

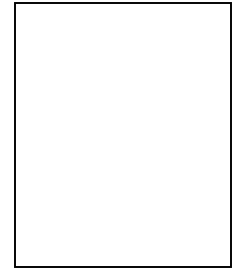
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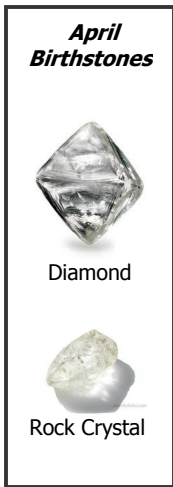
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Bob McGuire
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PREZ NOTES
By Bob McGuire

Well folks, our show is over and a success it was. It was a success only because of the great people that helped in the very many ways. The little tasks that go unseen, the big tasks that go unnoticed, even the workings that are visible to the patron, all needed to make this show another great show. I think all of us have been to shows that, based on population available, should be really big shows, but we still out pace them. Only thanks to you, members and some non-members.



Peggy Huffman teaching how to make a cabochon.



Dave Millis teaching wire wrapping.

The next meeting is our pizza party as a reward. There will also be a program by Dave Millis on RADIOACTIVE MINERALS. Be there for the meeting, pizza and program, and thank you again for all your great help throughout the show.

Bob

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Next meeting on April 13th at 7 PM

Happy Easter on April 24th

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**JoAnn McGuire**

Sunshine Report

By JoAnn McGuire



Get well wishes to Julie Fluke who is a bit under the weather. I talked to her and she's feeling better, so we hope she's back to herself soon and able to attend meetings. Missed her at the show, but look for her there next year.

Don't really know of anyone else who's not been feeling well. I think all of us are "sick" of the crazy weather and hope for warmer weather soon. Last I heard, the week of 2-6 April is still to be "below" normal, with cold days still around.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Board Minutes from March 9, 2011

By Peggy Huffman

The Che-Hanna board met March 9, 2011 at 6 PM at Sayre High School.

The minutes of the previous meeting were in the March newsletter and approved on a motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Sandy Keener.

Treasurer Fran Sick passed out copies of the treasurer's report. It was filed for audit.

A discussion of the upcoming show followed: new cases, exhibits, different sites for the show in the future, if necessary.

Summer picnics- The large pavillion at Hornbrook park has been reserved for the July 17th picnic, the medium pavillion for the August 21st picnic.

We received a thank you for our donation to the Eastern Federation.

Mike Buynak had a report on his survey about bus trips. After discussion, a bus trip to the museum in Albany N.Y. is being planned. Sharaton bus services is getting a 26-passenger motor coach. We must have at least 25 passengers by July 1st, for the trip to be a "go". Cost will be \$20 for club members, with a \$5 refund if the bus is completely full.

A motion was made by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Frank Meadows, to give Mark Wilson a \$100 honorarium, in lieu of paying for his hotel room during the show this year. Motion passed. Board meeting adjourned on a motion by Mike Buynak, seconded by Hazel Remaley.

Sec. Peggy Huffman

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Inga Wells

Junior Rockhounds/Pebble Pups

By Inga Wells

Junior Rockhound News for April 2011

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! You did a great job at the show!

Mini-mine Crew Chief, Cameron, extends a heartfelt thank you to his crew of miners. During clean-up at the end of this year's show, he remembered that in 2005, his first year at the mini-mine, it was just him and Ariel, working the mine for 3 days - since it was also an Eastern Federation Show. Now, we have 12 or more miners to share the work load and to provide good service to the children coming to the mine. Customers enjoyed the pictures of minerals Katie placed on the out-side of the wall. We do not make much money operating the mine, however, kids come every year just to spend time at the mine.

(photographs by Inga Wells)



Breanna and McKenzie in front of their display



Mitchell & Katie at the mine.

McKenzie and Breanna did a great job with their birthstone display. Both of them have agreed to be in charge of next year's display and help one or two of the newer kids to achieve their Display Merit Badge.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 10 at the Athens United Methodist Church on 118 S. Main St. We will meet at 1 PM downstairs in the Memorial Room.

We are pleased to welcome Frank Meadows as our speaker at this meeting. He will present a program on the Physical Properties of Minerals. After the program, we will be working on stuff for ArtsFest.

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Pebble Pups..... Continued from Page 3

ArtsFest is on April 30th and May 1st and will be held, as always, at the Harlan Rowe Junior High School in Athens. Club member, Mitchell Orshal, a student at Harlan Rowe, is in charge of the booth. This year, we will not be taking the mini-mine. We will be selling our wire-wrapped marbles and baubles for \$1. They were a great hit last year. Other items for sale: the rings just donated to us by the Carnegie Museum, our rock critters, painted rocks, and decorated flower pots with for-get-me-nots and other live flowers. Courtney has invented some neat hair decorations out of duct-tape and they will be available as well.

The money made at this event will be used for our field trip to dig Herkimers on May 7 and 8. Most of our members are students in the Athens school district and they will be busy at many different venues during ArtsFest. The Science Olympiad team has a booth as do the members of the band and all of the other sports teams, clubs and organizations. **Scheduling will be tricky.** Please donate a few hours to all of your organizations and contact Mitch with the times you can be at the Junior Rockhound booth. He can be reached at aorshal@verizon.net and please put ArtsFest in the Remark section, so he will not be missing the times you can work. At the meeting, he will give you a phone number to call and will get back to you when you are scheduled to be at our booth.



April Birthdays

- 1st – Pat Chapman
- 2nd – Joe Shepler
- 5th – Patricia Healy
- 8th – Louise Knapp
- 12th – JoAnn McGuire
Julie Fluke
- 16th – Ed Sick
- 18th – Tom Beck
- 21st – Dale Fulmer
- 22nd – Jack Walter
- 23rd – Barb Segar
- 28th – John Deysher



Happy
Anniversary!!!!

April Anniversaries

No anniversaries this month

If your name is missing from here, please let me know so I can add it to the list. Thanks. Editor, Frank Meadows

Upcoming Shows & Eventsfrom: <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/calendar.htm>**April 2011**

9-10: Johnson City, NY - The Annual New York Southern Tier Geology Club Show will be held on April 9 & 10, 2011 at the Johnson City Senior Center, 30 Brocton St., Johnson City, NY. Hours are Saturday 9 -5 and Sunday 10 - 4 . More information contact Al Conklin 607-625-4140

16-17: West Mifflin (Pittsburgh), PA - Monongahela Rockhounds Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Saturday, April 16, 10:00 to 6:00, Sunday, April 17, 10:00 to 4:00 West Mifflin Volunteer Fire Co. #4 Skyview Hall, 640 Noble Drive, West Mifflin (Pittsburgh), PA 15122. For more information and directions go to www.monongahelarockhounds.org

16-17: Portland, ME - 28th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show sponsored by the Maine Mineralogical & Geological Society. University of South Maine, Sullivan Gymnasium, Portland, ME.

30-May 1: Franklin, NJ - 39th Annual NJESA Show sponsored by the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society in conjunction with the NJ Earth Sciences Assoc. and Sterling Hill Mining Museum. Franklin School, Franklin, NJ

30-May 1: Topsfield, MA - 48th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rt. 1, Topsfield, MA

May 2011

14-15: Leesport, PA - 43rd Annual World of Gems & Minerals sponsored by the Berks Mineralogical Society. Leesport Farmers Market Banquet Hall, Rt 61, Leesport, PA.

14-15: Hamilton Township, NJ - 50th Anniversary Spring Show & Sale sponsored by the Cape Atlantic Rockhounds. Clubhouse, Cologne Ave; Hamilton Township. NJ.

21-22: Towson, MD - Annual Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. Ruhl Armory, MD Rt 45 at I-695; Towson, MD.

30-May 1: Topsfield, MA - 48th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fair Grounds, Rt. 1, Topsfield, MA.

June 2011

4: Macungie, PA - Spring Mineralfest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Science Association. Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA.

4-5: Birmingham, AL - 38th Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. Tannehill Ironworks Historical Park, Birmingham, AL.

July 2011

6-10: Syracuse, NY - EFMLS/AFMS Convention & Show hosted by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse. AFMS meetings: July 7-8. EFMLS Annual Meeting: July 8 Show: July 9 -10

*March 9, 2011 Club Meeting Minutes**By Peggy Huffman*

President Bob McGuire opened the meeting at 7:10 PM. Twenty one members signed in. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Mike Buynak, seconded by Pat Chapman.

Treasurer, Fran Sick, passed out copies of the treasurer's report and explained expenditures. It was filed for audit.

Sunshine Report- Let JoAnn McGuire know if you know of any one who needs a little sunshine and cheer.

Pebble Pups- No report tonight.

Field Trips- Dave Millis will be leading a trip to Bancroft, Canada, Date to be announced. The Wayne County Club is planning a trip to Mt. Pleasant Mills and surrounding areas on April 1-3. Che-Hanna is planning a trip to the Albany Museum on August 13th, using Sharaton's new 26 passenger motor coach. The cost will be \$20 for members, \$48 for guests, to be paid by July 1st. We need a full bus!!!! \$5 will be refunded to members if the bus is full. This will be a Saturday trip, admission to the museum is free, and the museum shop has minerals for sale.

No library tonight.

Publicity chair Hazel Remaley has posters and flyers to hand out. Hazel reports that Abe and Betty Derstine are having a great time at Quartzite and Ann McBeth and John are at Deming, too. Let Fran Sick know if you will need more money for your part of the show. Hazel R. announced that we will have Rock and Gem magazines at the show and catalogs from Kingsley.

New Business- The club summer picnics will be July 17th at the large pavilion and August 21st at the medium pavilion, both at Hornbrook Park.

A surprise open house is being held on March 27th at the Moscow, Pa. Methodist Church for Millie Weed.

Sally McCone let us know that there will be a "Spotlight on Science" open house at the Apalachin Elementary School, March 30th from 6 to 7:30 P.M.

The April meeting is our annual pizza party for a job well done at our show.

The meeting adjourned on a motion made by Mike Buynak, seconded by Bill Chapman.

Frank Meadows gave an interesting program on "mineral properties and their classifications. He had kits for us to use to determine them.

Sec. Peggy Huffman

Bus Trip to the New York State Museum

This year's bus trip will be Saturday, August 13th to the NY State Museum in Albany, NY.

The cost for members is \$20 and \$48 for non-members.

We will be leaving Towanda at 6 AM, Sayre at 6:30 AM and then Johnson City. We should arrive at the museum before 10:30 and will leave to return at 4:30.

We are taking a 26-passenger bus. The first 26 paid will retain a seat on the bus and the rest will be put on stand-by in the order signed up, if someone should cancel. If we have a full 26 on the bus, each will get a refund of \$5. If you are interested, don't procrastinate. We already have six paid and seven more signed up.

To sign-up and/or pay, please see, call, mail, or e-mail me:

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March's Program

By Lou DeMarco

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Lou DeMarco

Frank Meadows presented a hands-on program on mineral identification. He went over definitions dealing with minerals. Next, we did scratch test with different rocks. After we finished, Frank went over the answers. Thank you Frank.

Bob McGuire photo



Pat Chapman, Frank Meadows,
and Marv Remaley

Show Pictures

By Sam Robison



Bill Chapman teaching kids how to make a cabochon.



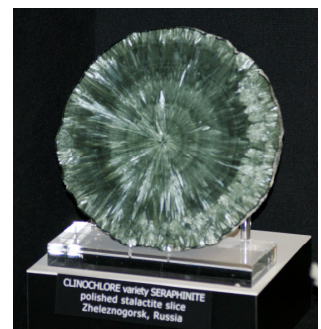
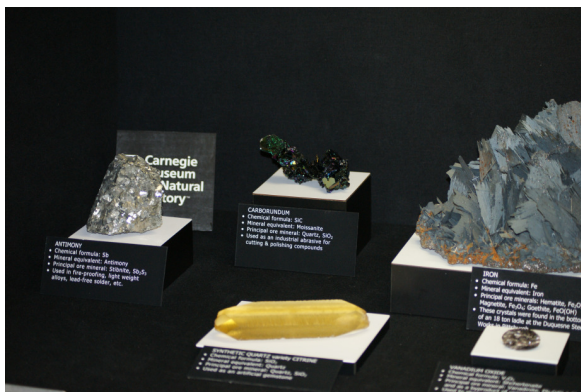
Al Conklin demonstrating faceting on his Ultra-tech faceter.



One of several dealers



Dominic Ferrante's collection of Herkimer Diamonds.



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