

*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 St) 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 **26-March-2019** (after show). 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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**BOARD** meetings are held at 6PM on odd-numbered months unless special meetings are called by the president.

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## Mark your calendars ...

Wed, Mar 13 - 6pm (board), 7pm (regular) — Che-Hanna monthly meetings — Sayre High School, on Lockhart St

Sat & Sun, Mar 23-24 — Che-Hanna's 50th Annual Golden Gem & Mineral Show — Wysox, PA Vol. Fire Company

Sat & Sun, Apr 6-7 — Southern Tier NY Geology Club show — Johnson City, NY Senior Center

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

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## **Note from the Vice President**

February meeting with guest speaker Dr. Robert Darling was super interesting. I will admit that some went over my head but I still learned a lot.

March meeting will be board meeting at 6:00. If anyone else wants to come at 6:00, there will be in the back of the room a crafty session going on. Inga is bringing some green minerals, things and stuff plus examples and recipes on making your own crystals. Sandy and Inga will be handling that.

At 7:00 the regular meeting to cover the final plans for our annual March Gem Show on the 23rd and 24th at the Wysox Vol. Fire Hall. Afterward a video on astronomy and science to prove ancient written history. Public is invited, come one come all.

—Thank you,  
Bob



Dr. Robert Darling talked on garnet micro inclusions.

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## **Inga tells me ...**

For March meeting, at 6:00 PM we will have a display of green rocks in honor of Patty's Day and, per request from some club members, have examples of home grown crystals with recipes for folks to try at home.

It seems that not having regular Junior Rockhound meetings left a gap which having hands-on activities before our regular meetings fills. Besides, it provides something to do for those uninvolved in the board meeting that's also taking place at this time.

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## **The Mini-Mine**

Our popular Mini-Mine will be in operation at this year's show, and we need things for our participants to "find".

We can use pyrite (50th) and any mineral that is safe for kids. No stones with sharp edges or needle-like inclusions. We can use shells and shark teeth.

Thank you to Dave Millis, Frank Meadows, and Gloria Dick for their generous contributions to the mine. Anna and I have some plastic dinosaurs left from her programs on that subject at Athens Area school, our club meeting, and a visit to the Sayre Health Care Center. Kids will enjoy having dinosaurs in the mine ore cart.

Some families will be available to work the mine. Please contact me you know the day and time you can work. 607-425-7426.

—Thank you, Inga

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## **Famous Irish geological site: Giant's Causeway**





Inga showing the art of making Gem trees.

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### **February Club Meeting Minutes**

At 6PM, we had two events for our group: Inga Wells had a workshop for gem trees, and Anna Markevitch gave a talk about dinosaurs and other fossils.

Acting President Frank Meadows led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, he introduced our speaker for the night, Dr Robert Darling of SUNY Cortland, whose topic was "The Microscopic Mineral World of the Garnet." He discussed inclusions in garnets, including cristobalite, and how heating, cooling, and the absence of water causes cracks and other changes. He also gave us an in-depth discussion about mineral preservation and stretched quartz. After this, the possibility of visting several local garnet mines as a field trip was brought up with a lot of enthusiasm.

The secretary's report for January was accepted.

Reservations for the July/August picnic on the 3rd Sunday in these months will be approved and made now, to ensure our space is reserved.

The club also received a very nice thank you from the Valley Food Pantry for our Christmas donation.

Further arrangements are being finalized for the March show. We need more volunteers. The daub sticks have been completed and the displays are fixed. We will be getting some extra help from the Tuscarora club, and it looks like there will be a scavenger hunt this year.

Vice President Bob McGuire told the meeting that the posters and flyers are done, and he mentioned that the books from last year's scavenger hunt need to be delivered.

Publicity is still moving forward.

Next, we had the sunshine report by JoAnn McGuire. Bill Chapman still wants ideas for future field trips. A lot of ecitement about Gore Mountain garnet mining as a locale can be credited to our guest speaker!

Vice President Bob McGuire demonstrated Convoy 2 UV lights for the fluorescent collectors among us. These new lights are very easy to handle, and will be on a list for many of us to get in the future.

Finally, acting president Frank Meadows made motion to adjourn, followed by JoAnn McGuire and Hazel Remally.

—Anna Markevitch



Anna gave great talk on dinos.

## Upcoming Shows



### March 23-24... WYSOX, PA:

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club show **[THIS IS US!](#)**; Wysox Vol. Fire Co. Social Hall, 111 Lake Rd. ; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, free for children under 8; dealers with minerals, fossils, lapidary, special exhibit by Susquehanna River Archaeological Center, and fluorescent programs by UVBob; contact Bob McGuire, 224 Church St., Lopez, PA 18628; Email: [uvbob1942@gmail.com](mailto:uvbob1942@gmail.com); Website: [chehannarocks.com](http://chehannarocks.com)

### March 30-31... PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA:

Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and Delaware Valley Paleontological Society. LuLu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA (PA Turnpike, exit 333 or I-476, exit 20). [www.phillyrocks.org](http://www.phillyrocks.org)

### April 6-7... JOHNSON CITY, NY:

Show and sale; New York Southern Tier Geology Club; Johnson City Senior Center, 30 Brocton St. ; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10:30-4; adults \$4, and free admission for children under 12; 50th anniversary show, dealers, displays, ultra violet show, and silent auction; contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St., Bainbridge, NY 13733; Email: [stonecuttertom@yahoo.com](mailto:stonecuttertom@yahoo.com); [Facebook](#)

### June 1-2... MONROE, NY:

EFMLS Convention & Orange County Mineral Society Annual Show; 10 am to 4 pm - Rain or Shine - Museum Village \* 1010 Route 17M \* Monroe, NY 10950 Special Admission For Show and Museum Adults - \$5.00 Seniors - \$3.00 Scouts in Uniform & Kids Under 12 Free; 40 Plus Vendors On display: The Most Complete Mastodon found in NY State; Extensive Local Mineral Collections \* New Fluorescent Mineral Display \* Public Demonstration of panning for Gold by the Tri-State Gold Prospectors Association of America. Visit us on [Facebook](#). For more info, contact Ron Nelson, Chairman 914-850-2486 or e-mail [rn33@optimum.net](mailto:rn33@optimum.net).

### June 1-2... CANANDAIGUA, NY:

Annual show; Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club; Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N. Bloomfield Rd., ; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, free admission for children under 12; 20 vendors, exhibits, soapstone carving, wire wrapping, sluice, **UVBob** fluorescent mineral program, fossil corner, activities for children; contact Fred Haynes; Email: [fredmhaynes55@gmail.com](mailto:fredmhaynes55@gmail.com); <http://www.wcgmc.org/>

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## Note from the editor

For those kind folks who send me content, please note the later closing date (26th) this month: I hope this makes it possible for me to get reports and pictures from the show to put in next month's Shin-Skinner.

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