

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.

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.

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Notable this month...

October 12 - Annual Che-Hanna Auction meeting

October 16 - JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS: monthly AUMA meeting

October 22 - Che-Hanna bus trip to Rochester Federation show/Letchworth Park

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President's Note



Greetings fellow element collectors.

Last meeting was pretty well attended. Dave did a program on many facets of mineral collecting hobby. Very well appreciated as there was some info for the novice and some for the more serious hobbyist.

Dave was also presented a MVP trophy for his years of donating many specimens at the meetings and picnics, and the programs he has given plus the wild games he brings to the picnics.

The October meeting will be the annual auction. Bring your mineral related duplicate specimens, tools you don't use any more, books, magazines, lap equipment, jewelry, slabs or what ever to be auctioned off. Other than our show, this project helps put a little money in the club coffers.

See you at the auction with some \$\$\$ and donations plus some friends to share the excitement with.

—Bob

Sunshine Report

Hope you're all enjoying the nice weather we've been having. I would like it to stay around for some time yet.

I received word that Paul Mitchell passed away. Some won't remember him, but the family were members. His wife helped in the kitchen and the two kids were Pebble Pups. Sympathy to the family.

Also, Jim Moorehead passed away. He and his son, Anthony, were club members and enjoyed being part of the club, when they could. Some won't remember him, either, but those that will, will

remember what a pleasant person he was. Sympathy to his family.

Phyllis Chaffee, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 27 at Robert Packer Hospital. As a long time member, many of you remember her; she will be missed. Condolences to Scott and the family. [See "In Memoriam" elsewhere is in this Shin-Skinner"]

Get well wishes to Faith Toth who had surgery on her hand. The doctor replaced her knuckle, fixed her thumb and did some carpal tunnel surgery; all this on her right hand. Hope she's doing well and we'll see her soon.

Get well wishes to Bill Dimmick, III, who had recent foot surgery. Will be good to hear he's on the road to recovery really and doing well. Had a nice phone chat with him and he hopes to get back to meetings when he can.

Get well to anyone who isn't up to "snuff" right now. Hope you're all back on the road to recovery soon. Helen Tracy may be home from re-hab by now, after falling and having surgery on her shoulder and hip. Get well to her and hope she's feeling much better.

If you know of anyone who needs a card or a phone call, please let me know and I'll do my best to take care of it. See you at the next meeting.

—JoAnn

Che-Hanna Club Meeting



Che-Hanna met Wed, Sept. 14, 2016 at the Sayre High School at 7 PM. President Bob McGuire opened the meeting with all standing and pledging allegiance to our flag. Bob presented Dave Millis with a "most valuable player" trophy in recognition for all that Dave has done for the club. The treasury needs to be audited for the year. Patti Chapman, Sandy Keener and Duane Wells volunteered to do it.

JoAnn McGuire gave the sunshine report.

Inga Wells gave the Pebble Pups [they like to be called "Junior Rockounds" -ed] report, They will meet Sept 18th at the Athens Methodist Church at 2:PM. Bill Chapman listed several field trips for the coming weekend.

Bob McGuire passed a large group photo of attendees at Wild Acres from 1996. John Milligan told that last week's fall session of Wild Acres had been a great week.

The Firemen and their attorney are still working on a contract for the firehall. We need it soon. Hazel R. will look into this.

Hazel is making arrangements for the Christmas party. It will be on Dec. 11th. Location to be announced.

A discussion was held on the suggestion to donate \$500 towards a memorial bench for Jack Walters, to be placed at Round Top park in Athens. Athens township will supply a matching grant for the bench.

Ted Rieth spoke of the bus trip to the Rochester Gem and Mineral show on Oct. 22th. There are still seats available. This should be a fun trip, good show and a side trip to Letchworth State Park on the way home.

Dave Millis showed an intricate project that he had made from mica. The October program is our annual auction. A good time to donate those extra rock and mineral specimens and to purchase new ones for your collection.

Our library is very under used. If you have a good idea about what to do with the books let us know.

Dave Millis has webcam and GoPro. He is going to make videos that can be put on our website.

Patti and Bill Chapman did the flea market at the old Athens stock yards a couple of weeks ago. They talked up our club to interested people.

Marv and Hazel Remaley will be having a rock and mineral yard sale at their home next weekend.

David Dick, our Newsletter editor would like pictures of auction items for the next newsletter.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Trish Benish. During the snack break Dave Millis distributed door prizes. Thanks, Dave.

Dave Millis gave the program "Rock Potpourri", during which he told us a bit about a lot of rock and mineral related things, ranging from mountains and glaciers to climate change, different rocks and minerals and even a use for epoxy.

—Peggy Huffman, Secretary

Che-Hanna Board Meeting

The Che-Hanna board met Wednesday Sept,14, 2019 at 6 PM, at the Sayre High School. July and August were our picnic months with no minutes taken.

Trish Benish passed copies of the treasurer's report and explained expenses.

There are still seats available for the bus to the Rochester Gem and Mineral Show on October 22nd.

It has been suggested that a bench in memory of long time member Jack Walters be purchased and placed at Round Top Mt. Park. Che-Hanna's contribution would be \$500, matched by a grant obtained by the Athens township. A motion made by Inga Wells, seconded by Peggy Huffman passed.

A book in memory of late member John Dysher will be purchased and given to the Towanda Library.

Hazel Remaley will again make arrangements for the Christmas party. It will be on December 11th, location to be announced at a future meeting.

We do not have a contract for the fire hall for next years show, yet. We need a contract by October so contracts for next years show can be mailed.

The treasury books need to be audited for the yearly report.

Delegates for the Eastern Federation convention are John and Susie Milligan.

The Sayre school district has been very generous over the years letting us meet at the High School and now the Satterly Creek location for our picnics. Inga suggested that a handicapped accessible picnic table be donated as thanks for letting use the facilities. This will be discussed.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Ted Reith, seconded by Inga Wells.

—Peggy Huffman, Secretary

In Memoriam - Phyllis Chaffee



Longtime member Phyllis Chaffee passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, PA.

Phyllis Anne Chaffee, 85, of Sayre, was born on June 16, 1931; she was the daughter of the late Lowell I. and Florence R. (Barnes) Buck and grew up in Starrucca, PA. She also lived for a time in Wyoming and Australia.

A Keuka College graduate, she taught at Tioga County Council of Churches, and served in many roles, including musical, at Sayre Baptist Church, Waverly United Methodist Church, and Waverly Presbyterian Church throughout her life. A longtime member of the Valley Chorus, American Baptist Women, and the Susquehanna Valley Audubon Society, Che-Hanna was far from her only activity. She was a Che-Hanna member along with her late husband, Russell (-2014), and her son Scott.

Funeral services were provided by Lowery Funeral Home in Sayre, which has more on their website < loweryfuneralhome.com > Burial was at Ulster Cemetery, Ulster, PA.

Memorial donations may be made in Phyllis' memory to: Valley United Presbyterian Church, 622 ½ South Main Street, Athens, PA 18810 or Valley Chorus, P.O. Box 145, Athens, PA 18810.

—Inga

Junior Rockhound News

The Junior Rockhounds will meet on Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. Please use the ramp door in back of the church.

We will try our hand at making a "Tree of Life" or anything else you can create using a metal ring, wire, beads, and stone chips. Do let me know which minerals or rocks you still need to finish your mineral identification cards. Everyone should have a Mohs Hardness, one with quartz and micas, one with the 3 rock types. (You can text to my phone: 607-425-7426, e-mail ingawells@yahoo.com, or message me on Facebook.) You have earned that badge, but adding more minerals and labels will be even better.

After our craft, we'll play a game of Ocean Bingo for prizes. You'll learn a bit about the water cycle, ocean currents, submarine underwater volcanoes, and critters that live in the sea. I picked this because I know everyone loves critters. Some of the prizes will be fossil critters.

We met on third Sunday of September at the AUMC. I was glad so many of you came to the meeting because I know you and your parents have very busy schedules. We tried our hands at wire-wrapping marbles and making unique items.

I'm so proud that you keep trying to learn new things and do not give up until you get it done. Thanks for all of the help of the parents. There are always beads, string, wire and tools at our meetings to create something.

Each of you is at a different level; some have already learned what the new kids are learning now. So, remember the club's motto: We talk to each other, we help each other, we teach each other, and most importantly—we smile a lot. My goal is that you "like rocks".

One of my favorite people, Ben Franklin, said: "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." That is why I let you experiment with craft techniques and make you glue your own ID board instead of buying one on the Internet.

Next Meeting: Auction



Our next meeting, on Wednesday, October 12, will be our annual auction. Anything hobby-related, including specimens, tools, books, magazines, equipment, jewelry, and raw materials can be donated.

It is a way to help the things that make up our hobbies get to the people who find them most useful, as well as a way for the club to raise a little money.

Please bring things and bid on things, and may you take home as much as you contribute.

The photo above is the only thing I'm sure will be up for auction.

Editor's Note

Those of you viewing the electronic version of this issue might notice that it's a little larger than usual. That's because of all the images I used, of course.

Now that I have a little more control over my production process, I can use pictures when they're appropriate, so don't hesitate to email me any you think might help. I don't have very good phone service, so it's much better for you to email them to me (david.r.dick@graniteur.org).

I had hoped to have some pictures of things up for auction, this month, but I got only one (thanks, Bob).

I'm still collecting rock-garden rock pictures; surely a lot of you out there can send me some.

Che-Hanna Library - Travel Books

Our new Librarian, Bill Dimmick, will be taking the books below ("Box #1") to the November meeting. His phone number is 607-565-7466.

- Fee Mining and Mineral Adventures in Eastern US
- Rocks and Minerals of Eastern US
- Guide to Maine Minerals
- Roadside Geology of Vermont and New Hampshire
- Roadside Geology of NY
- Rock Collecting in NY
- Minerals of St. Lawrence Valley
- Roadside Geology of PA
- Fossil Collecting in PA
- Mineral Collecting in PA
- Midwest Gem and Mineral Trails
- Field Guide to Geology of the Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan (guide book & video)
- Geology of Michigan
- South East Treasure Hunters Guide
- Mines, Miners, and Minerals of Western N Carolina
- Minerals of Virginia
- Geology and Paleontology of Okeechobee Co, FL
- Fossils of Arkansas
- Texas Fossil Guidebook
- Western Gem Hunter's Atlas
- Roadside Geology of New Mexico
- Roadside Geology of Arizona
- Field Guide to NM, TX, CO
- Arizona Travelers' Handbook
- Mining in Arizona
- Midwest Gem Trails
- Roadside Geology of Oregon
- Roadside Geology of Utah
- Roadside Geology of Wyoming
- Gem Trails of Colorado and Utah
- Northwest Gem and Minerals Guide
- Geology and Scenery of the Bancroft and Madoc Area of Ontario, Canada
- Roadside Geology of Alaska

- Paskistan Minerals, Mountains of Majesty
 - Madagascar - A Minerals and Gemstone Paradise
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Che-Hanna Library - Mineral Books

- A Mineral Collector's Guide to Common Mineral Names (Darryl Powell)
- Cleaning and Preserving Minerals (Richard M. Pearl)
- Elements of Optical Mineralogy - Part II (A. Winchell)
- Emeralds (Lapis)
- Field Guide to Rock and Minerals (Pough)
- Fluorescence (M. Robbins)
- Garnets (Pearl)
- Giant Crystals and Precious Minerals (H J Schubner)
- Identification and Qualitative Chemical Analysis of Minerals
- Minerals and Man (Cornelius Hurlbut Jr.)
- Minerals and the Microscope (H G Smith)
- Reference Guide for Cleaning Minerals Specimen (Che-Hanna)
- Rocks and Minerals (Schumann)
- Simon and Schuster's Guide to Rocks and Minerals
- The Audubon Field Guide to Rocks and Minerals
- The Beauty of Banded Agates (Michael R. Carlson)
- The Minerals Kingdom (Paul E. Desautels)
- Tourmaline (Lapis)
- Turquoise (Pearl)
- Understanding Crystallography (Jenny Smith)
- World Treasury of Mineral Colors (Pierre Bariand)

Che-Hanna Library - Fossils, Geology, Etc.

- AFMS Uniform Rules
- Dictionary of Geological terms
- Fossils (Niles Eldredge)
- Geomorphology
- Glacial and Pleistocene (Flint)
- Glyptagnostus and Associate Trilobites in the USA
- Love is the Earth (Melody)
- Stone Power
- The Fossil Book (Fenton)
- The Nature Companions Rock, Fossil and Dinosaurs
- The Principles of Geomorphology

Che-Hanna Library - Lapidary, Jewelry, Gemstones

- American Silver, Pewter & Silverplate (Ralph and Terry Kovel)
- Gem Crystals and Treasures (Peter Bancroft)
- Gem Tumbling (Victors)
- Gem and Jewelry (Joel Arem)
- Gems and Precious Stones of North America (G.F. Kunz)
- How to Make Modern Jewelry
- How to Repair Jewelry (William Phelps)
- Introduction to the World's Gemstones (E.H. Rutland)
- Jade (Louis Zara)
- Jewelry Basic Techniques and Design (Alice Spritzen)
- Jewelry Making (Theodore P Foote)
- Jewelry Making and Design (A Rose and A Cirino)
- Pebble Polishing (Edward Fletcher)
- Popular Gemology
- Practical Gem Knowledge for the Amateur (Charles J Parsons)
- Rings and Other Things -- Working with Silver (Elsie Ginneh)
- Simple Enameling (Geoffrey Franklin)

- Step by Step Bead Stringing (Ruth Poris)
- The Book of Gem Cuts - Vol 1
- The Facet Cutters Handbook (Edward J Soukup)
- The Gemstone Book (Authur Thomas)
- The Pleasure of Jewelry and Gemstones (Sateloff Richards)

Upcoming Shows & Events



October 2016

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

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.

22... FAIRLESS HILLS, PA:

Ultraviolation - 27th annual fluorescent-only mineral show / swap / sell ("If your rocks don't glow, you're at the wrong show"); The Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County; 9AM-5PM; \$2; First United Methodist Church (840 Trenton Road) Chuck O'Loughlin 856-663-1383 ultraviolation@yahoo.com

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

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

5-6... LANCASTER, PA:

FM-PA Symposium & Field Trip; Friends of Mineralogy - Pennsylvania Chapter; Theme: Pennsylvania Mining and Mineralogy; Franklin & Marshall College (Hackman Physical Sciences Building); Please register in advance.

5-6... GREENWICH, CT:

28th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show; Stamford Mineralogical Society; Eastern Greenwich Civic Center (90 Harding Road); <stamfordmineralsociety.org>

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