. still good? Usually we meet for 1 hour and you will receive take home stuff to study.

I'm glad to see that you are having a great summer with lots of visits to fairs, amusements parks, camps and so on. It was nice to have so many opportunities to have fun again.

Inga



### *September Birthdays*

- 1 – Gloria Dick
- 5 – David Dick
- 6 – April Walter
- 11 – John Milligan
- 12 – Dave Millis
- 24 – Frank Niver
- 30 – Jack Lindhorst



Happy  
Anniversary!!!!

### *September Anniversaries*

- 28 – John & Dee Margetanski

## *August Club Meeting Minutes by Mary Walter - August 15, 2021*

It was a nice day for a picnic 25 club members were in attendance, Including 2 pebble pups. We had 2 special guests.

The Benish family brought their two young lab puppies, Rosie and Carter, so cute. While Bruce Benish was preparing the burgers and hot dogs, there was a lot of catching up done by club members. Dave Millis also cut coral pieces. Trish Benish did a great job purchasing the items needed for the picnic and organizing it. There was some delicious food items brought in by club members.

Bruce Benish called the meeting to order

There was no treasures report given, it is an even month. No minutes were read, no notes were taken last month due to my absence.

It was discussed how ready we for the show. Still waiting to hear from the Wysox fire department, if they are going to provide food. There are plenty of dob sticks and cut pieces for cabs. Sandy Keener offer to fill an empty display case. Advertising handouts were given out for members to take around to businesses. ALL HANDS ON DECK.

Sunshine report It was good to see Sandy and Jerry Keener at the picnic. Peggy Huffman was also able to join us. Sue Mulligan had surgery and is recovering well.

Wild Acres has a waiting list of people wanting to attend the fall session.



Ted Rieth demonstrated the use of a Geiger counter.



Caleb and Adelle Condon received their badges and sashes for all their learning and hard work. Thank you Inga Wells for all you do to help the Pebble Pups succeed.

Field trips: A trip to Crystal Grove is being planned on Sept 11th. Crystal Grove opens at 9am and is about a 3 hour drive. The club is going to pay for admission. More details to come, watch your messages. There was a trip to collect fossil coral, five members attended.

Upcoming events: Sept 8th next meeting, at Satterlee Creek, from 5 to 7PM; Sept 11th Crystal Grove field trip; Oct 8<sup>th</sup> is Che-Hanna show set up at Wysox fire hall with show Oct 9th and 10<sup>th</sup>. Clean up to follow show. Dec 11th, Christmas party at Towanda Elks. Next year's picnic dates: June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and Aug 21<sup>st</sup>. More information to follow.

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Farewell and good luck to Dominic Ferrante, he is moving to New Jersey to be with his family.

Meeting was adjourned.

Dave Millis provided games and prizes.



Let us Remember



all those who gave so much



9/11/2001



Mary Walter

## *Upcoming Shows & Events From: MSNEPA Newsletter*

Sept 18 & 19, 2021 - Poughkeepsie, NY - Annual Mid Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Show, Gold's Gym Family Center, 258 Titusville Road, Poughkeepsie, NY

October 2, 2021 - Macungie, Pa. - Annual Fall Mineralfest at Macungie Memorial Park

October 9 & 10, 2021 - Ogdensburg, NJ - Annual North Jersey Swap - n - Sell at the Sterling Hill Pavilion. FREE admission!!

**October 9 & 10, 2021 - Wysox, PA. - Annual Che-Hanna Gem & Mineral Show (Rescheduled from March) at the Wysox Fire Hall**

October 17, 2021 - Fishkill, NY - Healing Rocks and Gems Mineral Show - Comfort Suites, Rt. US 9 Fishkill, NY

October 23-24, 2021 – Pittston, PA – Treasures of the Earth rock and mineral show - at the Oblates of St. Joseph, 1880 Highway 315, Pittston, PA. 18640

October 30, 2021 - Fairless Hills, Pa. - Annual Ultravioletation Fluorescent Mineral Show

October 30, 2021 - Biglersville, Pa. - Annual Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Swap & Sell, All Outdoors