

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 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 PM in the cafeteria, the 2nd Wednesday each month, except JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, and DECEMBER. Those meetings or events (and any changes) will be announced in the newsletter as to event time, date, and location. Also see our website (chehannarocks.com). Visitors are always welcome.

FIELD TRIPS are scheduled regularly from May through September; dates and details to be announced in the Shin-Skinner News.

ARTICLES submitted for publishing should preferably be emailed to the editor using any text (ASCII) format; attempt will be made with whatever is sent. Deadline for submissions to the Shin-Skinner News is the 20th of the month preceding publication. Articles without by-line are written by the editor. Newsletter production is still being worked out, so please don't republish anything you see here.

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We Talk To Each Other - We Help Each Other - We Teach Each Other - We Smile A Lot!

*President's Message**by Bob McGuire*

Hi to all,

At the November meeting Ted introduced the DVD, "Dinosaurs, Giants of Patagonia". It is an IMAX movie and was very interesting though the dino roared so loud that one of the speakers was blown out on the projector. Took me some time to believe that is what happened but pulled that plug and the rest was OK, all the while hoping the other speaker would not blow. Next time, heavy duty speakers.

The Christmas Party is upon us and hope everyone got their reservations in to Hazel. Same fun and merriment as last year with food, fun, friends, and gifts.

January starts a new year and planning our 2016 show in March. Watch for program announcement. Board meeting at 6:00pm.

Thank you to all the people that helped this past year with the show, programs, meetings, trips, and thanks to the juniors for their participation.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

*Membership Renewal**by Trish Benish*

Hello Che-Hanna Members,

Just a reminder that membership renewal is due by January 1, 2016. You do not have to send a renewal form if you sent one last year, 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.

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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IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER, PRINT OUT THE FORM ON A FOLLOWING PAGE, FILL IT OUT, AND SEND ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK.

MAKE OUT YOUR CHECK TO: CHE-HANNA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB, INC. AND MAIL IT TO:
TRISH BENISH --- 9516 N. ROME RD. --- ATHENS, PA 18810

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*Sunshine Report**by JoAnn McGuire*

Greetings on a nice sunny, warm day. Have to take all of these we can get; before long we'll be getting something not much to our liking.

Get well wishes to Inga, Peggy, Phyllis, and Nancy who were a little under the weather and didn't make last month's meeting. Hope they are feeling much better now.

Had a nice phone chat with Barb Segar. She seems to be doing quite well and enjoyed talking. She says grandson, Dan and his wife are expecting their first baby in December and everyone is excited about that. They live in Texas. Kathy and Lacey are well and busy as always. She says to say "Hi" to all her friends in the club and she misses going to meetings and to the annual Show to help out.

If you know of someone who needs some cheer or a phone call, please let me know and I'll do my best to take care of it.

Hope to see many of you at the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 13th, at Villa Sena, Towanda. Will be a fun time eating, visiting, eating, and gift exchange.

Have a good month.

December Meeting

Merry Christmas. That's the greeting that we'll be saying at our annual December meeting/Christmas party.

I hope to see you all on December 13 at the Villa Sena in Towanda. Hopefully you have seen all the details and contact info in the November ShinSkinner.

If not, contact me at 570-888-7544. Hope to see you all there.

Hazel Remaley

Classic Mineral Names

Mineralogy was not always as organized and scientific as it is today. We've had names for minerals as long as we've been naming things, but the distinction between rocks and minerals as separate kinds of substances is only relatively recent. Not only that, but distinguishing one mineral from another can now require sophisticated instruments as the differences extend into the microscopic and chemical properties.

Things at least seemed simpler in earlier times. Here are some old names for ore minerals:

<u>classic name</u>	<u>official mineral</u>	<u>chemical formula</u>
antimony glance	stibnite	Sb ₂ S ₃
copper glance	chalcocite	Su ₂ S
iron glance	hematite	Fe ₂ O ₃
lead glance	galena	PbS
nickel glance	gersdorffite	NiAsS
silver glance	argentite	Ag ₂ S
zinc blende	sphalerite	ZnS

*November Club Meeting Minutes**by JoAnn McGuire*

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Regular meeting, November 11, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President, Bob McGuire. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no minutes published in the newsletter. Secretary mentioned that she may not have gotten them to the editor in time.

Treasurer's report was given by Trish Benish, along with the 2016 budget. It will stay pretty much the same as last year, with a couple changes. The Post Office Box fee went up, so that may be upped. Speaker fees may change also. Being no other questions, motion made by Bruce Benish, seconded by Ted Rieth to accept the budget as presented. Motion carried. It was also decided that Trish will do a Treasurer's report every other month, except when the show is here, due to no checks needed writing. Bill for EFMLS Insurance will be coming for Trish to pay. No questions on Treasurer's report, so it was filed for audit.

Bill Chapman, Field Trip chairman, said that field trips are pretty much done for this year.

Bill Dimmick, Librarian, mentioned that books are available from the Library. Just notify him and he'll get together with you to look at the list and borrow any book you'd like.

Publicity: Hazel mentioned nothing right now. She also mentioned the Christmas party is coming along well and there will be an addition of a salad to the dinner; back by popular demand. Meet at Villa Sena at Noon, eat at 1 p.m. Bring a mineral related gift (\$7-10) and get a gift.

Fire Hall's final word on November 12th when Bob will call and see what their decision is on renewing our contract for another five years.

There will be a book purchased in memory of Millie Weed who recently passed away. It will be given to the Moscow Library, as she lived in Moscow.

Looking around for interesting places to go on bus trips. Any ideas, please make them known. Ted Rieth to check on a bus trip to the Springfield, MA, show as an over-nighter, with the Club subsidizing hotel accommodations.

Program Chair Ted Rieth has speakers that have expressed an interest in doing a program for us. He hopes to have them for March, April and May and have a DVD and show and tell for January and February since the weather for then is not predictable. He's had contacts from Rob Ross, PRI Museum of the Earth; William Stein, Dept. of Biological Sciences, SUNY, Binghamton; and Matt Carl, Bradford Co. Historical Society. He will be back in touch with them.

Trish mentioned she's sending reminders, via e-mail, about club dues. She will also put something in the newsletter mentioning the same.

Good of the Order - next month is the Christmas Party. January meeting will be show and tell or a DVD, watch the newsletter.

Being nothing more, motion made by Hazel, seconded by Trish to adjourn. After snacks, the DVD "Dinosaurs - Giants of Patagonia" was shown.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn McGuire (in absence of Peggy Huffman)

*November Board Meeting Minutes**by JoAnn McGuire*

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club
Board Meeting
November 11, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President, Bob McGuire, with Board members Marv and Hazel Remaley; Trish Benish; Ted Rieth and JoAnn McGuire present.

Items brought up at the meeting included: the proposed budget, by Trish Benish and speakers, by Ted Rieth. Ted mentioned he hopes to have speakers in March, April and May and do a DVD and a show and tell for January and February, due to unforeseen weather conditions.

Fire Co. contract was brought up by President. He's to call the head guy on Thursday, November 12th, to see if they've made any decision about renewing our contract for another five years.

A book for Millie Weed was brought up. Bob to check and see if there is a Library in Moscow, where she lived. If so, a book will be purchased.

Christmas party: Hazel is working on it and coming along nicely. Marv and Hazel to provide the minerals for the table gifts. It was decided to add a salad to the dinner.

Bus trips were also discussed. Ted mentioned that a trip to the Springfield, MA, show take place in 2016, with an overnigher and have the club pay so much toward the hotel expense. It's a very good show and such a long trip out, taking in the show and the trip back. May be hard to find hotel accommodations, but Ted is to check on this and see what he can find.

Trish Benish mentioned that dues are to be paid by December 31st. She will send out e-mails and also put something in the newsletter to this effect. Being nothing else, meeting was adjourned, motioned by Hazel, seconded by Ted.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn McGuire
(in the absence of Peggy Huffman)

Editor's Note

I hope this edition of the Shin-Skinner finds you ready for our season of holidays. All the busy-ness leaves little time for our geo-hobbies, but I hope you make time in your busy schedules for our party-meeting this month!

You may notice I've finally added an event calendar; it contains what shows I could find that I thought might be relevant to Chehannans (did we ever decide what we call ourselves?).

You can still write to me at **drd@shell.qozzy.net**. This is a suitable place to send bulletin submissions (hint, hint). You can also follow me on Twitter at the handle I recently set up: **@graniteur**.

Good Collecting,
David Dick
Nashua, New Hampshire

*Upcoming Shows & Events***February 2016**

12-14— ALBANY, NEW YORK: Annual show; Capital District Mineral Club, New York State Museum; Empire Plaza, 222 Madison Ave; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Admission is \$5.00, Children are free; contact Michael Hawkins, (518) 486-2011; e-mail: michael.hawkins@nysed.gov

March 2016

19-20— SAYRE, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club Inc., Athens Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. Hall; 211 Herrick Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$3.00, \$1.00, under 8 free; 47th Annual Show. Club members exhibits, museum exhibits, lapidary demonstrations, door prizes. Kids scavenger hunt. Kids mini mine. Fluorescent show. Geode-cutting. Dealers selling minerals, fossils, jewelry, lapidary. ; contact Bob McGuire, PA, 570-928-9238; e-mail: uvbob@epix.net; Web site: www.chehannarocks.com

April 2016

2-3— JOHNSON CITY, NEW YORK: Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Johnson City Senior Center; 30 Brocton St.; Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm; Adults \$3.00, Children 12 and under are free; Annual club show "47th Museum of Gems". Exhibits · Ultra Violet Display · Flint Knapping demonstration · Beads and Supplies · Minerals and Fossils · Door prizes · Food and drinks for sale. Mineral and Gemstone Identification. Lots to do. Come early and stay late.; contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St., Bainbridge, NY 13733, (607) 967-8552; e-mail: stonecuttertomm@yahoo.com

2-3— PLYMOUTH MEETING, PENNSYLVANIA: Show and sale; Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and Delaware Valley Paleontological Society, LuLu Temple; 5140 Butler Pike; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5 Admission, Admission \$1.00 children under 12; Fossils, Minerals, Gems, Speakers, and Exhibits! Learning activities include a Fossil Dig and a Kid's Mineral Corner. Also-Scouting Merit Badge Information available. Food and Door Prizes throughout both days.; contact Douglas Klieger, 26 Cabot Ct., Chesterbrook, PA 19087, 6106442492; e-mail: dklieger@verizon.net; Web site: www.philamineralsociety.org

14-17— ROCHESTER, NEW YORK: The Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, organized by the Rochester Academy of Science will take place from 14th April to the 17th April 2016 at the Radisson Hotel Rochester Riverside, 120 East Main St. The conference will cover areas like mineralogical miracles at Merelani, Herodsfoot mine, Richard Talling and bournonite, to that of the sulfur mines of Sicily.

May 2016

14-15— LEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA: 48th Annual World of Gems and Minerals: Gemstone, Jewelry, Bead, Mineral and Fossil Show. At <http://www.leesportmarket.com/>. Sat: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sun: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Organized by: Berks Mineralogical Society - Admission \$3.00

June 2016

4— MACUNGIE, PENNSYLVANIA: 66th semi-annual Mineralfest. Macungie Memorial Park (Popular St). 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Adult admission \$2.00. Organized by Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association. <http://www.mineralfest.com/>

4-5— MONROE, NEW YORK: Annual Mineral, Jewelry, Gem & Fossil Show. Museum Village, 1010 Route 17M. Organized by Orange County Mineral Society. www.mineralevents.com/flyers/2016orangecounty.jpg



CHE-HANNA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Effective January 1, 2015 — December 31, 2015)

Please complete all information below or your application will be considered incomplete.



Strike out any line that does not apply or you do not want to answer. **The purpose of this information is to help us schedule monthly speakers and activities for you. This information will not be given to anyone else.**

Today's Date _____

(Place a checkmark next to the type of membership you are applying for)

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ HONORARY _____

_____ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP - \$8.00 (Age 16 and older)

_____ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - \$12.00 (INCLUDES PARENTS AND ALL CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OLD)

How would you like to receive the newsletter? EMAIL _____ USPS _____ BOTH _____

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Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

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Anniversary (mo/day/yr) _____ / _____ / _____

Child Name _____ Birthday (mo/day/yr) _____ / _____ / _____

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Child Name _____ Birthday (mo/day/yr) _____ / _____ / _____

What areas of the rock and mineral hobby are of interest to you, as a member in this club? Please check all interests and list other activities that are important to you.

___ Beads ___ Bus Trips ___ Field Trips ___ Fossils ___ Faceting ___ Jewelry ___ Lapidary ___ Minerals ___ Junior Rockhounds (Ages 8 to 15) ___ Gem Show ___ Other _____

Where would you like to go on a: Bus trip? _____ Field Trip? _____

Which of these activities are you willing to help with? _____

Do you have a hobby/interest that you could teach us? Yes / No If yes, please describe: _____

What would you like to learn more about from a monthly speaker/activity? _____

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NOTE: renewals do not require an application.