

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 (EFMLS) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

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. 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. Please make paragraphs obvious.

Deadline for submissions to the next Shin-Skinner issue is **21-July-2017**. Whatever you send me is likely to get published, so please **clearly mark** any part you don't want to see in print. Articles without by-line are written by the editor.

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Notable this month...

Sudnay, July 16, 12 Noon (eat at 1PM) — Che-Hanna Picnic
 — Satterly Creek Environmental Center, 2817 Cotton Hollow Rd, Litchfield Township

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

Hi all and a happy July to you. Summer is moving along and there are trips and things to do.

Our Juniors chairman, Inga, has turned in her resignation after so many years, I can't count. She has done a terrific job in that post and will be hard to follow. I know that the kids today are into so many things that it is impossible to follow and know what is a good time for a meeting, field trip, or what ever. I am in my 53rd year as a 4-H leader and between band camp, soccer, softball, baseball, track, and six other things, kids are all over the place. With reluctance, I will accept her resignation, but she did an outstanding job. Thank you Inga. I hope one of two Junior parents will take the lead and go forward with these great kids. They need guidance and parents are a great start.

I know some of you missed a good June dinner. The gold panning went really well. Thank you Dave (Rock Doc). The winners for the contest were yours truly and the great Ted Rieth, both with 29 good gold nuggets (garnet crystals). There were a few other points given out for other finds.

The July picnic will be on the 16th at Satterly Park. Gather at or before noon (Dave will not be there this time, but there may be something going on) eating around 1:00. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service and drink.

—*See you there,*
Bob

Sunshine Report

Hope you all are enjoying the nicer weather. Sure beats all the cold, wind and rain we've had, even though we do need rain. It's good for the wells, flower beds and gardens.

I failed to mention last month the birthdays and anniversaries so I'm doing it now. Those who celebrated in June included Marv Remaley; Ethan Sites; Evelyn Keir; Darius Yeager-Hall; Jadon Henrich; Duane Wells; John Margentanski; and Flossie Lines. Those celebrating anniversaries were Ed and Faith Toth and Bruce and Trish Benish.

OK. July birthday wishes go out to Cameron Shepler; Helen Tracy; Chauntey Leljedal; Ann McBeth; and Bella Sites. Hope you all have a nice day.

Please keep Hilda in your thoughts and prayers. She says she's doing OK and hanging in there, but still us to help her along. It's been a long road for her and still has a ways to go.

Nice to hear that Nancy Welles is on the mend. Hopefully she'll make the July picnic.

Haven't heard from Bill Dimmick and hope he's doing well. He had said he may have to have another toe removed, so hope all goes really good for him.

Hope to see you all at the picnic on Sunday, July 16th, at Satterlee Creek Park. Should be a lot of fun to cook out and have some entertainment. Let's hope the weather cooperates. Meet at Noon and eat at 1 p.m. See you there.

If you know of anyone who needs some cheer, please let me know and I'll do my best to call or send a card.

—*JoAnn*
"Miss Sunshine"

Editor's Notes

This month's Shin-Skinner does a little catching up.

I neglected to include May meeting minutes in the last bulletin, so I included them here.

Also, I see last month's birthdays are mentioned in this issue.

Once again, I've used the directions to "Satterlee Creek" that Inga Wells originally wrote. (Maybe I'll add a map someday.) It's hard for me to tell how many people still need them—we've used that location for so many picnics.

July Picnic

Hello Rockhounds,

Sunday July 16th is our July picnic for this year. We hope to see as many of you that can attend. Claverack and other electric companies are featuring our club in one of their upcoming magazines and will be at the July picnic. It would be great advertising for our club to get new members and the more of us that are there will make a good impression. Please try to attend.

July 16, 2017 & August 13, 2017 will be our summer picnics at the Satterlee Creek Environmental Center behind the Litchfield School. It is a dish to pass and the club will provide hamburgers & hot dogs. Please bring your own table settings and beverages. We will meet around 11:30 AM and eat at 1:00 PM. There will be activities during the day.

Directions to the July 16 picnic at the Litchfield Elementary School in Litchfield at the Satterlee Creek Environmental Center, on Cotton Hollow Rd or SR 1056 - Thanks to Inga Wells (minor changes by your Editor)

If you take **Rt 220 South from points north:**

I recommend: Take Route 220 south to the Athens exit. Take Pine St. to Main St, and turn right at that intersection light. Go on Main St. (for 0.9 miles) until you see Gannon Insurance/Sam's Restaurant on the corners of Susquehanna St. to get across the river. This is a left turn. There is also the little Teaga Park and the Athens Clinic opposite the turn. Once you are over the river, there is a 4 way stop. Go straight, this is Front St. and will become Cotton Hollow Rd., marked as SR 1056 on maps. The speed limit on these county roads is usually 45 miles an hour. Go 2.2 miles on Front St. You'll come to a Y fork, take the left fork toward Windham Center, You'll see the school crossing sign after 2.3 miles. The school is on your left. At the black top parking lot, behind the school, near the playground, is a dirt road that will lead you to the picnic area. Go slow, potholes!

This former school facility is between Evans and Hill Rd. The next building, going east, is the fire department and you can Google that Litchfield Township Fire Department as 2902 Cotton Hollow Rd, if nothing else works for your GPS.

If you take **Rt 220 North from points south** and turn onto Rt 199 (this will turn into Main St) you'll make a right turn onto Susquehanna St.

Once you are over the river, there is a 4 way stop. Go straight, this is Front St. and will become Cotton Hollow Rd., marked as SR 1056 on maps. The speed limit on these county roads is usually 45 miles an hour. Go 2.2 miles on Front St. You'll come to a Y fork, take the left fork toward Windham Center, you'll see the school crossing sign after 2.3 miles. The school is on your left. At the black top parking lot, behind the school, near the playground, is a dirt Rd that will lead you to the picnic area. Go slow, potholes!

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Directions from Route 187: Nichols, NY to Wysox PA. The mileage from Route 187 (Windham Center) to the school is 5.6 miles. Cotton Hollow Rd is marked with a sign "10 miles to Athens".

Anyone **going cross-lots**, there are connecting country roads, like MacAfee and the N. Rome Rd. There is good cell phone reception at the site. Call me if you need more help finding the place. (570) 423-3052.

—Trish

May Meeting Minutes

Che-Hanna met Wednesday May 12th at the Sayre High School.

After all standing for the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, President Bob McGuire welcomed all members and guests.

Minutes from the April meeting were accepted on a motion by Trish Benish, seconded by Hazel Remaley. Trish Benish gave the treasurer's report, explaining income and expenses. T.R. was filed for audit.

JoAnn McGuire gave the Sunshine report. A get well card was passed to sign for Fossie Lines. Keep Hilda Gardiner and Bill Dimmick in your thoughts and prayers. They need a little extra cheer right now.

The Pebble Pups will be taking a trip to Meyer's garden and fossils located outside of Spencer N.Y. on May 21st.

We need to order a plaque for the Walter's memorial bench at Round Top park in Athens.

Tables for Satterly creek Nature Park are being looked into.

Bob McGuire will contact the Wysox firemen to see if we can get a 5 year fixed contract for future shows.

Our next meeting will be at the Page Manor in Athens on June 14th. It will be a "dish to pass" dinner starting a 6 PM. The club will provide a meat tray and rolls. Sandy Keener will get the meat tray and rolls.

The July picnic will be at Satterley Creek Park in Litchfield on July 15th. Gather at 12 noon, eat at 1 P:M. Mary Walters will get hamburgers, hotdogs and buns. Bring a dish to pass. Satterley Creek is and ideal place for a picnic. Lots of room for the kids to run; it's peaceful and the pavilion has been doubled in size, so it doesn't matter if it rains.

Visitor Dick Koyanagi from Ithaca N.Y. shared his experiences about his annual winter stay in Phoenix, Arizona. He belongs to the West Bounty Rock and Mineral Club there. They have a very well equipped lapidary shop for members to use. Dick

had examples of the cabs and wire wrapped jewelry that he made.

John and Susie Milligan reminded everyone of the sessions at Wild acres.

Dave Millis showed a plaque that he had been awarded at the Syracuse show. He also had one of his mica creations on display: a sphere within a sphere, it had 144 pieces wired together.

Carnegie received the big packet of show publicity information that Hazel R. had sent. They were very happy with it.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Inga Wells, seconded by Dave Millis. During the break, Dave M. gave out door prizes. He also had a "dish to pass". Everyone could choose a specimen of their choice.

Our program was a talk on Quartz by Dave Millis. Quartz is the most common mineral in the earth's crust. He talked about the four different categories of Quartz.

—Secretary Peggy Huffman



May Board Meeting Minutes

The Che-Hanna board met Wednesday, May 12 2017 at 6 P:M at the Sayre High school.

- The club trailer needs to have its lights checked. Copies of the club insurance have been sent to board members.
- Bob McGuire will look into a long term contract with the Wysox fire hall for future shows.
- Trish Benish will follow up on tables for that Che-Hanna is thinking of donating to the Satterley Creek Nature Center.
- We need to order a plaque for the Walters memorial bench to be placed at Round Top Park. Trish B. will call Athens township to check on progress on the bench.
- A book on agates will be purchased in memory of Paul Bloss.
- Delegates for the Eastern Convention will be Hazel and Marv Remaley.
- Trish Benish gave the treasurer's report.
- Regarding next years show it has been learned that the term "admission" may be used instead of "donation " on posters. Hand stamping as a method of keeping track of attendees was discussed.
- The board should consist of elected officers, three members at large and publicity chair, editor, field trip leader and hostess.
- Meeting adjourned on a motion by Inga Wells, seconded by Trish Benish.

—*Secretary Peggy Huffman*



Book Presentation

The Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club Inc., as part of its educational outreach, gives books to libraries in memory of members that have passed away. President Robert McGuire presented The book "Agates and Jaspers" to the Mather Memorial Library in Ulster in memory of Paul Bloss. Accepting is Library Director Deneen Roach.

Paul was a long time active member and was well versed in cutting, slabbing and polishing agates, jaspers and other similar minerals. He made many cabochons and even made spheres by hand. He was a big part of our annual shows in teaching cab making to show attendees 8 to 80 years old. Paul is dearly missed.

Upcoming Shows



July

15-16... SYRACUSE, NY:

Annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY, SRC Arena @ Onondaga community College; 4585 West Seneca Turnpike; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$7; Our 51st Annual Show. Theme: Treasures From the Earth, Retail dealers and wholesale dealers. Separate room for the Metaphysical Center. Youth activities area. Several demonstrators explaining their craft. Lectures on both days involving subjects related to our hobby; contact Dick Lyons, (315)-672-5328; rchlyns@aol.com; Web site: GMSS.us

22-23... FRANKFORT, NY:

Annual show; Herkimer Diamond Gem Show & Festival, Herkimer County Fairgrounds; 135 Cemetary St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Students \$5, Children under 10 free; contact Billie Jo Muller, 301 Davis Rd., Little Falls, NY 13365, (315)-717-4664; mullerbilliejo@gmail.com; www.herkgemshow.com

August

18-20... LEBANON, PA:

Annual show; Mid Atlantic Gem & Mineral Assoc, Lebanon Co Fairgrounds Expo; 80 Rocherty Road; Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4; Adults \$6, Children Free; Gem Miners Jubilee in its 20th year is an exhibit of gems, jewelry, beads, minerals, and fossils with both indoor

and outdoor vendors. Wholesale section available.; contact Jill Feder, PO Box 266, Sellersville, PA 18960, (908) 720-1774; jillfeder.jf@gmail.com; www.gem-show.com

26-27... CANTON, NY:

Annual show; St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club, Canton Pavillon; 90 Lincoln St.; Sat. 9-4:30; Free Admission; Children's fluorescent mineral hunt Friday night at dusk. Free, lights provided. ; contact William deLorraine, 1 Indian Head Trail, Gouverneur, NY 13642, (315)-287-4652; wdellie@gmail.com; www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org

September

16-17... POUGHKEEPSIE, NY:

48th Annual Show and sale; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc., Gold's Gym & Family Sports Center; 258 Titusville Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Students \$2, Children free under 12 with adult; Show Theme- Garnet, the New York Gemstone; Dealers of Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Jewelry, Beads, Tools and Books. 6 free rocks for kids, annual earth science scavenger hunt for area high school students, fluorescent mineral display booth, lapidary demonstrations. ; contact Carolyn Reynard, 110 College Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, (845)-471-1224; sunstone33@verizon.net; www.mhvgms.org

23-24... FRANKLIN, NJ:

61st Annual Franklin-Sterling Mineral Museum Gem & Mineral Show with Outdoor Swap; Franklin Mineral Museum, Littell Community Center; 10 Munsonhurst Road #12; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$7, Children \$4 (6-16); contact Robyn Seger; pesolutions.minerals@gmail.com; <https://www.facebook.com/AnnualFranklinSterling>