

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](http://www.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 **25-September-2016**. Anything you send me is likely to get published, so please **clearly mark** what you don't want to see in print. Articles without by-line are written by the editor.

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Notable this month...

September 14 - First Che-Hanna meeting of the new season

September 16-18 Wayne County Club field trip to Star Lake

September 23 - 24 -- Hazel & Marv's Mineral Yard Sale

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We Talk To Each Other - We Help Each Other - We Teach Each Other - We Smile A Lot!

President's Note



Greetings Che-Hanna rockhounds.

The picnics at Satterlee were great and you can't know unless you were there. Food, Fun, Friends and frolicking all afternoon was just great. Folks doing the gold panning in the creek, some doing the prospector/beachcomber thing in the sand, wire wrapping, chances to win mineral specimens and even a short chance to walk in the rain. What more can you wish for? The hat contest was neat and our Mary Walter had a hat design that took the cake.

September we are back in the school for meetings. September 14, 6:00 board meeting—7:00 regular meeting. Program: Dave Millis will do a program on many club-related topics.

October 12, 7:00 regular meeting Program will be our annual club auction with Dave trying to get the price up and all the neat items that you bring. So do **bring some club-related items** for the auction.

See you there.

—Bob

Yard Sale

Hazel and Marv Remaley are having a **MINERAL & Yard SALE** on September 23 & 24.

3298 Centerville Rd.

Gillett, PA.

9-4 each day. More details 570-888-7544 or 607-857-4805.

October Bus Trip

We have committed to the trip with the bus company, so now we need everyone who is going to pay their share. There is still room, so please **let Ted Rieth know** if you want to go. There is a small fee for club members (about \$10.00) and a different fee for non-members. Please **give your trip fee to Trish Benish at the September meeting.**

Email tjrieth@epix.net

22-Oct-2016 bus Trip (47 passenger) to Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show and Sale, stopping at Letchworth State park on the return.

<<https://www.facebook.com/ROCGemShow/?fref=nf>>

Pick Up	7:28 AM	Towanda Hurley's
Pick Up	7:47 AM	Sayre KMart Plaza
Drop Off	10:00 AM	Rochester Main Street Armory
Pick Up	1:30 PM	Rochester Main Street Armory
Drop Off	2:37 PM	Letchworth State Park 1
Pick Up	3:30 PM	Letchworth State Park 1
Drop Off	4:27 PM	Dinner Stop Bath, NY
Pick Up	5:30 PM	Bath, NY
Drop Off	6:30 PM	Sayre KMart Plaza
Drop Off	6:45 PM	Towanda Hurley's

Field Trips

In case any of you missed them, Trish Benish has sent email on field trips a couple of times.

I have reprinted what she sent, shortened by removing events that have already happened.

See also the Wayne County Club [website \(wcgmc.org\)](http://wcgmc.org).

Hello fellow rockhounds,

I wanted to share with you upcoming field trips that you can participate in. Bill Chapman is our field trip chairman and he is also the chairman for the Wayne County club. Che-Hanna members are able to attend these digs in cooperation with the Wayne County Club.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Chapman at (585) 472-9298 or batnpill@empacc.net

Date	Trip	Location(s)	Where
Sept 16-18	Star Lake	Benson Mines, Rose Road, Powers, Selleck Road, and more; Please let Fred Haynes know if you plan to attend. If enough seek overnight accommodation we can try to book a house in Star Lake	Northern NY
Sept 22-25	Buffalo Geology Society	Indiana: Napoleon quarry, St Paul quarry, Mt Orab, etc [To attend you must join BGS]	Cincinnati; Indiana
Oct 8-9	Walworth	Sat. 7-2, Sun. 7-noon	Walworth NY
Oct 22	Che-Hanna bus trip	Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show; SEE LEFT COLUMN	Rochester NY

—Thanks, Trish

Sunshine Report

Hope everyone is having a good week and will continue on through the month of September and will make the meeting, back at the Sayre High School, on Wednesday, the 14th.

The last picnic at Satterlee Creek was really nice, despite the deluge of rain a couple of times. Was nice to see so many kids there enjoying the activities that were going on. Inga does a great job with them.

Sure hope Nancy Welles is feeling much better after being under the weather for a while. Missed her at the last picnic and hope to see her at the meeting.

Helen Tracy had the misfortune to break her shoulder and was to have surgery. Then she fell and broke her hip; was in the hospital for surgery again. So, please keep her in your thoughts and prayers and hope she's on the road to recovery very soon.

Get well to anyone else who is feeling poorly right now and hope you're on top soon.

Happy Birthday to those who celebrate in September. That includes Gloria Dick, David Dick, April Walter, John Milligan, Dave Millis, Ed Toth, and Frank Niver. Have a great day.

Happy Anniversary also to Paul and Gay-Dee Bloss and John and Dee Margataneski and they celebrate in the same month. Congratulations and many more.

That's about it for this month. Get out and enjoy the nice weather and see you at the meeting.

—JoAnn

Web Finds

The World Wide Web is a treasure trove for information about the geo-sciences (and everything else). Some things I've come across recently:

Wonderful Whole Earth Diagram	http://tinyurl.com/jmkz24m
Cryo-Vulcanism	https://t.co/EJUOQqiMYx
Oldest Fossils (Guardian)	http://tinyurl.com/zpt393k

Kocsis Family Hats



Junior Rockhound News

Our Next Meeting: Sunday, September 18 at 2 PM at the AUMC, 118 S. Main St. Athens. Please use ramp door at the back of the church. Please mark your calendar; reservations have been made for the 3rd Sunday of the month, with no meeting in December.

Our Program: The 3 rock types: Igneous, Sedimentary, Metamorphic. We are finishing this from our April meeting. If you remember, we glued rocks to labeled card stock. We did not complete this because we decided to make more magic landscapes.

If you can find your card stock that has Scoria, Shale, Slate columns and some rocks glued on it, please bring it. Also, in your club folder or box you should have a card with Mineral hardness aka Mohs scale and one for Quartz varieties and micas. I will be glad to print new ones if you need them. I bought a new supply of topaz at the Syracuse show for the ones that still need it for the Mohs.

I will handout sashes and Darius will present the earned badges to you. Darius is our Junior Rockhound President. Jordan is VP, if someone would like to be Secretary, please let me know. The Secretary writes up a short account of our meeting and sends it to the editor of the Shin-Skinner news, David Dick. Being officers in the club will count toward leadership and communication badges. The officers help with

program ideas! We do not need a treasurer at this time, since we are not fundraising. Perhaps, that might change again. The regular club votes at their budget meeting in the fall to fund our supply needs and lots of our supplies are donated or left over from previous years.

I was sad to learn that most of you are unable to come on the bus trip to the EFMLS show in Rochester, with a stop at beautiful Letchworth Park. In December, there is a Christmas Party and luncheon, date and location to be announced in the newsletter.

You are welcome to attend the regular club meeting at the Sayre High School Cafeteria on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. September program is by Dave Millis aka Rockdoc and he will conduct a club auction in October.

We are grateful to him for all he provides at the summer picnics at Satterlee Creek Environmental Center. I like meeting there because we can let you run around without worrying about traffic and strangers. I'm thankful for the participants of the decorated hat contests. Congratulations to the Kocsis family for taking home the trophy for family participation.

Gem tree making: We have been making gem trees in our club for decades under the theme: Each One — Teach One. By now, thousands of young and old have learned the basics and taught many others. Who would like to teach the rest of the junior club how to make a palm tree? Let me know. Also, **if you have an idea** for a craft the kids would enjoy, please share.

—Inga

Editor's Notes

Despite living in New Hampshire, and not attending very many club events, the Internet/Web makes it easier to produce the Shin-Skinner than you might expect.

The thing I miss out on by not participating (besides the good times!) is being able to gather a lot of details on our club happenings. I'd like to report more, both text and pictures.

People have been generous by providing me with pictures and occasional descriptions. Thank you! And keep them coming!

A while ago, I asked for pictures of your favorite **rock-garden rocks**. I still want them. Among all our members, I bet we have some notable ones. Any story behind them would be nice, too.

Lastly, because we're going to have our annual **auction** at the October meeting, I'd like to have some **pictures** ahead of time. Like a catalog for bidders. If you're putting any "lookers" up for auction, please send a quick snapshot for me to put in next month's bulletin.

Upcoming Shows & Events

September 2016

10-11... NORTH ADAMS, MA:

Annual show; Northern Berkshire Mineral Club, Eagles Hall #310; 515 Curran Highway; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; Admission \$4, Children free; Gems, minerals, crystals, fossil, gifts, door prizes, refreshments, and activities for children; contact Larry Michon, 385 W Main St., North Adams MA 01247, (413)-446-1893; e-mail: lmichon@rcn.com

17-18... HARRISBURG, PA:

51st Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show; Organized by: Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club; Zembo Shrine Center (2801 North 3rd Street); rockandmineral.org

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/>

24-25... FRANKLIN, NJ:

60th Annual Franklin-Sterling Gem & Mineral Show; Franklin Mineral Museum, Franklin School; 50 Washington Ave; Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4; Adults \$7, Children \$4; contact Robyn Seger, 22 Palomino Trail, Vernon, NJ 07462; Web site: <http://spmom3.wix.com/franklin-gem-mineral>

October 2016

1... MACUNGIE, PA:

Annual show; PA Earth Science Assn, Macungie Memorial Park; 70 Poplar St; Sat. 8:30-3; Adults \$5, Children under 12 free ; Diverse vendors from a wide geographic area and broad range of interests including paleontology, PA minerals, fluorescent minerals, and the lapidary arts. Tables of minerals and more. Hands on lessons in gold panning and slicing (spaces limited).; contact Johan Maertens, (908)-369-6545; e-mail: Calcite4ever@gmail.com; Web site: www.mineralfest.com

7-9... MONROEVILLE, PA:

Int'l Gem & Jewelry Show; Convention Ctr, 209 Mall Plz Blvd;

15-16... BRISTOL, CT:

Annual Gem & Mineral Club Show; Beals Community Ctr, 240 Stafford Ave; contact Deb Potter, (203)-727-4520; e-mail: BristolGem@hotmail.com; bristolgem.org

Upcoming Shows & Events (continued)

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.

29... BIGLERVILLE, PA:

Rock Swap & Sale; Central Penn/Franklin County Rock & Mineral Clubs, South Mtn Fairgrounds; 615 Narrows Road; Sat 8-3; Adults/Seniors \$1, Students/Children Free; contact Tom Smith; e-mail: tsmith1012@comcast.net

22... FAIRLESS HILLS, PA:

ULTRAVIOLATION; Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County show; 9AM-5PM; \$2; First Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Rd; Chuck O'Loughlin 856-663-1383 ultraviolation@yahoo.com;

November 2016

5-6... OAKS, PA:

Gemarama 2016; Tuscarora Lapidary Society, Greater Phila. EXPO Center at Oaks, PA; 100 Station Avenue, Hall D; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; Adults \$6, Children \$1; Lapidary/jewelry arts exhibits will feature stones found throughout the USA. And, dealers will offer treasures from all over the world, including gemstones, beads, and minerals. Continuous demonstrations in lapidary/jewelry arts, special activities for children; contact Amy Karash, 1322 Heyward Road, Chesterbrook PA 19087, (484)-431-2757; e-mail: amy.karash@gmail.com; www.Lapidary.org/GEMARAMA/Gemarama.html

19-20... LEBANON, PA:

Wholesale and retail show; Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Association, Lebanon Co Fairgrounds and Expo; 80 Rocherty Road; Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4; Adults \$5, Children free; The Gem Miner's Holiday is the Mid-Atlantic's premier Gem, Jewelry, Bead, Mineral, Gift & Craft Show. There is a wholesale Trade section.; contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301)-807-9745; beadware@rcn.com; www.gem-show.com