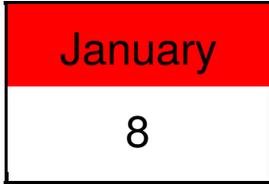


Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

# The Shin-Skinner News — December 2019



Our monthly club meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, at 7pm; board meeting at 6pm. There will be a craft program (gem trees and micromounts).



For those of you who got caught up in the flurry of the holidays and forgot to renew your Che-Hanna membership, please do so right away. (At the meeting would be a good time!)



Our Christmas party was December 7 at The Grille at the Train Station.



The next big show is the Gem, Mineral, and Fossil show at the NY State Museum on February 22 and 23, 2020. It's jointly sponsored by the [Capital District Mineral Club](#) and [New York State Academy of Mineralogy](#).



Che-Hanna's time to shine will be here before you know it; our show is March 28 & 29, 2020.



This Shin-Skinner (intended to be December's) is rather late. From the January issue forward, I will try to publish as soon as possible after each month's meeting. Please bear with me as I get back into rhythm.

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

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## January Program

January meeting will start at 6:00 pm with the board meeting and then our regular meeting. a lot of show stuff has to be covered.

The program for the evening will consist of:

- Inga decided to have a gem tree making session again. Bring your own tools and supplies or use what is left in Inga's tree making box. No charge for supplies to make a small tree. Some tools available for use. Questions, contact Inga's cell at 607-425-7426.
- I will have things there for Micro mounting. If you have an item you would like to mount in a micro box, bring it along and enjoy the thrill of mounting it and looking at it with a microscope magnified many many times.

Bring a friend to check out the Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club.

—Bob McGuire

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## Sunshine Report

We didn't make the Christmas party so don't really have anything to report. Just hope everyone is well and hopefully not going to get hit with that new, terrible flu that is supposed to be going around. With the cold temperatures we've been having, the germs should be frozen and not affect anyone.

I did talk to someone who said it was a good day and enjoyable party. The date has already been set for 2020. Watch for it in the newsletter.

Hope to hear that Max Grimm is doing better since his surgery and is home and recovering. Thoughts and prayers go out to him.

Let's hope everyone has a good 2020 year. Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

If you know anyone who needs a card or phone call, please let me know and I'll take care of it, best I can. Hope to see you at the January meeting.

—JoAnn,  
Miss Sunshine

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## "Minutes" of the December Christmas Party



- The Holiday party was held at the The Grille in Sayre Pa. A good time was had by all.
- Anna Markevitch stopped on for a short visit. Dee Margetanski handed out beautiful handmade cards to everyone. It was good to have Max Grimm back with us after being ill. Trish Benish welcomed everyone.
- Tony DeMarco said a prayer before the meal. After the meal and some visiting Dee Margetanski read a poem. Everyone enjoyed playing some games with prizes awarded to the winners.
- Dominic Ferrante and Faith Toth were recognized as Honored Lifetime Members.
- Members attending the party received Che-Hanna hooded sweatshirts as a club present.
- The staff from the Grille did a great job with the food and service. Would like to thank Trish Benish for all that she did to put party together.
- Next year's party will be held in Towanda Pa. at the Elks' club on the first Saturday in December. Mark your calendars.
- There was no regular "meeting" held this month due to the party.
- Next month's program will be a crafting project.

What was you favorite holiday memory?

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

—Mary Walter,  
Secretary

## **From EFMLS: Rockhound of the Year nominations**

*Thanks to Inga Wells for calling attention to this excerpt of the October 2019 EFMLS News. It's about Che-Hanna's two nominations for AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year (ACROY). Also thanks to her for submitting the "paperwork", after gaining officer consensus.*

### **Anna Markevitch - Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club**

Anna joined the club in 2018 and has become one of our hard-working club members. She exhibited her fossils at our local shows and helped with every job needing to be done.

For the 2019 show Anna spent many hours on Friday preparing cabochon blanks for people coming to the show. In her first use of dop wax she learned quickly and did at least 300. She presented fossil talks to several libraries, the Science Olympiad team, and brought her fossils to health care facilities for residents to enjoy, learn about, and touch fossils.

Anna was elected club secretary in a time where it is hard for clubs to attract and keep new members, we are very grateful to have Anna as a club member and wish to honor her with The Rockhound of the Year Award.

### **Addie King - Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club (Junior Member)**

We would like to nominate Addie King as Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club's Junior Rockhound of the Year 2019.

Addie has been a Junior Rockhound member for many years. She is 14 now and volunteered to take charge of the club's mini-mine at this year's show. She saw a post on Facebook that the club was in need of some youngsters or anyone to help at the mini-mine because most of the Junior Rockhounds were busy with a Science Olympiad event or at their school and Girl Scout cookie sales. She volunteered

to work the whole weekend and even made her older brother run the ore cart up the tracks.

The club's mini-mine is a big attraction at our show. An ore cart comes up the tracks and dumps a load of un-popped popcorn, minerals, tumbled stones, fossils, shark's teeth, plastic dinosaurs and other goodies into a screen, the popcorn is returned through the screen and the kids can pick up their treasures. When asked by a reporter why she volunteered to do this all weekend, she replied. "I have been attending the show all of my life and have enjoyed it, especially the mini-mine. It makes kids and everyone happy. I love seeing all of the kids enjoy it as much as I did."

Abby has volunteered at our previous shows. She has blossomed into a young lady that wants to take on more responsibilities, give back to the club and make sure kids will enjoy coming to our show. She gave up her weekend of going on a fun field trip to work at the show. That is why we nominate her as our Club Junior Rockhound of 2019.



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## **Minutes of the November Board Meeting**

- Ted Rieth was acting President.
- \$203 was made at last month's auction.
- [Members] will be receiving sweatshirts instead of tote bags.
- There is no new information concerning the possible sale of the Sayre High School.
- Ted Rieth made arrangements for the book to get to the Northeast School — they won the book at our last show.
- This year's Christmas party will be December 7th at the Grille. Next year we will pick a location farther south.
- Board minutes from September were approved: 1st Ted Rieth, 2nd Bob McGuire.
- Treasurer's report was read by Trish Benish; approved 1st Ted Rieth, 2nd Bob McGuire.
- There are a couple of changes to the coming budget:
  - The line item for Pebble Pups is still listed, but their budget is \$0
  - Need to possibly increase the budget for speakers: more speakers want to be paid
  - Also, the hospitality budget needs increasing
- There was a question concerning the show budget; a budget breakdown was wanted.
- There was a question concerning the contract for the fire hall; if there is a contract it will be checked.
- Also concerning the show: Lola from the Wysox Fire Hall stated that they did not make much money at the last show. It was discussed that they didn't offer homemade baked goods and had a limited menu. The fire hall is not sure what they are doing for the next show.
- There is going to be a couple of more keys made for the trailer.
- Trish Benish has completed the E-Card file for the IRS [e-Postcard form 990-N].
- Dues that are due have been coming in

- The new saw is going to be used on November 17 at the sled dog races. There will be geodes available for purchase or club members can bring their own items they might want cut. Jeff and Bruce Benish are getting the geodes from the trailer.
- Motions to adjourn were made: 1st Bruce Benish, 2nd Jeff Benish.

—Mary Walter,  
Secretary

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## **Minutes of the November Club Meeting**

- Ted Rieth was acting president.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- JoAnn McGuire read the sunshine report. There are 2 birthdays in November. Bob and JoAnn McGuire will be celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary. Max Grimm will be having surgery in Cleveland, OH.
- The Treasurer's report was read by Trish Benish.
- \$203 was made at the October auction.
- The budget remains the same, except Pebble Pups was lowered to \$0, possible increases for hospitality and for speakers. Motions to pass: 1st Bill Dimmick, 2nd Inga Wells.
- Trish Benish will be action president next month, for the Christmas party.
- The club's new saw will be used at Satterlee Creek during the sled dog races. Geodes will be available for purchase. Members can bring their own items they might want cut. Jeff and Bruce Benish will be running the saw, 11am-7pm November 17.
- Meeting adjourned: 1st Bill Dimmick, 2nd Duane Wells.

—Mary Walter,  
Secretary

## Upcoming Shows & Events



### 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](http://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](http://www.gem-show.com)

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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](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 **12-January-2020**. 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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