

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 **19-December-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...

Sunday, December 10, Che-Hanna Christmas Party — 12 PM social hour; 1 PM dinner — Grand Victorian Inn - Best Western Sayre

January 1, 2018 — Che-Hanna membership dues deadline

January 1, 2018 #mdash; 2018 Wildacres EFMLS Retreat spring signup deadline

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

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President's Note

Greetings fellow rock loving members.

This the wind down of 2017. As we bring to a close to a year of field tripping and collecting and meetings, I hope we all got something satisfying added to our collections. Maybe made a few new friends and shared some stories and maybe some minerals.

I hope all had a thankful Thanksgiving and I wish all a very Merry Christmas with lots of presents, good health and good company.

To you all I wish the best NEW YEAR ever and hope we can make next year the best for the Che-Hanna Club.

See you at our Christmas party on the 10th for a fun time.

—Bob

Christmas Party

Our annual Che-Hanna Christmas party is almost here. We will be having it at the Grand Victorian Inn at the Best Western in Sayre, Sunday December 10.



You should have already signed up as described in last month's Shin-Skinner.

The cost will be \$5.00 for members (after six months) and \$10.00 for guests. Members will receive a refund of \$5.00 if you attend but no refund if you do not attend. This is an option only that if you prefer that your cost of the dinner be sent to the Valley Food Pantry as a donation instead of a refund the club will honor that. Please let me know if you want a refund or if you want it to be a donation. We will choose a charity each year.

We will still do the optional gift swap for those who want to participate by bringing a gift costing about \$8-10 hobby related and labeled male or female, if it is gender specific.

Grand Victorian Inn - Best Western
255 Spring St.
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-7711

Sunday, December 10
Social hour 12:00p.m.
Dinner hour 1:00p.m.

Sunshine Report

Hope everyone who is feeling a little under the weather will be feeling better soon. Hilda is hanging in there and doing a little better every day. Isn't going to let that cancer get her down. She's in good spirits and has been coming to meetings.

Hope to hear that Marv Remaley is doing better; has still been having trouble with his eyes. Get well soon.

I haven't been in touch with Helen Tracy, but Sandy Keener says she's doing OK. I have to give Peggy Huffman a call and see how she's doing also. Last I talked to her, she was pretty good, but said it's taking longer than she thought to get around.

Happy Birthday in December to David Kanarr, 7th; Hazel Remaley, 8th; Amanda Kin, 15th; Don Norton, 16th; Harry Lingenfelter, 20th; Jillian Walter, 20th; Tony DeMarco, 25th; and Bruce Benish, 27th. Hope you all have a nice day.

Hope to see many of you at the Christmas party on the 10th at Best Western in Sayre. Meet at noon for social hour; eat at 1:00 PM. Let's hope the weather will be in our favor.

Take care all and stay warm; stay well.

—JoAnn
Miss Sunshine

Club Meeting

Bob McGuire, President, opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. A new member, Frank Kozleski, was introduced and welcomed. He is interested in rocks and minerals and quite knowledgeable and may do a program for the club.

Secretary's minutes were approved by a motion by Hazel, seconded by Inga. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Trish. No additions so filed for audit. Budget was approved at the Board meeting with changes. Motion made by Hazel, seconded by Inga, to accept. Motion carried.

The gem tree that Hazel bought from our auction and took to the EFMLS convention in CT sold for \$20.00.

The Athens Fire Co. \$100 check is up in the air right now; undecided. Inga sent a letter.

Christmas party - December 10th, Best Western, Noon until 4 PM. Sounds like a good menu. Gift exchange, club related, \$5-10 range. If you want a gift, bring a gift. Party committee will meet again to decide on games.

Plaque for the bench in memory of Jack and Marge Walter has been placed at Round Top. Mary has a photo.

The workshop on the 10th of November will take place from 9 AM to 4 PM. Will do cabs. Trish will make soup and warm beverages will be provided.

Need a nominating committee soon as officers terms are up in June. Trish is the only one who said she'll keep Treasurer.

The trailer used for the show needs the lights fixed. Should have three keys made; cheaper than buying new locks. Bruce to check with Suddie on fixing the trailer. Trish will get the locks cleaned up for the show.

On the show coming up in 2018, there are 5 cases for displays. Inga to check with Tioga Point Museum for something to display; Bob to check with Deb Twigg at SRAC for a display. Pebble Pups may put a case together. It was mentioned to make a poster about the club and put it at SRAC. Inga may have info on that.

Hazel gave a report on the Convention, held in Bristol, CT. Marv and Haze represented the club. Bob Jones, Rock and Gem author, was guest speaker; born in CT, and gave a talk on the copper mines. He lives in AZ now. Hazel has a full packet of things that went on at the Convention, if anyone would like to read it. She thanked the club for the money received to attend the Convention. Next year's Convention is April, held in Raleigh, NC.

Good of the Order - Bruce Benish is our new club Librarian. He will make a list of books that will be available. Trish has an older list, so probably will up-date that.

Motion made by Trish, seconded by Jeff, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Snacks were enjoyed and the new member had some interesting thoughts to share. Because of the lateness, the DVD, "Pompeii" was not shown. Maybe another time.

—JoAnn McGuire
Substitute for Peggy Huffman

Editor's Note

Another year of bulletins coming to a close... I hope to improve in 2018 and I hope you'll help me. As always, I welcome any newsworthy content. And, while I always have far more ideas than I can deliver on, your suggestions can provide new perspectives.

The Shin-Skinner should be, first and foremost, a way for you to find out about club activities. On top of that, you need to know about things happening in our larger organizations (EFMLS and AFMS). To round it out, there is general news that affects our hobby. I endeavor to provide these things.

As a step toward improvement, I have included a schedule and sign-up form for next year's **Wildacres**. I completely ignored it in 2017, so I hope it is of some help this time around. The sign-up **deadline for the spring** appears to be **January 1, 2018**.

—David Dick
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November Workshop

A club workshop was held November 11 at the Saterlee Creek Environmental Center. There was a small group, so everyone was able to make a few pieces with the available supplies.

Please let club officers know if this is the sort of thing you'd like to see more of.



John Morgan on the Cabbing Machine



Hilda and her stone



Machine Sharing

Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President, Bob McGuire.

Items of interest included our 2018 show flyers. Hazel said she didn't think we need the extra expense of the red ink. All agreed. White paper will be used for printing. She also eliminated Carnegie Museum as Marc will not be able to make it. Inga had a paper from a gentleman from Williamsport who has a museum and said we may be able to borrow something. Can also try and use flint knappers as a draw for the show. It was also mentioned to see Mr. Babcock at the Athens Museum; Inga will do this.

Inga sent a letter to Athens Fire Co. about our deposit.

Geodes were also brought up. How much to get, how much to spend and permission to purchase. Motion made by Inga, seconded by Hazel, to purchase geodes at a cost of \$900. Motion carried.

Christmas dinner was brought up. All is going well. We have the main dining room. There is a big screen TV we can use to show club photos. Just have to put on a chip.

Inga mentioned Evelyn Keir and said she was very pleased with the SRAC plaque they have in memory of Ted. We are to extend an invitation to the Keir's for the Christmas party. The club would pay for Evelyn and the guests would be \$10.00. Bob to call and check with Evelyn to see if they are available.

Plaque is done and on the bench at Round Top, in memory of Jack and Marge Walter.

Workshop - Those going will do cabbing. Six so far to go.

Budget approved after some changes that Trish will take care of Inga motioned, Bruce seconded, to approve. Some of the changes included: Christmas party to \$1400; EFMLS to \$250; Memorials to \$500; increased club insurance to \$475; P.O. Box rental increased to \$75; increase web site to \$100 per year.

Honorary Life Membership was discussed. It was felt to become honorary life a member has to be active, continually attend meetings, attend and help at the show, hold an office and help whenever possible.

Meeting was adjourned.

—JoAnn McGuire
Substitute for Peggy Huffman

Upcoming Shows



January

20...

Mineral and Fossil Swap & Sell sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineral Society. LOCATION CHANGE: LuLu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462; Hours 9:00 - Noon. Info and Reservations: John Rateike 215-576-0741 / jdtrat@comcast.net

March

24-25...

49th Annual Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Wysox Vol. Fire Co Social Hall, 111 Lake Rd; Wysox, PA. Info: www.chehannarocks.com

WILDACRES SPRING CLASSES – MAY 21 – 27, 2018 – SPEAKER-IN-RESIDENCE: BOB JONES

Class & Instructor	Description
Beaded Bezel Mia Schulman	Instead of using metal to set your cabochons, we will set them by using rows of small beads. The end result is a striking piece of jewelry suitable for any occasion. 2-day class offered first semester and no prior experience necessary.
Knitted Wire & Bead Bracelet Mia Schulman	Don't worry; you don't have to know how to knit. These bracelets are stunning and people are always surprised when told they are knitted. 2-day class offered second semester. No prior experience necessary.
Cabochons – Basic Bernie Emery	Learn to transform a piece of rock into a shiny, well-formed cabochon. You will learn the use of the trim saw as well as basics of grinding, sanding and polishing. Slabs are provided or students September use their own with approval of the instructor. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Cold Connections I Morning Sherrod	This class will start with basic skills such as the proper use of a jeweler's saw, hammering, patterns, doming with dapping blocks using a die cutter, and how to anneal metal. We will be using copper, brass, bronze, and silver to add color and character to your jewelry. Connections will be accomplished using rivets, jump rings, and wire. We will also learn about patinas and etching. After the mandatory projects are finished, you will be challenged to use your imagination to construct projects of your own under my supervision. This will be a fun class with finished pieces to take home. It will also provide a framework for more advanced projects. All materials and use of my tools for projects are included in class fees. I will have materials and kits for purchase if you want to purchase to take home. If you are not a beginner, I will have more advanced projects available. Please be patient and considerate of your fellow students as everyone may be at a different skill level. No prerequisites necessary. 2-day class, first semester.
Cold Connections II Morning Sherrod	I am excited you are joining me in an advanced metal working class. We will be etching, texturizing, setting cabs, and using prongs, tabs and sandwiching techniques. Also we will be sweat soldering metals together. I will first go over the techniques you will need for the projects, and demonstrate as needed. You will be challenged to create your own work. I'm there to assist you with your project. Everyone will be on different projects. Beginners are welcome!!! I will work with you to get you up and hammering. This is a laid back class. I want you to have fun and enjoy what you are doing. You may bring your own cabochons to work with if you want. I will have extra tools, cabs, metals, kits for you to purchase to take home if you want. Looking forward to meeting you and having a fun filled two days. Prerequisites. 2-day class, 2nd semester.
Cabochons - Intermediate Bernie Emery	Learn to cut different shapes and the techniques needed to do so. Slabs are provided or students September use their own with approval of the instructor. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. Prerequisite: Students must have prior experience with cabbing and use of the trim saw. 2-day class offered second semester.
Electro-Etching - Beginner Micah Kirby	Description coming next month
Electro-Etching - Intermediate Micah Kirby	Description coming next month
Faceting Steve Weinberger	Students will learn to cut and polish a 57-facet round brilliant gemstone. In addition, they will learn how to identify well-cut stones, select rough material and see whether or not they enjoy this fascinating aspect of the hobby. Students are asked to bring an Optivisor (#7 or #9) and an apron. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Loop and Loop Chains - Beginner Chuck Bruce	Students will learn the ancient technique of fusing fine silver jump rings and linking them together into a chain. We will explore 2 different patterns - Roman Fold-over and Single Fold-over (Foxtail) and students should be able finish a bracelet and pair of earrings in each. (These ancient beautiful designs are quite different from chain maille). No prior experience is needed. 2-day class offered 1st semester.
Loop and Loop Chains - Advanced Chuck Bruce	Students will learn the ancient technique of fusing fine silver jump rings and linking them together into a chain. We will explore 2 different patterns - Double Fold-over (Foxtail) and Sailor's Knot; students should be able to finish a bracelet and pair of earrings in each. (These ancient beautiful designs are quite different from chain maille). No prior experience is needed, but Semester 1 helpful. 2-day class offered 2nd semester.
Silversmithing - Basic Richard Meszler	Have fun learning the basics of working silver sheet and wire to fabricate jewelry. The projects will introduce you to annealing/bending/shaping/texturing metal, soldering, piercing and polishing. Students will receive a kit containing the necessary metals and supplies to complete these projects as well as a detailed written step by step description of each project. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary
Silversmithing - Intermediate Richard Meszler	Continue your education working with metals by doing a more complex project. You will learn to make a bezel setting & bail into which you will set a cabochon to make a pendant. Students will receive a kit containing the necessary metals and supplies to complete this project as well as a detailed written step by step description of each project. Prerequisite: Basic silversmithing experience including soldering. 2-day class offered 2nd semester.
Viking Knit Val Johnson	You will learn a technique used nearly 1300 years ago by ancient people to weave a silver rope. Viking knit is also called trichinopoly chain and was used to make bracelets, trim on clothing and many other decorative objects. Once you learn the skill it is very easy and uses few tools and supplies to create stunning chains. Student will complete a bracelet in single stitch. 2 day class offered 1st semester.

2018 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

For Office Use Only

ID # _____
Date Rec'd" _____
Amt. Paid: _____
Ck #: _____
Amt. Paid: _____
Ck #: _____
Paid in Full: _____

CHECK ONE: May 21 - 27: _____ Fall: September 3 - 9: _____

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to SUZIE MILLIGAN, 931 Carmichael Rd, Owego, NY 13827-3320. **No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2018.** (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You September photo-copy it as needed.) Please write legibly!

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number with area code: _____ e-mail: _____

Club/Society Affiliation: _____

Fee for each session is \$425.00 per person. Deposit is \$215 per person, payable with registration. Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of fee is due 30 days prior to start of session. No postdated checks will be accepted.

Cancellation policy: If unable to attend, fees paid will be refunded if notification is given prior to one month before the session begins. No refund will be made after that date.

Circle appropriate responses:

Have you been to Wildacres before? Yes _____ No _____ Is your Club paying your tuition? Yes _____ No _____

Name of roommate: _____ (If none, one will be assigned).

Are you: Male _____ Female _____ (No single rooms are available). Are you a smoker? Yes _____ No _____
(No smoking is allowed in any building)

Do you have any physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs? Yes _____ No _____
If YES, please explain on reverse side.

Class Pre-registration

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website (efmls-wildacres.org/) for class offerings.

You will either be able to take one 4-day class or two 2-day classes. All participants must take classes.

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? **Please indicate at least 3 choices** in order of preference for each semester. You will be preregistered for classes based on your choices, but no class placement is guaranteed. Should your preferred class be unavailable for any reason you will be preregistered for another of your choices. If no alternate class preference is indicated we will pre-register you in a class of our choosing, based on availability.

1st Semester or 4 day classe choices

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Second Semester

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2018)

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