

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-November-2018**. 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, Nov 14, 7:00PM — Che-Hanna monthly meeting - Earthquakes — Sayre High School (Lockhart St)

Thursday, November 22 — Reservations are due for the Christmas party

Sun, Dec 9, 12:00PM — Che-Hanna annual Christmas party — Villa Sena Restaurant in Towanda, PA

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!

Note from the Vice President

Our October meeting being our annual auction turned out pretty well. Several items went really high. I think the only thing missing this auction was some jewelry. Turn out was a bit lower than hoped for but was good anyway. Several new folks were in attendance and very welcome.

Our President Millis is wimping out on us by heading south for the winter. Dave, I hope you don't catch a single fish.

We'll have temporary presidents doing the next several monthly meetings for practice in the hopes that they would be more willing to fill the post in the future.

November President will be Ted Reith. The program will be on earthquakes by Dr. Bruce Oldfield, Professor Geological Science. He has done other great programs for us in the past.

—VP Bob

Sunshine Report

Get well wishes to Inga Wells who has been bothered by illness for some time. Hope to hear she's much better.

Hope that Sandy Keener is feeling better. She was "kinda under the weather" so didn't make the last meeting.

Anyone else that may be feeling poorly, I hope you recover soon. It's flu season and hope no one comes down with that.

Was nice to see Hilda at the meeting. She's a strong person and is really fighting "C" and I'm sure she's going to win.

Happy Birthday wishes for November to Maggie Hessler and Bonnie Norton, 10th; Heather Henrich and Ruby Kocsis, 12th; Michale Ricci, 17th; and Ted Rieth, 30th. Have a "rockin" good day.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on Wednesday, November 14th at Sayre High School. A good program will be presented that you might enjoy.

—Miss Sunshine,
JoAnn

Memberships Are Up for Renewal

Hello Che-Hanna Members,

Just a reminder that membership renewal is due by January 1, 2019. 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, 2019 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, Trish Benish

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AND MAIL IT TO:

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\$12.00 for Family; \$8.00 for Individual and Junior members (over age 17) not covered by a family membership.

—Trish Benish

November Program

Bruce Oldfield, a frequent presenter at club meetings, will give the following program Nov 14, 2018:



Earthquakes

Earthquakes have had a major impact on human societies and are likely to play a role in the future. Learn why earthquakes occur and what factors influence their impact on human societies.

Bruce Oldfield, Professor of Geological Science
Physical Science Department MS91
SUNY Broome Community College
Binghamton NY 13902

Annual Christmas Party

Christmas is coming soon and the Party Committee is making plans for a fun afternoon of fellowship with our club. We will be having it December 9th at Villa Sena Restaurant in Towanda, PA.



The cost will be \$5.00 for members (after 6 months) and \$10.00 for guests. Members will receive a refund of \$5.00 if you attend, but no refund if you don't. This is an option only that if you prefer that your cost of the dinner be sent to the TACO Food Pantry as a donation instead of a refund, the club will honor that.

Please let me know if you want a refund or if you want it to be a donation.

We will choose a charity each year.

Reservations are due by November 22, 2017.

We will still do the optional gift swap for those who want to participate by bringing a gift costing about \$8-10 hobby related and labeled male or female if it is gender specific.

Villa Senna Restaurant
143 Villa Senna Blvd.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-9986

Social hour 12:00 PM
Dinner hour 1:00 PM

Reservations for the party are to be sent to:

Trish Benish
9516 N. Rome Rd.
Athens, PA 18810

Checks are to be made out to Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

—Trish Benish

Rock and Mineral Auction

With great sorrow we are breaking apart Jack and Marge Walter's enormous rock and mineral collection. There are items from all around the country, parts of Canada and around the world. A majority of the collection was self-dug.



An auction day currently has not been set.

For information if interested please: Google: [Fry's Auction](#), then go to: Auctionzip. Address: Fry's Auction 400 Village Rd. Muncy, Pa. 17756

Will post date and time when available.

Thank you, The Walter family

October Club Meeting Minutes

President Dave Millis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting began with our annual auction, which was very successful. Some items included were fluorescent minerals, magazines, Herkimer diamonds, and a wide variety of rock specimens, including some rare copper crystals. After the auction the regular meeting began.

Jeff Benish is in charge of the upcoming geode inventory, and also added at the meeting that he intends to inventory all the items in the trailer, and also make note of the condition of the items. He plans to do this as soon as possible.

JoAnn McGuire next gave the Sunshine Report. Inga Wells is still recovering, but she was able to have her presentation at the Sayre Health Center on September 30. Her husband Duane and President Dave Millis also were there to lend a hand.

The secretary, Anna Markevitch, read last month's minutes.

Treasurer Trish Benish next gave details for the next Christmas party, to be held December 9 at the Villa Senna in Towanda. The charge will be 5 dollars for members and 10 dollars for non-members. Members must be enrolled for 6 months to get the member's price. There will be a gift exchange. The annual charitable gift will be to TACO in Towanda, a local food pantry. This was suggested by the DeMarco's and approved by a vote of the club members. Further ideas for the party are still in the works, but Christmas BINGO has already been suggested.

Bill Chapman gave a report on the Benson mine Trip. It was a very fruitful dig, despite the fact that no heavy equipment dig took place as hoped. Bill has a another trip to Ace of Diamonds planned this weekend, and plans to be there for two days.

Another topic was display cases. Several members own outdated or damaged cases, and various suggestions for selling or refurbishing them were discussed. Also, any of the club's existing cabinets need to be re-lined and are in need of repair

before March. We welcome input on the subject.

Finally a vote was take on a proposal by President Dave Millis that was previously discussed at the board meeting. Dave will be leaving for Florida soon, so a vote was take by the club -that we have a different acting-president from November through March. Ted Rieth will be acting-president in November, Trish Benish will be acting-president in December, followed by Frank Meadow, Jeff Benish, and Bruce Benish in January, February, and March, respectively. This was approved by over a two-thirds majority.

New member Kris Grant was called on to recount his fossil and mineral activities over the past month.

Meeting was adjourned by president Dave Millis and seconded by Hazel Remaley.

—Anna Markevitch

October Board Meeting Minutes

There was a brief board meeting prior to the auction and regular club meeting.

The first order of business was two monetary donations in memory of Joy Bourne. The secretary will send out thank-you cards within the next few days.

The second order of business discussed was a suggestion by President Dave Millis that we have a different president each month, starting in November and ending in March, since he will be in Florida. During those months, it was decided by the board to be presented to the club for a two-third vote during the regular meeting.

Finally, the new banner was also approved by the board.

—Anna Markevitch

Editor's Note

Thanksgiving and Christmas are rapidly approaching. Kind of hard to think of something hobby-related for Thanksgiving (except maybe [Plymouth Rock](#), but don't forget hobby-related gifts for the collectors you know, and those who don't know they're collectors, yet!

Upcoming Shows



November

9-11...

HAMBURG, NY: Annual show; GemStreet USA; Fairgrounds in Hamburg, 5600 McKinley Pkwy., Grange Bldg.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults and seniors \$7 (good all 3 days), \$1 off coupon on website, kids under 12 free; gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils, beads, petrified wood, tools, supplies, carvings, metaphysical items and much more, free parking, hourly door prizes; contact Jane Strieter Smith, PO Box 770680, Lakewood, OH 44107, (617) 512-6510; Email: Janestrieter1946@gmail.com; Website: GemStreetUSA.com

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MOUNTVILLE PA, PA: Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club; Trinity Church of Christ, 450 West Main Street, Mountville, Pa.; Sat. 8:30-4:30; \$3.00 adults...\$1.00 kids K though 12th grade; Very interactive show for visitors to engage with club members. Many experts in geology and paleontology will be present to answer questions. ; contact Christopher Haefner, 762 Harper Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601, (717) 606-4450; Email: silverfordinc@yahoo.com; Facebook: Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club

17-18...

LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA: Gem Miner's Holiday; Mid-Atlantic Gem & Mineral Association; Lebanon Valley Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-4; admission \$5, children under 12 free; vendors with gems, jewelry, beads, minerals and fossils, gift and craft-related items, wholesale section available, hourly door prizes, grand prize drawing, handicap accessible; contact JillFeder, (908) 720-1774; Email: jillfeder.jf@gmail.com; Website: www.gem-show.com

February

23-24...

ALBANY, NEW YORK: Annual show; New York State Museum; New York State Museum, Empire Plaza, 222 Madison Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5 and free admission for children under 12; featuring minerals, fossils, gems, and books offered by 30 dealers, and displays and museum tours; contact michael hawkins, 3140 CEC, Albany, NY 12230; Email: mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov; Website: www.nysm.nysed.gov

AFMS Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations, or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind—fences, signs, buildings.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only, and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future

generations for public educational and other purposes.

- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners", and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.