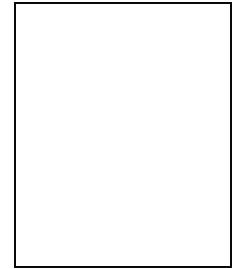


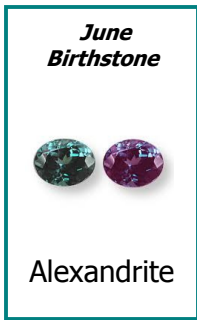
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DUES are payable to the treasurer BY January 1st of each year. After that date membership will be terminated. Make checks payable to Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. as follows: \$12.00 for Family; \$8.00 for Subscribing Patron; \$8.00 for Individual and Junior members (under age 17) not covered by a family membership.

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Bob McGuire
President

PREZ NOTES *By Bob McGuire*

Hi all you rock hounds, summer just might be on its way, so get your collecting buckets ready. If you were at the meeting last month, you were treated to some more hands on educating on rock and mineral ID. Some folks are really starting to get the hang of finding out what the rock is they are holding. Frank is doing a great job getting us started.

Mike has been and is doing a great job with the Albany Museum trip. The bus is full but he is still taking names of folks that would like to go. They are put on a stand-by list in the event that someone has to cancel. Should the stand-by list get large enough, we could up grade to a larger bus.

The meeting or should I say dinner this month is at the Page Manor. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Fran will get the meat N cheese tray. After dindin, there will be "Millistivities" for us to partake in and enjoy.

Take care and see you there.

Bob

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Next meeting on June 8th at 6PM at Page Manor
 (Bring a dish to pass along with your own table service)

C. Bourne photo

**JoAnn McGuire**

Sunshine Report

By JoAnn McGuire



Get well wishes to Inga who had the misfortune to fall and has some medical issues now. Hopefully, she'll be well soon and we'll see her at the dinner. She's having some eye problems that don't seem to want to go away.

I had a really nice phone "chat" with Joy Bourne. She was so glad I called and she filled me in on many things. As you know, she has an apartment in her son, Clark's, house in NH. She loves it there. She does not do any driving; she's just not too sure of herself. She does a lot of puttering in the flowerbeds she takes care of and they have lots of ground that Clark does the mowing on. They have tomatoes too. She said she's doing fine; enjoys this nice weather. She took all of her flowers from Towanda and planted them and they are doing quite well. They also have a pond in the back yard. She has many friends from Church, and neighbors who give a helping hand, if she needs it. Joy and Clark belong to the Baptist Church and he sings with three large choral groups and he's going to Haiti soon with the Church to do some work there. Joy has a room in her apartment that houses her workshop. She has her cutting table and lapidary set up and she does what she wants to do, when she wants to do it. Joy told me that Clyf's ashes are in the pond behind the Church and when they had the service, his sisters, Joy's kids and grandkids were there for the ceremony. When the minister was finished, a big bull frog let out a big "ribbit" to let them know that Clyf is there. Joy told me that her son, Clyf Jr. (Skip) came and spent Mother's Day with her and did little jobs that Clark doesn't get time to do. She also said that her granddaughter (Wendy's daughter) had a baby boy recently and has only half a heart. They took the baby home and he's had two surgeries and is coming along. Joy said they went to visit them recently and he's such a pleasant baby and so good. Joy said she misses everyone in the Club and to give all her love. She said even though she misses Towanda and all her friends, she's in a much better place. Joy sure sounded good and was so happy to hear from someone. If any of you would like to give her a call, contact me and I will give you her number. Wish you the best, Joy, and enjoy your summer!

Let's still keep Julie Fluke in our thoughts and prayers as she goes through medical tests and Dr.'s visits to really find out what her medical condition is. You can e-mail her, if you'd like. She can't talk on the phone very much as she starts to cough. Or, you can send her a card; I'm sure she'd love to hear from you.

Anyone else who's not feeling well, hope you get better soon. Hope to see you all at the dinner on the 8th of June, 6 p.m. at Page Manor. Enjoy this nice weather.

C. Bourne photo



Inga Wells

Junior Rockhounds/Pebble Pups *By Inga Wells*

Junior Rockhound News for June 2011

We will meet on Sunday, June 12 on Round Top Park in Athens Township at pavilion #10 (same place as before). See the May newsletter for directions.

Please note, in case of rain or thunderstorms around noon, or all day, this meeting will be held at the Page Manor, 502 Church Street, Athens. Please call me on my cell (607) 425-7426 or check your e-mails to find out where we meet - if it is not obvious from the weather report that out-door activities are rained out.

We will start at noon with a picnic. Hamburgers, hotdogs, will be provided. Please bring a dish to share with the group. Make it something you will eat! We still have all of makings for S'mores. I have permission to use the out-door gas grill, if it is at the Manor.

The games will start at 1:00 PM. They will vary depending where we meet. At both places, there will be panning for gold for the new Junior Rockhounds to earn that badge. If you have panned before you may join that fun too, but is not expected that you do everything that is on the "menu" of activities. A teamed and timed competitive "building" event with recycled materials and rocks will be held. There will be cash prizes for the best and most creative constructions.

The rain at the May meeting did not deter anyone from attending. We had twelve Junior Rockhounds and families crowded into the pavilion. The kids, with the help of parents, took turns making a stepping stone out of a cement mix and water, then they decorated their stone. I hope everyone's creation cured without cracking and came out of the molds without problem. I tried something new, using cooking spray instead of a brush and petroleum jelly to coat the forms. Mike was going to lecture to you on the facts of

Photographs by Inga Wells



The Clearwater clan at work, McKenzie, Broc, and Sue



Katie has done this before, Kevin and Aaron & parents working away on their first soapstone adventure.



Billy and Dad, Jim, on step 3 of carving a turtle.

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concrete, but with the rain, we could not spread out on the grass and start everyone on this activity at the same time. Due to the rain and expected wind, I decided to leave all hand-outs home. Here are a few facts on cement. I'm hoping you will do some research and learn more about aggregates and cement.

Cement is a mixture of compounds made by burning **limestone** and clay together at very high temperatures ranging from 1400 to 1600 degrees Celsius. **Water** is the key ingredient, which when mixed with cement, forms a paste that binds the aggregate together. The water causes the hardening of concrete through a process called hydration. The Aggregates Industry is still an important industry in our area. Early settlers made their own kilns for this. The most famous concrete mixture is called Portland cement.

Then, we carved soapstone. Remember, soapstone is a metamorphic rock! It is an impure form of talc. I brought this activity for the new Juniors, however, everyone joined in. Billy completed a great looking turtle. I wished I had taken a picture of it. Mitch, with permission of his parents, was able to use a "Dremel" diamond bit to carve his stones. Mike brought the tile saw, but due to the rain, we did very little sawing. Joe Shepler was on hand to make sure it was safe to use electricity while it was wet outside. Thanks to everyone for being cheerful, patient with me, and helping with the packing up and putting all my stuff into Mike's van before the next heavy down-poor. If there are some of you that would like to get together over the summer and carve some more things, just let me know. Or better yet, we can get together and everyone brings the items that are not finished and finishes them. I, too, have items that are in various stages of construction since my tools are always in storage.

Stay in touch with me regarding your summer schedules. I'm hoping to get some of you together for field trips when school is out in June.

Inga



Lou DeMarco

May Program

By Lou DeMarco

May's presentation on igneous rock identification was given by Frank Meadows. The opening question was what is a mineral? Everyone participated in identifying igneous rocks from the material kits and chart Frank provided. Igneous rocks are intrusive or extrusive.

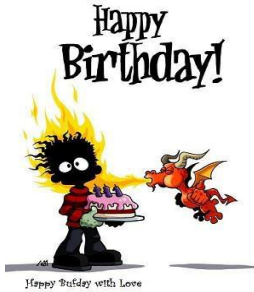
Characteristics that are observed help us determine what the minerals are. Some of these characteristics are whether the color is light or dark, what size the crystals are and what the surface texture is. The chart provided helped us choose what the rocks are. Frank went around answering questions after we tried our hands at identifying the rocks. Frank went over the correct answers to help us in our understanding and learning process. Hopefully we all learned something new.

Lou

Photo by Bob McGuire



Frank Meadows



June Birthdays

- 2nd – Marv Remaley
- 3rd – Anthony Moorehead
- 8th – Evelyn Keir
- 10th – Nick Hudock
- 11th – Diane Hudock
- 12th – Fritzie Blizzard
- 16th – Phyllis Chaffee
- 17th – Tracy Cole
- 23rd – Flossie Lines
- 28th – John Margetanski
- 30th – Chuck Hessler



Happy
Anniversary!!!!

June Anniversaries

- 8th – Ted & Evelyn Keir
- 10th – Ed & Fran Sick
- 15th – Pete & Amy Ensminger
- 28th – Jim & Loretta Abate

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

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.

The 26-passenger bus is currently filled but if more people continue to sign up, we can upgrade to a larger bus.

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

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*May 11, 2011 Club Meeting Minutes**By Peggy Huffman*

Che-Hanna met Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at the Sayre High School. Twenty members signed in. President Bob McGuire opened the meeting with telling of CDs that are available for the club to purchase. Indicate your preference if you are interested in any.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Chuck Hessler, seconded by Marv Remaley.

Treasurer Fran Sick passed out copies of the treasurer's report. Report accepted and filed for audit. Fran has applications for the fall session of Wildacres. Some really good classes are available. Remember if you are a first timer the club will pay half of your tuition.

JoAnn McGuire gave the sunshine report. Julie Fluke is in need of a little sunshine and cheer. Cards and e-mails work best for her.

Mike Buynak reported that the bus trip is full. A little reminder that it is customary for the passengers to take up a collection for the driver.

The Pebble Pups are going to make mosaic and stepping stones at Roundtop Park next Sunday. Sounds like they are having a lot of fun as usual.

People are not 100% happy with the Legion for our Christmas party. Site is ok, food is only so so. Hazel R. will speak to both the Elks and the Legion to see if we can come up with an agreeable arrangement. Bob Mc. told the group that the Athens Fire company is going to raise the rent on the hall from a total of \$1000 to \$1500. The board has decided to go with this, if the fire company will give us five year contract. The fire company will get back to us on this.

The June dinner meeting will be at the Page Manor in Athens, June 8th, at 6:PM. Bring a dish to pass. The July meeting will be at Hornbrook Park Sunday, July 17th. Meet at noon and bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the club. Dave Millis will be there at 10am with geode cutting, etc. The August meeting will be at Hornbrook park at the medium pavilion, Sunday, August 21st. Meet at noon, bring a dish to pass.

The 2012 show will be the clubs 50th anniversary. Let us know of your ideas to commemorate this. Marc Wilson will be willing to give a presentation for the club, Saturday night, after show hours. Fran Sick has tickets for the AMFS raffle. There are twenty-eight beautiful prizes. See Fran if you want tickets.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Chuck Hessler, seconded by Helen Tracey.

Snack break followed, during which, Dave Millis distributed door prizes.

Frank Meadows gave an interesting program on " Igneous rock identification."

Sec. Peggy Huffman

*May 11, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes**By Peggy Huffman*

The Che-Hanna Board met Thursday, May 11, 2011 at 6PM at Sayre High School. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Hazel Remaley and seconded by Marv Remaley. Treasurer Fran Sick passed out copies of the treasurer's report. It was accepted and filed for audit on a motion by Sandy Keener, seconded by Chuck Hessler. The show report will be available at a future meeting. Attendance was reported to be down a little this year.

Representatives from the Athens Fire hall came to give their reasons for having to raise the rent on the hall to \$1500 next year. After a short closed discussion, on a motion by Chuck Hessler, seconded by Hazel Remaley, the board made the decision to accept the new fee if the fire company will give us a five-year lease. They will present this proposal to their board and get back to us. Various other sites were discussed, but the board felt the public knows us at the Athens hall and for the time being, this is the best site.

Next year is Che-Hanna's 50th anniversary. Ted Kier and Jack Walters are original members. We will plan a celebration at a later date.

There was some discussion as to the site of this year's Christmas party. Hazel R. will speak to the Elks. It will be put to club vote. Fran S. has raffle tickets for the AMFS raffle, \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. See Fran if you want a ticket. There was discussion about Che-Hanna buying some of these raffle tickets.

SRAC in Waverly is having an open house August 12th and 13th. We can have an informational table about our club.

Sec. Peggy Huffman



Dave Millis

"Millistivities"

by Dave Millis

After the dinner at Page Manor on June 8th, Dave Millis will be making wire wrapped spiders with square wire and initialized beads.

Anyone interested is free to join in and make their own initialized spider.

Upcoming Shows & Events
from <http://www.amfed.org/EFMLS/calendar.htm>

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

30-31: South Burlington, VT - Burlington Gem and Mineral Club, 32nd Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St., South Burlington, Vermont. Info: Jeff Higgins at (802) 849-6076 or www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org

August 2011

27-28: Concord, NH - Capital Mineral Club 48th Annual Gem & Mineral Festival. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Rd, Concord, NH. Sat 9:00AM-5:00PM and Sun 10:00AM-4:00PM. Adult admission \$5 children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. website www.capitalmineralclub.org

27-28: Madrid, NY - 45th Annual Rock & Mineral Show sponsored by the St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club. Madrid Community Center, State Hwy. 345, Madrid, NY. Contact: Bill deLorraine @ 315-287-4652 or wdellie@verizon.net

6-7 Waterville, ME - 41st Annual Mid-State Gem & Mineral Show Water-Oak Gem and Mineral Society (ME) Mount Merici School, 152 Western Ave., Waterville, ME Contact: Ellery Borow @ 207-547-3154

September 2011

3-4: Augusta, ME - 22nd Annual Rockhoulder's Gem and Mineral Show Kennebec Rocks and Minerals Club (ME) National Guard Armory, Western Ave., Augusta, ME Contact: 207-873-6270

17-18 - RHINEBECK, NY: 42ND Annual Show; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Route 9, Dutchess County Fairgrounds;

24-25: West Friendship, MD - 47th Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Howard County Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD Rt 32; West Friendship, MD.

30-October 2: Elkridge MD - Desautels Micromount Symposium hosted by the Baltimore Mineral Society. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge MD.

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