

*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 Street) 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 **21-October-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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## Notable this month...

Wed, Sept 12, 6:30PM (board), 7:00PM — Che-Hanna monthly meeting — Sayre High School (Lockhart St)

Sat, Sept 15-Sun, Sept 16 — Harrisburg (Central PA Rock & Min Club) Show — Harrisburg Consistory, 2701 N Third St

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## Message from Our President

September is our first meeting with me as President. Our past meetings have not been exciting; I'm going to make some changes/rules. The first is to have someone in the club stand up and tell us what rock-related activity they did within the last month. Be prepared. I might call on you. This is an easy one if you came to the picnic. 3 minutes maximum.

There will be a board meeting at 6:30 before the meeting at 7:30. Hopefully the only one. I'll go over the new rules then. Also, we need to straighten out the mess about who the board members are and when their terms end. Please note that Bob would normally be on the board as past President but is already on the board as Vice President. That also means someone else has been on it 3 years already. There may be an election that should have happened in June.

—Thanks,  
Dave Millis

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## Sunshine Report

With all the rain, storms and flooding that we've had over the past month, Bob and I were sorry to miss the August picnic. Just too long of a detour to get from Lopez to Litchfield. Hope the picnic went well and everyone had a good time. Hope to hear the major road to Sayre is fixed before the September meeting, but from what I've heard, it's going to take quite some time.

Happy Birthday wishes to Gloria Dick, September 1st; our newsletter editor, David Dick, 5th; April Walter, 6th; John Milligan, 11th; RocDoc Dave Millis, 12th; Ed Toth, also the 12th; Charlotte Hajguda, 16th; and Frank Niver, 24th. Hope you all have a good day. If I've missed someone, please let me know and I'll add it to my list.

Happy Anniversary to John and Dee Margatanski, 28th; and Wes and Janet Kocsis, 30th. Happy day and many more. Same for birthdays, if I've missed someone.

Get well wishes to Faith Toth who is having problems with her leg and back and "may" have to have back surgery again. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers that everything will be ok.

Hope to hear that Hilda Gardiner and Scott Chaffee are both on the mend and feeling better. Thoughts and prayers still going your way.

Since I didn't make the picnic, I didn't get to find out who has been on the sick list. So, to all who have been under the weather, I hope you're feeling much better. If you do know of someone who needs some cheer, please let me know and I'll get a card out or give them a phone call.

Hope to see you at the September meeting at the Sayre High School cafeteria. Enjoy what's left of summer.

—Miss Sunshine,  
JoAnn

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## The Ask

I'm always looking for content; thanks to generous contributors in the past.

This is the place I ask for more specific things.



I've been collecting for a long time and have lots of specimens in egg cartons. I have my own opinion, but I'd like to know what everyone else thinks: which are better to use — plastic or paper-pulp ones? Why?

Please send answers to  
**David.R.Dick@graniteur.org**

- August 2018. summer **snapshots**
- July 2018. favorite collecting **locations**
- June 2018. interesting **mineral specimen labels**
- July 2016. favorite **rock garden rocks**

—Editor

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## **August Picnic "Meeting" Minutes**

The August Picnic started off with our picture getting taken of some of our club members and our guests from Sayre House Care Center.

Dave Millis, our President, gave a demonstration of geode cutting for our club and our visitors.

Coy Gobble of The Review took photos and chatted with everyone.

Dave also treated everyone to a game he invented, "Geoclub" , and a dice game where everyone won rocks as prizes.

The senior guests from Sayre House also had the opportunity to sort rocks and small fossils, which they really enjoyed.

In other news, the zinc mine in St. Lawrence County has reopened for business, along with the Lake Bonaparte Blue Calcite Mine. There is also a field trip to Benson Mine on the 4th weekend in September. The costs are \$10 per person, to be paid to Fred Haines.

There will also be some books by Dan King that will be available in the October Auction.

In addition, there have been changes to the Syracuse Show Community Arena management that may interfere with the next show there. More on this as it becomes available.

Keep in mind, show-and -tell next month.

In happier news, we were glad to see Scott Chaffee back on his feet when he came to the picnic. Everyone was glad to see him.

Happy birthday to Suzy Milligan, Virginia Milligan, Katie Norton, Sam Robison, Courtney Shepler, Mary Walter, and Lillian Warren. Happy Anniversary to Frank and Suzanne Niver, Carli and Scott Hall.

—Anna Markevitch

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## **Editor's Note**

First and foremost I'd like the Shin-Skinner to be a place for notices: what's going to happen. It should also be a place to record what happened. That's what I think a bulletin is.

In keeping with this, I hope people will inform me of scheduled events as soon as the dates are set. I will use my editorial judgement as to when items actually get "printed", but I'd like to get things in my queue as early as possible.

I think it would be helpful to mention hobby-related events not directly related to the club, just like the monthly list of shows.

Because I live out of town and can attend very few club events, I rely on all of you to tell me about them, after the fact, even more than an editor usually would. Pictures are great! The Internet makes it easier than ever to get them to me.

Thank you to all who have provided me with content up to now. I couldn't have done much without you.

For me, September is always the start of a new year, so I'm hoping I can make a better and better Shin-Skinner, with your help.

## August Picnic



For the first time in many years, the Che-Hanna picnic was open to the public. With the board's approval, announcements were sent to the local newspapers. We asked that the price of admission is a dish to pass and an RSVP. One of the local nursing and rehab facilities ask if they could bring 4 of their senior citizens and 3 helpers to our picnic.

We had several other guests too. Dave Millis, Duane and Inga Wells were ready to entertain guests at 10 A.M.. One reporter came while the guests were cutting geodes, the other arrived during the Geo clue bingo-type game. Very few club members attended the picnic and all of the Junior Rockhound Families were on a vacations before school starts on the 23rd.

Good times were had by everyone. Geodes were cut, guests were able to sort through leftover mini-mine corn and pick out tumbled stones to keep, they played geo clue and a game of dice for mineral prizes. The guests went home with lots of rocks thanks to Dave Millis. While talking with the activities director of the Sayre Health Care Center, she mentioned that we could meet in their activities

room with our Junior club members and invite some of the residents to the meetings. We have club members that live there and many club members stay there for rehab after surgery or illness. Details still have to worked out with the Che-Hanna board before we start this. Some of us love the idea of a multi-generational meeting at this facility. Inga used to have these type of Junior meetings when she lived at the Page Manor.

If approved, our first meeting will be a small gem tree making session. The juniors can help the seniors with this. Regular club members are welcome to join in. Inga is hoping that Barb Segar, a long time resident at the facility, will be able join the meetings. Some of our older club members no longer drive after dark and these day time meetings will keep them engaged in the hobby.

—Inga

## Upcoming Shows



### September

#### 15-16...

HARRISBURG, PA: 53rd annual show; Central Penna Rock & Mineral Club; Harrisburg Consistory, 2701 N 3rd St; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$6 (coupon on website), children (under 12) free; 2 rooms of dealers, children's activities, daily talks by renowned geologist Jeri Jones, free rocks for kids; contact Betsy Oberheim (717) 469-2243, cell (717) 439-6549; aoberheim3@comcast.net  
[www.rockandmineral.org](http://www.rockandmineral.org)

#### 22-23...

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY: Annual show; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.; Gold's Gym, 258 Titusville Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Students \$2, Children free under 12 with adult; contact Carolyn Reynard, 110 College Ave.  
[www.mhvgems.org](http://www.mhvgems.org)

### October

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MACUNGIE, PA: Annual show; Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association (PESA); Macungie Memorial Park, 70 Poplar St.; Sat. 8:30am-3pm; \$2 adults; free admission for children; the Autumn 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: [www.mineralfest.com](http://www.mineralfest.com)

### 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](mailto:Janestrieter1946@gmail.com); Website: [GemStreetUSA.com](http://GemStreetUSA.com)

#### 10...

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](mailto:silverfordinc@yahoo.com); Website: Facebook: Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club