

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

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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 and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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 Street) 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. Deadline for submissions to the next Shin-Skinner issue is **21-January-2017**. 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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Notable this month...

Club DUES were due by January 1 — you can settle up at the meeting, if you need to

Wednesday, January 11 - Che-Hanna Club meeting - Sayre High School cafeteria

Sunday, January 15, 2PM - Junior Rockhounds meeting - Athens United Methodist

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

We Talk To Each Other - We Help Each Other - We Teach Each Other - We Smile A Lot!

President's Note

Well, Santa came to visit, but I am the last one on his list. By the time he gets here, his bag is almost empty so not a whole lot under the tree. Doesn't make sense because I was pretty good this past year. Oh well, next year.

Sorry we missed the Christmas party—they are always a lot of fun with all the rocky friends. From all reports every one there had a great time.

We lost a few really great members this year which shows the age of our club. Need some new young members to keep it going.

Now we have to get busy on producing a great 2017 annual show. New location, new additional advertising needed, and always help needed during the show. One big change, no Che-Hanna kitchen, so no need to bring in goodies and man the kitchen. Hilda is already disappointed as she was really an expert with the hamburgs.

I hope all had a very Merry Christmas and hope you all have a healthy and Happy New Year.

—Bob

Sunshine Report

Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. Weather, in most areas, was good for travel.

Deepest sympathy to the Walter family on the loss of Marge, who passed away on the 16th of December. Such a great lady; so pleasant and fun to be with. She was an asset to the club and helped in any way she could with the annual show or meetings. She will be missed, along with husband, Jack, who also recently passed away.

Sympathy to the Bloss family on the recent passing of Paul. They were long time members, with the kids in Pebble Pups, and Paul and Gay-Dee helping with meetings, shows and wherever they could.

I'm hoping that Bill Chapman is better now after not feeling so well recently; I think he was having back problem.

I know Lillian Warren is not a member of our club, but she enjoyed coming to picnics and a

meeting. Prayers to her as she is in Robert Packer Hospital and hope she's home soon.

Want to wish each and everyone a very Happy, Healthy New Year. Hope it's the best. See you at the January meeting, Sayre High School cafeteria.

—JoAnn

Juniors Rockhounds Making Christmas Tree Ornaments



Did You Know? ...

- A sand collector is called an "arenophile" or a "psammophile".
- "Anthropocene" is the name for a new geologic epoch being considered. It corresponds to the time of the most recent human impact on geologic history (encompassing, for example, agriculture)
- "Pedosphere" is the name for the blanket of soil which covers the surface of the Earth. It lies within the overlap of the lithosphere and the biosphere

Marge Explains 'Shin-Skinner'



In Memoriam - Marge Walter

Daughter, student, wife, mother, helpmate, friend, citizen, grandmother. These are marks of a full life. Such a person was Marge Walter.



For many years, she and Jack did the treasure theme for the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Show. The display featured an old-fashioned domed truck spilling out treasures, many belonging to the mineral kingdom. They also often displayed some of their Herkimer diamonds.

Health problems plagued Marge. She persisted through allergies to many things in the natural world. She loved her 4 children and extended family as it grew over the years—a real matriarch.

Last spring a tragic accident separated her from Jack. With a sore heart, she was no longer able to resist cancer.

She was a friend to many people over the years, a truly kind and dependable person. As we would all like, Marge achieved many of her dreams.

Rest in peace, old friend.

*With love and respect,
Gloria Dick*

Junior Rockhound News

The Junior Rockhounds will celebrate the New Year with a bowling party on Sunday, January 8. Reservations were made several weeks ago for the families that RSVPed. The bowling alley is a very popular place and lane reservations go fast. My suggestion to the families: please bring items for the Valley Food Pantry. All the other information is on our Facebook site or call my cell phone 607-425-7426.

The regular Junior's meeting will be on the third Sunday, January 15, at 2 pm at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St.

We will be making stone flowers. While our creations are drying, we'll learn more about igneous rocks.

The group donated a box of pine-tree-shaped ornaments to the Valley Meals on Wheels organizations. The kids created these ornaments out of clothespins, pine garlands, buttons and other things. The parents used the hot glue guns and helped to finish the creations. Thank you to Carli and Scott Yeager-Hall for the donation of the materials we used.

We are scheduled to meet on Sunday, February 19 at the church to make dreamcatchers. That is a long weekend.

Please let me know if you are not busy on Saturday, February 18. I want to plan a visit to the SRAC museum in Waverly for us and perhaps some folks from the regular club. If the girl scout troop already has something scheduled for then, we will find an other Saturday. Most of the Junior Rockhounds also belong to the same scout troops.

One other date on your 2017 calendar is our field trip for Herkimers for Memorial Day weekend. I hope that date is good for most of you.

—Inga

Upcoming Shows & Events



February 2017

18-19... ALBANY, NY:

Annual show; New York State Museum; 222 Madison Ave; Sat. 10-5; Admission \$5, Children free; contact Michael Hawkins, 3140 CEC, Albany, NY 12230, (518)-486-2011; e-mail: michael.hawkins@nysed.gov; <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/>

March 2017

25-26... WYSOX, PA:

Annual show; Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club Inc., Wysox Volunteer Fire Company, 111 Lake Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$3.00, \$1.00, under 8 free; 48th Annual Show. Club members exhibits, museum exhibits, lapidary demonstrations, door prizes. Kids scavenger hunt. Kids mini mine. Fluorescent show. Geode-cutting. Dealers selling minerals, fossils, jewelry, lapidary. ; contact Bob McGuire, PA, 570-928-9238; e-mail: uvbob@epix.net; www.chehannarocks.com

25-26... CHAMBERSBURG, PA:

39th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show; by: Franklin County Rock & Mineral Club; Hamilton Heights Elementary School (1589 Johnson Road) [flyer](#)

April 2017

1-2... JOHNSON CITY, NY:

Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Johnson City Senior Center; 30 Brocton St.; Sat. 9-5, Sat. 10-4; Admission \$3, Children under 12 free; Dealers of Gemstones, Minerals & Jewelry Displays, UV Light Show, Flint-knapping demo, Gem & mineral identification, Food, Silent Auction & door prizes; contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St, Bainbridge NY 13733; (607)-226-2319; stonecuttertom@yahoo.com

June 2017

3... MACUNGIE, PA:

68th semi-annual Mineralfest; by Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association; Macungie Memorial Park (50 N. Poplar St); rain or shine; www.mineralfest.com

Editor's Note

As you have probably noticed, I am providing the bulletin rather late this month.

I am sorry for this and am determined to do better this year.

I will spend some time improving my tools, and try to avoid "wild goose chases" when working on the bulletin.

One thing I might ask: if you are providing content (and please, please do), send it early if it's complicated. I can handle text inserts rather easily; a couple of pictures is also easy. I can work out other things (for example, what I did with galleries from shows or parties), but it takes time.

What really delays me is trying to get layouts to look right, not, as you might think, a large quantity of text or even pictures.

(None of this accounts for this month, which was just a juxtaposition of bad time management.)

Anyway, I have an increasing appreciation for all the past editors who put out bulletins, month in and month out, with tools far less sophisticated than I have today.