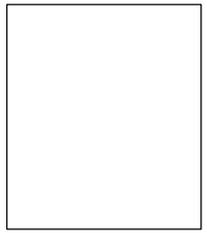


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First Class Mail

November  
Birthstones



Topaz



Citrine

**To:**

**Membership Fees  
are due by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

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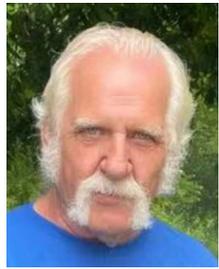
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Bruce Benish

*President's Message*

*By Bruce Benish*

Greetings to all. Another busy month and its raining again as I write this.

The show went well, though the numbers were not quite what we might have hoped for. The same could be said about the auction. The Methodist Church seemed to be a good location for our meetings, but the small turnout for the auction was disappointing.

Our next meeting is the 10<sup>th</sup> (6:00 for the executive session 7:00 for the normal meeting). Final plans for he Christmas party will be discussed among other things.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the show, its time to start planning the next one.

Bruce

**IT'S TIME TO YOU'RE YOUR  
DUES. MEMBERSHIP FEES  
ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

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**NEXT MEETING IS AT ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH ON  
NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM. BOARD MEETING AT 6PM.**

C.Bourne photo



JoAnn McGuire

## *Sunshine Report* by JoAnn McGuire

Hope all of you are doing well. There is a chill in the air. Don't like what may be coming.

Nice to see Scott doing better after his recent hospital stay. Hope he continues to improve.



Thanks to all of you who helped at our show. Hope to see more "volunteers" at the show in March.

Had a nice phone conversation with Peggy Huffman. She had planned on going to the show and to the auction. However, she had some bad luck and her car is not working right now. Her son is trying to fix it and she hopes it will be done soon. She misses not being able to go out. Otherwise, she is doing well.

You all asked about John and Dee so I sent them an email. Dee says they are doing pretty good. Not going out too much because of Covid. John is having trouble with his leg and his eyes. Hopefully he will feel better. She said it was nice to hear from someone letting them know what's going on.

Hopefully the virus will be on the back burner and we'll do much better.

Get well to all of you who are not feeling up to par and hope you're all better soon.

Take care; stay safe; stay warm.

JoAnn  
Miss Sunshine

C.Bourne photo



Inga Wells

## *Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News*

*By Inga Wells*

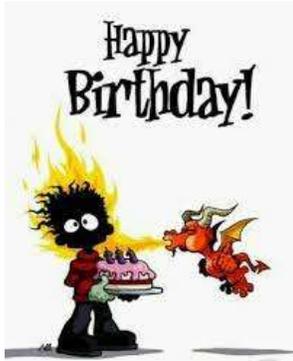
A big Thank You to Dave Millis for taking charge of the mini-mine for the October show. It was on the job training for him since he had no idea what the mine was and had never operated it before. He told me he was a bit bored, so I guess I will Get my "job" back for the March show. 😊.

Thanks to Renee Moore for bringing Caleb and Adele to work the mine and see the show. I heard they loved the experience. Thanks to Jeff and Bruce for their help setting it up and taking it down. Thanks for all that donated minerals to the mine! We always try to have something that pleases every kid's taste. Dave has been donating material for the mine for many years, as has Mary Walter and myself. Anna Markevitch has been a contributor since she joined the club. She brought in a lot of stuff this year and helped with the operation of the mine. The shells she donated must have been a great hit with the kids. She handed me another bag at the last meeting. John Milligan gave us material a few years ago that is still being used for the mine. Sandy Keener always has some items for the kids. This year, I asked Jim Marcy from Sunshine's Creations to sell us some tumbled stones for the very young kids and he donated them. I'm sure there are more people that have donated, but these are the ones I know about.

If you have donated and are not listed, please let me know. I humbly thank you for making the mini-mine a success year after year. The mine is not a money maker, but it puts affordable rocks, fossils, and minerals in the hands of kids to spark their love for the hobby.

Out of 51 shows, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> one I had to miss. God willing, I will be around for the March show.

Thanks,  
Inga



### *November Birthdays*

1 – Bubba Ezra  
8 – Rebecca Stoddard  
10 – Maggie Hessler  
12 – Robert Stoddard  
27 – Cody Conden  
30 – Ted Rieth



### *November Anniversaries*

28 – Bob & JoAnn McGuire

### *Upcoming Shows & Events From: MSNEPA Newsletter*

October 30, 2021 - Fairless Hills, Pa. - Annual Ultravioletation Fluorescent Mineral Show

October 30, 2021 - Biglersville, Pa. - Annual Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Swap & Sell, All Outdoors



Frank Meadows

*Thank you to all that helped set up and take down plus work the front desk. Due to my teaching position, it is always impossible to help set up but I am always there to help with security and clean up. Thank you again to all that helped out.*

## *October Club Meeting Minutes by Mary Walter – October 13, 2021*

I was unable to attend the meeting, this information from club members.

Thanks to all that helped make the show a success.

The meeting was held at the Athens Methodist Church, starting at 7pm. There was a small group of members present. The program for the night was the annual auction.

A treasures report was read for the show. The club made around \$1000. The attendance for the show was low. Of the guests we had, a lot were new to show or hadn't been to the show since we were at ATVFC.

Geode cutting was a hit, the guests happily showed off their treasure. Geodes need to be ordered for the March 2022 show.

The children enjoyed the mini mine, leaving the show with a bag of specimens.

There was no food or drink available during the show. The fire department stated they would remedy this for the March show.

Planning of the Christmas party has hit a bump in the road. We were scheduled to have our party at the Towanda Elks, when contacted to make arrangements, it was found out they are no longer in business. Sayre Elks were contacted, they were very costly. The Christmas committee is to meet to figure what to do for the party. No date or time has been set for the committee meeting.

The November meeting will be at the Athens Methodist church starting at 7pm. There will be a board meeting starting at 6pm. The program is scheduled to be mineral identification, presented by Dave Millis.

Watch your email for up dates Stay safe.

Mary Walter  
Secretary

Rock Doc



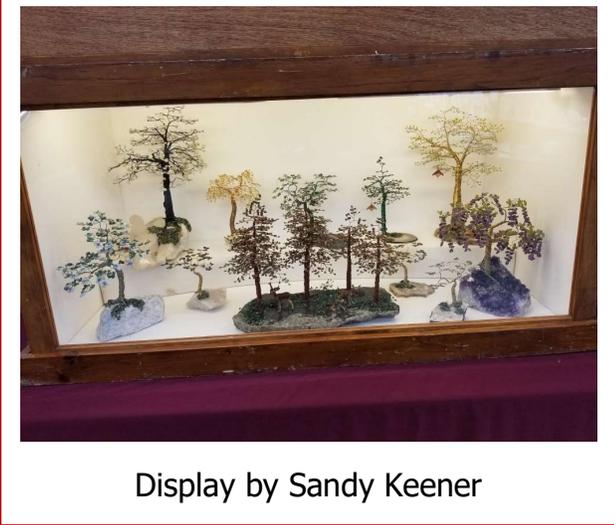
Dave Millis

### *Field Trip Report/Program*

*by Dave Millis*

The program that was scheduled for September will happen at the November meeting. Outside of that, there are no current field trips scheduled at this time. Field trips will resume in May of 2022.

# Display Photos from Show - October 9-10, 2021



Display by Sandy Keener



Display by Frank Meadows



Display by EFMLS WILDACRES



Display by Anna Markevitch

*Some dealers at Show - October 9-10, 2021*



**Sunshine Creations – Jim Marcy**



**Geosol Imports**



**Marjorie Wilson's Mystical Crystals**



**Warren Gonzales**



**Steve Carter – Penn Minerals**



**Marv & Hazel Remaley**