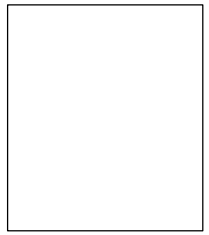


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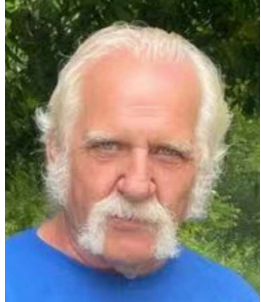
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**Bruce Benish**

## President's Message

by Bruce Benish

Hello everybody. I hope you're feeling well. It's a busy time for the club over the next few months. It started with our show down in Wysox. While attendance was down a little, sales seemed good. Next came the April meeting and pizza party after the show.

Bob McGuire was given the rockhound of the year award. We also discussed a bus trip to the Syracuse show on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you're interested. We have had a few responses already.

Speaking of field trips Dave has a few planed. First is May 13<sup>th</sup> to Deep Springs fossils. June 10<sup>th</sup> is a trip to Pitcairn for blue calcite and other minerals. In August he is planning a trip to the Benson mine.

Saturday is Earth day. We will have a booth at the conservation district in Wysox. Hope to see you there.

Also, we have added some VCR tapes and CDs to our collection. I hope to have them listed on the web site soon.

Bruce



Photo by Trish Benish

Bob McGuire

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**NEXT MEETING IS AT ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH ON  
MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM.  
BOARD MEETING AT 6 PM.**

Photo by JoAnn McGuire

**Bob McGuire***VP NEWS**By Bob McGuire*

Well, we can welcome Frank back as news editor. Mail in news deadline is still the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Our 53<sup>rd</sup> show is over and reports were good but we can always do better. It was mentioned that the Athens patrons we use to get are afraid of the hobgoblins down in Wysox so many don't go to the show any more. Now we can start farming in some of the other towns that have lots of good people.

April program was Rock Doc with his topics of Ice Ages, mixed with some Astronomy, and info on Bi-polar happenings. If you missed the meeting, you lost out.

The May meeting will be at 6:00 pm for the board meeting and 7:00 for the regular meeting. The program will be a hands on treat where you can make a micro-mount, do a gem tree, or wire wrap a pendant or copper ring. All nice and clean stuff. In the outdoor meetings is where we can get down and dirty with other hands on events.

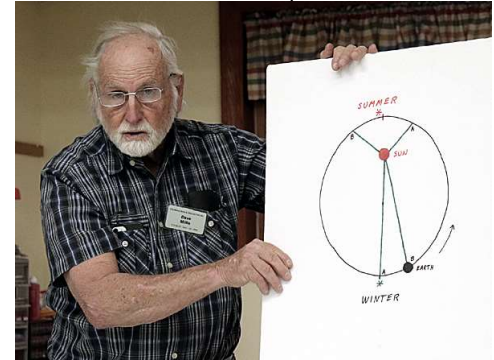
Field trips are in season, check your on-line website for FIELD TRIPS. Here is an idea for you trippers, bring back a couple good finds for our annual auction. Folks that can't go on trips can bid on a specimen for their collection.

Something is in the spool. How many of you would go to the Syracuse club show on July 8th? You keep saying when we going on a trip, we should do a trip, let's go some place. Well, OK get your name on the list and let's do a trip. The best one right now is the big show in Syracuse.

If you are going, send your name or names to [uvbob1942@gmail.com](mailto:uvbob1942@gmail.com)

I have four so far. Let's get the numbers up and the details will be released.

Bob McGuire photo

**Rock Doc – Dave Millis**

C.Bourne photo



**JoAnn McGuire**

*Sunshine Report by JoAnn McGuire*



Happy Birthday to Lynn Pannebaker, 19th and Olivia Kane, 26th. Hope you both have a great day.

Get well wishes to Helen Tracy who had the misfortune to fall and break a bone in her back. She was at Eldercare in Waverly, NY, but has since been released. She told me she has to wear a harness; is

in a lot of a pain, so on meds. Hope she's feeling much better and improves day by day. Please keep her in your prayers.

Max Grimm was in the Valley recently. He will be moving to Ohio in May and Bruce said the family has found a place for him. Hope he'll be doing well there. Miss his smiling face at our meetings and picnics.

Get well wishes to anyone who has not been "up to snuff" lately. Hope you're all on the up-swing. With the nice weather, that should help.

Get out and enjoy the beautiful weather. Let's hope we don't go backwards again and get some kind of crazy snow storm. It's been known to happen late April. Hope not this time.

See you at the May meeting.

JoAnn  
Lady Sunshine



*May Birthdays*

- 9 – Carolyn Klass
- 19 – Lynn Pannebaker
- 26 – Olivia Kane
- 31 – Lily Smith



*May Anniversaries*

No May Anniversaries

C.Bourne photo

**Inga Wells**

## *Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News*

*By Inga Wells*

The Pebble Pups and mini-miners would like to thank Mary Walter, Dave Millis, and Bob McGuire for the donations to the mine and the stash of rocks for study. We were busy at the mini-mine and the ore cart made 206 trips up the tracks. Next year, we will not use corn to cover the rocks in cart. The kids can't see what is in there until it dumps.

The Pebble Pups started their April 16 meeting at the church. Only Atticus and Olivia attended and learned a bit about Feldspar. They received samples of feldspar's many varieties, including a moon stone cabochon. We waited until 2:30, hoping some of the new members would be able to join us. Then, we moved the meeting to the Kane Family driveway. Jude put up a canopy, brought some big pieces of cardboard to sit on, and unloaded Herkimer diamond rocks he picked up at his mom's house from the van. We put on safety glasses and gloves and went to work trying to remove some pretty Herkimers from the matrix. The neighbor boy came over and Jude showed him what he needed to do. That young man loved it and will be joining the club. Jude is a good teacher. We left them after a couple of hours with a huge rubble pile to clean up. So sorry that not more families joined the fun.

The next meeting will be in my yard on the weekend of May 20/21. In will email directions. If it rains, we plan a museum trip. If the weather is fair, we will make bismuth crystals and do various other activities according to their interests. I'm hoping the parents will coordinate with each other so the kids can have fun together. If they can stay until it gets a darkish, we will have a fluorescent mineral hunt and a campfire.

For the June meeting, I plan on ordering some shark's teeth matrix that the kids can sort through.

Contact me if you have questions and concerns.

Inga  
607-425-7426

## *April Meeting Minutes*

*by Mary Walter*

- There were seventeen members in attendance.
- Bruce Benish called the meeting to order.
- Last month's Minutes were read and approved.
- Treasure's report was given and filled for audit.
- Field trips were discussed:
  - \* May 13th to Deep Spring for fossils. Exit 6 off of I81, park behind the Burger King building in the Northgate Plaza. Meet there by 9am. It's 1hr and 9min away. You can either drive yourself or carpool. Use restroom facility before you leave the Burger King area. There are no restrooms around the Dig area.
  - \* June 10 a trip is being planned for blue celestite at the Bauer's farm. Meet behind the Burger King at the Northgate Plaza. But this time be there at 7am.
  - \* No date set to go to the Benson mine,
  - \* It's in the works to possibly rent a bus and go to the Syracuse show Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information in postings.
- Discussion about the March show:

We had a good show. We didn't have the attendance numbers we have had, but we had a steady line of people going thru. There were a lot of new people at the show. Geodes did very well, they pretty much sold out. Will need to order more for next year. The kids really enjoyed the mini mine. There were kids from last year who were so excited to do the mini mine again. UV Bob's show was again a big hit. The room was full every time. The cabochon polishing was very busy as well. Dave wire wrapped 18 specimens for necklaces.

We had a few little glitches. The food truck that was there was not a hit. We also had people parking in areas the fire company needed to get their trucks out if there was an emergency. These are things we can figure out.
- Pebble Pups are meeting Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> for their monthly meeting. Weather permitting, they are going to one of the family's home's to crack open Herkimer.
- Frank Meadows is going to be doing the newsletter. Welcome back Frank.
- Next month's program is going to be hands on. Some of our members are going to be showing and teaching different skills. Wire wrapping, micro mounts etc.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day. A few members of the club will set up a table to represent our club.
- What is happening at Satterlee Creek is still up in the air. Watch for posts when it's picnic time.
- UV Bob was honored with a plaque for being Eastern Federation Rock Hound of the year. Congratulations Bob. All your hard work is noticed.
- Thank you to all the members who helped make our show another success.
- Meeting adjourned.
  
- Dave did a program on magnetic dipoles.
- We had our annual after the show pizza party.

*Upcoming Shows & Events From: EFMLS.ORG*

**May 2023**

**5-7: World of Gems & Minerals by Berks Mineralogical Society**

Leesport Farmer's Market, 312 Gernant's Church Rd. Leesport, PA 19533

**6-7: Treasures of the Earth Weekend Show & Sale**

Oblates of Saint Joseph, 1800 Highway 315, Pittston, PA 18640

**13: Fairless Club Rock & Mineral Show & Sale**

Christ United Methodist Church, 501 Wistar Rd., Fairless Hills, PA 19030

**20-21: Cape Atlantic Rockhounds Spring 2023 Gem & Mineral Show.**

2653 Cologne Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ

**June 2023**

**3-4: Orange County Mineral Society Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show**

Museum Village, 1010 Route 17 M, Monroe

**July 2023**

**8-9: Syracuse Gem & Mineral Show**

NY State Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Bldg. 581 State Fair Blvd. Syracuse, NY

**22-23: Lancaster County Fossil & Mineral Club Christmas in July Extravaganza**

Farm and Home Center - 1383 Arcadia Road - Lancaster, PA

**August 2023**

**26-27: St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Show**

Canton Pavillion - 90 Lincoln St. - Canton, NY