

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

The Shin-Skinner News — June 2020



Our monthly club meeting will be a picnic on Sunday, June 21, starting at 11:00 am; eating will commence at 1:00 pm. We will elect new officers. There will be many activities.



Our last meeting was in March, when we had a program of "Show and Tell", along with much discussion about the then upcoming show.

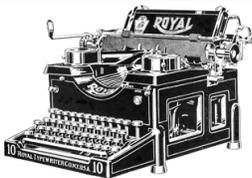


Alas, Che-Hanna's show had to be canceled because of the Pandemic.



Facebook

Some of our show vendors were understandably upset by the show cancellation, and made use of a virtual gem show organized by Richard Meier on Facebook. Search for the group "North East gemshows"



This bulletin serves as the announcement of the slate of officers and board members for the next term. See the next page "Meeting/Picnic Schedule".

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Meeting/Picnic Schedule

Hello everyone, we missed you all! The picnic is still on for this Sunday, but there will be a few alterations.

Social distancing will be practiced and masks are optional. Most of us can talk and be heard 6 feet away. The Audubon club had a dinner tonight and it worked out well with everyone cooperating.

Please bring your own serving spoon which you will use on all dishes on the table. Save the messiest for last.

Since it is the June meeting we will have the traditional lunch meat platter, but one person will serve the meats and condiments after hand sanitizing and wearing gloves.

Sunday June 21, 2020 is Che-Hanna Club's June picnic at the Litchfield SCEC Pavilion. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service. Lunch meats will be provided by the club. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. and eat at 1:00 p.m.

Please park all vehicles before the sign at the nature center.

The two grinding machines will be set up for you to either polish a cabochon that the club has or a stone that you brought with you.

There will be an election for next years officers as follows:

President: Bruce Benish

Vice President: Ted Rieth

Treasurer : Trish Benish

Secretary: Mary Walter

Board: Duane Wells

Jeff Benish

Frank Meadows

Jr. Rockhounds: Inga Wells

If anyone would like to nominate someone or if you would like to be considered for any positions please contact Inga Wells by Friday June 19.

There will be a few activities such as games and there will be a Show & Tell on what you did during the COVID Freetime that was hobby related.

You are welcome to bring your own table and display stones or supplies that you have for sale, but since we need to spread out at the tables we need more room than normal under the pavilion.

Sunday July 19, 2020 is Che-Hanna Club's July picnic at the Litchfield SCEC Pavilion. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. and eat at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday August 16, 2020 is Che-Hanna Club's August picnic at the Litchfield SCEC Pavilion. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. and eat at 1:00 p.m.

If you need directions email
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—Trish Benish

Upcoming Shows & Events



As you might imagine, the Covid-19 pandemic has thrown every schedule into chaos. Mineral shows and other activities are always big gatherings, so all their status is canceled, postponed, or uncertain.

I can't find out more than sketchy information, so there are no listings for this issue. If anyone can point me in the direction of anything definitive, please do.

President's Message

Transcribed by the editor; may not perfectly reflect what Dave Millis intended

We need to have a meeting for several reasons. The way we have it will minimize the risks. I'll describe those first, then the reasons

It is outdoors at Satterlee Creek and that means virus will be lost in the breeze. Indeed, outdoors is the safest place to be

We will observe "social distancing". There are sufficient tables to sit in family groups with 6-foot spacings.

We will be bringing masks. Eating is optional. More about food later.

Family groups can be 1 or more. When it is 2, you will sit across from each other, thus maximizing separation distance.

There are 12 tables and each is at least 8 feet long. The longest are about 12 feet. This is plenty of space for picnics with our typical attendance.

There will be sandwiches provided by the club, as we used to do at our indoor June picnics. I recommend we bring either hot foods in casseroles or prepackaged foods for dessert or whole fruit, as our dish-to-pass. In line, we will maintain 6-foot intervals like at the grocery stores.

Visitors are welcome only if you bring them and they sit in your family group. It's your decision whether to bring them or not.

Here's how the meeting will be conducted: I will bring my projector system and any paper that we need to read will be projected on the screen. Example, the treasurer's report will not be passed around, but projected. Anyone needing to do any show and tell can use it.

Our main item of business, the new slate of officers will also be projected. Remember nominations can be added at that time.

The audit should be done. Hazel should have answers to two questions. Did she finish, and was there a problem. I remember Dwayne's answers last year -- yeah, no problems.

The club has been using Bob's PA system for years -- thanks Bob -- but would like the option to skip a meeting. So, we need to authorize the purchase of a microphone, speaker, and amplifier for our club. I recommend the president be responsible for bringing it to meetings.

Many of our speakers require a screen and we need to buy one. Mine is too small when social distancing is required. But we will have to use it in June. I recommend the Vice President manage it. He would know if the speaker needed it. Mine is only 42" wide.

That's all I have to say as outgoing president, except that I had fun, thanks. And finally, I want to remind the new president of something I did not know. As the new president, you have the duty to appoint many of the people you want and don't have to have the ones that have those jobs now. Accordingly, I would like to volunteer for field trip leader for the next two years.

I went to Deep Springs collecting fossils and see the next page for a picture of one I painted with water soluble Elmer's gold sparkle glue. I'll be going there again this year and would lead a field trip if you want to go.

The last few items for the newsletter are not automatically part of the meeting, but I'll talk about them anyway. They are options for entertainment before and after the food and meeting.

I was in the southwest for 9 weeks and did some rock collecting. Examples will be displayed on a card table and none are for sale. They will be put back in the car at noon and other stuff will be put out for show and tell at the meeting. That's is if you want to see it.

I would like all of you to participate in this "other stuff", because it's rock stuff I did while stuck home by the virus. Bring it with you. Use the projector.

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After show and tell, I'll bring out stuff from out west, that will be for sale. Money exchange is one way to transmit the virus, so bring small bills and I'll leave them in the box for a few days before I remove them. The rocks have been in closed flats for two months and are germ free. This means self-service is best. Bring your bag.

I'll bring geoclue and two boxes of prizes. When we are done with the game, the beans go in the garbage and only you will have the cards in the last year! The cards will remain isolated for at least a month.

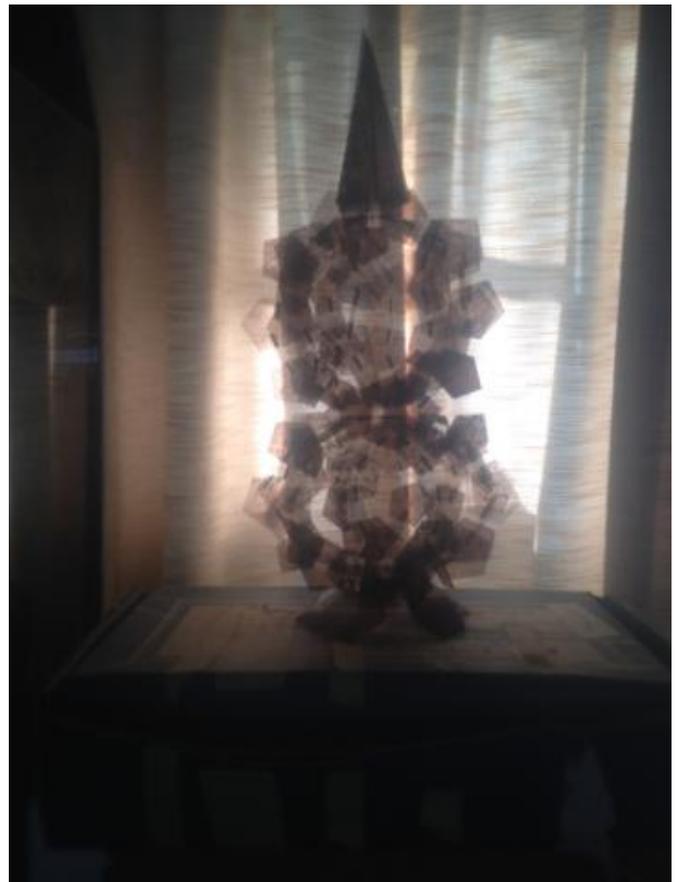
I hope this message finds you well and not too bored. I'll just say I've read 43 books in 43 days plus quite a few others, caught over 200 fish in the lake in front of my house and did most of my yard work. Now that weather is warm enough, I expect to go on field trips on my own, but if you need to get out, call me and leave a message 305-395-9560.

If you don't like sitting under the pavilion, bring your own card table and set up in the shade of a tree.

If you bring inventory, bring a table, set it up away from the pavilion at least 10 feet.

OK, two more things.

—*Dave Millis,*
President



Sunshine Report

Get well wishes to Inga who is having medical issues. Hopefully the Doctor will be able to help her feel better soon.

I sent an e-mail to Nancy Welles since she hasn't been coming to meetings or picnics. She responded and said she's doing well. She plays cards daily with a 95 year old lady friend and when she's out shopping she wears a mask at all times. She still has balance issues but found that drinking green tea with ginger helps, along with lots of sleep. Maybe she'll be able to make a picnic, if we have them.

I emailed Mary Walter and she said she has been improving. That's good to hear and hope she continues on the road to recovery. She said John is busy with another shed and she hasn't seen Max (dog) for a couple weeks.

Happy Birthday in June to Marv Remaley, 2nd; Bruce Oldfield, 4th; Evelyn Keir, 8th; Duane Wells, 23rd; and John Margatenski, 28th. Hope you all have a sunny day.

Happy Anniversary to Ed and Fran Sick, 10th; Ed and Faith Toth, 14; and Bruce and Trish Benish, 20th. Congratulations and have a fantastic day.

Hopefully we will be able to get in our summer picnics in July and August, but just don't know with this pandemic and how long things are not going to happen. Keep a check on the Shin-Skinner for postings on that.

Take care everyone and stay safe. Don't forget.....WASH YOUR HANDS!! If you know of someone who needs some cheer, please let me know. Hope to see you all soon. Have a great month.

—JoAnn,
Miss Sunshine

Junior Rockhound News

Since the club has a new family with young children, we'll try to have Pebble Pups meetings again. I will be bringing some free rocks to the picnic on Sunday, June 21 at Satterlee Creek Environmental Center. I will make up flats with

labeled specimens for families to take home and information where the minerals came from. Families can then Google the rest of the information.

Kate Lindhorst has been bringing her two girls to meetings at Sayre High School. They are sad that there are no meetings due to the pandemic. The family has a flower growing business, Bluehen Acres and farm in Nichols NY. Perhaps, there will be more families with Juniors or Pebble Pups at this meeting. The picnic falls on Father's Day so bring your dad to a "Rocking picnic". I'm sure Dave Millis has some fun activities planned that everyone can enjoy.

A great big Thank You to Cindi and Keith Newman. They donated 2 trunks full of minerals for use with the Athens' school Science Olympic kids and our Junior Rockhound meetings. I met the Newmans when I attended the Rochester Mineral Symposiums and club meetings in Rochester. Now, they live in Athens. When the Science Olympiad students studied minerals, we visited their home and Cindi brought out her best museum quality specimens for the kids to study. They have gifted us nice specimens from their many field trips.

June theme will be Minerals and Rocks of New York State. The minerals in the flats are from classic locations. As I'm writing this, so many nice memories of field trips to the North Country come to mind. First minerals I put in the flats are black Uvite tourmaline crystals from Bower Powers farm near Pierrepont. That place is still open for collection on certain dates. Dravite from the Bush Farm was next. I remember trying to avoid the cows when making my way to that dig. I believe these minerals now have new classification but many articles written still refer to the old classic names. Many locations, like the Selleck Road in West Pierrepont, are now closed to collecting, so treasure the minerals from these places in St. Lawrence County. *(continued on next page)*

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There will be Herkimers in Matrix from some of my trips. Hopefully, we can go collecting in that area and Fulton County for those sparkling gems. Western NY has Dolomite quarries that have open houses where everyone can attend and collect buckets of rocks. There will be some nice specimen of Dolomite with Calcite and other minerals from Walworth and Penfield quarries collected at some of their open house events. Come and find out what other minerals are found in NY State. I'm not sure at this point if I have enough of the State Minerals, Garnet from Gore Mountain. Have not gone through all of the Newman donation and my containers that I have set aside for school kids. I will ask Dave Millis to bring some blue calcite. He likes to collect lots of rocks to use as free rocks at shows and door prizes at meetings.

July theme will be Canadian rocks. Please contact me if you have young ones and would like to join the Pebble Pups. There is a Future Rockhounds of America Merit Badge Program the kids can use to earn badges. I have a Facebook site that contains lots of photos of meetings from previous years. Currently, I post fossil information from PaleoJoe, Eons, and other interesting stuff that I find in my feed on Facebook. When I share to my Rockhounds site, I can look up information later on.

For those of you new to the club, my name is Inga Wells. I live in the hills of Lockwood, NY. I have been a club member since the early 1980 and attended every show the club has held. I have collected rocks and fossils as long as I can remember and I'm grateful the grownups in my early life let me pursue my passion to dig up rocks, fossils, artifacts and learn about the things I found. The club gave the blessing to have a formal kids club in 1989. It was hard for families to attend regular club meeting on a school night, so we met on Sunday afternoon, before regular club meetings and some Friday nights. The original Pebble Pups are grown with families of their own now. Some of the more recent ones are involved in Science Olympiad and many other things.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. 607-425-7426. It's a cell so you can text me. Message me on Facebook or send an email to ingawells@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your time and hope to see you at summer picnic and field trips.

—*Inga*

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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. 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 **28-May-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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