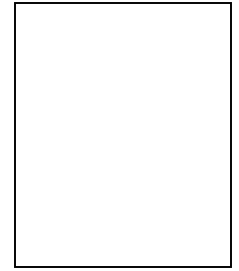


# September 2011 Edition of

## The Shin-Skinner News

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### September Birthstone



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To:

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

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

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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 to all members. Autumn is on the way and we are back to our regular meetings.

The August picnic was great again. Dave showed how to make butterflies with mica for wings. They turn out very nice and very attractive. He will be demonstrating his new idea at a show up north.



Photographs by Bob McGuire

Then we had a brief rain, but the burgers and dogs were covered and tasted just terrific. Then we had several rounds of a puzzle game by Dave and a few rounds of Geoclue with tons of prizes provided by Dave. Thanks a million Dave.

Thanks to Carol Desanto for getting all the food prep stuff and those who helped with the fire and cooking. The dishes to pass were terrific. We were at the small pavilion and it worked out very well for the almost thirty folks that showed up. Because of the weather, the library was not brought along, so any books to return, should be brought to the next meeting.

Speaking of meetings, our next one is September 14<sup>th</sup> and we are back in the Sayre School. We will have a board meeting at 6:00 and the program will start at 7:00. September's program will be on **Rare Minerals of the Adirondacks** by Dr. Robert S. Darling, professor of Mineralogy from SUNY Cortland. Our meeting will be held after the program.

Bring a friend and see you there.

Bob

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Next meeting will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> in Cafeteria at Sayre High School  
(Board Meeting at 6PM, Dr. Robert Darling at 7PM, Club Meeting at 8PM)

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**JoAnn McGuire**

## *Sunshine Report*

*By JoAnn McGuire*



Hope you're all enjoying the last of the summer. At the picnic, no one mentioned about anyone being on the sick list or needing cheer. Our thoughts and prayers are still with Chuck Hessler as he has medical issues. We hope he's doing better.

Russell Chaffee had the misfortune to fall and came to the picnic with two black, black eyes and other facial bruises. Phyllis says he'll tell you she hit him, but we know better.

Julie Fluke is really feeling much better and it was nice to see her at the picnic. She progresses more each day and that's good to hear.

Marv Remaley is looking well and has lost about 13 pounds; watches what he eats. Says he now has to eat everything he doesn't like. Sometimes we have to do that to stay healthy.

If you know of someone who needs a card to cheer them or for sympathy, please let me know. I'll do my best to send something to them.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, back at the Sayre High School. Take care all.

JoAnn

## *Che-Hanna Minutes from August 21, 2011*

*By Peggy Huffman*

Che-Hanna met for our August picnic at Hornbrook Park.

Dave Millis demonstrated how to make butterflies from mica, beads and wire. They are quite pretty. The day started out gray and rainy, but the sun came out as eighteen of us gathered for a good picnic lunch, which included hamburgers, hotdogs and the usual good stuff.

After lunch, Dave Millis led the group in several games, piecing puzzle pieces and several rounds of geo-clue. Fun was had by all.

The next Che-Hanna meeting will be Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Sayre High School.

Peggy Huffman, Sec.

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**Inga Wells**

## *Junior Rockhounds/Pebble Pups*

*By Inga Wells*

### Junior Rockhound News for September 2011

It is hard to believe that summer is almost gone. Best Wishes and Good Luck to all of you in the new school year.

At this time, I do not have a September meeting scheduled, except for the Herkimer field trip on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

I will be sending emails and I will call the ones without e-mail when our plans are firm. Most of you preferred a day trip to Herkimer. We plan on digging at the "Ace of Diamond" on Route 28, 7 miles north of Middleville. This place adjoins the Herkimer Diamond Development with the KOA. There is camping available at the "Ace" if you like to stay overnight. Cost \$15 per night for 2 people, \$1 for each additional person at your site; add \$4 for electricity. For reservation, phone 315-891-3855.

Their website: [www.herkimerdiamonds.com](http://www.herkimerdiamonds.com) (please note the plural s)

The owners, the Smith family, are very helpful and friendly.

Digging fees: \$9.50 for people over 7 years of age, under 7 it is \$4.50. We checked out the bathrooms and gift shop last year and they met with our full approval.

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If you like more touristy and upscale accommodations, [www.herkimerdiamond.com](http://www.herkimerdiamond.com) or 315-891-7355

You will need bug spray. Please wear sturdy shoes and sensible clothes to protect your body from the sharp rocks and dress according to weather. Tools may be rented; however, I have a selection of tools and screens that I will bring. You should bring eye protection and gloves. You will need a container for the small herks and something to carry the tools and big chunks with matrix. Call me or e-mail me at [ingawells@yahoo.com](mailto:ingawells@yahoo.com) if you have questions and concerns. 570-731-4396 home or 607-425-7426 cell. If you can't make the trip on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I will be glad to give you information about digging Herkimers at several other places as well. One place, Hickory Hill, is only open during the summer holidays.

We had 2 field trips in August. One, a bus trip to the NY State Museum in Albany, the other was a trip to Myer's garden in Spencer, NY. Some of the kids will be writing about the trips. For me, the trip to the Mineral section of the Museum and listening to Mike Hawkins, Collections Manager, brought back a lot of good field tripping memories. I was fortunate to collect at most of these places. The names

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the people contributing the specimens meant much to Gloria Dick and me. Most them were friends and digging buddies. We were at some these digs when these minerals on display were found and remembered the excitement.

You can go and dig for some of those gorgeous blue fluorites at the Open House at Walworth Quarry, NY on October 8/9. You never know when you will get lucky and find one of those beauties.

Nine Pebble Pups and ten adults visited Wayne Myer's garden. We learned a lot of things on this trip. Wayne is a storehouse of knowledge and knows just about everything about everything. He never stops learning and the best part he is always willing to share what he knows. He explained much about fossils, glaciers, the working of sun dials and water wheels and much more. I hope he sparked your interest in learning more and I know he will be looking forward to your return visit with your friends. I'm sorry, I could not bring the usual box of minerals and fossils for you to take home, but I brought eatable treats instead.

Photo by Inga Wells



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Wayne is explaining the mill stone and the gnomon, the vertical pointer of his sundial.

Mary, Katie, Taylor, Bonnie, Logan's friend, Brooke and Wayne



## ***September Birthdays***

1<sup>st</sup> – Gloria Dick  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Mike Buynak  
 5<sup>th</sup> – David Dick  
 6<sup>th</sup> – April Walter  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Cindy Conklin  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Valerie Grahn  
 Dave Millis  
 Ed Toth  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Frank Niver



Happy  
 Anniversary!!!!

## ***September Anniversaries***

5<sup>th</sup> – Paul & Dee Bloss  
 14<sup>th</sup> – Ted & Patti Rieth  
 28<sup>th</sup> – John & Dee Margetanski

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



Dr. Robert S. Darling

## ***September Program- Rare Minerals of the Adirondacks***

Our September speaker is Dr. Robert S. Darling, Professor of Mineralogy at SUNY Cortland. Dr. Darling has taught at SUNY Cortland for nineteen years and counting. Some of the courses he has taught include: Earth Science, Physical Geology, Optical Mineralogy, Petrology, Geology of New York State, and Thermodynamics and Isotopes in Geology.

For more information, visit: <http://web.cortland.edu/darling/>

## *Upcoming Shows & Events*

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

### **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.

### **October 2011**

**15-16: Bristol, CT** - 38th Annual Gem and Mineral Show Bristol Gem and Mineral Club (CT) Beals Senior/Community Center, Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT Contact: Dave Korzendorfer @ 860-651-9980

**22–23: Henrietta, NY** - 42nd Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science Mineral Section and Rochester Lapidary Society. Monroe Co. Fair & Expo Center, Henrietta, NY.

**29: Fairless Hills, PA** - The Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA presents our Annual "ULTRAVIOLATION" an all Fluorescent Mineral Show, at the First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA., 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Cost \$2.00 Donation, Children 12 years old and younger FREE, Information contact Chuck O'Loughlin, 130 Maple Terrace, Merchantville, NJ 08109, Phone: 856-663-1383, Email: [ultraviolation@yahoo.com](mailto:ultraviolation@yahoo.com)

### **November 2011**

**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.