

*Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.*  
 9516 N. Rome Rd., Athens, PA 18810



**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](http://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 **22-April-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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**BOARD** meetings are held at 6PM on odd-numbered months unless special meetings are called by the president.

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**Jeff Benish, Bruce Benish, Mary Walter**

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## Mark your calendars ...

Sat & Sun, Apr 6-7 — Southern Tier NY Geology Club show — Johnson City, NY Senior Center

Wed, Apr 10 - 7pm — Che-Hanna monthly meeting — Sayre High School, on Lockhart St

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

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## Note from the Vice President

March meeting included Inga doing interesting things in the back while the board meeting took place up front. Then the regular meeting with Anna reading the minutes and Jeff doing the Temporary President task. Then the meeting turned to final plans for our 50th show.

—Bob



**Secretary Anna with minutes and temporary president Jeff**



**Inga leads a session on green minerals and a lot of info on growing crystals.**

## Sunshine Report

If you didn't get to attend our 50th Golden Anniversary gem and mineral show, you missed a great time. One sad part was that one dealer, Ken Silvy, was missed as he had just gotten out of the hospital. He's doing better. Another sad part was

that our geode cutter, Tom Beck, is quite sick so couldn't make the show. Please keep them in your prayers. There was a good crowd, excellent, educational displays. Food was delicious, provided by the Wysox Volunteer Fire Company members. The kids had fun at the mini-mine and making cabs. Everyone liked having a geode cut and seeing what was inside. Some kids were quite surprised with what they saw. All enjoyed UVBOB and his ultraviolet programs. Dealers seemed to be busy with folks purchasing their favorite things. The gem tree, made by Sandy Keener, and raffled off on Sunday, was won by one of our club members, John Morgan. He was surprised and happy. Hope to see you next year.

Happy Birthday wishes to Pat Chapman, April 1st; Joe Shepler, 2nd; Ray Hajguda, 6th; Anna Markevitch, 11th; Tom Beck, 18th; Jeff Benish and Myles Kocsis, 19th; and Janel Kocsis, 24th. Have a nice day.

Happy Anniversary to Harry and Priscilla Lingenfelter as they celebrate on the 11th. Have a good day.

Scott Chaffee is coming along well after his surgery and Faith Toth is doing better after her recent back surgery. Peggy Huffman is feeling quite a bit better after some medical issues.

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

Hope to see you at the April meeting on the 10th at Sayre High School cafeteria.

—Miss Sunshine,  
JoAnn

## SHOW WRAP UP

Well, our 50th show is over and can be declared a success. Thank you to all that took the time to help make it so.

Scavenger hunt participation was low because the forms were in a bad place Saturday and moved for Sunday.

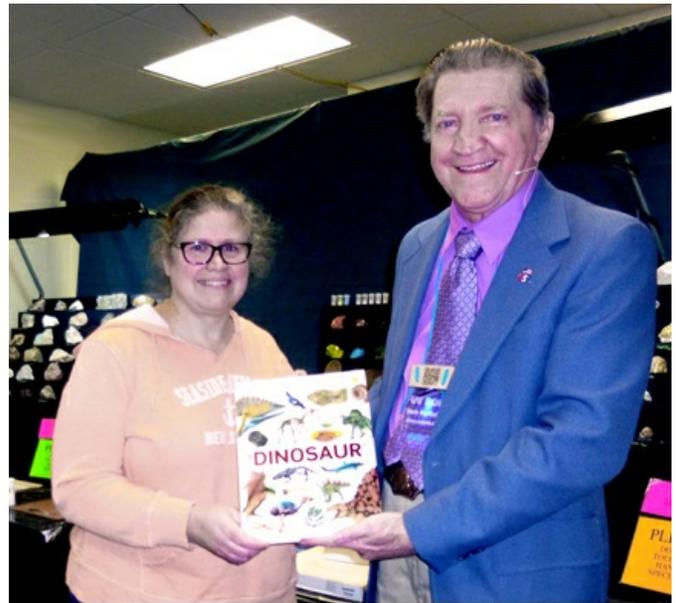
Scavenger hunt summary:

- 22 schools entered, 51 forms were readable
- Favorite fossil first place was Fish fossil, second was T-rex.
- Favorite mineral first place: Amethyst, second was Pyrite.
- Best of show, first place UV Bob, second was Geode cutting, third was Mini-Mine.
- The winning school was a tie between Troy and Wyalusing and they will receive their prize next year.

Newest members set up their first display and did a terrific job, as did the other members and SRAC — it's always great to have them in our show.

Thank you to all. Start thinking about our 51st show for next year.

—Bob



**Tech Teacher Kathy Orshal receives 2018 Scavenger Hunt prize for Towanda School**



**Really nice display by members Cory and Allen**



**UV Bob's UV seminars, 3 of 5 had standing room only.**

## March Club Meeting Minutes

The meeting began with the viewing of a program describing ancient star and astronomical movement as applied to Biblical events.

Pledge of Allegiance led by acting president Jeff Benish.

First was the treasurer's report by Trish Benish.

Trish also discussed the reservations for the upcoming 2019 and 2020 picnics at Satterly Creek Environmental Center, which are held on the third Sundays of the month in July and August. The June 12 picnic will also be at Satterly Creek Park. This picnic is held the second Wednesday in June. The club will meet there at five with the meal at six o'clock.

Treasurer's report was accepted by the club.

Next was the sunshine report by Joann McGuire. The club wishes a happy birthday to vice-president Bob McGuire and treasurer Trish Benish.

Bill Chapman and Tom Beck are also wished a get well soon by everyone. Our condolences to Bill Dimmick for the recent loss of his mother.

Our next gem and mineral show is being finalized. The Benishes will take over geode cutting this year. The gem tree from last year's sale has been re-donated due to a lack of space by the current owners and will be available again.

A time of 8:30 to 9am has been set for the set-up of the show on Friday, March 22. We also need more items for the mini-mine. Shark teeth, small polished rocks, shells, dinosaur figurines, and anything else appropriate would be appreciated for the mini-mine.

A new banner is being ordered for the show. Volunteers are still needed. Pizza will be provided set-up and take-down.

Hazel and Marv Remaly will represent Che-Hanna at the the Goshen NY Convention. Funds have been approved for their trip.

Motion to adjourn by acting president Jeff Benish, seconded by Bruce Benish.

—Anna Markevitch

## Field Trips

For those of you who may not know, Bill Chapman is Field Trip Chair for both Che-Hanna and [Wayne County](#) clubs.

Che-Hanna members can attend Wayne County field trips, so I have summarized their schedule here. I grabbed the data from their April newsletter.

Date	Where	Description
April 20 (Sat)	Sterling Hills, NJ	UV Nomads dig (members only), Ken St.John uvmomad@roadrunner.com
June 21-24	western Mass, Gilsum NH	sites and show
July ?? (4-7 day)	Maine	
July 31- Aug 10	Upper Michigan	copper and iron minerals
Aug 30- Sep 3	Central Kentucky	fossils
mid- Sept	western lowlands of Andirondacks	

If you have any questions please contact Bill Chapman (607) 868-4669, batnpill@empacc.net.

—Anna Markevitch

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## **March Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting convened by acting president Jeff Benish.

Treasurer's draft by Trish Benish was the first order of business, and was approved for audit.

Reservations for the July/August picnic have been finalized.

Acting president Jeff Benish has received an estimate for the club banners.

Last month's minutes were read and approved.

Hazel Remaley made strong recommendation for a trip to Wild Acres in North Carolina.

Final discussions about the upcoming rock show on March 23-24 were next. Benjamin Hawkmoon from the Tuscarora club will be present to lend a hand. Bruce Benish and family will take over the geode cutting, and will rent a saw from Horn's Hardware for three days. The Fire Hall in Wysox will be open by nine o'clock on Friday, March 22. An update is needed on daub sticks for the cabochon cutting. More flyers are available for the show. Acting president Jeff Benish also request that anyone with a Che-Hanna shirt please wear it at the show.

Dominic Ferrante also requested a special space for his fluorescent exhibit. This was unanimously approved.

The extra display case may be put up for sale at the show, if space can be found.

The Orange Country Mineralogical Society meeting/convention is coming up June 1st and 2nd. This Eastern Federation Convention has many important meetings and reports. Marv and Hazel Remaley will go as our representatives, and funds were approved for their trip.

Today's meeting was adjourned by acting president Jeff Benish and seconded by Bruce Benish.

## Upcoming Shows



### April 6-7... JOHNSON CITY, NY:

Show and sale; New York Southern Tier Geology Club; Johnson City Senior Center, 30 Brocton St; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10:30-4; adults \$4, and free admission for children under 12; 50th anniversary show, dealers, displays, UV show, and silent auction; contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St, Bainbridge, NY 13733; Email: stonecuttertom@yahoo.com; [Facebook](#)

### May 4-5... PITTSTON, PA:

Annual show; Mineralogical Society of N.E. Pennsylvania; Oblates of St. Joseph, 1880 Highway 315; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; adults \$3, free for youth under 13 and all scouts in uniform; contact George Walko, 319 Main Street, Swoyersville, PA 18704, (570) 200-5987; Email: Anthracitecoin@gmail.com; [Website](#)

### May 18... FAIRLESS HILLS, PA:

Annual show; Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, Inc.; Christ United Methodist Church, 501 Wistar Rd.; Sat. 9-3; \$2 donation, free admission for children 12 and under; Earth Science Show & Sale, rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary arts, and jewelry; contact Brian Schwab, 539 Sycamore Ave., Croydon, PA 19021; Email: holschw2@aol.com; [Website](#)

### June 1... MACUNGIE, PA:

Annual show; Pennsylvania Earth Science Association (PESA); Macungie Memorial Park, 70 Poplar St.; Sat. 8:30am-3pm; admission \$2 for adults, free for children; the

Spring Mineralfest features gems, fossils, lapidary and minerals offered by more than 50 dealers situated indoor and outdoors; along with free gold panning and door prizes; contact PESA; [Website](#)

### June 1-2... MONROE, NY:

EFMLS Convention & Orange County Mineral Society Annual Show; 10am to 4pm, Rain or Shine, Museum Village \* 1010 Route 17M \* Monroe, NY; Special Admission For Show & Museum Adults: \$5.00 Seniors \$3.00 Scouts in Uniform & Kids Under 12 Free; 40 Plus Vendors On display: Most Complete Mastodon found in NY State; Extensive Local Mineral Collections \* New Fluorescent Mineral Display \* Public Demonstration of panning for Gold by Tri-State Gold Prospectors Assoc of America. Visit us on [Facebook](#). More info: contact Ron Nelson, Chairman 914-850-2486 or e-mail rn33@optimum.net.

### June 1-2... CANANDAIGUA, NY:

Annual show; Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club; Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N. Bloomfield Rd., ; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, free admission for children under 12; 20 vendors, exhibits, soapstone carving, wire wrapping, sluice, **UVBob** fluorescent mineral program, fossil corner, activities for children; contact Fred Haynes; Email: fredmhaynes55@gmail.com; <http://www.wcgmc.org/>

### June 14-15... QUARRYVILLE, PA:

Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil & Mineral Club; Solanco Fairgrounds, Hoffman Building, 172 South Lime Street; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-4; \$3; seeking vendors of fossils, minerals, jewelry, and Native American artifacts ; contact Eric Miller; Email: admin@millersmineralmine.com; [Website](#)