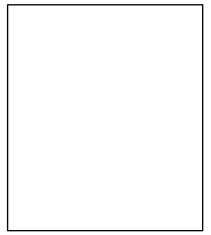


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First Class Mail

July Birthstone



Ruby

August Birthstone



Peridot

To:

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 and Lapidary Societies, and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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 P.M. in the Cafeteria, the 2nd Wednesday each month, **except JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, and DECEMBER.** Those meetings/events (and any changes) will be announced in the newsletter as to event time, date and location. Visitors are always welcome.

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JoAnn Maguire

Sunshine Report

By JoAnn McGuire



Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the nice weather. We have been having some really bad thunderstorms with damage done to certain areas. I heard that a tornado may have touched down in Towanda.

Hope to see you all at the picnic on Sunday, the 18th at Satterlee Creek Park. Bring a dish, your table service and a good appetite. There is always good food there. Bruce and Trish will be doing the burgers and dogs. Dave Millis will be cutting geodes at 10 a.m., if you're interested. Probably will do other games too. Meet at 11 a.m., eat at 1 p.m., unless you go early to cut geodes.

Happy July birthdays to Cameron Shepler, 4th; Helen Tracy, 8th; Chauntey Leljedal, 15th; Carli Yeager-Hall, 18th; Ann McBeth; 24th; and Bella Sites, 31st. Hope you all had/have a nice day.

I'll try and get back in the groove again and send a Sunshine report each month to Frank Meadows, now that he's going to take that job. If you have anything you'd like me to post, please let me know by e-mail at: uvbob1942@gmail.com. Or, give me a call at 570-928-9238. I'll do my best to take care of it. If you know of anyone who needs some cheer, please let me know.

Hope everyone isn't bothered with flu, colds or other illnesses. Never can tell what's going to hit next.

Hope to see you at the picnic.

JoAnn
Miss Sunshine

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NEXT MEETING IS OUR PICNIC ON JULY 19TH AT SATTERLEE CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

AUGUST 15TH PICNIC AT SAME LOCATION

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Inga Wells

Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News

By Inga Wells

Please join the regular club at the picnic on Sunday, July 18 at the Litchfield Satterlee Creek Environmental Center Pavilion. We will meet at 11 A.M. and plan on eating at 1 P.M..

Please bring a dish to pass and your table service. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the club.

Dave Millis will have activities during the picnic. I believe he said he will have the geode cutting at 11 A.M. That is all I know about the activities being planned by him. I'm sure he will have a lot of fun games with rock prizes planned.

I will be bringing the stuff to make the terrariums we have not had a chance to do. You can do them whenever from 11:00 to 2:00 P.M. It should not take very long to make your choices of centerpiece, plants and decorations.

I will be away for the August picnic.

Will be posting spur of the moment outdoor meetings on Facebook and via e-mail if the weather cooperates. I know everyone is having a very busy summer.

Inga

Rock Doc**Dave Millis**

July Program

by Dave Millis

At the July picnic, there will be geode cutting starting at 11 AM. After lunch, there will be GeoClue and other games. As usual, I will have boxed rocks and minerals for tailgating.

There is a field trip being planned to Kopernik for kids and others. More details given at the picnic on Saturday.

JULY 18TH & AUGUST 15TH PICNICS

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING A DISH TO PASS
AND YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE AND DRINKS**

**BOTH PICNICS ARE AT THE SATTERLEE CREEK
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**

*June Club Meeting Minutes by Mary Walter
June 13, 2021*

The June club meeting was held at Satterlee Creek, twenty members were in attendance.

Trish Benish did a nice job putting together the sandwich fixings. The tables were covered in pretty new tablecloths.

There is a correction from last month's minutes, this year's Christmas party will be held at the Towanda Elks club.

Mark your calendars, next years June picnic will be held the second Sunday in July and the August picnic will be held the third Sunday.

Dave Millis is back attending club meetings, following some medical concerns. Dave Millis and John Milligan brought specimens to sell at the picnic. Lunch was served Dave Millis provided door prizes

For this year's July and August picnics, geode cutting will be offered starting at 11am. Dave Millis redid the geo clue game, he made answer sheets for the contestants. Geo clue was played at the June picnic.

Dave Millis will be organizing the meeting programs until the end of the year.

Show: It will be decided at a later time who is going to oversee the mini mine. Bruce and Jeff Benish will be doing geode cutting. Something new: Dave Millis will be overseeing flat rock painting. He will need an 8-foot table. The cabbng machine is leaking and needs adjusting. Still waiting to hear from the Wysox fire department if they will be providing food. Bob McGuire is unsure if he will be able to do the florescent shows due to some medical concerns. It was discussed if club members could set up tables in the truck bay to sell their personal items, no decision was made.

Inga Wells presented Onnah Thompson and Aubrey Westbrook with sashes and patches they earned for the learning projects they completed in Pebble pups.

Motion to adjourn by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Peggy Huffman.

Mary Walter
Secretary

Upcoming Shows & Events

From: <https://xpopress.com/show/state/Pennsylvania>

July 17-18, 2021 West Mifflin, PA – Monongahela Rockhounds Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show
West Mifflin Volunteer Fire Co. #4 Skyview Hall, 660 Noble Drive

Upcoming Shows & Events From: MSNEPA Newsletter

July 24 & 25, 2021 - Frankfort, NY - Annual Herkimer Gem Show at Herkimer County Fairgrounds

August 13-15, 2021 - West Springfield, Mass - Annual East Coast Gem & Mineral Show

August 18-22, 2021 - Edison, NJ - Annual NY-NJ Gem Show at the Edison Expo Center

August 20-22, 2021 - Lebanon, Pa. - Annual Gem Miner's Jubilee Gem & Mineral Show

Sept 18 & 19, 2021 - Poughkeepsie, NY - Annual Mid Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Show, Gold's Gym Family Center, 258 Titusville Road, Poughkeepsie, NY

October 2, 2021 - Macungie, Pa. - Annual Fall Mineralfest at Macungie Memorial Park

October 9 & 10, 2021 - Ogdensburg, NJ - Annual North Jersey Swap - n - Sell at the Sterling Hill Pavilion. FREE admission!!

October 9 & 10, 2021 - Wysox, PA. - Annual Che-Hanna Gem & Mineral Show (Re-scheduled from March) at the Wysox Fire Hall

October 17, 2021 - Fishkill, NY - Healing Rocks and Gems Mineral Show - Comfort Suites, Rt. US 9 Fishkill, NY

October 23-24, 2021 – Pittston, PA – Treasures of the Earth rock and mineral show - at the Oblates of St. Joseph, 1880 Highway 315, Pittston, PA. 18640

October 30, 2021 - Fairless Hills, Pa. - Annual Ultraviolet Fluorescent Mineral Show

October 30, 2021 - Biglersville, Pa. - Annual Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Swap & Sell, All Outdoors

From Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Committee Chairman:

The Wildacres Retreat has issued a Commitment to Care explaining what they are doing to mitigate risks from COVID, and updating the plan as conditions change. These guidelines are sensible and will not affect our having a great week on the mountain.

If you are planning on attending and have not sent in your registration yet, send it in soon so that you have a better chance of getting your top choices of classes. Remember, you can get a full refund if you cancel at least 30 days prior to the session.

I hope that everyone that is planning to come to Wildacres September 6-11 will be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by then. Please be sure to bring along your proof of vaccination or a recent test result in case there are any questions.

NOTE:

If YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR WILDACRES FALL REGISTRATION FORM. For those of you who cannot open pdf files, the registration form is in a doc format and the Fall class schedule is attached in both a pdf format and a doc format. Also attached is a bio of the fall speaker. The Wildacres Committee needs to give Wildacres a preliminary count, so your promptness in sending in your registration form asap is greatly appreciated.

An application is available on the next page for anyone interested.



2021 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: **Spring: May 17—23** _____ **Fall: September 6 - 12** _____

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to SUZIE MILLIGAN, 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320. **No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2021.** (To make it easier for the Registrar and others, **please do not change or revise this form.** You may photocopy it as needed.)

Please print legibly!

Name (as you wish it to appear on your Name Badge): _____

For Office Use Only

ID # _____
Date Rec'd _____
Amt. Paid: _____
Ck #: _____
Amt. Paid: _____
Ck # _____
Paid in Complete: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone number with area code: (____) _____ e-mail: _____

EFMLS Club/ Society Affiliation: _____

Fee for each session is \$435.00 per person. Deposit is \$220 per person, payable with Registration.

Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of fee is due 30 days prior to start of session.

No postdated checks will be accepted.

Cancellation policy: If unable to attend, fees paid will be refunded if notification is given prior to one month before the session begins. No refund will be made after that date.

Check appropriate responses:

Have you been to Wildacres before? Yes _____ No _____ Is your Society paying your tuition? Yes _____ No _____

Name of Roommate: _____ Request Single Room: _____

(This year, due to COVID-19, single rooms are available).

Are You: Male: _____ Female: _____

Are you a smoker: Yes _____ No _____

(Smoking is *not* allowed in any building)

Do you have any physical handicaps and/or special dietary needs? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any sleep issues (i.e., snoring, apnea, C-PAP, etc.)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain on reverse side.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions all participants are required to bring their own pillow and pillowcase to Wildacres and to take them home with you when you leave Wildacres.

Class Pre-Registration

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website (efmls.org/wildacres) for Class Offerings.

You will either be able to take one 4-day class or two 2-day classes. **All participants must take classes.**

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? **Please indicate at least 3 choices** in order of preference for each semester. You will be pre-registered for classes based on your choices, but no class placement is guaranteed. Classes are assigned on a first received, first served basis. Should your preferred class be unavailable for any reason you will be preregistered for another of your choices. **If no alternate class preference is indicated, we will pre-register you in a class of our choosing, based on availability.**

1st Semester or 4-day class choices

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

2nd Semester

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

(No Registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2021)

Mail Registration to Suzie Milligan, 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320

If you have any questions, please contact either

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