

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 142, Sayre PA 18840-0142



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.

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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.

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Notable this month...

Club dinner at Page Manor; Wednesday June 8, 5:30pm

Remalley's Open House; Friday-Sunday June 3, 4, 5

Canandaigua Show; Saturday June 4 and Sunday June 5

Visit us at our website: <http://www.chehannarocks.com>

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

President's Note

As most of you know, our club lost a fantastic member, Jack Walter. His whole life he was pretty much a servant to the public. In addition to that, he was instrumental, with a few others, in starting our club.

He was an outstanding person in every way. For me, when he would walk into our meetings, the room was much brighter and warmer.

I will always remember at the annual shows: he would spend most of his time in the display area ready to help answer any questions a visitor would have. If there was an inviting goodie in the kitchen, he would buy it to enjoy. JoAnn would say to him, "Jack, you are not supposed to have that", and Jack's response was "don't tell mother". A great person, only his heart was bigger.

Our June dinner is on the 8th; gather at 5:30 and eat at 6:00 at the Page Manor. The program will be at 7:00.

Summer events are started, so be ready to join in the digging, busting, breaking, carrying, and probably some munchies.

Keep tuned to the info channels for latest trips and picnics. This newsletter is one excellent source for info.

Don't forget your dish to pass at the dinner. See you there.

—Bob

Sunshine Report

Get well wishes to Inga Wells who recently broke her wrist, along with her other ailments. But, she's a tough cookie; can't keep her down.

Get well to all who have not been feeling too well lately, with flu bugs, aches and pains and everything else. With the warmer weather coming, hopefully everyone will feel much better.

Hope to see you at the dinner on the 8th of June, Page Manor. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. There's always a lot of good food to eat. The program should be interesting also.

—JoAnn

June Events

June 8, 2016 will be our dinner at Page Manor Apartments. We will meet about 5:30 PM and will have dinner at 6:00 PM. At 7:00 we will have a demonstration by Claverack Rural Electric.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own table settings.

Big Rock, Mineral, Japidary, Machinery

Downsizing Sale

Where?????

Remaley's Northridge

3298 Centerville Rd.

Ridgebury Twp., Gillett, PA

When?????

June 3,4,5

call 570-888-7544 or 607-857-4805

Editor's Notes

This month's Shin-Skinner is another picture-heavy one. I hope it doesn't tax anyone's Internet connection too much.

I saw in my (snail) mailbox this week the EFMLS mailing about October's **Federation show** in Rochester. I got registration forms for various things, like attendance or exhibiting. Forms are more or less due before October.

If you need any forms and didn't get a mailing, you might want to contact the secretary at [<beisenacher@comcast.net>](mailto:beisenacher@comcast.net) or

Bev Eisenacher
EMFLS Secretary
394 Hivner Road
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Minutes of the Board Meeting

The Che-Hanna Board met Wed. May 11, 2016 at the Sayre High School at 6:PM.

- Treasurer Trish Benish passed out and explained the treasurer's and show report. She also passed out copies of the current membership list.
- Books in memory of recently passed members, John Dysher and Jack Walter will be purchased.
- Hazel Remaley has found the club's incorporation papers. They are not certified (with a seal) which is not important at this time.
- 2016 Picnics: Sunday July 17th, Sunday August 14th, at Satterly Creek Park, behind the old school in Litchfield, outside of Athens.
- 2017 Picnics: Tentative dates-July Sunday-16 th, August- Sunday-13th, at Satterly Creek Park.
- There is a need to nail down, or not, the new contract for the fire hall for our shows. Hazel Remaley will see to this. The Wysox Fire hall could be available at \$1100, with no use of the kitchen. The general feeling is that it would be best if we could keep our current location.

—Secretary Peggy Huffman

Minutes of Club Meeting

Che-Hanna met Wednesday May 11, 2016 at 7:PM at the Sayre High School. We began with our pizza party, a thank you for everyone who helped at our show in March. Lots of good pizza! President Bob McGuire opened the meeting with all standing and pledging Allegiance to Our Flag. Bob then thanked all who had helped with the show in March. We did not meet in April due to the teachers strike. Minutes from March were accepted on a motion by Hazel, seconded by Ted. Treasurer Trish Benish gave the treasurer's and

show report and explained income and expenses. The report was filed for audit.

June dinner: June 8th at the Page Manor in Athens from 6-9 PM. Sandy Keener will get the meat and cheese tray. Bring a dish to pass. A talk on electrical safety will be our program.

2016 picnics: July 17th and August 14th, Sundays at Satterly Creek Park behind the old Litchfield school outside of Athens.

2017 picnics: July 16th and August 13th, tentative dates at the Satterly Creek Park. JoAnn McGuire gave the sunshine report.

Of special note was the passing of long time member Jack Walter. Our condolences to his family.

Inga told that the pebble pups will be working with precious clays.

Nominating Committee. Inga Wells and Sandy Keener. Present officers will run again. Bruce Benish and Mary Walter will replace two board members who will be stepping down. Books will be purchased in memory of recently passed members John Dysher and Jack Walter. Dave Millis gave out door prizes. Thanks Dave. Dave will be teaching how to make mica flowers at the June dinner if there is time after the talk on electrical safety.

Hazel and Marv Remaley will be having an open house at their house on June 3, 4, 5th from 9-5. They will have have rocks and minerals and lapidary related items. Meeting adjourned Bob McGuire presented the program, a slide show of club doings from the past. The last time this was shown was in 1992.

—Secretary Peggy Huffman

In Memoriam - Jack Walter



You've probably seen one of Jack's long obituaries; rather than repeat details of his full, accomplished life here, I thought I'd share more personal reminiscences, in this case, from your editor's mother, Mrs Gloria Dick. Here, she recounts mostly rockhounding memories.

Remembering Jack Walter

"Hello old friend!" the booming voice of Jack Walter always announced his presence.

As I write this, I find memories popping up in random order; it's hard to keep the chronology right when some are more than 50 years old.

At an early Planner's meeting, Jack gave me a lovely piece of blue celestite he personally collected from the cliffs at Chittenango. It still has an honored place in our original case.

Before Jack and Marge moved to Blueberry Hill, they hosted the club at their Athens home, with a new swimming pool. We were young & gay! All the young couples with children as well as respected elders had a wonderful time.

In the early years, we took the club on a field trip to the Gouverneur area and Route 81 sites. 18 people showed up at our St Lawrence cottage. Jack and his boys plus Leon Shershen and some of the

other men slept on the enclosed porch. Collecting was especially good at the Sunday morning visit to the new Route 81 roadcut, even though everyone hurried home to Father's Day.

Herbert Walker asked us to guide Che-Hanna's first trip to Bancroft, because we had been there. We collected the more productive sites that were family-friendly—we had 6 children with us. To reach one mine, we had to walk a railroad right-of-way. We all enjoyed trying to stay on the rails. We also met a collector at the Sodalite Mine Shop. He took us home to view his collection. This inspired us. I've lost count of how many times Dick and I visited Bancroft since those early "60's".

Jack, Don Pitcher, Pete Taylor, and Dick & I drove and walked our way to Bear Lake from the Tory Hill road ending. Later, we figured how to enter from the other end with much less walking.

Marge & Jack usually showed up about the third week in May to purchase plants at our greenhouse. Often we planned a trip, enthusiasts that we were.

Our greenhouse ran till July; the Walters needed to be at their farm beginning in July, but we squeezed trips in.

Jack taught us how to look for pockets in New Hampshire's White Mountains. A trip up Moat Mountain produced smoky quartz clusters. I had to stand on my head to chisel out one choice specimen.

One June, we followed Jack's overloaded station wagon & camper 1100 miles to Nova Scotia. We bought hard hats for this trip—they were needed.

The kids nearly got hypothermia swimming in the Bay of Fundy. We scouted the cliffs of Partridge Island and other locations in the Bay, watching the tides closely. My husband Dick and Jack tried cooking clams but found them too gritty. My son recently looked at the suite we collected: they still look very collectible.

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Remembering Jack Walter (continued)

Jack introduced us to Lake Clear and Turner's Island in Canada. The family was on vacation and had reserved a cabin for us. We motor-boated out to the island. Marge and I dug at opposite ends of the same hole. She was getting large titanites and I was getting large red apatite. Then as we grew closer we began getting both. As we left, we were glad we had two boats to carry the load.

Jack, Don Pitcher, and I were once escorted out of the White Haven location by the Park Ranger.

With our Canadian connections we were able to get Jack into Dundas, Ontario and St Hilaire, Quebec.

Our last trip with Don Pitcher & Jack was rained out. We met at Bear Lake noon Saturday, then spent a rhythmic night in a cabin near Wilberforce. We enjoyed a cold chicken supper packed by Mrs Pitcher, augmented with food I packed. The evening passed with family and general gossip. Sunday, with it still raining hard, we drove 7 hours back home.

Before my husband's funeral a big pan of hot pork & gravy appeared on our doorstep. What a God-send! We'd several out-of-town relatives arriving. Marge and Mary cooked; Jack delivered. Jack was among several Che-Hanna members attending my husband's funeral on a very blizzardy January evening. Jack spoke, as did Ted Keir.

More recently, I called Jack to ask if he knew of a reputable logger. He came up on a miserable mid-winter day with Maurice Faye who generously looked over our woods.

Thank You — Jack & Marge & family — for all the memories: all the thrilling, interesting, sweaty, educational, funny, and unmentionable memories.

*Till we meet again
Love, Gloria*

Che-Hanna Honors Millie Weed



Press Release:

The Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club in Sayre, PA presented to the North Pocono Public Library in Moscow the book "World Treasury of Minerals In Color" in loving memory of Millie Weed. She was an Honorary Life Member of the club. She loved crystals and colorful rocks and minerals and loved working at the annual Che-Hanna show. Her sweet smile greeted many thousands of visitors over the years. She is missed by all.

At the presentation were, left to right, daughters Carol (Weed) Weisel and Joyce (Weed) Garis, club president Robert McGuire, Children's Librarian Kelly Pulice, and son Robert Weed.

May Program

At the May pizza party, we all enjoyed a slide program. Bob McGuire put together some slides of picnics, awards, field trips, meetings and shows from years ago. Bob says the last time he showed off his slides was at the Christmas dinner in 1992!

It was so much fun trying to identify the older members and see what the current members looked like back then. Was so enjoyable to see slides of so many Che-Hanna activities.

Take a look at the next page of this Shin-Skinner ("Che-Hanna in Times Past") for some pictures.

The program ended with a slide of Jack Walter, one of the founders of Che-Hanna, who recently passed away. He will be forever remembered and missed by all.

Che-Hanna in Times Past

-Bob McGuire photos



Al Segar and Bill Park when all we had were two slow, noisy geode saws



Inga Wells checking things off the show list



Betty Hasco marking door prizes for drawings



Jack and Marge Walter working at the Pebble Pups table, with granddaughter Ariel



Flossie Lines presiding over a meeting



Ted Keir ready to answer questions and educate on Indians and dinosaurs



Betty Hasco and Millie Weed greeting show patrons



Betty Jones setting up her show exhibit



Flossie Lines and Barb Segar staffing the Che-Hanna kitchen

Upcoming Shows & Events

June 2016

4... MACUNGIE, PA:

66th semi-annual Mineralfest. Macungie Memorial Park (Popular St). 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Adult admission \$2.00. Organized by [Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association](#). <mineralfest.com>

4-5... CANANDAIGUA, NY:

Gemfest 2016; [Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club](#); Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Greater Canandaigua Civic Center. \$3 admission, 12 & under FREE. **Our own UVBob doing fluorescent shows!**<wcgmc.org>

4-5... MONROE, NY:

Annual Mineral, Jewelry, Gem & Fossil Show. Museum Village, 1010 Route 17M. Organized by [Orange County Mineral Society](#).

www.mineralevents.com/flyers/2016orangecounty.jpg

17-18... QUARRYVILLE, PA:

Retail show; Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club, Solanco Fairgrounds; 172 South Lime St; Fri 12-8, Sat 9-4; Adults \$3, Children under 12 free; contact Eric Miller, (717)-339-9338; e-mail: admin@millersmineralmine.com

25-26... GILSUM, NH:

[52nd Annual Rock Swap & Mineral Show](#); Outside - Rain or Shine; 65 dealers/swappers; breakfast/lunch/dinner; Sat 8-6, Sun 8-4; contact Robert Mitchell gilsumrocks@gmail.com.

July 2016

9-10... SYRACUSE, NY:

Gemworld 2016; 50th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show. SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College. Organized by [Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse](#) <gmss.us>

16-17... HERKIMER, NY:

Annual Diamond Festival & Gem Show; [Herkimer Business Association](#) Herkimer High School; 801 W. German St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Adults \$5, Seniors/Students \$4, Children under 6 free; Music late into the night and over 40 Festival Vendors, including food. Contact Billie Jo Muller, 301 Davis Rd., Little Falls, NY 13365, (315)-717-4664; mullerbilliejo@gmail.com; <herkimergemshow.com>

16-17... ERIE, PA:

Show and sale; Gem City Rock and Mineral Society, JMC Ice Arena; 423 W 38th Street, JMC Ice Arena; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults/Students \$4, Seniors \$3, Children under 12 free; contact Robert Gallivan, 427 Colleen Dr, Erie, PA 16505, (814)-454-6770; e-mail: gallivan@Lycos.com; Web site: gemcityrockclub.org

30-31... SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT:

Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show; Tuttle Middle School; 10am-5pm; \$4/\$3 seniors; contact Jeff Higgins, (802)-849-6076; e-mail: jhiggins@surfglobal.net; Website: www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org

August 2016

12-14... WEST SPRINGFIELD, NY:

Wholesale and retail show; Martin Zinn Expositions LLC, Eastern States Exposition, Better Living Center; 1305 Memorial Dr; Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; \$8 Admission, Children free; 200 Wholesale and Retail Vendors. Speakers, free door prize drawings, mineral identification, free mineral specimens for children. 2016 Special Exhibit: Minerale Mexicanos...The Peter Megaw Collection; contact Regina Aumente, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, 505-867-0425; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

Upcoming Shows & Events

August 2016

19-21... LEBANON, PA:

"Gem Miner's Jubilee" Wholesale/Retail show; Mid-Atlantic Gem & Mineral Assoc, Lebanon Co Fairgrounds; 80 Rocherty Road; Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4; Adults \$6, Children free; Tailgate area. Contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301)-807-9745; e-mail: beadware@rcn.com; www.gem-show.com

27-28... CANTON, NY:

Annual show; St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral; Canton, NY Pavilion; 90 Lincoln St.; Sat 9-4:30, Sun 9-3; Free Admission; Friday August 19th at dusk - fluorescent mineral hunt for kids, free, lights provided. Presentation before hand 8:30; contact William deLorraine: 1 Indian Head Trail, Gouverneur NY 13642, (315) 287-4652; e-mail: wdellie@gmail.com; www.stlawerncecountyminealclub.org

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/>

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

November 2016

5-6... OAKS, PA:

Annual show; 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 at Gemarama 2016 will feature stones found throughout the USA. In addition, dealers will offer treasures from all over the world, including gemstones, beads, and minerals. There will be continuous demonstrations in lapidary/jewelry arts, and 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