

*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-May-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, May 9 at 6pm — Che-Hanna board meeting — Sayre High School cafeteria**

**Wednesday, May 9 at 7pm — Che-Hanna club meeting — Sayre High School cafeteria**

**Saturday, May 12 morning (Inga 'til 11am) — birding breakfast and birdwalk — Satterlee Creek**

**(tentative) Sunday, May 20 — Che-Hanna Junior Rockhounds meeting — Lockwood Town Pavilion**

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

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## **President's Note**

Hi to all you anxious rockhounds.

This will be our last meeting in the school for this school year. Spring is supposed to be on its way but they are not sure exactly when.

Anyway, there will be some field trips coming up and a dinner in June and two picnics, July 15th and August 19th. That will wrap up the season before we are back in the school.

Rock Doc Dave will be telling and showing us how to clean and care for our favorite specimens at the May meeting so be sure to get there and learn. Bring a friend and enjoy. Board meeting at 6:00.

—*See you there,*  
*Bob*

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## **Sunshine Report**

Hope to hear Duane and Inga are doing better. Missed the meeting, due to flu and other ailments.

Ken Silvy, who is a dealer at our annual show for some time now, had a heart attack recently. Thoughts and prayers to him for a speedy recovery.

Birthdays in the month of May include: Bill Dimmick, III and Carolyn Klass, 9th; Lynn Pennebaker, 19th; Jordan Hajguda, 25th. Have a nice day.

Anniversary wishes to Bonnie Norton and Dan Phykitt, 6th; Ray and Charlotte Hajguda, 27th. Congratulations and have a good day.

If I've missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please let me know so I can add it to my book and get it in the newsletter.

Sure wish the weather would warm up. Make us all feel better. Here it is the 20th of April and we've had snow showers with ground cover the past few days and cold temperatures in the morning. Don't like it at all.

So, if I've missed someone who hasn't been feeling up to par, get well and hope to see you soon.

Next meeting will be May 9th, at the Sayre High School Cafeteria. Board meeting will be at 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. with Dave Millis talking about "how to clean minerals". Hope to see you there.

—*JoAnn*

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## **THANK YOU**

The Junior Rockhounds would like to thank Anna Markevitch for her donation of shadow boxes. The Juniors will use them to work on their "Reaching Across Generation" merit badge. They will be making memory boxes of someone from an older generation. Those boxes might make a nice gift to that person when completed. Thank you!\*\*\*\*\*

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## **May Program**

Rock Doc Dave Millis will give a presentation on cleaning mineral specimens at the May meeting.

When we collect minerals in the field (which, to my mind, is the pinnacle of rockhounding), we usually have to find them in the midst of lots of gangue, as miners would say. Because of the limited time we have available at the collecting site, we can't do much more than minimize the amount of weight we have to take home.

At home, though, there's much to know about cleaning things up for storage or display (or later trading). And certain minerals need special storage for preservation. (One of my favorite hints: never put specimens loose in a drawer—the act of opening and closing the drawer will cause damage over time. You should always put some kind of spacers or packing around individual items to prevent rolling and collisions.)



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## **April Meeting Minutes**

After opening the meeting by President, Bob McGuire, the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Treasurer report was given by Trish Benish. After much discussion on the show report, the main report was filed for audit with Trish to make the show report more understandable.

Minutes were published in the newsletter. With no additions or corrections, motion made by Peggy Huffman, seconded by Ted Rieth to accept. Motion carried.

Sunshine report was given by JoAnn McGuire. If I have missed anyone who needs some cheer, please let me know.

Bruce Benish said the library is up and running and books are available for loan. Check and see what you might be interested in.

Bob McGuire gave a report on the Che-Hanna website. Talked about how it hasn't had much interest and whether we should keep it. It expires July 1st. Tabled to think about before deciding what to do.

To be brought up at the Board meeting is whether or not to give Juan Gonzales his deposit back for his table space, since he couldn't make our show the end of March.

Also discussed was the post office box in Sayre. Because of not much mail ever in the box, Trish has had the box closed and mail going to her home address. When someone sends things to different clubs, organizations, etc. the P.O. Box 142, Sayre, PA, was used as the official address. Something to think about.

The Wysox Fire Company had a meeting and seem to be in favor of a five year contract with us. Have to get something set up and sent to them. Also, have to see if contract for 2018 has been sent for payment for the show.

Slate of officers - As of now, there is no President or Vice President candidates. Secretary - Ann Markevitch; Treasurer - Trish Benish. It has been tabled until the May meeting and hopefully someone will be found to fill those spots by then.

Hazel Remaley brought up about by-laws and changes needing to be made. Trish Benish had a copy from 2005. Will be brought up at a Board meeting about revisions and Honorary Life Membership.

Dave Millis has come back from Florida and showed his new creations he's been working on with mica. Had some pretty interesting things to show. Door prizes were also donated by Dave Millis.

Being no other business, a motion was made by Jeff Benish, seconded by Hazel Remaley, to adjourn until May 9th.

—*JoAnn McGuire,*  
*Acting Secretary*

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## **Editor's Note**

With the last meeting of the school year at Sayre High School, we're entering the warm part of the year. For many clubs this is peak field trip season.

If you are interested in field trips, I encourage you to look at the Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club newsletter which Trish Benish has so kindly emailed to members; our members can go on these trips.

The remaining overnight trips:

June 16-18	Western Massachusetts
July 14-22	Bancroft, Ontario and more
August 21-Sept3	Kentucky (quarries/geodes)
Sept	Adirondacks and/or Virginia
Oct/Nov	Somewhere south!

Of course, you can also see the newsletter on [Facebook](#).

This brings me to the subject of the Che-Hanna webpage. If the club wants to have any Internet/webpage presence at all (and I strongly encourage it), it should remain a webpage and not a Facebook page.

There have been significant revelations, lately, about how cavalier Facebook has been with user privacy. Whether you think this is acceptable or not, we should not be forcing anyone (members or the public), to use it if they don't want to. And I don't think Che-Hanna needs any services Facebook provides that can't be achieved elsewhere.

## ***Che-Hanna Junior Rockhounds***

The meeting planned for Saturday, May 12 has been postponed until May 20. I have to attend a memorial service at 1pm. on the 12th.

With the abundant tick population in grassy areas, I'm thinking of holding the May meeting at the Lockwood Town Pavilion and the fire house parking lot. We should still use tick and mosquito protection when outdoors. I will notify everyone via our Facebook page or a text message once plans are firmly in place.

At the April meeting we had 2 families attend. The Stoddart kids, their grandma and aunt made gem trees. Rebecca and Ethan used pipe cleaners and larger beads to make pretty cool-looking trees. Alyssa was a natural with wires and stones and she insisted that her aunt try to make one too. They made a forest of gem trees. Of course, my cell phone was beside me and I still failed to take a photo.

The Henrich Family tried their hand at the 2 games and Jystalyn (little J) made a tree displaying the letters of her name.

I'm a bit saddened that regular club members do not take advantage of these learning opportunities with the Junior Club. Families have asked why I do not advertise the kid's club in newspapers or at the schools as I did many years ago. Due to my age and state of health since my smoke inhalation last year, I can't assure folks that they will get their money's worth when they sign up. I felt bad having to cancel meetings last fall and winter and plan on doing those planned activities before the end of June. Also, with the club elections in June, someone else will be appointed in July and I can't assume to make plans for other people.

Families, you can still come over to Satterlee Creek on May 12 for the birding breakfast and bird walk. We have lots of extra binoculars you can borrow. I will be there until 11 am.

—*Inga*

## ***Bucketite***

As I was looking for stuff suitable for the mini-mine I remembered the article in our Shin-Skinner News that was making the rounds in the newsletters in the early 2000.

Author unknown and perhaps recycled through many decades of newsletters.

"Bucketite. This is a type of rock that forms in buckets, milk crates, boxes, and other containers in the backyard and garages of long-time rockhounds. Its properties vary widely: any color, texture, or hardness may be found in these deposits. Often the best material is found in small pieces at the bottom of the container; great patience is needed to sift through a typical deposit. These deposits are typically pretty filthy, though the stones are easily removed and cleaned. Beware of spiders and other vermin, especially in larger deposits and in hot climates. On the other hand, the material is quite often pre-slabbed, and the slabs will already have cabochon outlines marked on them. How can you tell if a piece of rock is bucketite? If you can't tell what it is and someone asks you, just tell them it is bucketite. If you got it out of a bucket, even if you know what it is, it is still bucketite, not to be confused with backyardite, which is an other story altogether. " There is also Cantrememberite and Cantquitespellite. I'm sure most of us old timers have a quite extensive vocabulary for these type of rocks. Inga challenges you to send in some of your own vocabulary you use for the stuff without labels in your collection.



—*Inga*



## Upcoming Shows



### 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, Kids 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. Contact Fred

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**15-16...**

QUARRYVILLE, PA: Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil & Mineral Club, Solanco Fairgrounds, Hoffman Building; 172 South Lime Street; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-4; Adults/Children \$3; features rock, mineral & jewelry vendors as well as a working tinsmith & Native American craft items. Speakers yet to be determined.; contact Eric Miller, (717)-339-9338; admin@millersmineralmine.com; <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterFossilandMine>

### July

**7-8...**

ERIE, PA: 50th Annual Show & sale; Gem City Rock & Mineral Society, JMC Ice Arena; 423 W 38th St; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$4, Seniors \$3.50, Children under 12 free; contact Robert Gallivan, 427 Colleen Drive, Erie, PA 16505, (814)-454-6770; gallivan@lycos.com

**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](http://herkgemshow.com). 4th year.

### August

**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;