

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 **21-November-2016**. 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.

Permission is hereby granted Eastern Federation or American Federation member clubs to reprint material contained in the Shin-Skinner News providing proper credit is given to the author, if known, and Shin-Skinner News. If you use anything, an email note to the editor would be appreciated.

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Notable this month...

November 9 - Che-Hanna meeting (Wild Acres talk)

November 19-20 Mid-Atlantic Gem show (Lebanon PA)

November 20 - Junior Rockhounds meeting

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!



Marv and Dave (Bob McGuire photo)

President's Note

Greetings rockhounds.

The auction at last month's meeting was a success. Rock Doc was the auctioneer with Marv as the runner. A variety of items were there and all have new owners.

Our 2017 show is now on track. It will be held at the new location of the Wysox fire hall on 24, 25 and 26 of March 2017. We will need a lot of help to make the transition a great success. We will not be doing the kitchen so folks that helped there for years, can help elsewhere.

Time still goes on and we can use new members; we can use new ideas for club activities.

November meeting has the Lingenfelters giving a talk on their recent trip to Wild Acres and what programs they participated in. More members should take advantage of Wild Acres.

Christmas party is scheduled for 11 December, gather 12/12:30 and eat at 1:00 at Villa Sena in Towanda. Plan on being there. They are always great.

—Bob



Auction Table (Bob McGuire photo)

Dues are Due

Hello Che-Hanna Members,

Just a reminder that membership renewal is due by January 1, 2017. 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, 2017 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,

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Christmas Party

Early Merry Christmas to all.

Time to mark your calendars for our biggest social event of the year. Our annual Christmas party will be held at the Villa Sena in Towanda on Dec. 11th. We have used the same restaurant for several years and the menu will be basically the same. Roast beef, stuffed chicken breast, potatoes, vegetable, salad, and dessert. Price to members is \$ 5.00 and guests \$10.00. Bob and Inga purchased gifts for you from the club while they were at the Syracuse show. We encourage you to participate in the gift exchange. The value of a gift that is hobby related should be between \$8 and \$10.



Plan to gather between noon and 12:30. We will eat at 1:00. Come join the party!!

Send your check made payable to Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. to me. Deadline is December 3rd. If you have questions call me 570-888-7544 or 607-857-4805.

See you at the party.

Hazel Remaley
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Sunshine Report

Hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. Hope no one is being bothered with the flu bug.

Let's keep Bill Dimmick and Marge Walter in our thoughts and prayers as they are going through some medical issues right now. Hope to hear they are improving and that Marge is home from the hospital soon. Bill told me he has Hodgkins Lymphoma and will probably have to have chemo and/or radiation. He's in really good spirits and says to thank everyone for their prayers.

If you know of someone who needs a card, please let me know and I'll get it out to them.

—Take care,
JoAnn

Junior Rockhound News



The Junior Rockhounds will meet on Sunday, November 20 at 2 pm at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. Please use the back door by the parking lot to enter the hall.

We will be making Christmas trees out of an old fashioned clothespins, some green garland and hot glue some buttons on for decorations. We will make extras to donate to the dinners for shut-in elderly, Meals on Wheels, and the Senior Center. Thank you Carli Yeager-Hall for bringing the supplies for this.

At the October meeting, we made "Trees of Life"; these are wire trees inside a metal circle. The children and parents created some super nice ones. We received many compliments on the photos we posted on our Facebook Rockhound site.

Please read information regarding our Christmas party on Sunday, December 11th at Villa Sena in Towanda.

Have a very nice and blessed Thanksgiving celebration with your families.

—Inga

Editor's Note



As I mentioned last month, I can handle pictures a lot more easily than when I started. I encourage anyone to send some images to liven up the Shin-Skinner. Email is best: (david.r.dick@graniteur.org).

I'm still collecting rock-garden rock pictures; surely a lot of you out there can send me some.

This picture shows that Plymouth Rock isn't very visually appealing, but we still value it for what it (apocryphally) means. The same might be true of your rock-garden rocks.

Upcoming Shows & Events



November 2016

5-6... OAKS, PA:

Gemarama 2016; Tuscarora Lapidary Society, Greater Phila. EXPO Center at Oaks, PA; 100 Station Avenue, Hall D; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; Adults \$6, Children \$1; Lapidary/jewelry arts exhibits will feature stones found throughout the USA. And, dealers will offer treasures from all over the world, including gemstones, beads, and minerals. Continuous demonstrations in lapidary/jewelry arts, special activities for children; contact Amy Karash, 1322 Heyward Road, Chesterbrook PA 19087, (484)-431-2757; e-mail: amy.karash@gmail.com; www.Lapidary.org/GEMARAMA/Gemarama.html

5-6... LANCASTER, PA:

FM-PA Symposium & Field Trip; Friends of Mineralogy - Pennsylvania Chapter; Theme: Pennsylvania Mining and Mineralogy; Franklin & Marshall College (Hackman Physical Sciences Building); Please register in advance.

5-6... GREENWICH, CT:

28th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show; Stamford Mineralogical Society; Eastern Greenwich Civic Center (90 Harding Road); <stamfordmineralsociety.org>

12... MOUNTVILLE, PA:

Third Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil & Mineral Club, Trinity United Church of Christ; 450 West Main St.; Sat. 9-4; Admission \$3; Mineral, fossil and jewelry vendors and even a

tinsmith!; contact Eric Miller, (717)-339-9338; e-mail: admin@millersmineralmine.com; www.facebook.com/LancasterFossilandMineralClub

19-20... LEBANON, PA:

Wholesale and retail show; Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Association, Lebanon Co Fairgrounds and Expo; 80 Rocherty Road; Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4; Adults \$5, Children free; The Gem Miner's Holiday is the Mid-Atlantic's premier Gem, Jewelry, Bead, Mineral, Gift & Craft Show. There is a wholesale Trade section.; contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301)-807-9745; beadware@rcn.com; www.gem-show.com

February 2017

18-19... ALBANY, NY:

Annual show; New York State Museum; 222 Madison Ave; Sat. 10-5; Admission \$5, Children free; contact Michael Hawkins, 3140 CEC, Albany, NY 12230, (518)-486-2011; e-mail: michael.hawkins@nysed.gov; <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/>

March 2017

25-26... WYSOX, PA:

(subject to change) 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; www.chehannarocks.com