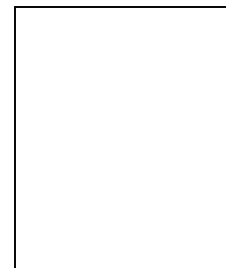


# November 2011 Edition of

## The Shin-Skinner News

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

### November Birthstones



Citrine



Topaz

To:

## *Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.*

*P.O. Box 142 Sayre, PA. 18840-0022*

**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 and 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 P.M. in the Cafeteria, the 2nd Wednesday each month, except JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, and DECEMBER. Those meetings/events (and any changes) will be announced in the newsletter as to event time, date and location. Visitors are always welcome.

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Bob McGuire

*PREZ NOTES* *By Bob McGuire*

Boy! If you missed last month's meeting, you missed a great presentation by Dr. Robert S. Darling. He gave out info that was good for the easy collectors and he gave out info that was the delight of those that are more advanced. All in all, a great program.

We need a board meeting at 6:00 but lets keep it short so the auction setup can get started soon thereafter.

November meeting is our annual club auction. Bring your excess mineral specimens and mineral related goodies for the auction table. Also bring your wallet with money to bid and win some of these goodies to add to your collection. If you have friends with money, bring them too. See you at the fun fest auction and get your reservations in for our Christmas Party on December 4th.

Bob

Photo by Bob McGuire



Dr. Robert Darling

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Our next meeting will be our Auction on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in Cafeteria  
 (Board Meeting at 6PM)

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JoAnn McGuire

## *Sunshine Report*

*By JoAnn McGuire*

Get well wishes to John Deysher who was down for a spell with pneumonia. Hope he's feeling much better.

Chuck Hessler is home from the Cleveland Clinic, but is in rehab right now. He hopes to come home soon. Our best get well wishes to him and hope he's able to get home.



Abe Derstine is home from Robert Packer, but also in rehab for now. Hope things go well for him and he's home soon.

Frank Meadows had a little minor surgery recently and seems to be doing well.

Keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers for speedy recoveries and seeing them soon.

Hope you all are enjoying this nice weather, at least for a little while.

If you know of someone who needs a card or a call, please let me know and I'll do my best to take care of it.

See you at the November meeting, which is our annual auction.

## **PARTY TIME**

Another year has past and it's time to put DECEMBER 4th, 2011 on your calendar. That's the date for our annual CHE-HANNA HOLIDAY PARTY. We're going back to the Towanda Elks Club this year. Times will be established later. Menu will be basically the same as before -- Good Food.

Price for members will be \$5.00 and guests will be \$10.00. Gift exchange encouraged.

This event will be a kick-off for our club's 50th ANNIVERSARY celebration. Please plan to attend.

Junior members and their families are welcome, especially if they wear their badge covered sashes!!

See me at the meetings or send your check to me by November 25th.

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Inga Wells

## *Junior Rockhounds/Pebble Pups*

*By Inga Wells*

### **Junior Rockhound News for November 2011**

We will meet at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. upstairs in the Bethel Room.

Program: Fluorite

We had started that badge earlier in the year and were going to cleave Fluorite at one of the picnics to complete that badge. I have six fluorite patches left, which means not everyone was present when we cleaved rocks. Please check your badges to see if you have one of the round fluorite patches.

There will be some minerals for you to identify  
- if doing crafts is not what you like to do.

For our craft: You can make a bracelet, made out of jump rings or chains and stretchy cord. Last month at the Page Manor, the senior citizens and their grandkids loved making these bracelets. I hope you will too.

The new Pebble Pups will be learning how to make a gem tree.

We need to talk about the show. Who is to be in charge of the display and the mini-mine? We start working on ArtsFest craft in January!

We have no Junior Rockhound meeting scheduled for December. Please join me and other members of the club at our Annual Christmas Buffet Lunch and Party at the Elks in Towanda on Sunday, December 4. Check the newsletter for more information.

Price for members will be \$5.00 and guests will be \$10.00. Gift exchange encouraged. Send your check to Hazel by November 25th. Hazel Remaley 3298 Centerville Rd. Gillett, PA 16925  
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Also, remember dues are due before the first of January. They need to be sent to the treasurer, Fran Sick, P O Box 5 Dushore PA 18614. The form was in last month's newsletter. You can find information on the club website or call me.  
[www.chehannarocks.com](http://www.chehannarocks.com).

Only a few people braved the weather and came to Round Top. I know some of you were ill. Thanks for letting me know that you could not make the meeting.

Cameron did a lot of mineral identification. It was too windy to make labels for Alex and Lizzy's newly started collections. They made some stepping stones and learned a bit about gypsum. Billy came up from Standing Stone with his dad and grandpa and between attending church, a soccer game, scouts and other commitments that day, did some gold panning and earned his pyrite badge.

Photo by Inga Wells



Photo by Inga Wells



Billy listening intently to gold panning instructions

## ***Hitching a Ride***

***By Inga Wells***

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What do you do when driving to Wildacres is not an option? Luckily, other club members and friends will offer you a ride. I am grateful to have several people offer me a ride to Wildacres. I hitched a ride with Fran Sick. We left Dushore on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and had a pleasant and relaxing ride to Wytheville, VA. Many people from the North East, on their way to Wildacres, spend the night there. It has been a long-standing tradition to meet at the Chinese restaurant for dinner. Many roads intersect in Wytheville and going from the Hampton Inn on Peppers Ferry Road to the restaurant is very tricky. Fran and I hitched a ride with Steve and Carolyn Weinberger and did not get lost this time. After a pleasant breakfast on Monday, everyone made their way to Wildacres. We met many of our Wildacres group at the Walmart in Spruce Pine. Tropical storm Lee had started. A lot of rain was in the forecast. Some of us needed some ducky boots or other weatherproof footwear in case there would be puddles on the way to the dining hall.

I was looking forward to going on the field trip for Kyanite on free day. I hitched a ride with John Milligan from our sister-club in Johnson City, NY. We had a convoy of five cars full of eager Rockhounds. Our field trip leader, Harry Polly, had scheduled a pit stop for us before heading out into the wilderness. Would you believe the pump at the gas station said gas was 59 cents per gallons? On the way back, John stopped for gas. The pump still worked, however, the price was a bit more than advertised.

We made our way to the Presnell Kyanite Mine near Burnsville in Yancey County. It is a privately owned mine. One of the smaller cars did not make it up the steep hill road on the first try and had to back down the mountain. I was surely glad that John was an excellent driver as he backed down the road to get out of the way of the smaller car. I'm glad I know who to hitch a ride from. Had I been driving, AAA surely would have been called since I do not back down a steep dirt mountain road all that well.

I really enjoyed being out in nature. As we walked the trail to the mine, the song of a Carolina wren greeted us. It was fun to walk through a "tunnel" of rhododendron bushes to get to and back from the dig. I knew that everything was wet and slippery from the rain and did not try to make it up to the higher and steeper hill to the best kyanite location. Getting up a steep hill is no problem, but getting back down can do a number on my knees and I did not want to be in pain for the rest of the week. Most people, returning from the upper part of the diggings, slid down on their behind to avoid injury. It is far better to have a muddy bottom than a broken bone.

I found one nice blue kyanite crystal in quartz and I was happy with that. As I found small boulders, I would carry them to a spot to crack them. There was kyanite in mica schist and in the quartz/feldspar gneiss. I picked up some phlogopite mica and schist to bring home for the Pebble

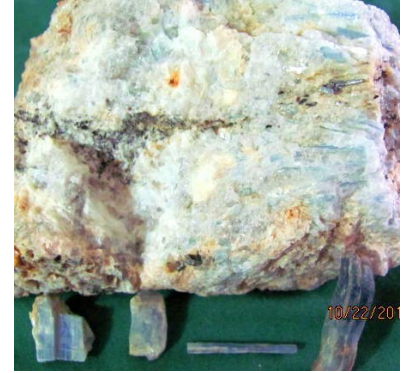
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Pups. Pamm found a big boulder, loaded with blades of kyanite and spend a lot of time breaking it up to haul down the mountain to the vehicle. Many people helped her with that task. Harry returned with kyanite for anyone that had not found any or wanted more. Everyone came back to Wildacres with kyanite.

I hope you too, will hitch a ride or drive to Wildacres in the spring or fall of next year.

Photo by Inga Wells



## *Upcoming Shows & Events*

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

### **November 2011**

**5-6: Greenwich, CT** - The Stamford Mineralogical Society's Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewellery & Fossil Show, Sat., Nov. 5th., 9:30 A. M.-5 P. M. Sun., Nov. 6th, 10:00 A. M.-4:30 P. M., Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Road, Greenwich, CT. Gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils; contact Nancy Mattson, (914) 935-8893; e-mail: ngm11@msn.com; Web site: [www.stamfordmineralsociety.org](http://www.stamfordmineralsociety.org)

**5-6: Exton, PA** - Tuscarora Lapidary Society, Inc. GEMARAMA Saturday November 5, 2011, 10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday November 6, 2011, 10 AM - 5 PM. Location: Founders Pavilion at CFS, the School at Church Farm, 1001 E. Lincoln Highway, Exton, PA 19341.

**5-6: Brewer, ME** - 7th Annual Rock & Gem Show sponsored by the Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club. Brewer Auditorium, Brewer, ME.

**12-13: Fairfax, VA** - 20th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show Northern Virginia Mineral Club (VA) George Mason University, Student Union Bldg., Rte 123 & Braddock Rd., Fairfax, VA Contact: Jim Kostka @ [jkostka@juno.com](mailto:jkostka@juno.com)

**19-20: West Palm Beach Florida** - Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches 45th annual gem, mineral, jewelry, bead and fossil show. Americraft Expo Center East (South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East), 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach Florida 33411.

**25-27: Salem, Va** - 32nd Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Show Hosting Club- Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Society Website- [www.rvmgs.com](http://www.rvmgs.com). Location- Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Va 24153.

## ***Che-Hanna Club Meeting Minutes - Oct. 12, 2011***

President Bob McGuire opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Frank Meadows introduced the speaker for the evening Dr. Robert Darling, professor of mineralogy at SUNY, Cortland. He spoke of "Rare minerals of the Adirondacks." It was an interesting and detailed talk reflecting his research over the past several years of the Adirondack region of upper New York state. He stated that "unusual Adirondack minerals are still being discovered, many not far from our homes. Their occurrence can be very significant."

Snack break followed Dr. Darling's talk. Dave Millis passed his dish of stones and distributed door prizes. Thanks Dave!

President Bob McGuire welcomed members and guests and had them introduce themselves.

Hazel Remaley welcomed Maggie Hessler back to our midst. Chuck H. is at Elderwood getting stronger, we hope. Hazel had a call from Betty Derstine. Abe D. is at the Bradford County Manor for rehab, and getting better.

Treasurer Fran Sick passed out copies of the revised show report, a copy of the treasurer's report up to August 31<sup>st</sup> showing no activity since, and a copy of the proposed budget for next year. After discussion, these passed on a motion by Priscilla Lingenfelter, seconded by Hazel Remaley.

The November meeting will be the auction. Bring your extras and things you don't have room for. Fran Sick gave a CD of Dr. Steve Chamberlain's talks at Wildacres, for future club programs.

Sunshine JoAnn McGuire passed a card for members to sign for Ted Kier's 85th birthday. The Pebble Pups will meet the second Sunday in November. They have been very busy, as usual, with projects.

Dave Millis had no Field trip news at this time.

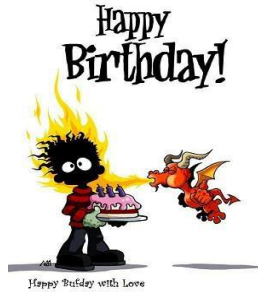
Faith Toth brought the library books. She has a booklet on exhibiting for people to take out. The next time Faith will bring the library books will be at the January meeting.

Hazel Remaley said that the publicity for the 2012 March show has already been started. The Christmas party will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Towanda Elks. Get your reservations to Hazel soon. The fee is five dollars for members and ten dollars for guests. Gather at 12:30, eat at 1:00. If you wish to participate, there will be an \$8-\$10 gift exchange. We will be starting to celebrate our 50th anniversary as a club at the Christmas party.

Fran S. announced that Hazel has been named as the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president of the Eastern Federation. Congratulations Hazel!

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Fran Sick.

Sec., Peggy Huffman



### **November Birthdays**



Happy  
Anniversary!!!!

### **November Anniversaries**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Scott Beck      | 16 <sup>th</sup> – Sue MacInnis |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – Joy Bourne      | 24 <sup>th</sup> – Lois Neamand |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> – Gay Richards    | 25 <sup>th</sup> – Paul Bloss   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> – Carol DeSanto   | 27 <sup>th</sup> – Maurice Fay  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> – Maggie Hessler | 28 <sup>th</sup> – Erin Buynak  |
| Bonnie Norton                     | 30 <sup>th</sup> – Ted Rieth    |
| Beverly Worthington               |                                 |

28<sup>th</sup> – Bob & JoAnn McGuire

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

### ***Che-Hanna Board Minutes – October 12, 2011***

The Che-Hanna board met Oct.12, 2011 at 6:P.M. at the Sayre High School with seven members present.

Treasurer's Report- There has been no current activity.

There has been no word on a contract for the fire hall for the 2012 show. Hazel Remaley will inquire about that.

Fran Sick related that a new member from last year has had no activity on her behalf, Shin-Skinner, membership card, etc. This will be remedied.

Bob McGuire will renew the fee for the club Website.

Tony and Lou DeMarco have audited the books.

Fran S. donated a copy of Wildacres speaker, Dr. Steve Chamberlain's CD with different programs of interest to the club.

There is a booklet on exhibiting available to club members.

Mike Buynak has a case that he bought. It is available for purchase. He will bring it to the November meeting.

2012 will be the 50th year anniversary for Che-Hanna. Hazel R. suggests that we start our celebration by recognizing our charter members at the Christmas party in December.

The Board meeting adjourned on a motion by Inga Wells, seconded by Marv Remaley.

Sec. Peggy Huffman

**CHE-HANNA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW** \_\_\_\_\_ **RENEWAL** \_\_\_\_\_**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHE-HANNA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB**\_\_\_\_\_ **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP** ..... \$ 8.00\_\_\_\_\_ **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** ..... \$12.00**( INCLUDES PARENTS AND ALL CHILDREN UNDER 17 YEARS OLD )****MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SHIN-SKINNER NEWSLETTER**

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- minerals
- fossils
- lapidary / gems / jewelry
- shells
- field trips
- Jr. Rock Hound / Pebble Pup Club (for ages 8 to 17)
- list others not mentioned above

**What are YOU willing to contribute to the club?**

**RENEWAL DUES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> EACH YEAR. IF NOT PAID BY JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, MEMBERSHIP WILL TERMINATE. REJOINING LATER WILL BE CONSIDERED A NEW MEMBERSHIP REQUIRING A WAITING PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS TO RECEIVE DISCOUNTS ON TRIPS, CHRISTMAS DINNER, WORKSHOP PRIVILEGES ETC.**

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