

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. Deadline for submissions to the next Shin-Skinner issue is **20-April-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...

Wednesday, April 12, 7PM — Che-Hanna club meeting — Sayre High School cafeteria
Pizza Party to Celebrate a Successful Show!

Sat-Sun, April 29-30 — 45th Annual Franklin NJ Show

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

By the time you get this, our show will be a memory. I sincerely hope a very good memory. Judging by dealer comments, they all want to come back. Members sound like they also liked the show as did the patrons. Based on that, I feel we had a successful great show. A bit less than last year attendance wise but great for a new great location. Kids' Scavenger Hunt was super great, thanks to Inga and the Juniors and their parents.

If you were there and helped, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It takes all of us to make a good show.



Dan Caister from SRAC was our March speaker.

A very interesting talk on the DeSisti site (36BR20) test excavations by Susquehanna River Archaeological Center.

SRAC's research uncovered several deep refuse pits, ceramics, stone tools and paleobotanical remains dated between 1100 and 1400 A.D. Those not in attendance missed a really great program.

—Bob

Sunshine Report

I was told to write, "the sun is shining and that's my report", but I decided to add a little more.

Hope all of you who have been bothered with the flu bug or colds are much better. With the warmer weather on the way, should help everyone to feel better. Snow is starting to melt and that's a good sign.

Nice to hear that Helen Tracy is coming along slowly and progressing nicely. Hope to see her sometime soon.

Happy Birthday to these folks who celebrate in April: Pat Chapman, 1st; Joe Shepler, 2nd; Hunter King, 3rd; Ray Hajguda, 6th; myself, 12th; Ed Sick, 16th; Tom Beck, 18th; Jeff Benish, 19th; Barb Walter, 23rd; and Janet Kocsis, 24th. Hope you all have a great day.

Happy Anniversary to Harry and Priscilla Lingenfelter whose special day is the 11th. Many more to you.

If you know of anyone who needs some cheer, please let me know and I'll do my best to take care of it. Hope to see you all at the next meeting at the Sayre High School.

—Take care,
JoAnn :-)

April Program

This month's program will be a presentation by Bruce Oldfield.

There are indications that the subject will be "Dinosaurs", but this is not confirmed.



With degrees from SUNY Cortland and Binghamton University (in geology and paleontology), Professor Oldfield has been teaching at Broome Community College (SUNY Broome) since 1975. He is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor and received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Junior Rockhound News

Since our regular meeting would be on Easter, we will not be meeting at the church. Our meeting will be in conjunction with the regular club meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 PM at the Sayre High School Cafeteria.

I think there will be a pizza party to celebrate our successful show at the new venue. The program that evening will be by professor Bruce Oldfield about dinosaurs. Bring any fossils or minerals that you would like to have him identify for you.

Please let me know if you are still interested in going to PRI on Saturday, 15th. I have not decided where and when we are meeting in May.

Herkimer digging will be over Memorial Day weekend. Hope most of you can join us.

Thank you for helping with the show.

Your help was appreciated.

—Inga

Che-Hanna Board Meeting

The Che-Hanna board met Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 6PM at the Sayre High school.

Our \$100 deposit needs to be returned by the Athens fire hall. It has been rolled over in previous year.

The club trailer still needs to be fixed before we can take it on the road. Mary Walters will arrange with Suttie's garage to fix it. If anyone has a 3/4 ton pickup to tow it., let us know.

It was decided that the book in memory of Paul Bloss will be a book on agates.

Discussion on buying tables for Satterly Creek park was tabled until a future meeting.

Very generous donations in memory of Ted Kier have been received. Instead of a book, it was decided to give a donation of \$250 to SRAC in memory of Ted Keir. This was passed on a motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Trish Benish.

For Friday setup at the show it was decided that members could "brown bag it" for lunch, and pizza would be provided for supper.

We still need help at the show. Please contact Trish Benish if you have a few hours that you can help.

Trish B. gave the treasurer's report. It was filed for audit.

Hazel R. has the show publicity well in hand.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by JoAnn McGuire.

—Secretary,
Peggy Huffman

Che-Hanna Meeting

The meeting opened with Ted Rieth introducing our speaker for the evening, Dan Caister from SRAC. Dan talked about "Project Origins" — dedicated to preserving the culture and artifacts of our region. Dan was part of a dig where Cayuta creek flows into the Susquehanna River. It was very interesting and informative.

After snack break, President Bob McGuire opened the meeting with all standing and saying The Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag.

The February secretary's report was accepted on a motion by Bruce Benish, seconded by Ted Rieth.

Tom Milligan gave the dates of the 2017 Wild Acres sessions. Spring is May 22-28. Fall is September 4-10.

JoAnn McGuire gave the sunshine report.

Field trip chair Bill Chapman is planning trips to Mt. Pleasant Mills and German PA. Ace of Diamonds mine near Herkimer NY will be opening April 1st.

Sandy Keener brought the beautiful amethyst gem tree that she made and is donating to the club to be raffled off at the show. It is set on a large piece of amethyst and is really lovely.

Suttie's garage will be fixing the club trailer. If anyone has a 3/4 ton pickup truck that can haul it, it would be appreciated.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Bill Dimmick.

—Secretary,
Peggy Huffman

Che-Hanna Gem & Mineral Show 2017
(*Bob McGuire photos)



Wysox Volunteer Fire Company



Another Happy Patron*



Juniors Handle Scavenger Hunt*



Ore Car Prospectors*



Tom at the Saw*



Barb Delivers a Geode*



Cab Concentration*



Never Too Young*



Tina Approves*

Che-Hanna Gem & Mineral Show 2017

YOU GOT THE WORD OUT !!!

Well, another very successful Che-Hanna show is history. I would like to thank all of our members who helped get the word out about the show and the very important fact that we moved. Visitors came, saw, bought, and liked our new location.

And the credit goes to the folks who drove around to mini-marts, banks, schools, restaurants, libraries, and many other locations with posters.

Another big factor was the use of multi-media. You sent out email messages. You used Facebook to its full advantage. We'll rethink our publicity for next year !!

*—Thanks again,
Hazel Remaley
Publicity Chair*

The Scavenger Hunt

We had 90 completed Scavenger Hunt forms. Participants came from as far away as Sunbury, Mifflinburg, Kingston, Williamsport, Picture Rock, Lycoming, and Wyoming Valley in Pa., Elmira, Corning, Ithaca, Lansing, Binghamton in NY.

Children from a total of 34 schools, and some home-schooled, enjoyed looking at the exhibits and filling out the forms and receiving their tumbled stones as their reward. We used a total of 4 pounds of tumbled stones.

Towanda won with 16 forms and Sayre had 7. There were many schools with 6 forms. Half of the forms noted that it was their first time at the show.

The kids liked UV Bob's glowing rocks best of all.

—Inga

Editor's Notes

This issue of the Shin-Skinner demonstrates one of the problems with a monthly publication schedule. We include the meeting minutes wherein needs and preparation for the Club show are discussed, then we have stories about what

happened at the show. Not exactly breaking news.

At the Federation level, there seems to be some activity going on about how clubs should interact with the new digital landscape: the Internet, the World Wide Web, and social media.

It appears that Facebook was helpful, from a publicity perspective, in getting the word out about our show. However, I strongly resist moving too much Club activity to Facebook; there are monumental privacy issues with using that service and we shouldn't force people to use it.

Upcoming Shows & Events



April 2017

1-2... JOHNSON CITY, NY:

Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Johnson City Senior Center; 30 Brocton St.; Sat. 9-5, Sat. 10-4; Admission \$3, Children under 12 free; Dealers of Gemstones, Minerals & Jewelry Displays, UV Light Show, Flint-knapping demo, Gem & mineral identification, Food, Silent Auction & door prizes; contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St, Bainbridge NY 13733; (607)-226-2319; stonecuttertom@yahoo.com

29-30... FRANKLIN, NJ:

45th Annual show; NJ Earth Science Assoc; Franklin Borough School, 40 Washington Ave, Franklin; Russ Brarens@908-421-1045; <http://www.njesa.org/spring-mineral-show.html>

Upcoming Shows & Events (continued)

May 2017

6... BIGLERVILLE, PA:

Annual show; Franklin County & Central PA Rock & Mineral Clubs, South Mountain Fairgrounds; 615 Narrows Road; Sat. 8-3; Adults \$1, Students/Children free; 32nd Annual Swap and Sale in pavilion-Food Stand; contact Tom Smith; e-mail: tsmith1012@comcast.net

6-7... PITTSTON, PA:

Annual show; MSNEPA, St. Joe's Oblates; 1880 Hwy 315; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$3, Children under 12 free; 2017 Treasures of the Earth. Minerals, fossils, crystals, jewelry and gems. Free mineral & Fossil identification; Free kids' activities, demonstrations and classes for adults. ; contact Linda Williams, 615 E Grant St, Olyphant, PA 118447, (717)-319-8334; e-mail: Lwilliams@excaliburinsmgmt.com

13-14... CANANDAIGUA, NY:

Annual show; Finger Lakes Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center; 250 North Bloomfield Road; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$5, Children Free; Finger Lakes Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show "Fossil Fest" Dealers, door prizes, demonstrations, displays, lectures, minerals, fossils, crystals, jewelry, beads, metaphysical stones, wire wrapping, lapidary equipment. A fun event for the whole family! Remember to bring your mother! Happy Mothers Day!; contact Michael McElwee, 3250 Guyanoga Road, Branchport, NY 14418; e-mail: flgmfc@netzero.net

June

3-4... CANANDAIGUA, NY:

Annual show; Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center; 250 N. Bloomfield Rd; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; Admission \$3; Free crafts with admission, soapstone carving, sluice, exhibits, **UV Bob fluorescent show**, scavenger hunt, geode cutting, and much more; contact Fred Haynes: fredmhaynes55@gmail.com; www.wcgmcc.org

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; e-mail: 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; e-mail: mullerbilliejo@gmail.com; Web site: www.herkgemshow.com

August

26-27...

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; e-mail: wdellie@gmail.com; Web site: www.stlawrencecountyminealclub.org