

*Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.*  
 9516 N. Rome Rd., Athens, PA 18810



**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](http://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 **21-April-2018**. 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...

**Saturday/Sunday April 7-8, 9am-5pm & 10am-4pm — Southern Tier Club show — Johnson City Senior Center**

**Sunday, April 8 at 2 pm — Junior Rockhounds meeting — Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St.**

**Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm — Che-Hanna meeting — Sayre High School cafeteria**

**Saturday/Sunday April 28-29 — Franklin NJ events, including "Super Digg" — Franklin/Ogdensburg NJ**

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

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## President's Note

Well, if you did not make it to our 49th show, you missed a goody. Dealers were pleased, patrons were pleased, and the members there were pleased as well.

The Juniors with the Mini-Mine did an outstanding job and broke all past records. Would have been nice to have more Juniors at the mine, but when Juniors were unavailable, Duane and Inga were manning the mine. Thank you Inga and Duane.

The geode room made a great comeback this year and did a good business for the club.

The 5 UV seminars were all full with some standing in the back. Programs were well-received and many questions afterwards.

We had 32 feet of great displays from SRAC, Diamonds, Celestite, Fossils, past field trips and more.

The goal is to do even better next year.

—See you at the meeting,  
Bob

## Show Shots —photos by Bob McGuire



Geode Guessing



Full House of Fluorescent Fans



Display Row

## March Meeting

The March Che-Hanna club meeting was canceled because of weather. It was the third of four "nor'easters" to hit the Northeast in March.

[What is a nor'easter? And why have there been 4 in 3 weeks?](#)



## April Meeting Program

As Prof Oldfield was not able to make our April meeting, I will show a DVD 'POMPEII - BURIED ALIVE - Discovery History Science'. Pompeii is a totally unique city in the history of this planet. It's approx 45 minutes and narrated by Leonard Nimoy.

The area, considering Mount Vesuvius isn't dead, puts several million in and around Naples in a risk zone even today.

—Ted Rieth

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## Sunshine Report

Get well to Maggie Hessler who recently had surgery. Hope she's feeling much better soon.

Get well to Inga who is being troubled with little "quirks". Feel better soon and take it easy.

Get well to our Pres., Bob McGuire, who is suffering with a terrible head/chest cold. Missed the Johnson City, NY, mineral show on the weekend of 7 and 8 April, and that's always a fun show for him to do his fluorescent mineral programs.

Sure wish the weather would warm up. Would really make everyone feel better.

Flossie Lines is back at Bradford County Manor, not doing too well; has congestive heart failure. Let's have a **card shower** and really make her feel better. She's a tough lady and will get through this. She sure enjoyed all the photos on Facebook that she saw of our show. Prayers to her to get well soon.

If I missed anyone, get well soon. Send me those who need a card or phone call. I'll do my best to take care of it.

Happy Spring, everyone; if you can call it Spring. Here it is the 4th of April and we're still getting snow squalls and such wind. Let's hope for better weather. See you at the next meeting, April 11th, 7 p.m. at Sayre High School cafeteria.

—JoAnn, "Miss Sunshine"

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## Che-Hanna Junior Rockhounds

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 8 at 2 PM. at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. We use the ramp entrance at the back of the church. So grateful that Pastor Helen is around to unlock the door for me.

For the program, the new kids/parents want to learn how to make a gem tree. For the kids not into crafts, I have 2 new mineral identification games that they can play. One is on loan from Trish and it is called ruk-shuck, a game of balancing rocks, by following directions on game cards. A good lesson on gravity, strategy and concentration. The other game is in Rock-On. 15 mineral specimens and tumbled stones with cards chuck full of information.

My Science Olympiad will be joining us for this meeting. I believe some have joined our group.

There is a meeting planned for Saturday, May 12 at Satterlee Creek for the afternoon. I'm still waiting for the permit from the school.

I thought doing the mapping badge would be fun for all. I did this with a Boy Scout troop and all worked well. We need lots of kids, divided into 2 groups. Each group hides stuff and makes a map. Maps are exchanged with the other group and stuff will be found. I will number the containers before the game.

Many times, I have honored a request to bring certain minerals, copied hand-outs, etc. and then these kids do not attend and others are not that interested in that topic. Per request, I bought a lot of bismuth rough to be turned into pretty bismuth crystals. I have posted a video and instruction on Facebook many times and will do so again. Last year, I gave 4 parents an 8-dollar chunk to try this at home. No idea if anyone did this.

This year, the kids are older, and we can try it as a group. But, if I see the usual sibling nonsense and kids not being nice to one another, I will have to change my mind. Working with hot water can be dangerous if rules are not followed.

—Inga

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## Che-Hanna Show in the News

Our show got a [story](#) in the [Towanda Daily Review](#).



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## ***Che-Hanna Show Mini-Mine***

Firstly, a thank you to the Kocsis family for their beautiful and educational display at the show. Also, a thank you is due to the families that helped with the mini-mine this year. We trained a few of the older club members on it, too. We were very busy at this "Best Value for Your Dollar in Town", as one young person put it.

The mini-mine was not designed to make a profit. We have it as an interesting feature for kids and as something families can afford and enjoy. We ran out of plastic animals and shells and shark's teeth and pretty minerals on Saturday.

I usually plan for 100 trips for the ore cart. We had 239 trips up the tracks this year! Thanks to Tracy's information, we went to the nearby DollarTree to buy more supplies. There were no plastic dinos, so farm animals it was. They had bags of shells, that was a great help.

I'd rather give the kids minerals, but they were happy with beads and glass baubles and the rocks they could pick from the pile. Kids are so easy to please.

That evening, I raided my Moh's hardness stash and cracked up more pyrite and magnetite to get us through Sunday. Now, my supply for the mine-mine and scavenger hunt is totally depleted.

Last year, we bought tumbled stones for the scavenger hunt reward and that dealer gave us 8 lbs free for the mini-mine or uses at the kids' club. We will take anything club members have to offer for next year's mine or activities through the year.

I value the club members that share extra stuff from field trip with our kids. I need to get the club's permission to purchase stuff for the kids and I hate the hassle with club members over expenses, that, by my thinking, are already budgeted. I make very few meetings due to my age and health and commitments to other organizations.

I want to thank Trish for being in our corner and paying receipts and then dealing with the "When was this authorized?" question.

Mostly, Duane and I pay for the kids' stuff and parties ourselves since I never know how much of the supplies will be used at the meetings. I'm always willing to share with the regular club members and they are welcome to attend the kids' meeting and learn what the kids are learning.

I hope my outdoor pile of dolomite will thaw and I can break it up to hand out at Earth Day on April 21. Our thoughts about the weather that day is leaning heavily on snow.

—Inga

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## ***Editor's Note***

Everybody knows the Shin-Skinner is supposed to be a source of news about the club, especially announcements of upcoming events. But, it's also been a record of club activities.

In our Internet age, the importance of print media is dwindling. Lots of you get your copies of this bulletin via email; Trish sends out important notices (like last month's snow-cancellation of the Che-Hanna meeting) that way, too. I think our young members largely interact via Facebook.

What remains, though, is the Shin-Skinner as a record. Although I planned to attend the show, I was unable to, so I couldn't report firsthand. Bob McGuire was kind enough to provide some photos, but I wish I had more.

I've seen mention of photos of the show appearing on Facebook. I wish someone had thought to provide some of them to me. After all, the Che-Hanna archives will keep copies of the Shin-Skinner, but who knows what will happen to postings on Facebook accounts?



## Upcoming Shows



### April

#### 7-8...

JOHNSON CITY, NY - Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Johnson City Senior Center; 30 Brocton St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults/Seniors \$4, Students under 12 free, Children under 12 free; 49 th. Annual New York Southern Tier Geology Clubs Show "Museum of Gems" Featuring Exhibits, Ultra Violet Display and show. Beads and supplies, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Gemstones. Flintknapping Display, Hourly Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Food and Drinks for sale. ; contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St., Bainbridge, NY 13733, (607)-967-8552; stonecuttertom@yahoo.com

#### 28-29...

FRANKLIN, NJ - 46th Annual [NJ Earth Science Association](#) Gem & Mineral Show (with outdoor swap); Sat 9-5:30, Sun 10-5; Littell Community Center, 12 Munsonhurst Rd, Franklin NJ 07416; \$6, children under 14 free w/paying adult;

### May

#### 12-12...

OGDENSBURG, NJ - [North Jersey Outdoor Rock & Mineral Swap-N-Sell](#); 9-5; 30 Plant St; free admission/parking; sponsored by [The North Jersey Mineralogical Society](#).

#### 12-13...

CANANDAIGUA, NY: "Quartz Fest" - Finger Lakes Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show; Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4; adult \$5, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center; 250 N Bloomfield Rd; FLGMFC@icloud.com; [On Facebook](#).

#### 19-20...

LEESPORT, PA: 50th! Anniversary show; [Berks Mineralogical Society](#), Leesport Farmer's Market; 312 Gernant's Church Rd.; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; Admission \$3; Gems, Minerals, Fossils, and jewelry. From reference to investment; contact Jim Woodeshick, (484)-338-6738; brwoodpile@yahoo.com

### June

#### 2-3...

CANANDAIGUA, NY: Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center; 250 N. Bloomfield Rd ; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; Adults \$3, Children under 12 free; Educational exhibits, free crafts w/admission, craft demos, soapstone carving, wire wrapping, sluice, **UVBob** fluorescent mineral program, scavenger hunt for kids of ALL ages, geode cutting. Fun for the whole family; contact Fred Haynes, 10 Country Club Dr, Rochester, NY 14618 fredmhaynes55@gmail.com; [www.wcgm.org](#)

### July

#### 14-15...

SYRACUSE, NY: Gemworld 2018 @ SRC Arena/4586 West Seneca Turnpike/Onondaga Hill; Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4. [Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse](#)

#### 21-22...

FRANKFORT, NY: Herkimer Diamond Gem Show & Festival; Herkimer County Fairgrounds; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; adult \$5; 135 Cemetery St [herkgemshow.com](#). 4th year.