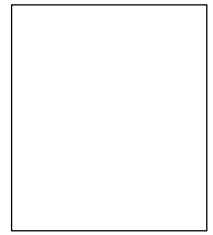


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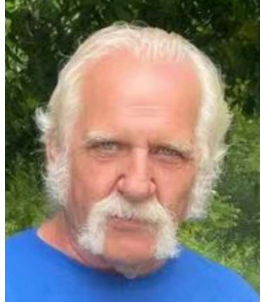
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Bruce Benish

President's Message

by Bruce Benish

Hello everybody. I just got back from the picnic. Everyone reminded me to get something in to the newsletter "today" so here it is.

Trish started with where we would be having next year's picnics. Four or five places were suggested. It was left up to whomever was interested in a spot to find out about cost and reservations.

The Christmas party will be December 10th at the Wild Fire Restaurant. As in years past there will be a \$5.00 deposit which will either be returned the day of the party or be giving to a chosen charity.

The next meeting is Wednesday September 13th at the Athens Methodist Church at 6:30 with a board meeting at 6:00. This is a new time we hope will work for everybody. Hope to see you there.

Bruce

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH TO:

AGENTOFEROSION@YAHOO.COM

THANK YOU.

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**NEXT MEETING: ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 7 PM. BOARD MEETING AT 6 PM.**

Photo by JoAnn McGuire



Bob McGuire

VP NEWS

By Bob McGuire

The August picnic was a big success. Many members and much food. Picnic dates for next year are as follows: June 9th, July 21st, and August 18th. Locations to be announced later.

Rock Doc had minerals for sale and John Milligan had magazines and stuff for free. Inga was doing a class on solar lights. VERY NEAT. Some rocks were cut and a great time was had by all.

September meeting will be back in the church basement but new times will be meetings at 6:30 and on odd months the board meetings will be at 6:00.



Dave cuts a rock for Olivia



(Photographs taken by Bob McGuire)



Building Solar Lights



C.Bourne photo

**JoAnn McGuire**

Sunshine Report by JoAnn McGuire

So sad to report the passing of a very dear club member. Sandy Keener passed away on Saturday, the 19th. She had been in and out of the hospital and nursing home since her fall a few months ago. Her heart just couldn't take any more. She was such a good person. Always helping anyone she could. She loved making gem trees and helping those who were "all thumbs" to make theirs. She will be truly missed.



Gloria Dick has a birthday coming up. Since she can't come to meetings, it would really be nice to send her a card to help her celebrate. I know you'll get this a little after her birthday, but it's the thought that counts. Send to 95 Davenport Rd., Big Flats, NY 14814.

Max Grimm is back in Ohio with family for now and doing as well as he can.

Talked to Helen Tracy recently and she's doing as well as she can.

Picnic held on Sunday, the 20th at Satterlee Creek park was well attended. Little different this time with pulled pork for sandwiches rather than hamburgs. Hot dogs were also done on the grill and were very good. Good job to Lucy who made the pulled pork. Lots of other good foods and desserts also there. This was the last summer picnic and a new place has to be found for next year since Satterlee Creek has been sold.

Thanks to Inga for bringing all the supplies needed to make fairie gardens. I think almost everyone made one to take home with them. They will be pretty neat to see after they catch the sun and it gets dark.

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

See you at the September meeting back at the Athens United Methodist Church.

JoAnn
Lady Sunshine



September Birthdays

1 – Gloria Dick
5 – David Dick
6 – April Walter
11 – John Milligan
16 – Nancy Holtzmaster

24 – Frank Niver
25 – Kahlen Dimmick



September Anniversaries

9 – Diana & Guy Auge

C.Bourne photo

**Inga Wells**

Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News

By Inga Wells

I will notify you per message or phone call when and where we will be meeting in September. I'm waiting to hear what Sunday or Saturday will work best for most of you. Please let me know your schedules. I have McKenly's schedule for her cheer events. Thank you to Corinna. Shon's son will be joining our group. There is the possibility that we will be meeting at the Ulster Recreation Center, or at the South Waverly Community pavilion, or at my house for a September meeting.

I would like to invite you as my guest to the 20th Anniversary of the Museum of the Earth in Ithaca on Saturday, September 30. I have been a member there from the start when the new museum opened. PRI is celebrating 90 years! I used to hang out at that old building before the museum was built. My daughter is a supporting member of their Cayuga Nature Center. She has a special bond with their birds and other animals. We would like to invite you to stop there with us after the museum visit. On the premises of the Nature Center is a very neat tree house. We can stop at the Taughannock overlook on our drive from the museum to the Nature Center. More information will be forthcoming.

Trish Benish was kind enough to send the EFMLS Junior Rockhound newsletter to everyone. I hope to see some of your articles in one of the next additions. I know our kids are very talented. Many years ago, I offered Pebble Pups a cash or mineral award of their choice for articles or drawing in any of the newsletters. I'm offering that again.

I'll be in touch after everyone is back at school.

Inga

August Meeting Minutes

by Mary Walter

Condolences to Gerould and the Keener family. Sandy Keener passed away Saturday, August 19th. For those who didn't get a chance to know Sandy, she was a special person. Sandy was a giving person, ready to help out where and when she could. Sandy was very crafty. She would display her beautiful gem trees at our annual show. She would donate supplies to the Juniors if they were in need of something. One of the last things she was working on, she was using bowling balls. Sandy will be greatly missed.

August 2023 meeting. It was a beautiful day for a picnic meeting. There were twenty-seven (27) in attendance. Janet Andrus and Luci McKinery hosted. Luci made some delicious pulled pork and Bruce Benish grilled hot dogs. There was plenty of side dishes and lots of desserts.

- Inga Wells had crafts and things for the Juniors to work on. Some of the Seniors worked on projects as well.

- Dave Millis brought a saw and did some geode cutting.

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 - last month's Minutes were excepted.
 - there was no treasure report given, being an even month. The money that was going to be moved to a CD has been completed.
 - there was discussion on possible place to hold next year's picnics. We are not sure if we can use Satterlee Creek next year. So possible alternate places: Hornbrook Park, the Boat Landing on Route 187, a park by the Towanda Bridge. Some members are checking what is available on the dates we need, also if there is a charge.
 - The 2024 picnics are scheduled for: June 9th, July 21st, and August 18th.
 - Christmas party for 2024 will be Sunday December 10th. The party will be held at the Wildfire Grille and Tap room. (former Riverstone) just over the Towanda bridge off of Route 6. Gathering will be at 1pm and meal served at 1:30pm. Members will be asked put \$5 down if they are planning on attending. If you attend you can get your \$5 back or have donated to a charity. There be a gift exchange if you want to participate. \$10-\$15 price range for gifts.
 - We are looking for a food truck for our rock show 2024, March 23rd and 24th. If you have any ideas, please let Trish Benish know as soon as you can.
 - **We will be having our meetings at the Athens Methodist Church. There are some time changes. Board meeting will be from 6 - 6:30pm. Regular meetings 6:30pm to 8:30pm possibly 9pm.**
 - Joanne McGuire gave the Sunshine report.
 - Dave Millis offered a couple field trips.
- **To the Benson mine, no date set
**Talcville, NY, is toward Governor NY, is about a 4hr drive. There is a new unnamed mineral there. Watch posts for dates.
** the annual Canton NY show is the weekend of August 26th and 27th.
- Marv Remaley will replace Sandy Keener on the board.

Mary Walter
Secretary

Upcoming Shows & Events From: EFMLS.ORG

August 2023

26-27: St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club's 56th Annual Show

Canton Pavillion - 90 Lincoln St. - Canton, NY

September 2023

9-10: Danbury Mineralogical Society 2023 Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, & Fossil Show

Sarah Noble Intermediate School 25 Sunny Valley Rd, New Milford, CT

23-4: Central PA Rock and Mineral Club's 57th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

Harrisburg Consistory: 2701 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA

23-4: 58th Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show

Howard County Fairgrounds 2210 Fairgrounds Rd. West Friendship, MD

October 2023

7: Southern Maryland Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Show

Old Waldorf School 3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD

28-9: Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show & Sale

New Location: Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial St, East Rochester, NY 14446



Sandy Keener

Obituary of Sandy Keener

Sandra Fay (Albert) Keener, 84, of Athens, PA, passed away on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at Athens Health and Rehabilitation Center following a brief illness.

She was born on February 21, 1939, in Lebanon, PA, the daughter of the late Edwin and Beatrice (Keller) Albert.

Sandra loved spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of the Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club and was known for the beautiful gemstone trees she made. Sandra was a Waitress and Dining Room Manager at O'Brien's Restaurant for 25 years. She was a member of the Red Hat Society Club and the Athens Senior Citizens Group. Sandra attended the Valley United Presbyterian Church.

Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her daughter Tami Somers and brother Edwin Albert. Sandra is survived by her loving husband Gerould Keener of 66 years, her children Tim (Maureen) Keener and Tracy Keener, grandchildren Timothy (Callie) Keener, Tracy A. Keener, and Billy (Stephanie) Somers, great-grandchildren Brantley and Shelby, siblings Peggy (Burt) McConnell, Cindy Weigel, and Loraine Ackley, aunts, uncles, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends and family may call on Thursday, August 31, 2023, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm at the Valley United Presbyterian Church, 459 Park Avenue, Waverly, NY. Funeral Services will follow at 2:00pm at the church with Rev. Sharan Knoell officiating. Following the services, the family invites everyone to share a dinner at the church. The family is being assisted by Lowery-Urban Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Athens, PA.

A private family burial will be held in Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA.

To [send flowers](#) to the family or [plant a tree](#) in memory of Sandra Fay (Albert) Keener, please [visit our floral store](#). From: <https://www.loweryfuneralhome.com/obituary/Sandra-Keener>

Services

VISITATION

Thursday

August 31, 2023

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Valley United Presbyterian Church

459 Park Avenue

Waverly, NY 14892

