

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 **20-April-2016**. Articles without by-line are written by the editor.

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Notable this month...

Pizza Party/Club Meeting: Wednesday April 13, 7pm

Junior Rockhound Meeting: Sunday April 10, 2pm

Southern Tier Geology Club Show: Sat April 2, 9am-5pm & Sun April 3, 10am-4pm.

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 Notes

Hello fantastic members, you did a great job on our 47th annual show.

I am probably going to miss someone cause I don't get the chance to see everything while I am doing my programs and this year was unusual: my first program is normally 9 to 12 people but this year the first one had 47 and the other 4 came in averaging 40 each. I over did it and spent Monday thru Wednesday evening in bed.

Anyway, many thanks to Duane Wells, the Benish boys, Ted Rieth, Faith, Dom, Peggy, Inga and the Juniors, Trish, and Bill for setup and tear down.

Thanks to Joann McGuire, Hilda Gardiner, Mary Walter, Tony and Lou De Marco, Scott and Philis Chaffee, John and Suzie Milligan, Helen Tracey, and Ted Rieth for the great help in the kitchen. Thanks to all who brought in goodies and to Inga for the delicious chili and mac & cheese she provided for setup on Friday.

Ticket table was manned by Faith, Trish, Phyllis Robison, Pat Chapman, Cortney, and some others I do not know at this time.

A big thank you to SRAC (Susquehanna River Archaeological Center), Bill Klose of PRI (Paleontological Research Institution), and Marc Wilson of Carnegie Museum of Natural History, for their outstanding educational displays.

Let's take a little break and start working on next year's show.

See you at the pizza party.

—Bob

Rocks & Minerals Hit the Big Time

On the Jeopardy episode broadcast on April 1, there was a category named "Rocks and Minerals". The contestants didn't do very well, as is usual with scientific or technical categories, but at least the topic came up!



—Bob McGuire photo

Sunshine Report

Get well wishes to those who could not make the show and give a helping hand. Hope you all are feeling much better. Get well wishes to a couple of you who did make the show and got sick for a few days after (Mr. Prez., for one). He's still fighting a really bad cold, but is winning, little by little.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, April 13th, Sayre High School cafeteria. It's our pizza party that we have to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our show the great success that it was again this year.

If you know of anyone who needs a card or a phone call, please let me know and I'll send a card or get in touch. Enjoy the summer-like weather and take care.

—JoAnn

Che-Hanna Meeting Minutes

Che-Hanna met Wednesday March 9, 2016 at the Sayre High School. President Bob McGuire led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag.

Professor Bruce Overfield from SUNY Broome gave our program, a power point presentation "The Age Of The Earth". Estimates of 6000 years (Religious View) to 4.5 billion years were explained. It was a very interesting program.

Minutes from the February meeting were accepted on a motion by Nancy Welles, seconded by Marv Remaley. Treasurer Trish Benish passed out copies of the Treasurer's report and explained income and expenses. The report was filed for audit. JoAnn McGuire gave the sunshine report. Please let JoAnn know if there is anyone who needs a little sunshine and cheer.

Bill Chapman told of several field trips coming up, including Ace of Diamonds in Herkimer NY and Super Dig At Sterling Hill NJ on April 21st.

Show publicity: Hazel Remaley has sent news of our show all over. Members have put up posters everywhere. David Dick, our newsletter editor, would like old newsletters from our and other clubs to give him ideas about newsletters. They can be brought to the show.

Next month will be our Pizza Party for a job well done at the show. The program will be a slide show of Che-Hanna ways back. Picnics will be July 17th and August 14th at Satterly Creek in Litchfield. The June Meeting will be our covered dish dinner at the Page Manor in Athens.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Marv Remaley, seconded by Trish Benish.

—Peggy Huffman, Secretary

Che-Hanna Board Minutes

The Che-Hanna board met Wednesday March 9 2016 at the Sayre High School.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Trish Benish.

We need our papers of incorporation. Hazel R. will locate them.

Treasurer Trish Benish will send Che-Hanna's donation to the Eastern Federation scholarship fund.

Ted Reich is looking to several different bus trips for the club to take. Benedicts seems to be the best bus company to travel with.

Faith Toth went over the floor plan of the show.

A motion to raise Bill Klose's travel fee to \$75 passed on a motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Peggy Huffman, was passed.

Bob McGuire is ordering a book in memory of Virginia Herrick.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Trish Benish.

—Secretary Peggy Huffman

Upcoming Meetings

- April meeting: April 13 - Pizza Party for a job well done at the show. Program will be a slideshow of Che-Hanna in times past.
- June meeting: covered dish dinner at the Page Manor in Athens.
- July meeting: July 17 at Satterly Creek in Litchfield.
- August meeting: August 14 also at Satterly Creek.

Strolling Through The Show

-Bob McGuire photos



at the ticket desk



a happy dealer



a young customer



cutting a geode



dueling lapidarists?



junior lapidary



at the museum displays



in the display room



in the kitchen

Junior Rockhound News

Thank you for your help at our annual show and with our display. Lots of visitors had nice comments about the display, the mini-mine, and the show in general.

Our meeting is Sunday, April 10 at 2 pm at the Athens United Methodist Church on 118 S. Main St. Please use the ramp door by the back parking lot to enter the hall. We usually meet for 2 hours, but it's no problem if you have to leave early. Welcome new families! Our meetings are family-friendly and consist of a short "learning about rocks" part and then a hobby-related craft project.

This month, we are learning or revisiting the Mohs Hardness Scale minerals: talc, gypsum, calcite, fluorite, apatite, feldspar, quartz, topaz, corundum, diamond. Please bring your set; new kids will make one. We will glue some minerals and tumbled rocks on card stock so that the mineral and identification label stay together. Everyone will have the chance to create a "Magic Landscape" to their liking to take home. There will be some primed rocks that can be painted with markers as well. I'm also bringing wire and stones in case you want a gem tree to be part of your creation. Let your imagination flow!

Ira brought his rock identification board to the last meeting and we filled in some missing names. Great Job Ira!

Our borax letters for the show display case turned out well. We learned about the uses of the minerals we put into the display case. The Rockhounds can earn merit badges and that information can be found at <amfed.org> FRA merit badge program.

Contact me if you have any questions or concerns: 607-425-7426 email ingawells@yahoo.com. Most of you are on the Rockhound Facebook and I usually check those messages daily. Please do not call my old 570 number. I do not have Time Warner out in the country and they gave that number to a new person within a week of my move.

—Inga

2016 Scavenger Hunt Results

Winners are Lynch-Bustin Elementary School, Athens, with 10 completed forms, and H Austin Snyder Elementary School, Sayre, with 9. North Rome Christian had 7 and Waverly had 5.

Home schooled were the highest number of forms turned in. There were several pre-schools that were new. Lots of first time at the show checked, but the fewest forms ever completed.

—Inga

Editor's Corner

Well, our annual show has come and gone. I did manage to venture from the wilds of New Hampshire and attend.

In my capacity as editor, my only contribution was to send out promotional materials with bulletins. Don't have a way to know if it helped.

Bob McGuire was kind enough to contribute some photos which I've used in this issue.

A couple of you did provide me with archival copies of Shin-Skinners -- thank you for that.

I'm also interested in getting electronic copies to fill out my repository, but I don't want my email box to fill up and I've yet to work out how to tell you where the gaps in my collection are. If anyone has a complete set, please let me know. More on this effort later.

I'm trying to get more systematic in gathering club news, to make the Shin-Skinner a better communicator. If anyone has news, you don't always need to write it up; **just send me notes** about it (with as much detail as you can) and I'll put something together for publishing.

I noticed that the April meeting program is going to be a slideshow about Che-Hanna of the past. As you might notice from this issue, I can handle pictures a little better than I could to start out with. If anyone has any photos (or other images) you think might look good in the Shin-Skinner, please let me know. I can probably figure out how to use them, whatever their medium.

Upcoming Shows & Events

April 2016

2-3— JOHNSON CITY, NY:

Annual club show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Johnson City Senior Center; 30 Brocton St.; Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm; Adults \$3.00, Children 12 and under are free; "47th Museum of Gems". Exhibits · Ultra Violet Display · Flint Knapping demo · Beads & Supplies · Minerals & Fossils · Door prizes · Food & drinks for sale. Mineral & Gemstone Identification. Lots to do. Come early and stay late; Contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St, Bainbridge NY 13733, (607) 967-8552; stonecuttertorm@yahoo.com

2-3— PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA:

Show and sale; Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and Delaware Valley Paleontological Society, LuLu Temple; 5140 Butler Pike; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; \$5 Admission, \$1.00 children under 12; Fossils, Minerals, Gems, Speakers, and Exhibits! Learning activities include a Fossil Dig and a Kid's Mineral Corner. Also-Scouting Merit Badge Information available. Food & Door Prizes throughout both days.; contact Douglas Klieger, 26 Cabot Ct., Chesterbrook, PA 19087, 610-644-2492; dklieger@verizon.net; <www.philamineralsociety.org>

9-10— HELLERTOWN, PA:

46th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, Saucon Valley Lions Club; Hellertown, PA. Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5. Dealers, food. \$7.50/6.50 Contact Amy Musser (484) 554-6299 sauconvalleylionsclub@yahoo.com. sauconvalleylions.org/svlc_gem_show.htm

14-17— ROCHESTER, NY:

The Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, organized by the Rochester Academy of Science will take place from 14th April to the 17th April 2016 at the Radisson Hotel

Rochester Riverside, 120 East Main St. The conference will cover areas like mineralogical miracles at Merelani, Herodsfoot mine, Richard Talling and bournonite, to that of the sulfur mines of Sicily.

16-17— LANCASTER, PA:

Annual show "North Rocks"; North Museum of Science and Nature, Farm and Home Center; 1383 Arcadia Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Children \$2; Children's activities, educational demos, speakers, identification table, and vendors. ; contact Dale Chadwick, 855 S Pearl St, Lancaster, PA 17603, (717)-239-1524; e-mail: rdchdwck@gmail.com; northmuseum.org

23-24— STERLING HILL, NJ:

Super Dig Weekend; NJ Earth Science Association, DE Valley Earth Science Society, *et al*, cluster of activities in Franklin & Ogdensburg. See <sterlinghillsuperdig.org>

30-1— PITTSTON, PA:

Treasures of the Earth 2015; Mineral Society of Northeastern PA 13th Annual Show & Sale. Sat 30 April 10AM-6PM, Sun 1 May 10AM-4PM. \$3 donation; under 12, Scouts & Military (in uniform) FREE. Oblates of St Joseph, 1880 Hwy 315, Pittston PA 18640. Contact George Walko (570) 200-5987 or Linda Williams (717) 319-8334; <www.msnepa.org>.

May 2016

14-15— LEESPORT, PA:

48th Annual World of Gems and Minerals: Gemstone, Jewelry, Bead, Mineral & Fossil Show. <www.leesportmarket.com>. Sat 10:00AM-5:00PM. Sun: 10:00AM-4:00PM. Organized by: Berks Mineralogical Society - Admission \$3.00

Upcoming Shows & Events (continued)

June 2016

4— MACUNGIE, PA:

66th semi-annual Mineralfest. Macungie Memorial Park (Popular St). 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Adult admission \$2.00. Organized by Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association. <mineralfest.com>

4-5— CANANDAIGUA, NY:

Gemfest 2016; Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Greater Canandaigua Civic Center. \$3 admission, 12 & under FREE. **Our own UVBob doing fluorescent shows!**<wcgmc.org>

4-5— MONROE, NY:

Annual Mineral, Jewelry, Gem & Fossil Show. Museum Village, 1010 Route 17M. Organized by Orange County Mineral Society.

www.mineralevents.com/flyers/2016orangecounty.jpg

July 2016

9-10— SYRACUSE, NY:

Gemworld 2016; 50th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show. SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College. Organized by Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse <gmss.us>

16-17— HERKIMER, NY:

Annual Diamond Festival & Gem Show; Herkimer Business Association Herkimer High School; 801 W. German St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Adults \$5, Seniors/Students \$4, Children under 6 free; Music late into the night and over 40 Festival Vendors, including food. Contact Billie Jo Muller, 301 Davis Rd., Little Falls, NY 13365, (315)-717-4664; mullerbilliejo@gmail.com; <herkimergemshow.com>

August 2016

19-21— LEBANON, PA:

"Gem Miner's Jubilee" Wholesale and retail show; Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Association, Lebanon Co Fairgrounds and Expo; 80 Rocherty Road; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4, -; Adults \$6, Children free; Tailgate area. Contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301)-807-9745; e-mail: beadware@rcn.com; www.gem-show.com

27-28— CANTON, NY:

Annual show; St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral; Canton, NY Pavilion; 90 Lincoln St.; Sat. 9-4:30, Sun. 9-3; Free Admission; Friday August 19th at dusk - fluorescent mineral hunt for kids, free, lights provided. Presentation before hand 8:30 ; contact William deLorraine, 1 Indian Head Trail, Gouverneur, NY 13642, (315) 287-4652; e-mail: wdellie@gmail.com; www.stlawerncecountymineralclub.org

September 2016

17-18— POUGHKEEPSIE, NY:

47th Annual Show; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; Gold's Gym Sports Complex, 258 Titusville Rd; dealers, wholesalers, lapidary, fluorescents, exhibits. Adult \$5, Senior \$4, Students \$2. 12 & under w/paying adult FREE. <http://mhvgms.org/annual_show/>

October 2016

22-23— ROCHESTER, NY:

Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show & Sale and 66th Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Rochester Lapidary Society. Main Street Armory, 900 E Main St. <www.rochesterlapidary.org/show/>. EFMLS Annual Meeting, Friday, October 21.