

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

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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-February-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...

Wednesday, February 14, regular Che-Hanna meeting — 7pm — Sayre High School cafeteria

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

Hi to all the nifty rock hounds.

Last month's meeting had a few workshop tables to inform the members of other facets of collecting minerals. Sandy and Inga were making neat little goodies of all kinds while Inga was also running a mineral ID workshop. Another table was crowded with Hilda doing a smash up job with teaching wire wrapping. Up front, Bob was trying to get some interest in reactivating the micro mounting group. A few did seem interested. Anyway, seems like most had some fun including a few new folks.

Talked about the upcoming 2018 show. Still some things to be ironed out, but coming along great. Show posters and small show sheets were passed out with some still available. Pick up at the February meeting.

Great February meeting planned. Check the meeting notes on the website.

Hoping everyone has a safe, healthy, and happy rest of 2018.

—*See you at the meeting,*
Bob

Sunshine Report

Get well wishes to all those who haven't been feeling up to par. The weather doesn't help; it's warm, cold, warm; don't know how to dress. Just hope all the flu germs are gone for now.

Hilda is doing well now. She did have to have more treatments, so lost her hair again, but she looks good and doesn't let that cancer bother her.

Bill Dimmick is in remission now, so that's good to hear.

Happy Birthday wishes to Zack Walter, Feb. 8th; Inga Wells, 11th; Brian Phillips, 18th; Sandy Keener, 21st; Nancy Welles, 23rd; and Priscilla Lingenfelter, 24th. Hope you all have a nice day.

Happy Anniversary to Jerry and Sandy Keener, 23rd, and John and Suzie Milligan, 26th. Have a super day.

Sympathy to the Bruce Benish family on the recent passing of his father. Thoughts and prayers to all.

THANK YOU

Tom Beck would like to thank everyone who sent cards and letters; made phone calls and sent prayers on the recent tragic loss of his son, Scott. He said it is very much appreciated to know there are those who care at this sad time.

Hope to see you all at the February meeting; the 14th; Sayre High School, in the cafeteria.

—*Stay well; stay warm,*
JoAnn

February Meeting

We will be having a speaker from SRAC for our February program.



Editor's Notes

Winter is really making its presence known this year, but it won't be long before it's time for more active rockhounding: field trips and shows.

This year, I intend to be more systematic and dogged about getting notifications out as far ahead of time as I can.

With all the collectors we have in the club, I know that there must be more activity going on than official club events. I think it would be of great interest to everyone if I could print quick notes about how shows turned out, what's going on with particular collecting sites, and other such hobby news. (And pictures!)

And, of course, field trip reports are always welcome, but I know writing something up is probably the last thing you want to do when you get home from a weekend of digging. Just like any other subject for the bulletin, if you have interesting details, but don't feel you're up to a literary effort, give me notes, and I'll see if I can craft something publishable.

Let's try to make 2018 a great rockhounding year! (It will give me more to write about :-)

January Club Meeting

Meeting opened with President, Bob McGuire, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pretty much the minutes from the Board meeting were used here.

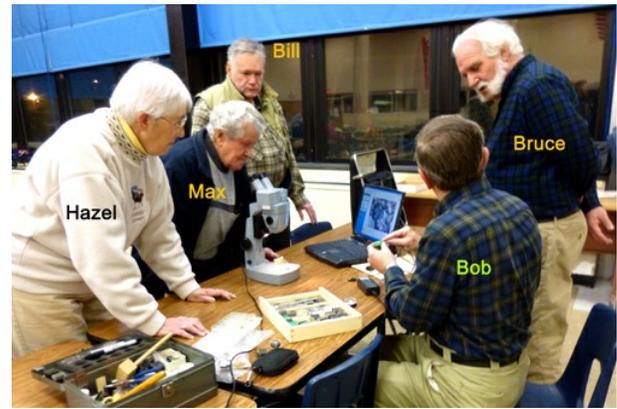
- The fliers are done; take some to put out in different areas. Got them done now, in case of bad weather for the February meeting.
- Publicity has been done by Hazel.
- Geodes are ordered and will be on their way.
- Dealers are all signed up and ready to go.
- Feb. speaker from SRAC is in place.
- Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.
- Picnics were chosen. Sunday, July 15th and Sunday, August 19th, both Sundays. Saterlee Creek Park, Litchfield; noon. Take a dish to pass.
- No volunteers for nominating committee so Pres. will appoint them at the Feb. meeting.
- After the meeting, club members went to the three different stations to learn. Hilda showed wire wrapping. The kids liked this. Inga did mineral identification. Bob did micro mounting, which was also interesting to those who took part.
- Motion made by Hazel, seconded by Ted, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 14th, 7 p.m. at the Sayre High School cafeteria.

Identification Table



Micromounting



Wire-wrapping



Club Lending Library

As the new librarian, I have made an updated list of the books in the Che-Hanna library. I would like to encourage everybody to borrow them.

We have a total of 95 books on many topics. A list of them can be found on the Che-Hanna [web site](#).

To contact me, my email is bbenishsurveying@gmail.com

—Bruce Benish

Che-Hanna Board Meeting

- Meeting was opened with President, Bob McGuire. No additions or corrections to secretary report. Motion made by Inga, seconded by Hazel to accept.
- Treasurer's report: Got a bill from Sutton's garage for taking the trailer to Wysox Fire Co. for our show. The bill was over \$300. Motion made by Jeff, seconded by Bruce to pay the bill. Motion carried. It was talked about renting a U-Haul to take stuff to the show if the trailer doesn't work.
- Received a check for \$100 from Athens Township Fire Co. It was our deposit from when our show was held there.
- Dues were paid. Insurance was paid. Paid \$150.00 to EFMLS Scholarship Fund and \$150.00 to AFMS Scholarship Fund.
- Show contracts are all in and everyone is excited to take part in the show in March.
- Inga is going to go to Tioga Point Museum to see what they might have for a display for our show. Minerals, fossils, shells, what to do?
- Inga says that the Kocsis kids will do a display for our show. Faith to be in charge of exhibits. Peggy and Bill to do cabachons. Trish has the cabbng machine.
- Hazel has put the publicity out. Show fliers were ready and some took them with then to put around different areas.
- February meeting - Ted reports SRAC speaker. Has some interesting things to talk about.
- Two books for the winners of last year's scavenger hunt will go to Sayre and Towanda. Was questioned whether to do a scavenger hunt this year.
- Inga was looking through some of the history stuff and saw at least five members that have been in the club for 20 years or more. She mentioned they should be made Honorary Life Members with that honor.
- The program was hands on stations with interesting things. Hilda showed how to do wire wrapping. Inga brought some free stuff but was motioned by Ted, seconded by JoAnn, to pay Hilda for any materials she used in her class.
- Trish is working on a poster for the club to be left at SRAC to let people know what our club is about. Also, brochures o put in different areas to get more club interest.
- No pictures from the Christmas party. Trish's didn't come out so Bob is to send her some that he has.
- Geodes are ordered to be shipped to Tom Beck. Two hundred pounds in three sizes.
- David Dick sent an e-mail to Trish wondering if a big print newsletter should be done. Also make up benefits for club officers; poll benefits - location and trips. Inga to take care of this with David.
- Picnic dates for the summer at Satterlee Creek Park are Sunday July 15 and Sunday August 19th. These are the third Sunday of the month.
- It was mentioned to call John Milligan to see about doing a workshop in March, after our show.
- Ted asked about a bus trip in the April-May time frame. Was tabled for now.
- No one volunteered for the Nominating Committee, so President, Bob, will pick at the February meeting.
- Motion made by Inga, seconded by Bruce to adjourn. Motion carried.

Che-Hanna Junior Rockhounds

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 11 at 2 pm at the Athens United Methodist Church.

For all you kids and parents who hit the *like* button on Facebook when I made the suggestion for a program:

Program for our February 11 meeting of The Junior Rockhounds will be creating mosaics, using a variety of items we have on hand. Most of these rock chips are too small or unusable for the mini-mine. While these creations are drying, we will celebrate the geological time column. Learning about the time periods by using a long rope, battery candles, and fossils will be a fun interactive activity for the kids. It will also complete their fossil badge.

I hope everyone stays well and does not suffer from the bad flu that is making the rounds. February of last year was bad health-wise for me and we canceled that meeting because everyone else was sick as well. Better luck this year!

At our January meeting, we invited the Science Olympiad rock and mineral teams to join us. While they took a practice test, the Kocsis family studied minerals and made fantasy critters out of pipe cleaners, wire, and beads. We were sad that the new families were unable to make it due to the weather and bad roads.

After the test was done, we feasted and played the plastic wrap game. I had rolled candies and pretty rocks into a plastic wrap. One kid started to unwrap while the one next to him or her rolled a pair of dice. As soon as doubles were rolled, the plastic wrap ball was passed to that person and the dice to the next one. They had a good time.

Then, Darius, Myles, and Ruby had a race with popsicle sticks and stone chips. Darius was the winner—he filled his little cup up first. The prize was a container of gold flakes.

A great big Thank You to Sandy Keener. She donated bags of rock candy for the party. A thank you also to Duane Wells, after being pressed into being the time-keeper for the test, he got the pizza and chicken wings from Howie's.

I'm a bit behind the times, because years ago, we would get bottles of soda with an order. Now, one gets 2 large cups of soda with a sheet pizza. Good thing that I brought bottles of water. I made a special treat for the party, Oreo cookie balls. They are made with crushed Oreo cookies, cream cheese and then dipped in chocolate. Almost felt sorry for Duane, he got stuck with the leftovers.

I'm trying to gather up some youngsters and parents to work the mini-mine at the show. I feel that I'm a bit too old to keep on coordinating the Junior Rockhound club, but we need these kids and their parents. Looking for other club members to host a meeting. The church is booked through April. We plan on doing soap stone carving at my house in June.

Planning a trip to collect Herkimers and a trip to visit the Tioga Point Museum. That museum visit is tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in April. We will plan a trip to do some exploring at the Kocsis' property in Lockwood. I'm always open to ideas and invitations.

—Inga



Upcoming Shows



February

24-25...

ALBANY NY - Annual show; New York State Museum, Empire Plaza, 222 Madison Ave; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5; Admission \$5, Children Free; Museum Mineral Gallery Tours; contact Michael Hawkins, 3140 CEC, Albany, NY 12230, (518)-486-2011; michael.hawkins@nysed.gov; www.nysm.nysed.gov

March

10-10...

FAIRLESS HILLS, PA - Annual show; Leidy Microscopical Society, Nothminster Presbyterian; 140 Trenton Rd.; Sat. 9am-3pm; Free Admission; 42nd Annual Micromount Symposium sponsored by the Leidy Microscopical Society. Learn about the world of mineral micromounts.; contact Don McAlarnen, (610)-584-1364; don.mcalarnen@hpe.com

24-25...

WYSOX, PA - [49th Annual Gem and Mineral Show](#) sponsored by the [Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club](#). Minerals, gemstones, fossils, jewelry and hobby supplies. Door prizes. Exhibits, including Susquehanna River Archeological Center. Demonstrations, geode cutting. Food on-premises. Adults \$3, students \$1, under 8 free. Wysox Vol. Fire Co Social Hall, 111 Lake Rd; Wysox, PA.

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](#).

19-20...

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