

*Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.*

*P.O. Box 142, Sayre PA 18840-0142*



**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 and Lapidary Societies, and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

**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 or events (and any changes) will be announced in this newsletter as to event time, date, and location. Also see our website <[chehannarocks.com](http://chehannarocks.com)>. Visitors are always welcome.

**FIELD TRIPS** are scheduled regularly from May through September; dates and details to be announced in the Shin-Skinner News.

**ARTICLES** submitted for publishing should be emailed to the editor using any text (ASCII) format; attempt will be made with whatever is sent. Deadline for submissions to the next Shin-Skinner issue is **23-March-2016**. Articles without by-line are written by the editor. Newsletter production is still being worked out, so please don't republish anything you see here.

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## Notable this month...

**Club Meeting: Wednesday March 9, 7pm**

**Junior Rockhound Meeting: Sunday March 13, 2pm**

**Che-Hanna Show: Sat March 19, 9am-5pm & Sun March 20, 10am-4pm.**

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!

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## President's Notes

Greetings fellow rockhounds.

Things will be running up to fever pitch as we get closer to our annual show. JoAnn and I have been getting the kitchen supplies around and are down to two trips left. Folks have been signing up for helping in the kitchen, at the door, in the education room, putting up the signs and every where help is needed.

If you haven't signed up yet, please do so—the more the merrier. The geodes are in, so Tom will be busy again in the geode room. If you have a display and would like to show it, talk to Faith to reserve a spot.

Talk up our show and talk up our club. We could always use some new members. The Pebble Pups/Junior Rockhounds are doing great and always have a good showing at the Mini-Mine.

The weather this winter has really been pretty easy on us, hope it continues through the show.

—Take care, Bob

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## From the Editor

The big event this month is, of course, our show. As bulletin editor, I don't have much influence on making the show successful...

Otherwise, with Spring comes spring cleaning. If, in your post-winter attempts to get a fresh start, you happen to find any **old mineral club newsletters** (not just Shin-Skinners) or **mineral show flyers** you want to toss, please consider passing them along to me. As editor, I'm trying to amass information about other clubs, including their publishing. Same goes for any **mineral magazines** you might be willing to part with.

As many of you know, or might have noticed, I live in New Hampshire, not the Twin Tiers. But I try to make a hometown (Big Flats) visit match up with show dates, so I will likely attend this year, at least for a while. So you can drop off anything you might have for me at the ticket desk (there should be an inbox there for me).

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## Sunshine Report

Hope everyone is doing well. Weather changes day to day, so there is a lot of illness going around. We have very cold weather in the morning, turns very warm in the afternoon, gets cold again in the evening, so folks do get sick. If you're feeling "under the weather", hope you'll be feeling up to snuff soon. If you know of anyone who needs a card or call, please let me know and I'll see that I take care of it.

Birthday wishes to go to Bob McGuire, March 13th; Trish Benish, 15th; Gay Dee Bloss, 25th; Connie Fitch, 26th; Bill Chapman, 28th; and Hilda Gardiner and Dee Margatenski, both on the 31st. Hope you all have a very nice day.

Happy Anniversary to Sam and Phyllis Robison as they celebrate their special day on the 30th. Congrats and many more.

As you know, our annual show is coming up soon. I need **help in the kitchen** on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 18, 19, and 20, the dates of the show. If you can help, even for a short time, please let me know what day(s) and time(s). Anything will be greatly appreciated. Also, we need baked goods for Saturday and Sunday. I know it'll be another great show, with everyone's help. Thanks in advance.

See you at the next meeting, March 9th, Sayre High School cafeteria. Hopefully, the weather will be good and I know our speaker will have a good program.

—JoAnn

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## Irish Minerals

In honor of St Patrick's Day, take a look at this nice [gallery†](#) of Irish mineral specimens or view this [database††](#) about known mineral species.

[Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit!](#)

† <http://tinyurl.com/iemin>

†† <http://www.mindat.org/loc-14240.html>



## Meeting Minutes

Che-Hanna met Wednesday February 10, 2015 at the Sayre High School.

President Bob McGuire opened the meeting with the members standing and pledging allegiance to our flag. Minutes from the previous month were accepted on a motion by Inga Wells, seconded by Trish Benish. Treasurer's report are every other month now. February is a no report month. JoAnn McGuire gave the sunshine report. JoAnn also asked that anyone who had time, volunteer to help in the kitchen during the show next month. Inga Wells gave a Pebble Pups (Junior Rockhounds) report. They will meet Sunday, at the Athens church, for a variety of projects.

Bob McGuire had a notice from L&H Excursions from Ulster, Pa. They have bus and van services. A possibility for future field trips.

Our librarian Bill Dimmick has a lot of good books. Let him know if there is anything you would like to read (Bill Dimmick, 608-759-1863)

Hazel Remaley has posters, etc., to put up to publicize the show. The tags for the club trailer have been applied for. Still waiting for info on the Wysox fire hall as an alternative site for the show, if needed in the future.

Inga knows of Honor Society kids that need to earn public service points They might be available to help out at the show.

Next month's program will be Bruce Oldfield with a power point presentation on "Age of the Earth". This will be a good program. Hope to see everyone there.

This month's program was on "Bancroft Area Mineral Localities" It showed 11 different sites for minerals around Bancroft.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Hazel Remaley, seconded by Bill Dimmick.

—Peggy Huffman, Secretary

## Junior Rockhound News

The Junior Rockhounds will meet on Sunday, March 13 at 2pm at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. We will be getting our display ready for the show.

Please bring the yellow pipe cleaner letters you took home to crystallize. We will be making a schedule for the mini-mine. The new kids are working on their lapidary badge should make a cabochon at the show.

The show is on March 19 and 20. You should have picked up fliers at previous meeting. You can always go on the <[www.chehannarocks.com](http://www.chehannarocks.com)> site to get more information. I will send reminders via Facebook.

Hope to see all of you at the show.

—Inga

## March Program - March 9

This month's program will be "The Age of the Earth", a powerpoint presentation by Bruce Oldfield.



*Scientists have determined that the Earth is 4.5 billion years old. How do they know that? How has our view of the age of the Earth changed over time? What evidence and techniques do scientists use to determine the age of rocks?*

With degrees from SUNY Cortland and Binghamton University (in geology and paleontology), Professor Oldfield has been teaching at Broome Community College (SUNY Broome) since 1975. He is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor and received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

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## Web Trails

As I look for news and other information I think might be interesting and relevant to Chehannans, I run across lots of good websites not worth Shin-Skinner articles. Here is some of what's piled up since I've been editor. (If you're using a PDF viewer, these should be active Web links.)

[You might be a rockhound if...](http://www.amfed.org/rockhoun.htm)

<http://www.amfed.org/rockhoun.htm>

[Fingerite, a \*Perfect Storm of Rarity\*](http://tinyurl.com/fingerite)

<http://tinyurl.com/fingerite>

[Did Vikings Use Crystal Stones to Navigate?](http://tinyurl.com/sunstones)

<http://tinyurl.com/sunstones>

[Seawater Helps Form Canadian Diamonds](http://tinyurl.com/sea-diamond)

<http://tinyurl.com/sea-diamond>

[World's Biggest Blue Sapphire Found](http://tinyurl.com/bigblucor)

<http://tinyurl.com/bigblucor>

[15 Amazing Fossils of 2015](http://tinyurl.com/foss15il)

<http://tinyurl.com/foss15il>

[3 Billion Year Old Microbe Fossils](http://bit.ly/1IWyYDj)

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[Oldest European Gold Jewelry](https://shar.es/1crJvh)

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## Upcoming Shows & Events

### March 2016

#### 19-20— SAYRE, PA:

47<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show; Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club Inc, Athens Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. Hall; 211 Herrick Ave.; Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4; \$3.00, \$1.00, under 8 free; Club members' exhibits, museum exhibits, lapidary demonstrations, door prizes. Kids scavenger hunt. Kids mini mine. Fluorescent show. Geode-cutting. Dealers selling minerals, fossils, jewelry, lapidary. Contact Bob McGuire, PA, 570-928-9238; [uvbob@epix.net](mailto:uvbob@epix.net); <[www.chehannarocks.com](http://www.chehannarocks.com)>

### April 2016

#### 2-3— JOHNSON CITY, NY:

Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Johnson City Senior Center; 30 Brocton St.; Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10 am-4 pm; Adults \$3.00, Children 12 and under are free; Annual club show "47<sup>th</sup> Museum of Gems". Exhibits · Ultra Violet Display · Flint Knapping demonstration · Beads and Supplies · Minerals and Fossils · Door prizes · Food and drinks for sale. Mineral and Gemstone Identification. Lots to do. Come early and stay late; Contact Thomas Ogden, 96 West Main St, Bainbridge, NY 13733, (607) 967-8552; [stonecuttertom@yahoo.com](mailto:stonecuttertom@yahoo.com)

#### 2-3— PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA:

Show and sale; Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and Delaware Valley Paleontological Society, LuLu Temple; 5140 Butler Pike; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; \$5 Admission, \$1.00 children under 12; Fossils, Minerals, Gems, Speakers, and Exhibits! Learning activities include a Fossil Dig and a Kid's Mineral Corner. Also-Scouting Merit Badge Information available. Food & Door Prizes throughout both days.; contact Douglas Klieger, 26 Cabot Ct., Chesterbrook, PA 19087, 610-644-2492; [dklieger@verizon.net](mailto:dklieger@verizon.net); <[www.philamineralsociety.org](http://www.philamineralsociety.org)>

#### 14-17— ROCHESTER, NY:

The Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, organized by the Rochester Academy of Science will take place from 14th April to the 17th April 2016 at the Radisson Hotel Rochester Riverside, 120 East Main St. The conference will cover areas like mineralogical miracles at Merelani, Herodsfoot mine, Richard Talling and bournonite, to that of the sulfur mines of Sicily.

## **Upcoming Shows & Events (continued)**

### **April 2016 (continued)**

#### **23-24— STERLING HILL, NJ:**

Super Dig Weekend; NJ Earth Science Association, DE Valley Earth Science Society, *et al*, cluster of activities in Franklin & Ogdensburg. see <sterlinghillsuperdig.org>

#### **30-1— PITTSTON, PA:**

Treasures of the Earth 2015; Mineral Society of Northeastern PA 13th Annual Show & Sale. Sat 30 April 10AM-6PM, Sun 1 May 10AM-4PM. \$3 donation; under 12, Scouts & Military (in uniform) FREE. Oblates of St Joseph, 1880 Hwy 315, Pittston PA 18640. Contact George Walko (570) 200-5987 or Linda Williams (717) 319-8334; <www.msnepa.org>.

### **May 2016**

#### **14-15— LEESPORT, PA:**

48<sup>th</sup> Annual World of Gems and Minerals: Gemstone, Jewelry, Bead, Mineral & Fossil Show. <www.leesportmarket.com>. Sat 10:00AM-5:00PM. Sun: 10:00AM-4:00PM. Organized by: Berks Mineralogical Society - Admission \$3.00

### **June 2016**

#### **4— MACUNGIE, PA:**

66<sup>th</sup> semi-annual Mineralfest. Macungie Memorial Park (Popular St). 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Adult admission \$2.00. Organized by Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association. <mineralfest.com>

#### **4-5— CANANDAIGUA, NY:**

Gemfest 2016; Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Greater Canandaigua Civic Center. \$3 admission, 12 & under FREE. **Our own UVBob doing fluorescent shows!**<wcgmc.org>

#### **4-5— MONROE, NY:**

Annual Mineral, Jewelry, Gem & Fossil Show. Museum Village, 1010 Route 17M. Organized by Orange County Mineral Society.

[www.mineralevents.com/flyers/2016orangecounty.jpg](http://www.mineralevents.com/flyers/2016orangecounty.jpg)

### **July 2016**

#### **9-10— SYRACUSE, NY:**

Gemworld 2016; 50th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show. SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College. Organized by Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse <gmss.us>

#### **16-17— HERKIMER, NY:**

Annual Diamond Festival & Gem Show; Herkimer Business Association Herkimer High School; 801 W. German St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Adults \$5, Seniors/Students \$4, Children under 6 free; Music late into the night and over 40 Festival Vendors, including food. Contact Billie Jo Muller, 301 Davis Rd., Little Falls, NY 13365, (315)-717-4664; mullerbilliejo@gmail.com; <herkimergemshow.com>

### **September 2016**

#### **17-18— POUGHKEEPSIE, NY:**

47th Annual Show; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; Gold's Gym Sports Complex, 258 Titusville Rd; dealers, wholesalers, lapidary, fluorescents, exhibits. Adult \$5, Senior \$4, Students \$2. 12 & under w/paying adult FREE. <[http://mhvgms.org/annual\\_show/](http://mhvgms.org/annual_show/)>

### **October 2016**

#### **22-23— ROCHESTER, NY:**

Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show & Sale and 66th Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Rochester Lapidary Society. Main Street Armory, 900 E Main St. <[www.rochesterlapidary.org/show](http://www.rochesterlapidary.org/show)>. EFMLS Annual Meeting, Friday, October 21.