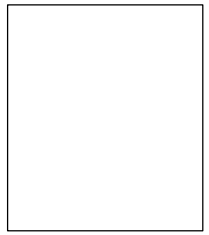


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To:

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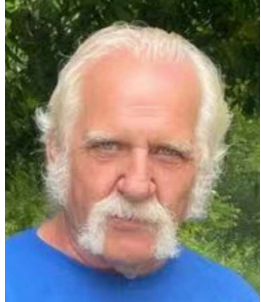
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Bruce Benish

President's Message

by Bruce Benish

Greetings everyone.

We had the show this weekend, it was a bit disappointing. The weather didn't give us a break. We did get some new people helping. I thank them and everyone who helped as it takes a lot of hands to get through the weekend.

At our last meeting Tony Demarco gave a talk on astronomy. He had a lot of good information and some nice visuals.

The next meeting is April 10th. The regular meeting will be at 6:30, there are a couple of questions we want to address, nothing too hard.

As I said last month it will soon be time to vote on new office holders. I hope some new people will step up as the people doing things now have been doing them for awhile. It's not hard just requires a little time. Everyone will help if you ask.

It's spring, time to be thinking field trips. Any suggestions are welcome.

That's it for now.

Bruce

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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THANK YOU.

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**NEXT MEETING IS AT ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH ON
APRIL 10TH AT 6:30 PM.**

VP NEWS

By Bob McGuire

Photo by JoAnn McGuire

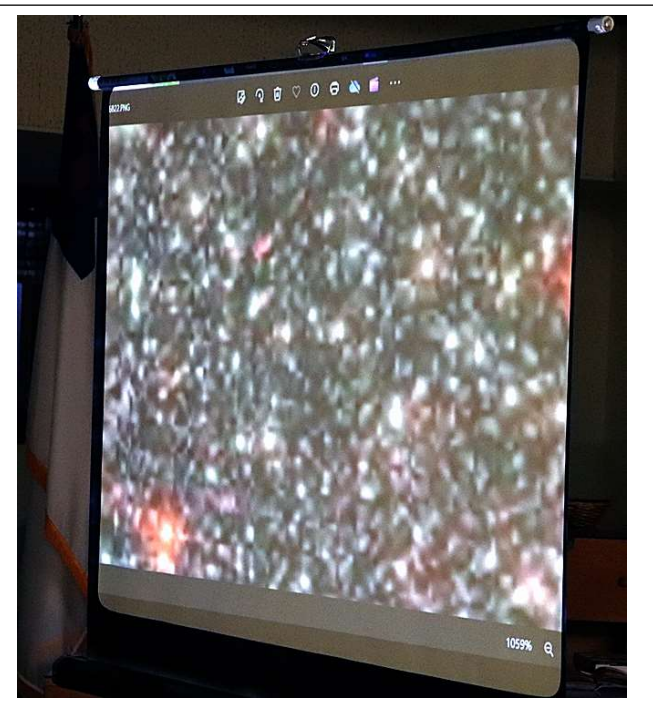
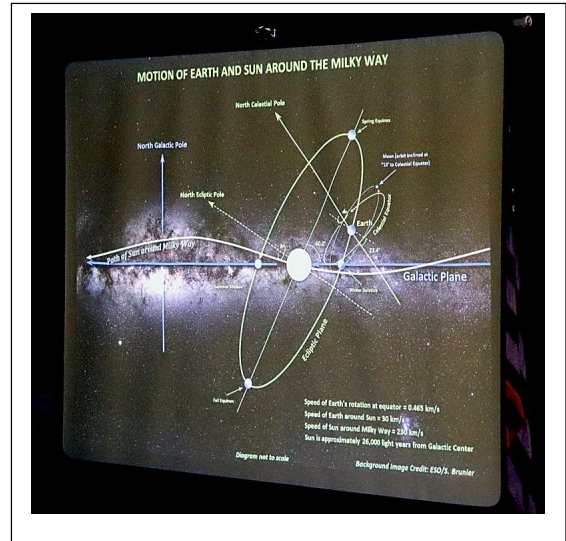


Bob McGuire

March meeting was well attended. Board meeting wrapping things up as was the regular meeting. Picnic locations finalized.

Program on astronomy by Tony and assistant Lou DeMarco was received very well by all. Videos aided a very well put together program. Like I said, we rockhound folks are interested in other sciences also.

Next is our show, help when you can.



(Bob McGuire photographs)

C.Bourne photo



JoAnn McGuire

Sunshine Report by JoAnn McGuire

Get well wishes to Janet Andrus who just had shoulder surgery. Hope she's feeling much better and on the road to a full recovery. Hope to see her again soon.



Sending cheery thoughts to all of you who may be under the weather right now. With the warmer weather on the way, hopefully, everyone will feel good. We have to get Mother Nature to cooperate and give us some nice, warm, sunny weather, to get rid of these winter blah's.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, April 10th, Athens United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

JoAnn McGuire
Lady Sunshine



April Birthdays

- 1 – Pat Chapman
- 2 – Joe Shepler
- 3 – Hunter King
- 11 – Anna Markevitch
- 12 – JoAnn McGuire
- 13 – Sarah Conden
- 15 – Aubrey Westbrook
- 19 – Jeff Benish
- 28 – Caleb Conden

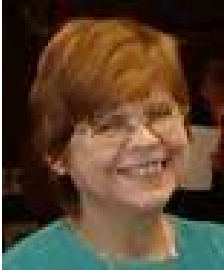


April Anniversaries

None this month

If I have forgotten your birthday or anniversary, please let me know. Thank you.

C.Bourne photo

**Inga Wells**

Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News

By Inga Wells

The Pebble Pups will meet on Sunday, April 21 at 1 P.M. at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S Main St. Athens.

Please use the ramp door in back of the church. Our meeting will last an hour. Topic of the program will be quartz. The door prizes will consist of quartz varieties and booklets about quartz, written by my friend Diamond Dan. There will be wires and beads for the craft part to make a tree of life or small gem tree.

If it is your first time at our meetings, Welcome! We like parents or grandparent's involvement in helping the children learn about the hobby. You can help them make their craft or make a creation of your own. There is no charge of materials.

A heartfelt thank you to the mini-mine helpers, Duane, Grandma Dorothy and Atticus, Wes and Myles Kocsis, Grandma Margie and Milena, Natalia, Ezra, Frank and Scott and Renee. I appreciate your help.

Thank you to the kind folks that donated materials to the mine, Katie and Bonnie Phykitt, John and Suzie Milligan, Dave Millis, Bob McGuire, Mary Walter, Sandy Keener, Frank Meadows, and my friend Joanie. She donated the shark's teeth. I usually donate the plastic dinosaurs and other items that I hope will be a big hit with kiddos. If my tired brain left someone out, my apologies and please let me know so I can give you proper credit.

For the Good of the Order: I hope that we will see many of you at the Earth Day Celebration at the Bradford County Conservation District on Saturday, April 20 from 10 to 2. The district is located just down the road from the fire company in Wysox, 200 Lake Rd.

Mary, Duane, I, someone from the Benish Family, will be there to represent Che-Hanna club and the Susquehanna Valley Audubon. We are members of both groups.

Our two booths will be next to each other. I plan on having an Ice Age Critter display and plan on bringing a kitty pool with sand and stuff that the kids can dig up.

On bird club side, there will be soil and grass seeds to make seedheads. There will be some free pollinator plant seeds available. Baby birds need a lot of insects to eat. The insects need native plants, and the birds will eat and spread the seeds for the next generation. The district will have seedlings for sale - in case you need some.

There will be music, food vendors, about 20 organizations that will offer free stuff. The Cornell Raptor program will bring some of their birds and Critter Connections will have animals, some farm will have some animals you can pet. I'm hoping the Watershed folks will bring some eels or other fishy stuff that they raise with the help of school kids and released into the local creeks and rivers.

Thanks,
Inga Wells,

607-425-7426 cell to text and call. Please identify yourself when contacting me and I will replay. Information about meetings can be found on our website <http://www.chehannarocks.com>

You may message on Facebook at Che-Hanna Junior Rockhounds. The logo has a T-Rex with a Herkimer and the AFMS Patch.

*March Club Meeting Minutes**by Mary Walter*

Bruce called the meeting to order. Last month's minutes were excepted as written. 1st Bruce, 2nd Luci. Treasure's report reviewed by Jeff. Filled for audit. John Milligan reviewed what is happening at Wild Acres. There ate about 10 open spaces for the spring session.

May 13th - 19th. If you are a member in good standing the club will pay some of cost for a first time attending. The overall cost covers room and board, 3 meals a day. Said to be good food. You might have to pay for supplies for the classes. JoAnn gave the Sunshine report. There will not be pebble pup meetings at the Ulster Rec. Center. This month meeting with the pebble pups will be on green stones.

The food truck is all set. Dave will be making some jewelry for hand outs. Dealers are all set. Dave is making some arrangements for a couple field trips. Deep Springs Rd for fossils. Talcville for terabyte.

We had new people attend our meeting:
Sarah Srecieska and Judy Elliott from Corning area.

Secretary
Mary Walter

*March Board Meeting Minutes**by Mary Walter*

There eight members in attendance. Trish Benish was not there so Jeff Benish reviewed the treasures report. Filed for audit. More geodes were purchased for the show. We reviewed more show details. Cody Condon will be bring the trailer down Thursday evening. Cody's children have been pebble pups. The food truck is all set to go. Pizza and coffee, for the dealers and working members was discussed. Adjourned by John and Inga

Upcoming Shows & Events

(from various internet sources)

April 2024

13-14: New York Southern Tier Geology Club Show

Johnson City Senior Center, 30 Brocton St., Johnson City, NY

20 : 33rd Annual Chesapeake Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show

Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Rd. West Friendship, MD 21794

27-28: Crystal Fest

USW Local 1000, 100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning, NY

May 2024

11-12: Quartz Fest

Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N. Bloomfield Rd., Canandaigua, NY

July 2024

13-14: Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse

Center of Progress Building New York State, 581 State Fair Blvd. Syracuse, NY