

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. 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 **20-August-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, August 11: 10am-4pm — Barclay Mountain Heritage Day — Leroy Heritage Museum, Leroy PA

Sunday, August 19: 10-12am geode cutting/crafts, food 12am-1pm — **Che-Hanna picnic — Satterlee Creek Park**

date to be determined — Junior Rockhounds Annual Back-to-School Picnic — Farmland Animal Park, Chemung NY

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

We Talk To Each Other - We Help Each Other - We Teach Each Other - We Smile A Lot!

President's Note

Sorry I missed the picnic. I'll be at the next one. Geode cutting at 10 a.m. and crafts at 11 a.m. Fun and games after food. A very short meeting; I have plans to announce.

Let's hope the weather breaks; this 90 degree stuff ruins a picnic. Everyone just sits around with no energy.

I appreciate the work others are doing to make the picnic happen. As usual, my dish to pass contains free rocks. The fun and games includes the raffle. How many times are you going to win? I'll try to come up with a better contest than rolling overgrown dice.

See you the third Sunday of August; the 19th; eat at 1 p.m. Picnic is held at Satterlee Creek Park, Litchfield. Bring a dish to pass and your table service.

—*Dave*

Sunshine Report

It is with sadness that I report the passing of two of our club members. Joy Bourne passed away on June 29th. She was a great teacher of lapidary and enjoyed doing things with the club. Flossie Lines passed away on July 3rd. She was another outstanding lady and helped so much with the club. They will both be dearly missed.

Get well wishes to Hilda Gardiner. I talked to her one day recently and she told me she's back in the hospital with her potassium level too high and fluid in her stomach and her blood work came back not too good. If she's well enough they may do a treatment soon; if not, they will have to wait. She said the cancer is winning and she's losing. It has come back but is mutated right now. Please keep her in your prayers that she gets through this. Hilda was so glad to take that road trip earlier with Troy. She was looking forward to going to Howes Cave, NY, with her brother, but guess that won't happen now.

Get well to Scott Chaffee who was in the hospital for some time with a terrible infection. He was in the OR quite a few times, but has now been released. He is at the Sayre house for rehab, recoup and hopes to go home soon. (Sayre House is also where Barb Segar is.) Doesn't know how long he'll be there. Please keep him in your prayers for a full recovery.

Get well wishes to Marv Remaley who is still having problems with his eyes. Hopefully, soon, he'll be feeling much better. Thoughts and prayers to him.

Happy Birthday wishes to Sam Robinson, 3rd of August; Virginia Milligan and Faith Toth, 4th; Mary Walter, 9th; Jerry Keener, 10th; Katie Phylkitt and Brittany Haqjguda, 15th; Suzie Milligan, 19th; and Cindy Fenstenmacher (Karpovich), 24th. Hope you all have a nice day.

Happy Anniversary to David and April Walter, 1st; Frank and Suzanne Niver and Zach and Jillian Walter, 19th. Congratulations and have a great day.

So much sadness and illness lately in our club. If you know of someone who needs some cheer or a phone call, please let me know and I'll take care of it.

That's it for now. Enjoy your summer; it's been pretty warm. But.....soon we'll be complaining it's too cold. I'll take this over the snow, ice, and cold.

See you at the August picnic at Satterlee Creek Park on Sunday, the 19th. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. A good time always when we get together.

—*Miss Sunshine,*
JoAnn

Che-Hanna T-shirts

Che-Hanna t-shirt orders are being taken. They will be blue in color and have the Che-Hanna logo on the back of the shirt. Price is \$8.00 for small, medium and large. \$10 for XL and XXL. If you'd like to order one or more, **please let JoAnn McGuire** know. E-mail is uvbob1942@gmail.com or 570-928-9238. We'd like to get orders all at once, rather than one now, two in a week, etc., etc. Is much easier to get them done. Thank you.

Junior Rockhound News

The August meeting will be in conjunction with the club picnic on Sunday, August 19 at Satterlee Creek Environmental Center. Dave Millis, our newly elected president, will oversee the activities. Please read his message on Page 2.

On Saturday, August 11, from 10 to 4 is a fun event I urge you to attend. Barclay Mountain Heritage Day at the museum grounds in LeRoy PA. 257 Mill St., off Route 414. It will be a great opportunity to learn about our local natural resource history.

Our Annual Back to School Picnic will be at the Farmland Animal Park in Chemung, NY. We need to come up with a date that will work for most of the families. A big Thank You to the Benish Family for hosting the July picnic at SCEC.

After cooking the burgers, Bruce and Jeff Benish demonstrated surveying equipment. It was interesting and well received by young and old.

So, most of you will receive the Mapping Badge. Remember, you can find information on the FRA merit badges on www.amfed.org.

The bismuth crystal making went well. The conditions were right to make beautiful hopper-type crystals and pyramids and they quickly acquired blue, pink, and purple oxidation layers. Everyone went home with at least one piece.

Thank you to Jadon and Austin for taking care of the water balloon throwing contest.

We worked a bit with precious copper and bronze clay but using a small child safe crème brûlée torch was too cumbersome in the heat, so I fired them at home.

As I told some of you, our club lost Flossie Lines, one of our long time past presidents. She was responsible for the club having a PebblePup/Junior Rockhound group. She went to Wildacres many decades ago and came home with instructions for gem trees. Since then, many club members have made gem trees and taught others how to make them. That is part of our club motto "teach each other."

We lost Joy Bourne too. After she retired, she and husband Clyf, had a club workshop at their home. Many club members learned lapidary arts. Joy provided many educational fossil exhibits at our annual shows.

—Inga

Flossie Lines

June 29, 1924 - July 3, 2018

Ever think about words that describe a good person? Good, kind, loving, loveable, nice, beautiful, happy, warm, cheerful, pleasant, sharing, helpful, encouraging, all good adjectives but something is missing if you are describing Flossie. She was something special. She had that IT factor that people talk about but can't describe.



In looking back through records, she joined the Che-Hanna club in March of 1966 and has been a fireball of excitement, work and club spirit for almost 50 years. She held all offices in the club and was President when I joined. Mostly known and loved by us old timers, she will be dearly missed.

Rest in peace lovely lady and tell Jack, Ted and all the others we think of them often.

—Bob and the club

Community Outreach: Sayre Library

Anna Markevitch, Dave Millis, and Bob McGuire gave programs to kids at the Sayre library for their summer programs. Kids and some parents were oooing and aaaing at the fossils, minerals and fluorescent minerals at the three programs. Presenters enjoyed the kids, too. Part of community outreach by the Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club.

—(photos by Bob McGuire)



Community Outreach: World's End State Park

I did my annual fluorescent program for World's End State Park July 7th. Very well attended by park campers. Kids and adults were great. Been doing programs there since mid 90's.

—Bob



In Memoriam - Joy Bourne

Alice Joy Clark, "Joy" to family and friends, was born November 4, 1932 in Aberdeen, SD. to rural school teachers. After living in Wisconsin and Pittsburgh, her family moved to Liverpool, NY, where she would meet her future husband "Clyf". After marrying, they moved to Lysander, NY, then Trinidad, then back.



Joy directed the Lysander United Methodist church choir, and was a substitute high school teacher. She then returned to college, where she earned a Bachelor's and Masters in Mathematics at SUNY Oswego. As a result, she taught high school math and computer science.

The time in college kindled an interest in geology and fossils. This led to family vacations for fossil and mineral field collecting.

After Clyf retired, the family moved to Towanda to run Crystal Springs Motel, previously owned by Joy's parents. Joy taught middle and high school math in Towanda, then extension classes at Mansfield University and Penn State.

As rockhounds, Aside from being active in Che-Hanna, both Joy and Clyf were active in the Eastern Federation (EFMLS), attending conventions and holding various posts; Joy was president in 2001. An interest in lapidary followed, for both.

In December 2008, Clyf passed away quietly at home after bringing Joy safely home from a convention. After staying for a while in their Towanda home, Joy moved to live with her son Clark in Danville, NH.

As a final act for the club, Joy designed Che-Hanna as one of her "in lieu of flowers" memorial donation recipients.

—heavily-edited contribution from Trish Benish

The Ask

I'm always looking for content; thanks to generous contributors in the past.

This is the place I ask for more specific things.



No, I don't "know what you did last summer." Summer's not over yet, but please remember the Shin-Skinner when you take **snapshots** at your summer activities. I'd sure like to see them.
David.R.Dick@graniteur.org

- July 2018. favorite collecting **locations**
- June 2018. interesting **mineral specimen labels**
- July 2016. favorite **rock garden rocks**

—Editor

July Picnic

Fun was had by all at the July picnic. Food, games, and educating was great.

Inga was super great with all the activities she provided. The bismuth crystals demo was very well attended.



Upcoming Shows



August

11-11...

LEROY, PA: Barclay Mountain Heritage Day; Leroy Heritage Museum, 257 Mill St, off Route 414 <https://leroyheritage.org/barclay-mt-heritage-day>

23-26...

MT. MORRIS, NY: 29th Annual show; Genesee Valley Flint Knappers Assoc; Letchworth State Park - Highbanks, Park Road - Mt. Morris Entrance, Highbanks Recreation Area; Thu 12-5, Fri 9-5, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-2; Free Admission; Contact us for more information: johncappellini@verizon.net; gvknappers.tripod.com

25-26...

CANTON, NEW YORK: Annual show; [St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club](#), Canton Pavilion; 90 Lincoln St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-2; Free Admission; contact William deLorraine, (315)-287-4652; wdellie@gmail.com;

September

15-16...

HARRISBURG, PA: 53rd annual show; Central Penna Rock & Mineral Club; Harrisbury Consistory, 2701 N 3rd St; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$6 (coupon on website), children (under 12) free; 2 rooms of dealers, children's activities, daily talks by renowned geologist Jeri Jones, free rocks for kids; contact

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22-23...

POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK: Annual show; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.; Gold's Gym, 258 Titusville Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Students \$2, Children free under 12 with adult; contact Carolyn Reynard, 110 College Ave.
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