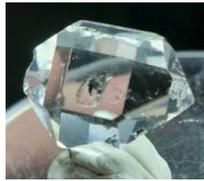


Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

The Shin-Skinner News — October 2019



Our monthly club meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, at 7pm. The program will be the annual auction, which starts at 7:30pm. Bring items for auction and your wallet!



Sept 28 saw a Che-Hanna field trip to Middleville's Ace of Diamonds. Buckets of garden rocks and a few nice herkimers.



Walworth Quarry Open House: October 12th and 13th.



If you're itching to go (or go back) to [Ace of Diamonds](#), Wayne County has a field trip Oct 25-26 (Fri & Sat). wcgmc.org.



The [Rochester Lapidary Society show](#) is October 26th and 27th.

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

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President's Message

October is our club auction to raise money for the scholarship fund. Traditionally, everything is donated but most clubs allow both donations and commission sales. We will decide on the rules at the September meeting. Check the newsletter for the rules and perhaps bring a valuable item or two to the October meeting.

If you attended our field trip, bring in show and tell, which we will have before the auction starts. Auction starts at 7:30 p.m.; meeting must be over by then. Bring cash and pay for each item as you buy it. Hang around and get your cash if you sold anything. We will need two volunteer runners to deliver the purchase.

Hope to see you at the auction in October.

—*Dave Millis*

Sunshine Report

Deepest sympathy to the family, relatives and many friends of Barb Segar who passed away on Saturday, the 14th. She was such a good friend, a long time member of the Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, chairing the kitchen for our show for many years. She was very active in the club when she was in good health. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Was nice to see Scott Chaffee at the meeting. He's doing better after spending four days in the hospital. Get well soon.

Get well to Hazel Remaley who had a fall at the cottage and bruised her face. Hope she's doing much better.

Get well wishes to Max Grimm. He may be home from the hospital by now. Hope he's doing well.

Hope everyone else is doing OK. No fun being under the weather or have issues and problems to get taken care of.

Hope to see you at the auction at the October meeting. Guess that's it. If you know of anyone who needs a card or phone call, please let me know and I will take care of it. Enjoy the Fall weather.

—*Miss Sunshine,*
JoAnn

Memberships Are Up For Renewal

Hello Che-Hanna Members,

Just a reminder that membership renewal is due by January 1, 2020. 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, 2020 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 patriciabensh@gmail.com

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\$12.00 for Family; \$8.00 for Individual and Junior members (over age 17) not covered by a family membership.

Che-Hanna Outreach

Summer is coming to the end and club outreach activities will still continue with club members involved in school related activities.

On August 10, the Benish family and Inga went to the Barclay Mountain Heritage Day in LeRoy on Route 414. We brought a rock memory game. Ten specimens of minerals and fossils had labels. Interested folks could study the labels and specimens, Jeff would talk about the specimen and gave the names of the specimens for the younger people. Most people said that they have a bad memory, but did very well when remembering which name went with what rock. They got a free spin on a wheel and got to pick a prize out of a container that matched the color of field the spinner landed on. It was a great opportunity to talk about our club. Folks enjoyed it, they liked their free rock or plastic dinosaur. Lot of folks knew Flossie Lines and Ted Keir. Many memories of past rock shows were shared by our customers.

On September 21, the Benish Family and Dave Millis set up a club booth at the Sayre Health Care Center Fall Festival. They brought fossils, rocks and paints. Dave brought glue mixed with colors and glitter glue. No one took a photo, but the local newspapers mentioned Che-Hanna being there and the Center send a thank you letter and posted thanks on their website.

Duane and Inga helped the Bradford County Conservation District with their Green Careers for 8th grade students from 3 counties. The schools bring the students to Sunfish Pond on Barkley Mountain. Stations are set up all around the pond. We do Geology/Earth Science. That means bringing lots of rocks, fossils and minerals and talking to students about economic geology, coal and other fossil fuel, what fossils can be found in our area and so on. This year, the kids were very well behaved and attentive. It is a good opportunity to promote our club an our show and get kids interested in earth science. The weather was very nice. The first questions for the students was, "What is Barclay

Mountain famous for?" Sadly, no one knew the answer was coal and quartz conglomerate, and that early settlers logged the ancient forest.

Inga and Bob McGuire help Dan Rhodes with field days at local school.

Inga will be very busy all winter coaching fossils for Science Olympiad. She is still looking to replace pyritized fossils since all of her supply disintegrated due to the moisture in her storage shed. Any information where to find some new ones will be appreciated.

—*Inga Wells*

Of Interest to Rockhounds

It's been a while since I posted references to interesting things on the Web; here are a few.

- The famous Colorado School of Mines is adding [space training to its curriculum](#). We'll need trained miners for the next step.
- The [continents](#) looked different when the dinosaurs' reign came to an end. Tectonic plates don't stop for anything.
- The [15 Most Precious Metals](#).
- Computers and so-called big data are having a [big impact on paleontology](#).
- If you can never get enough mineralogy data (and you have a good Internet connection), you can get free digital copies of the 5-volume ["Handbook of Mineralogy"](#), by Anthony, Bideaux, Bladh, and Nichols. You can buy the print editions (for a lot of money), or you can freely download PDFs, one for each of 4529 minerals. (There are now about 5400 accepted names.)



Ace of Diamonds Field Trip

The club took a field trip to the Ace of Diamond mine in Middleville, NY on Saturday, September 28. Trish, Bruce and Jeff Benish, Tony and Lou DeMarco and Duane and Inga Wells met at the K-Mart Plaza in Sayre at 7:30 AM. They waited 15 minutes for more club members to arrive. Then went on their way to meet up with Dave Millis at a rest stop on I 88, at 9 AM, the second meeting place.

We convoyed to Middleville. Mary Walters, John Morgan and Frank Meadows met the group there, Scott Chaffee joined the group as well.

It was a beautiful day. Most of us came home with buckets of sparkling garden rocks and a few nice herkimers.

Dave offered a trip for fossils at Earlville at 2 PM for brachiopods, no takers. Dave has been digging there many times and has donated the fossils to the club to be used for public events.

Photo shows the motley crew of diggers, Dave, Duane, Scott, Bruce.

Jeff Benish was having the most fun at the dig. He did not want to leave the rock piles - even after he broke his sledge hammer.

—Inga Wells

In Memoriam - Barb Segar

Barbara J. Segar, 85, of Sayre, Pa., passed away on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 at the Sayre Health Care Center, following an extended illness.

She was born on April 23, 1934 in Sayre, Pa., the daughter of the late Ronald and Marian (McNett) Park.

Barbara was very active in the Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club. She enjoyed going to Herkimer Diamond Mine. She was a member of the Eastern Star and very active as a volunteer with the Red Cross. Barbara enjoyed spending her time with family, gardening, especially her flower garden, and cooking.

She is predeceased by her husband, Alfred Segar; grandson, Donald Eiklor; brothers, Ronald, Kenneth, and William Park; and sisters, Alice J. Swan and Mary Kathryn Hack.

Barbara is survived by her children, Alfred and Susan Segar of Athens, Pa., William and Ann Segar of Athens, Pa., and Kathryn Eiklor of Sayre, Pa.; grandchildren, Ryan Segar, Abigail Segar, Daniel and Laura Eiklor, Lacey Eiklor and fiance Ryan Mayo; great-grandchildren, Anderson Eiklor and Lorelei Eiklor. She is also survived by her sister, Grace; sisters-in-law, Donna Park of Sayre, Pa., and Phyllis Park of Athens, Pa.; and brother-in-law, Charles Hack of Sayre, Pa.

Memorial donations may be made in Barbara's memory to Ronald McDonald House, 100 North Academy Avenue and Care Lane, Danville, PA 17821-0300, or www.rmhofdanville.com.

Upcoming Shows & Events



October 26-27... EAST ROCHESTER, NY:
Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show & Sale; Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm; Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial St; Kids Activities, Educational Displays, Demonstrations, Raffle, Beads, Crystals, Fossils, Minerals, Jewelry, Carvings, Spheres, Straw Draw, Hourly Door Prizes, & Much More!; Admission \$6 for Adults, Kids 12 & Under free with Adult; Students receive a half price daily admission with valid student ID; 2-day pass for \$9.00; Tickets sold at the door only.

November 2... LANCASTER, PA:
Friends of Mineralogy Symposium for Mineral Collectors - Penna Mining and Mineralogy; dealers; auction; Nov 3: Peach Bottom quarry field trip (for registrants);
<http://www.rasloto.com/FM/>

November 2-3... OAKS, PA:
Annual show; Tuscarora Lapidary Society; Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, 100 Station Avenue, Hall D; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$6, two-day ticket \$9, children under 12 \$1, free admission for scouts in uniform when accompanied by scoutmaster ; 50th anniversary show: Gemarama 2019 — All That Glitters, featuring 27 vendors, demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, and activities for children; contact Linda Green, Tuscarora Lapidary Society, 24 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015, (610) 490-5252;

Information@lapidary.org; www.lapidary.org

November 9... MOUNTVILLE, PA:

Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club; Trinity United Church of Christ, 450 W Main St.; Sat. 9-4; Admission \$3; contact Eric Miller;
emill1960@embarqmail.com;
<https://www.facebook.com/LancasterFossilandMine>

November 16-17... LEBANON, PA:

Annual show; Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Association; Lebanon County PA Fairgrounds and Expo, 80 Rocherty Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1-4; General admission \$5 (discount coupon at website), free admission for children under 12; Vendors from across the U.S. offer a variety of specimens, displays, exhibitions, materials, and jewelry; contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301) 807-9745; beadware@rcn.com; www.gem-show.com

Editor's Note

I got some nice contributions this month — thanks, everyone!

If you've read this far, you probably know that I'm always on the lookout for content: text or pictures (or drawings or ...).

I also can use any bits of information you can give me. If I get a hint of something that's happened, or will happen, I can often expand it into something worthy of publication.

What I'm saying is, I don't always need to have print-ready content. The job of an editor is the adjust things as needed. So please tell me what you know, and I will try to tell everyone else.

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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 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. 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-October-2019**. 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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