

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 142, Sayre PA 18840-0142



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 **19-November-2017**. 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, Nov 8, Che-Hanna Meeting — 6PM board meeting, 7PM regular meeting — Sayre High School cafeteria (on Lockhart St)

Saturday, Nov 11, Club Workshop — 9AM - 4PM — Satterlee Creek Environmental Center

November 22, Christmas Party reservations due

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

WOW! the auction was really great. The highest tally I believe in history. That cute couple sitting up front, the Robisons, were the highest winners, and got some really great pieces. All the winners got some goooood stuff. Thank you to all the contributors.

November meeting will be on the 8th with a board meeting at 6:00 and regular meeting at 7:00. There may be a video for the program, watch the news letter or the web site for more info.

Still trying to have a workshop get together on the 11th if we can get the workers. More on that at the meeting.

December is of course the Christmas party. You know the drill, get your reservation in ASAP. Any questions, ask at the November meeting.

Time to start looking at things to do for our 2018 show.

Bring a friend to the meeting, see you there.

—*Thank you,*
Bob

Sunshine Report

Hope you all are enjoying this nice weather and are feeling well.

Was nice to see Hilda again at the last meeting. She's a fighter, that's for sure. She's not letting this cancer get the best of her. Her hair is starting to grow back in and she looks really good; says she tires easily. Continued well wishes to her.

Inga is feeling much better after her being down with a virus and some other issues. Keep on the road to good recovery.

Happy Birthday wishes to Maggie Hessler and Bonnie Norton, 10th; Heather Henrich and Ruby Kocsis, 12th; Michael Ricci, 17th; and Ted Rieth, 30th. Hope you all have a great day.

Good luck to Dave Millis as he travels to Florida for the winter. Probably catch lots of fish again, along with doing other activities.

Happy Anniversary to Bob and JoAnn McGuire as they celebrate #53 on the 28th. Wow!! Time flies when you're having fun.

If you know of anyone who needs some cheer, please let me know and I'll get something to them.

Take care, all, and see you at the next meeting, November 8th, Sayre High School cafeteria.

—*JoAnn*

Membership Dues

Hello Che-Hanna Members,

Just a reminder that membership renewal is due by January 1, 2018. You do not have to send a renewal form if we have one on file, but we are asking you to send us suggestions on what you would like the club to do for trips, presentations, and meeting subjects. Also, if any contact information changes, please let me know so that we can keep our records up to date. If your dues are not paid by January 1, 2018 your membership will expire and rejoining later will be considered a new membership requiring a new registration form and a waiting period of six months to receive discounts on trips, Christmas dinner, and any other workshop privileges, etc.

Your feedback is very important to us and we are trying to come up with programs based on your interests.

Thank you,
Trish Benish
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TO:**

TRISH BENISH
9516 N. ROME RD.
ATHENS, PA 18810

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The 2017 Chehanna Auction (photos by Bob McGuire)



The Haul



The Far End of the Tables



Ted R. Wins Again



Auctioneer Dave Millis

November Workshop

The Che-Hanna Club will host a club workshop on Saturday November 11, 2017, 9:00am to 4:00pm.. We checked the Farmers Almanac and the weather shows no snow around that time.

We will have the meeting center at SCEC behind the former Litchfield School in Litchfield, PA. There is heat in the building.

There will be cabochon cutting and polishing and micro-mounting specimens while a machine isn't available.

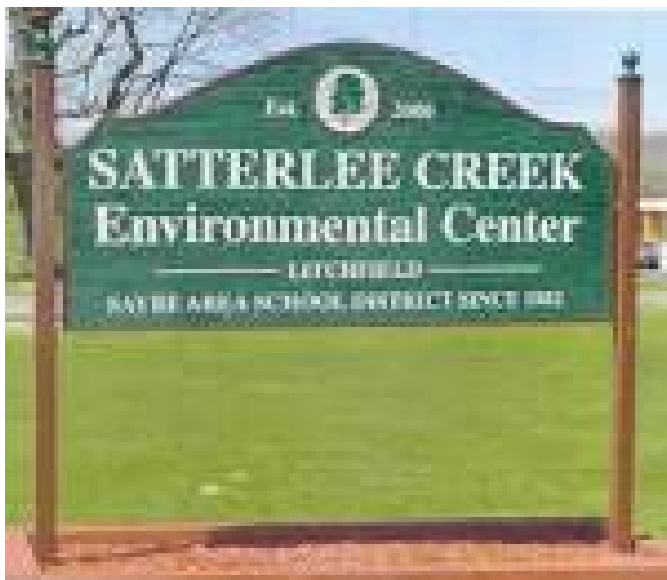
Please bring your own lunch and the club will provide hot beverages.

The fee will be \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests. Members will be refunded \$5.00 when they come to the workshop. No refund will be given if you are unable to attend.

Space is limited so it is **recommended that you reply quickly** if you want to attend.

If you have any questions contact

Trish Benish (570) 888-1026
patriciabensh@gmail.com



Christmas Party

Christmas is coming soon and the Party Committee is making plans for a fun afternoon of fellowship with our club. We will be having it at the Grand Victorian Inn at the Best Western in Sayre, Sunday December 10.



The cost will be \$5.00 for members (after six months) and \$10.00 for guests. Members will receive a refund of \$5.00 if you attend but no refund if you do not attend. This is an option only that if you prefer that your cost of the dinner be sent to the Valley Food Pantry as a donation instead of a refund the club will honor that. Please let me know if you want a refund or if you want it to be a donation. We will choose a charity each year. **Reservations** are due by **November 22, 2017**.

We will still do the optional gift swap for those who want to participate by bringing a gift costing about \$8-10 hobby related and labeled male or female, if it is gender specific.

Grand Victorian Inn - Best Western
255 Spring St.
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-7711

Sunday, December 10
Social hour 12:00p.m.
Dinner hour 1:00p.m.

Please send reservations for the party to:

Trish Benish
9516 N. Rome Rd.
Athens, PA 18810

and make out checks to "Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club".

Che-Hanna Oct Meeting Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was said after President, Bob McGuire, opened the meeting. The auction then took place with the meeting following. Auctioneer, Dave Millis, did another good job and lots of things were sold.

Inga Wells motioned and Hazel Remaley seconded to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Trish Benish talked about the up-coming Christmas party, December 10th, at Best Western in Sayre. Get your reservations to Trish soon. Gift exchange is still done, so if you'd like to get a gift, you bring a gift, price range from \$5 - \$10.

Inga Wells mentioned that she contacted Pebble Pups about continuing meetings and they all said they want to keep going, so she reserved the Church in Athens for their Sunday meetings.

Publicity - Hazel Remaley has sent some articles to magazines for our up-coming show in 2018. She also mentioned that Marc Wilson has fully retired from Carnegie and that Deb said she won't be able to make it to our show. Have to find another "draw" exhibitor to take their place.

Faith Toth has said she will be in charge of displays for the show.

Good of the Order — Dave Millis talked to Ted Rieth and it was decided since October would be the auction, that Dave will do a program in May 2018 on "How to Clean Minerals".

Ted Rieth to check with EFMLS to see about a DVD for the November meeting.

Bruce Benish has said that he will be our club Librarian, so books will go to him at the November meeting.

Inga Wells is to contact Athens Fire Co. to see about getting our \$100 deposit back that was never returned and we don't have the show there any more.

President McGuire is to get a contract from Wysox Fire Co. for our 2018 show to have something in writing.

Plaque has not been placed on the bench yet, but will be done soon.

Being no other business, Faith Toth motioned, Dave Millis seconded to adjourn. Next meeting on November 8th, Sayre High School cafeteria.

—*JoAnn McGuire, substituting for Peggy Huffman*

Junior Rockhounds News

Some dates to write in your calendar:

- *November 11*, Satterlee Creek EC lodge, from 10 to 4 pm. You have the opportunity to learn about minerals and other things in miniature. Microscopes will be on hand and you can learn how to mount perfect small crystals into a black micromount box. Some thumbnail-size specimens will be available for juniors as well. I have printed the Future Rockhound Merit Badge Manual and it will be available at the November 11 meeting for you to take home, peruse and decide what to learn in the new year.

Contact Inga, Bob, or Trish to sign up for micromounting or cabbng.

- *December 10*, Christmas Party. See details in this newsletter.
- *Monthly Sundays*. I have reserved the Athens UM Church for the second Sunday, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, and April 8 from 2 to 4 pm. Thinking of inviting the Rock and Mineral B-team from Harlan Rowe to join us for this.

—*Inga*

Editor's Note

You may notice that there's no show calendar this month— things really do quiet down when we're heading into the holidays and cold weather!

From time to time I have heard about hardy collectors who have ventured out when the ground is frozen. It is a good time to explore the otherwise inaccessible rock faces in that water-filled quarry!