

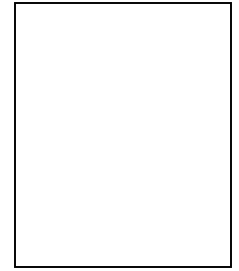
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Bob McGuire

PREZ NOTES *By Bob McGuire*

Greetings to all you rockhounds tired of winter. We are in the midst of preparing for our annual Spring show. Much help is needed to make this our best show yet. As you know our club is 50 years old this year and ideas are in the mix to utilize our golden anniversary. JoAnn will need help in the kitchen, Tony and Lou are in charge of the door/tickets and will need help there.

Frank and Marv are heading up the clean up, so give a hand. Faith will be working on the exhibits and would like a few new exhibitors. Bill and Peggy will be cabbing and Al Conklin will be faceting. Inga and her junior rockers will be doing great things at the mini-Mine. All this needs warm live bodies to keep things going. Do volunteer some of your time to make it another great success. For the members at the show, Saturday after the show closes, there will be a program by Mark Wilson.

8 February meeting will be a program on METAMORPHIC ROCKS by our own Frank Meadows. Bring a friend and learn about one of the three types of rocks.

14 March meeting possibly a program, but checking all progress on the up coming show.

Bob



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Next meeting on February 8th at 7 PM at Sayre High School

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JoAnn McGuire

Sunshine Report

By JoAnn McGuire



Hope everyone is well and staying warm. I know some members who are away and enjoying the warmth where they are. I haven't heard from anyone to send cards to, so let's hope those that haven't been feeling well are much better. Hopefully, the weather will stay in our favor for the next few months and then warm up. Wouldn't that be great!! If you know of someone who needs a card sent, please let me know and I'll take care of it.

See you at the next meeting, 8 February, Sayre High School cafeteria.

Che-Hanna Board Minutes – January 11, 2012

The Che-Hanna board met Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:PM at Sayre High school.

President Bob McGuire has received a contract from the Athens fire company for the use of the fire hall, for the upcoming show. This was accepted with a slight amendment. We will have the use of only one front truck bay. May need to switch the fluorescent show and the geode cutting.

Parking- Williams is using their car lot this year. Sandy Keener will ask if we can use any extra space for parking.

We need a newer cabbng machine for demonstrations at the show. We should take out ads in club bulletins to try to obtain a good used one.

The Science Olympiad is again raffling off a quilt. It was decided to not allow them space at the show.

Pres. Bob McGuire would like to get a group together to go over the by-laws. It has been suggested that a separate position for membership chairperson be created.

This year is the 50th Anniversary for Che-Hanna and our 43rd show. Fran Sick suggested a club case to highlight our 50th. Fran would like to see some sort of little memento given to club members for our 50th.

Bob has received a letter from George Matthews, a long ago junior Che-Hanna member now in Virginia. He would like to swap things from our area with things from his.

The meeting adjourned on a motion made by Fran Sick, seconded by Inga Wells.

Sec., Peggy Huffman

C. Bourne photo



Inga Wells

Junior Rockhounds/Pebble Pups *By Inga Wells*

Junior Rockhound February 2012

The Junior Rockhounds will meet on Sunday, February 12, at the Athens United Methodist Church (118 S. Main) from 1 to 3 pm. We will be upstairs, next to the kitchen.

The program will be more mineral identification for the older kids. The kids that still need to earn their Primitive Art merit badge will be working on that. Also, an item for ArtFest is on the agenda.

Sandy Keener, our club's gem tree specialist, found a neat button art for you to make. I showed it to some of the juniors at Harlan Rowe and they thought it would be a fun project for everyone. You can make something to keep or something to sell.

Thanks Sandy! You have always been a great supporter of the Pebble Pups.

At our meeting in March we will be making more jewelry items to sell. We will be using clear glass cabochons over patterned paper, feathers, or other items and then set them into findings.

In March, we will also review the minerals that can be found in the mini-mine sand and complete the schedule for the show. Our show will be held on March 24 and 25.

At the January meeting at the Page Manor, we enjoy pizza and many treats, made rock critters and painted rocks. I have several boxes of the finished product under my bed.



Breanna painting rocks

Photograph by Inga Wells



some members of the Whitley family, mother Sandy, Brandon and Maggie

Photograph by Inga Wells

If you would like, you can schedule a rock painting party at your house. We have primed rocks, a tub full of paints and brushes, glue on eyes and other decorating items. Just contact me and we can make arrangements. 570-731-4396 or 607-425-7426. Or e-mail me at ingawells@yahoo.com

I hope to see many of you at the February meeting.
Inga

Che-Hanna Meeting Minutes from Jan. 11, 2012

Che-Hanna met Wed. Jan.11, 2012 at seven PM at Sayre high school. Nineteen members signed in. Frank and Holly Meadows began the meeting with an interesting and detailed program about their time at Wild Acres last fall. Holly took wire wrapping 1 and 2, and had lovely examples of her work. Frank took cabbing 1 and 2. He had several nice stones that he had done. If you couldn't make the meeting you missed a good program.

After the snack break President Bob McGuire opened the business meeting.

JoAnn McGuire gave the sunshine report.

Inga Wells gave the Pebble Pup report.

There were no field trip, library, or publicity reports this month.

Under new business we finally have a new contract with the Athens fire company for the upcoming show. Space will be reduced for the fluorescence show for the show.

We may need someone to help or replace John Deysher at the door. JoAnn needs help in the kitchen. Frank and Marv are in charge of clean up. I'm sure they would welcome help. Sandy Keener will contact Williams to see if there will be any available space on their parking lot for show parking.

President Bob McGuire wants to get a group together to go over the by-laws. He would like to see a membership chairperson position created. We need some one to volunteer for the job until after the elections this summer. Please see Bob if you are interested.

This year is the club's 50th anniversary. We would like to highlight this at the show, with a club exhibit. We need memorabilia, pictures, awards, albums, newsletters, etc... to put in a case. Maybe Marge Walters would lend her treasure chest, again.

Marc Wilson will have a special presentation for members after the show closes Saturday night.

Frank Meadows has poster and flyers printed for the show.

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

Fran S. announced that 2012 will be the Eastern Federation's 40th Anniversary. They are offering two full scholarships to Wild Acres, one for spring, one for fall. Fran has applications. Your application and an essay telling why you would like to go to Wild Acres, is due Jan. 31, 2012.

The previous minutes were accepted on a motion by Inga Wells, seconded by Helen Tracy.

Inga W. needs small fossils for a group of 4th and 5th graders in April. See Inga if you have any you would like to donate.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Fran Sick, seconded by Helen Tracy.

Sec., Peggy Huffman

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Lou DeMarco

January Program

Frank and Holly Meadows spoke about their trip to Wildacres. It sounds like a trip every rockhound should take. They went last September. Each spoke about the classes they took. Frank gave us an overview of Wildacres. It is a 1,600 acre retreat on Pompey's Knob in the mountains of North Carolina at 3,300 feet above sea level. The week began rainy. Wake up was 7:30 a.m. and breakfast at

8:00 a.m. Dr. Steve Chamberlain from Syracuse was the speaker that week. They signed up for two classes each for the week. Classes were 10:15 to 12:15 and 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. They went to the rock shop in Boone, NC for their field trip and some went to the Kyanite Mine for their field trip. Carl Miller was the auctioneer. There was also a fun night. Holly took wire wrapping one and two, wires and pliers. The teacher was Jackie Campbell. She made a ring, bracelet, pendant and earrings. All very nice. She said sterling is harder to work with. Frank took cabbng one and two. Al DeMilo was the instructor. Frank had some nice cabs. He told us how to check a cabochon for flatness.

Photograph by Bob McGuire



Holly Meadows

Photograph by Bob McGuire



Frank Meadows

He had to grind the stones at various angles to get the cabs just right. Later on in the week, the sky did clear. The closing comments were good food, good people, and good company.

Lou DeMarco

February Program

If you enjoyed the classes I taught on Mineral Identification and/or Igneous Rock Identification, then you'll enjoy February's class on Metamorphic Rock Identification.

Editor, Frank Meadows



February Birthdays

- 8th – Amy Ensminger
 Zack Walter
 Marge Walter
 10th – Brandy Walter
 11th – Inga Wells
 12th – Pauline Wise
 17th – Isabel Coolbaugh
 18th – Patti Reith
 21st – Sandy Keener
 23rd – Gerould Keener



Happy
Anniversary!!!!

February Anniversaries

- 14th – John & Carol Doscher

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 & Events

From: <http://www.amfed.org/EFMLS/calendar.htm>

January 2012

14: Needham, MA - Annual auction sponsored by the Boston Mineral Club. Held at the Needham Village Club, 83 Morton Street, Needham, MA from 11 AM until 6 PM. Non-members are welcomed and consignments are accepted. See http://www.bostonmineralclub.org/docs/2012_auction_flyer.pdf for details

22: Moosic, PA - Annual Auction sponsored by the Mineralogical Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Moosic Presbyterian Church, 625 Main St; Moosic, PA.

March 2012

3-4: Newark (Stanton), DE - 49th Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical & Community College, I-95, Exit 4B, Churchmans Rd (Rt 58); Newark (Stanton), DE.

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9-11: Augusta, GA - 24th Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show jointly sponsored by the Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society and the Augusta Gem & Mineral Society. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St; Augusta, GA.

10: Fairless Hills, PA - "The Micromount Show" sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA. Northminster Presbyterian Church, 140 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Free Admission, Tables \$10.00 per half 8' table, Contact Dick Tillett, 820 Sycamore Ave., Croydon, PA 19021-6070. Phone 215-757-1877

10-11: Clifton, NJ - 23rd Annual North Jersey Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Jersey Mineralogical Society. Pope John Paul II Center; Clifton, NJ.

16-18: Hickory, NC - 42nd Annual Unifour Gem, Mineral, Bead, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1-40, Exit 125; Hickory, NC.

17-18: Gaithersburg, MD - 48th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co. MD. Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St; Gaithersburg, MD.

24-25: Sayre, PA - The 43rd Annual Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club Rock & Mineral Club show will be held on March 24 (9-5) and March 25 (10-5) at the Athens Twp. Vol. Fire Hall, 211 Herrick Ave., Sayre, PA. Check the website www.chehannarocks.com

24-25: Hamburg, NY - 44th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society. The Fairgrounds, Grange & Market Bldgs., Hamburg, NY.

24-25: Chambersburg, PA - 34th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Franklin County Rock and Mineral Club. NEW LOCATION! Hamilton Heights Elementary School, 1589 Johnson Road, Chambersburg, PA. Saturday 10 am- 5 pm, Sunday 10 am-4 pm

24-25: Holyoke, MA - Western Mass Mineral Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. A Massachusetts non-profit educational organization. Saturday March 24th, 2012 9:30AM to 5PM, Sunday March 25th, 2012 10AM to 4PM, Holyoke Hotel & conference Center (Formerly Holiday Inn at Ingleside), Exit 15 off I-91 Holyoke, Mass

31-1: Plymouth Meeting, PA. - The Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society Present a joint show and sale at the LuLu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike in Plymouth Meeting, PA. Saturday (March 31) 10am to 5pm and Sunday (April 1) 10am to 4pm.

April 2012

19-22: Rochester (Henrietta) NY - 39th Annual Rochester Mineralogical Symposium sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science, Mineral Section. Radisson Inn, Rochester Airport, 175 Jefferson Rd; Rochester, NY. Contact Dan Imel, lapidry@aol.com. [Link to page](#)

27-29: Elkridge, MD - Atlantic Micromounters Conference sponsored by the Micromounters of the National Capital Area. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge, MD. For registration and info contact <cscrystals2@verizon.net>