

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 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 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. Deadline for submissions to the next Shin-Skinner issue is **20-March-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, March 8, 7PM — Che-Hanna club meeting — Sayre High School cafeteria

Sunday, March 19, 2PM — Junior Rockhounds meeting — Athens United Methodist

Sat-Sun, March 25-26 — 48th Annual Che-Hanna Gem & Mineral Show — Wysox Volunteer Fire Company

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

Hi folks,

By the time you read this, our 48th annual show will be in only a couple more weeks.

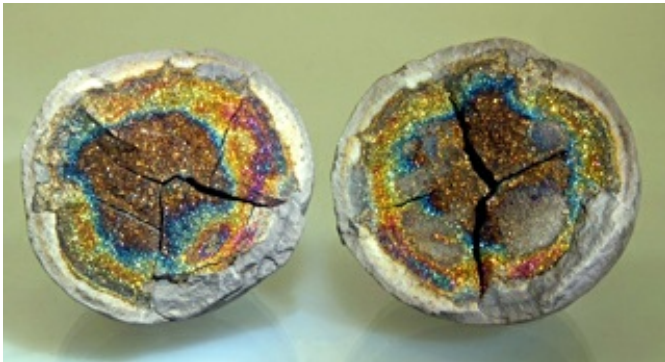
We will need help setting up the hall. The more the merrier. By now the advertising should all be out at libraries, bulletin boards, schools and any where else you can put them. We should be there around 8:30ish.

The trailer will need to be unloaded, tables set up and you remember the mess that it looks like and then all of a sudden it is a show.

Hope we can tie up any loose ends at the March meeting.

We have a board meeting at 6:00 and speaker at 7:00 and regular meeting following. Do come and learn and have fun.

—Bob



Clay concretion of iridescent pyrite from the Volga River in Russia; to be displayed by Marc Wilson.

Sunshine Report

Hope all of you who have been under the weather are feeling much better. This includes Nancy and Bruce. Maybe this nice weather will help; sunshine always makes a person feel more alive. We've been lucky so far and the past couple of weeks have been great. Little frosty in the early morning, but warms up nicely during the day.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on Wednesday, March 8th, 6 p.m. for Board meeting and 7 p.m. for the meeting, Sayre High School.

If you know of anyone who needs a call, a card, or an e-mail, please let me know and I'll see that they get something.

—JoAnn

Our Show Needs Help!

I will have homemade pierogies at the next meeting \$6.00 a dozen potato & sauerkraut. If you are interested please email me your choices. We can't sell food at the show so I won't be able to bring them there.

Now that I have your attention, we still need help for the show.

Hospitality: Answering questions & manning the information table.

Front Table: Selling tickets & answering questions

Security: Watching for shoplifters while walking around

Set-up & take-down: Tables, displays & signs etc.

If you won't be at the meeting, please email me if you can help. There is no kitchen this year so help is needed in other areas.

Thanks.

—Trish

March Program

Dan Caister from SRAC will speak on recent archaeological field work.

In 2016, volunteers from the Susquehanna River Archaeological Center conducted test excavations on a site near the confluence of Cayuta Creek and the Susquehanna River.

Well known to artifact collectors for over a century, the DeSisti site (36BR20) has never been the subject of intensive research.

SRAC's research uncovered several deep refuse pits, ceramics, stone tools and paleobotanical remains dated between 1100 and 1400 A.D.

—Ted Rieth

Minutes of the Club Meeting

Che-Hanna met February 8 2017 at 7PM at the Sayre High school.

Hazel and Marv Remaley opened the meeting, telling about an accident that happened with a snowmobile going into a lake near their property in New York state. Thanks to the Remalys timely 911 call and fast responders, man and snow mobile were saved.

President Bob McGuire led the group in pledging allegiance to Our Flag. Minutes from the January meeting were accepted on a motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Ted Reith. February is an alternate month, so no treasurer's report. JoAnn McGuire gave the sunshine report. A card of thanks from the Back Mountain Library was received, thanking Che-Hanna for the book in memory of Jim Morehead. Bob Mc. read a humorous letter found in the bottom of a box of fluorescent stones from a while ago—1976— giving information on old mines in New Jersey.

Show Chair Hazel Remaley has sent quite a few articles to newspapers, penny savers, etc. about our show. If you happen to see an article in the paper, please save it for Hazel. Through Faith Toth's and Hazel's efforts, the show will be mentioned on four area TV stations.

The club trailer still needs to be fixed. For the time being it can stay where it is. Sandy Keener has offered to give the club a big gem tree that she has made, to raffle off at the show, to help offset not having income from the kitchen this year. Her very generous gift was accepted on a motion by Trish Benish, seconded by hazel Remaley. THANK YOU VERY MUCH SANDY!

Next month's program will be a speaker: Dan Caister from SRAC.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Trish Benish, seconded by Sandy Keener.

The program tonight was a DVD about the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon is a vast and beautiful place. Truly, a natural wonder!

—Peggy Huffman, Secretary

Junior Rockhound News

We will meet on Sunday, March 19 at 2 pm at the church in Athens. The main topics of this meeting will be the show, the mini-mine, and our display at the show. I would like to fill in my schedule for mini-mine workers, especially for Saturday, the 25th, because I will not be able to be there.

If you can't make the March meeting, please contact me. I know the kids enjoy working the mine. Trips to the mine are still 50 cents.

Thank you to Joan Richards Douglas. She read the club newsletter at Lillian's home and donated a big jar of shark teeth and shells for the mini-mine. Lillian donated items as well. Thank you to Lillian, for always thinking of the kids in the club.

I have a bag of plastic dinosaurs and will be buying some tumbled stones. For 21 years, getting free items for the mine has always labor intensive for me. From now on, the club can buy some stuff.

Think what you would like to put into our display case. We had talked about bringing favorites from your collection and items you have made. I need to have these items at the March meeting.

Set-up is on Friday, the 24th and that does not give me much time to get this organized.

We had to cancel the February meeting due to the flu making the rounds. I still have the craft stuff packed and will add findings to make ear rings and other simple jewelry items.

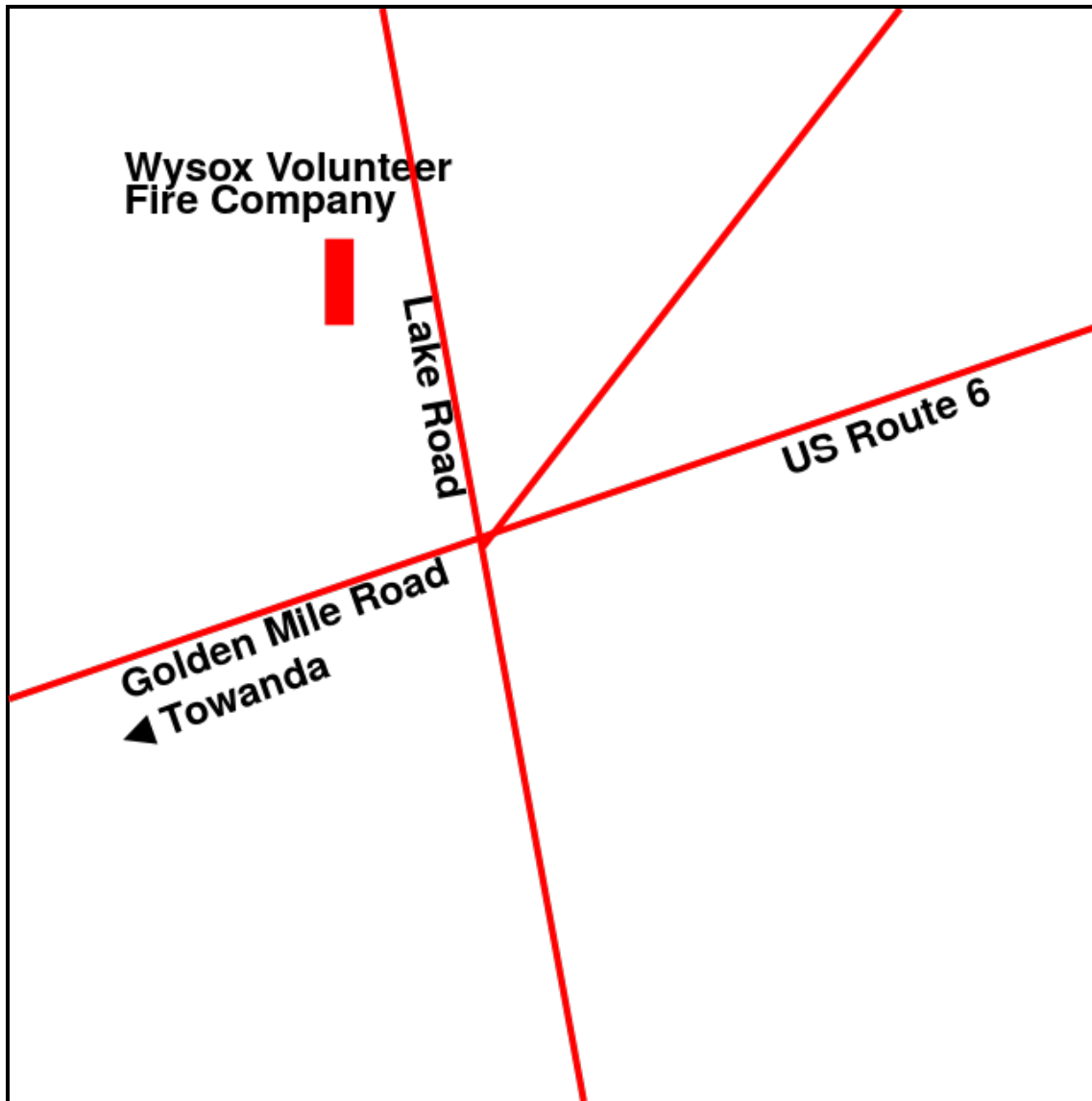
Your Club T-shirts have arrived. Brian said he can order more. You can contact me if you would like one. 607-425-7426

—Inga

Did You Know ...?

Diamond Head is the name of a volcanic tuff cone on the Hawaiian Island of O'ahu. Its English name was given by British sailors who mistook calcite crystals on the beach for diamonds. - *Wikipedia*





Show Directions

From the North:

Follow NY 17 (I-86) to Exit 60. Take US 220 south Route 6 (or stay on 220 to Towanda where you can also get on Rt 6). Take Rt 6 over the river to where Rt 6 meets Rt 187, and take hard left on to Lake Road. Show is in the Fire Hall just up the hill on left. Watch for Che-Hanna signs along your route.

From the South:

On 220 north, take the Towanda exit to the Rt 6 and turn right over the river to where Rt 6 meets Rt 187, and take hard left on to Lake Road. Show is in the Fire Hall just up the hill on left. Watch for Che-Hanna signs along your route.

Wysox Volunteer Fire Company
111 Lake Road
Wysox, PA 18854
570-265-8466

Upcoming Shows & Events



March 2017

25-26... WYSOX, PA:

Annual show; **Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club** Inc., Wysox Volunteer Fire Company, 111 Lake Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$3.00, \$1.00, under 8 free; 48th 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; chehannarocks.com

25-26... CHAMBERSBURG, PA:

39th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show; by: Franklin County Rock & Mineral Club; Hamilton Heights Elementary School (1589 Johnson Road) [flyer](#)

April 2017

1-2... JOHNSON CITY, NY:

Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Johnson City Senior Center; 30 Brocton St.; Sat. 9-5, Sat. 10-4; Admission \$3, Children under 12 free; Dealers of Gemstones, Minerals & Jewelry Displays, UV Light Show, Flint-knapping demo, Gem & mineral identification, Food, Silent Auction & door prizes; contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St, Bainbridge NY 13733; (607)-226-2319; stonecuttertom@yahoo.com

29-30... FRANKLIN, NJ:

45th Annual show; NJ Earth Science Assoc; Franklin Borough School, 40 Washington Ave, Franklin; Russ Brarens@908-421-1045; <http://www.njesa.org/spring-mineral-show.html>

May 2017

6... BIGLERVILLE, PA:

Annual show; Franklin County & Central PA Rock & Mineral Clubs, South Mountain Fairgrounds; 615 Narrows Road; Sat. 8-3; Adults \$1, Students/Children free; 32nd Annual Swap and Sale in pavilion-Food Stand; contact Tom Smith; e-mail: tsmith1012@comcast.net

6-7... PITTSTON, PA:

Annual show; MSNEPA, St. Joe's Oblates; 1880 Hwy 315; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$3, Children under 12 free; 2017 Treasures of the Earth. Minerals, fossils, crystals, jewelry and gems. Free mineral & Fossil identification; Free kids' activities, demonstrations and classes for adults. ; contact Linda Williams, 615 E Grant St, Olyphant, PA 118447, (717)-319-8334; e-mail: Lwilliams@excaliburinsmgmt.com

13-14... CANANDAIGUA, NY:

Annual show; Finger Lakes Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center; 250 North Bloomfield Road; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$5, Children Free; Finger Lakes Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show "Fossil Fest" Dealers, door prizes, demonstrations, displays, lectures, minerals, fossils, crystals, jewelry, beads, metaphysical stones, wire wrapping, lapidary equipment. A fun event for the whole family! Remember to bring your mother! Happy Mothers Day!; contact Michael McElwee, 3250 Guyanoga Road, Branchport, NY 14418; e-mail: flgmfc@netzero.net

Upcoming Shows & Events (continued)

June

3-4... CANANDAIGUA, NY:

Annual show; Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center; 250 N. Bloomfield Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$3; Free crafts with admission, soapstone carving, sluice, exhibits,

UV Bob fluorescent show, scavenger hunt, geode cutting, and much more; contact Fred Haynes; e-mail: fredmhaynes55@gmail.com; Web site: www.wcgmc.org

July

15-16... SYRACUSE, NY:

Annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY, SRC Arena @ Onondaga community College; 4585 West Seneca Turnpike; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$7; Our 51st Annual Show. Theme: Treasures From the Earth, Retail dealers and wholesale dealers. Separate room for the Metaphysical Center. Youth activities area. Several demonstrators explaining their craft. Lectures on both days involving subjects related to our hobby. ; contact Dick Lyons, (315)-672-5328; e-mail: rchlyns@aol.com; Web site: GMSS.us

Editor's Note

Of course, the show is the big news this month. We all hope the change of location will be positive.

As usual, I like to write about the show in the April Shin-Skinner. **Please send me** any pictures, descriptions, reviews, or anything at all, I might use to make this year's show part of our club's recorded history.

Web Trails

The World Wide Web is a wonderful place to go prospecting for information (though not as much fun as field collecting :-).

Here is a new batch of geo-arts and sciences sites:

Humans Responsible For Over 200 New "Natural" Minerals	https://tinyurl.com/hhelrk3
New Earliest Life on Earth	https://tinyurl.com/jk4sq6g
5 Things about Crystallography	https://tinyurl.com/jfz8wut
2017 Tucson Show Review	https://tinyurl.com/hjgnl8f

