

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. 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 **19-May-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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Mark your calendars ...

Wed, May 8 - 7pm — Che-Hanna monthly meeting — Sayre High School, on Lockhart St

Sat, May 25 — Fossil Collecting — Ilion and Lords Corners, NY

Sat & Sun, Jun 1-2 — Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club Show — Canandaigua, NY

Sat & Sun, Jun 1-2 — "Federation" (EFMLS) Show — Monroe, NY

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Sunshine Report

Hope you all had a really nice Easter holiday. Weather wasn't all that bad. Birthdays: May 9th - Bill Dimmick, III and Carolyn Glass 19th - Lynn Pannebaker 20th - Cory Schoonover 25th - Jordan Hajguda Anniversaries - May 6th - Bonnie Norton & Dan Phykitt 27th - Ray & Charlotte Hajuda

If there are other birthdays and anniversaries I might have missed, please give me dates and I will put them in my book for future reference.

Get well wishes to Duane and Inga Wells who have been bothered with colds and medical problems. Hope they are feeling much better.

I talked to Helen Tracy the other week and she seems to be doing pretty good. She had fallen again and was going to the Doctor to see what might have to be done. She was getting better. Doctor wanted her to have a hip replacement and she said not. She's on the road to recovery.

If you know of anyone who needs some cheer or sympathy, please let me know and I'll get a card out or give a phone call. Always nice to hear from a friend when you're under the weather or just need to talk to someone.

Let's hope the weather gets nice and stays that way. Sure don't need any more rain. Hope to see you all at the next meeting, May 8th, 7 p.m. at the Sayre High School cafeteria.

—Miss Sunshine,
JoAnn

Chehanna on Earth Day

Che-Hanna participated in the Bradford County Conservation District's Earth Day Celebration on April 20. Bruce and Jeff Benish, Duane and Inga Wells had a booth where children could make their own fossil mold out of play dough or air-dry clay, decorate plastic eggs with dinosaurs stickers and

stamps and draw their own dinosaur. We had a touch and feel fossil display. We served over 150 children.



Photo: As we were getting ready to pack up to avoid the rain storm, Jeff had an other group of kids making fossil molds during a brief rain storm. Inga handed out many Che-Hanna meeting flyers to interested families. =C2=A0

April Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting was begun by President Dave Millis, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge was followed by Joann McGuire's sunshine report.

We are pleased to announce that the Athens Science Olympiad won a gold medal. Thanks to Inga Wells who coached the team with some help from Anna Markevitch.

Last month's minutes were read by the secretary, and approved by Jeff Benish and Hazel Remaley.

The Treasurer's report is suspended for this month because Trish Benish is away on vacation.

The Club thanks everyone who participated in our March rock and gem show. We had over 900 attendees for this year's show. President Dave Millis wants to compare last year's balance to the profit for this year. A payment to Tim Keener for bringing the trailer to the show for us was unanimously approved.

After a brief break where club members received generous door prizes from our president, he had a number of announcements and changes for the club.

aDave would like to teach a clas in making mica objects. He displayed a cute mica elephant as an example. He will only teach gem trees and and pendants on Dundays because class attendance is down.

We need a nominating committee for ou next officeres.

There will be no more dish to pass at meetings.

After these announcements, Jeff Benish presented the geode inventory after the show. It looks like we may have to replenish a number of geodes.

The display case did not sell at the rock and gem show. Any suggestions about the case would be appreciated.

Next month's lecture will be given by president Dave Millis on the book, "Prehistoric Life". Dave gave a preview about the book, and his future talk.

It will include a discussion about global warming and a fact vs fiction approach to its study. This will be followed by a discussion of animal kingdoms, scientific approaches for studyig prehistoric water temperature (paleotemperature), various [taxonomies] of fossils, mass extinctions, and the concept of no environment change, no evolution. Dave highly recommends the book.

Meeting adjourned by president Dave Millis, and seconded by Hazel and Marv Remaley.

—Anna Markevitch



Field Trip

Bill Chapman is planning a trip to Ilion , New York, on May 25th. There will be an additional stop on the same day to Lords Corners where there is an abundance of horn coral. Please contact Bill Chapman for further information.



I was so glad I got to talk to her a few days before her passing. I found out she was in the hospital and called. She sounded very weak and said she just couldn't eat and she wasn't getting any more treatments. Guess they had done all they could for her. R.I.P., Hilda. You may be gone, but certainly will not be forgotten.

In Memoriam

HILDA GARDINER

March 31, 1955 - April 15, 2019

We lost a valuable club member with the passing of Hilda Gardiner. She loved making jewelry and teaching others her art. She was good at wire wrapping and make some really nice pieces. Most recently she had a booth in the Jay Mart building where she sold her jewelry. I had the pleasure of working with her for quite a few years in the Che-Hanna Show kitchen. She could always be counted on, riding her bike, to get the the Athens Fire Hall early and get things started for the day. She loved being in charge of making the burgers. We had some really fun times together. She always stayed late and rode her bike home.

She was an Honorary Life Member of the club. Hilda fought a courageous battle with cancer for two years, but it finally took her life on April 15th. Her funeral was held on Friday, the 19th, at her Church, "The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints".

Upcoming Shows



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.wcgm.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](#)