

Rocky Reader

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Toledo Gem And Rockhound Club

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Message from the President

Dear Club Members,

It was wonderful to see the turnout for the last club meeting! I have even heard that the Metal Crafter's auction was a huge success! So, I want to thank everyone who came out to the club that donated material and bid on the items. Over the past few months we have been the beneficiary of several collections from former members and other local rock collectors who thought of our Club when they decided to donate. I hope that everyone will be working on projects in the coming weeks that they plan to display at the Spring Open House in May. Your hard work and support of the Club is so much appreciated. As we keep moving forward and adjusting to the changes within, and around our club, I am asking that you take a few minutes to fill out the survey that is attached to this month's newsletter. Your help is and will be needed. I am looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting and discussing many items on the agenda, including the next contest and its prizes!

Happy Rockhounding!
Catherine Clevenz

Notice: The April Meeting of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club will begin at 7pm in the TBG Artist Guild Studio; doors open at 6:30 pm.

Metal Crafters Auction Returns

Michelle reports that the total income for the Metal Crafter Auction is \$724.05 pending final receipts. A total of \$591.05 is in the bank and we are waiting for a check from one last member for \$133.00. Congratulations on a successful auction.

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The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

February 2018 Meeting Minutes

The February 21st, 2018 meeting was called to order at 7:04pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Secretary Report –January Minutes were posted in the February Rocky Reader. Meg Barnhizer made a motion to approve the minutes. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Michelle read the **Treasurer Report**. A brief discussion explaining the issues occurred. Ruby made a motion to approve the minutes and Tanaya seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Old Business

A. Lease update

The lease has been signed. Only change to it that was made was the insertion of the clause for 30 days to vacate if we are checked out. Moderators must let Cathy C or Tom B know in advance if they are going to have an off day not on the calendar. We are keeping our options open for new locations for the club if it should come to that. Our current club building is on the list for demolition. There is no set date for it though. We will send out measurements of needed space and wattage for our needs at a later date.

B. Club Audit

Pete found a few hiccups in last year's records. Overall, our club assets have decreased by a lot (-1122.86). There was not malicious intent in this action. Gem Crafters were -1027.32 by end of year. Metal Crafters were -611.22 by end of year. Ellie recommended that a budget sheet for each sub group be sent out monthly to the Moderators. We will not start any new projects of a financial nature until we are back in the positive. Michelle has voluntarily stepped down as Club Treasurer because of these errors.

BREAK FOR AUCTION ACTION

New Business

A. Call for new Treasurer

Due to Michelle stepping down at the end of February, we will need a member of the club to step up as Treasurer. Steve S pointed out that it is the club members' responsibility to help the club officers when able. Please email Michelle or Pete if you want to know what all the position entails.

B. Survey – Meg Barnhizer

Meg B is sending out a survey attached to the February Rocky Reader. This is a "who-knows-who" survey. We are compiling a list of assets and want to know what everyone brings to the table. Please include your skill sets too. The club is willing to form contracts to complete some of the projects using these skills.

C. Change from 501c7 to 501c3

Due to the new lease agreement, the club may need to change its status as a 501c7 organization. The Metroparks require that all partnered organizations meeting on its grounds provide classes to the public.

Some of the stated Pros: Legally allowed to make more under a 501c3. People could receive a charity note for tax deductions. Membership would be tax deductions. The club

could receive large donations of monetary value. It may allow us to move to a different location.

Some of the stated Cons: Lawyer fees. Application fees. We couldn't be a private club. .

The board will be compiling a complete list of Pros and Cons for the members to review before it is put up to a vote.

D. Is it time to move?

Because of the ongoing concerns, we may need to change club locations. The board is looking to form a committee to start looking for a better place. If you are interested in joining the committee, please share contacts and talk with board. This committee is asked to think out of the box for club needs. Some Moderators may want to do a new class, but our current arrangements don't allow for it.

E. Raising of fees across the board

These fees go into effect in March for the craft center.

There is the 1\$ building use fee and members must be signed in by the Moderators. If you come in and talk for a long time, you pay.

Craft Center Equipment Fees: 1\$ per hour on equipment only, paid in full hour increments.

Beaders, and Extreme Beaders pay the building fees only. Juniors are exempt from this.

Club Member Fees go up in September. Single members pay 20\$ plus tax. Families pay 25\$ plus tax.

Group Reports:

TBG Liaisons: Chet (Chet announced that the name changed)

Seed swap is this Saturday at Scott HS. Time? 9am for workers.12-3pm for actual swap.

Gem Crafters: Michelle

Normal work sessions.

Metal Crafters: Brian King

Thursdays on calendar. Intro to filigree on the Saturday 17th March at noon. Overflow on 18th.

Beaders: Nancy Grove

3rd Monday 6-8p goes to November

Extreme Beaders: Kathy Peterson is out of town.

Sessions every Tuesday 9 to 3:30pm . If you would like to join, but need instruction, contact Kathy Petersen: mlrlyt@AOL.com or Sheila Stieb at sstieb828@gmail.com for more information.

Faceteers: Chet / Elie

Ellie 3/4th March two full days. \$15 per person and it goes to the club.

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Sunshine: Joe

none

Juniors: Steve S.

Tom B will cover next 2 sessions. Restarting the program with new group of Juniors. The Big Bang and ID rocks.

Field Trips: Harold Burleson

Harold is stepping down as Field Trip Coordinator due to health reasons. A Memorial Day field trip to visit the Flint Ridge State Memorial is being planned by Tom Barnhizer. The Flint Ridge Heritage Society will host the 2018 Spring Flint Ridge Knap-in on May 25-27th 9-5 Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday, 9-3pm Tom is also looking to create a carpool sign up and lodging lists to help cut costs of the trip.

Show: Steve S. –

It's time to send out letters to vendors. A deposit has been made with the venue.

Open House: Nancy Grove

Nancy Grove stated the spring open house would be May 12th and 13th, 9 to 5 pm Saturday and 12 to 4 pm Sunday. Nancy stated that she is paying for all the tables. Nancy is allowing vendors to sell broad ranges of quality craft items including crochet wash clothes and similarly natured items. There are still a few tables left for the spring Open House. Please contact Nancy right away to reserve yours.

Meeting Adjourned

Meg B made a motion to adjourn. Ellie seconded the motion. Motion approved at 8:31pm.

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Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Board Meeting Minutes – 2/2/18

Present: Cathy Clevenz, Tom Barnhizer, Chet King, Michelle Grigore, Amy Shufeldt, (Amy as Kathy Petersen's proxy)

Absent: Katherine Smarkel, Harold Burelson

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Clevenz who stated there was no agenda, but a list of topics to address. First was the resignation of Michelle Grigore as Treasurer, effective March 1st. Michelle noted that she felt terrible about not being able to accurately track the specialty group expenses properly in 2017. The audit noted deficits in both metal crafters and gem crafters. Michelle noted that separate checkbooks had been set up in Quick Books for each group, but double entries caused the deficits. The audit noted that the main club accounts were accurate. It was the balance sheets for the specialty groups that were off. Tom B. made a motion to accept the resignation, Amy S. seconded and the motion passed.

The lease was signed by Cathy Clevenz on Jan. 31st and the rest of the annual rent paid to Metroparks at that time. A 30-day addendum to vacate the premises was added to the "license" that board members saw in January. A long discussion ensued about other arts groups and their leases. Michelle reported on several options and costs outside of TBG. Tom noted that there were church buildings we could look at. The board generally agreed that a committee to explore housing options would be established with some directions from the board. The current building will be demolished by Metroparks at some point and other empty buildings at TBG have been given to other entities.

Cathy Clevenz then brought up the need to raise dues this year. After some discussion, Cathy made a motion to raise Individual and Family memberships by \$5 plus the tax as of Sept. 1, 2018. Chet seconded and the motion passed.

Cathy then brought up changing the club charter and organization to a 501c3 rather than a private club. After some discussion, Tom B. made a motion to bring this to the club and explore the option with members. Chet seconded and the motion passed.

Michelle noted that the club could save money in several areas, including weatherproofing the holes in the building and changing phone providers. Michelle reported that the Potter's Guild had changed their land line to consumer cellular and still used their wall phone with a monthly cost of \$20. We currently pay \$44, so this saves several hundred dollars. Tom B. made a motion to explore consumer cellular options and Catherine seconded.

The 2018 budget was presented to the Board with the recommended changes from the January meeting. Tom made a motion to accept the budget with the possibility of reduced phone charges. Amy seconded and the budget will be presented to membership at the Feb. meeting.

Michelle asked on behalf of moderators when the board-initiated work fee increases and class studio fees take place. There was no date discussed and Michelle received criticism for emailing the second fluting class registrants with the \$15 studio fee implemented. After some discussion, it was verbally agreed that all groups using equipment will start paying \$1/work hour plus the regular \$1 building fee starting March 1, 2018. Michelle made that motion and Cathy seconded. The motion passed.

Michelle then noted that she had emailed Ron about the \$5/person contractor class fee that the Board discussed in Jan. The email asked Ron for his thoughts on this. As of the Feb. 1 wire wrapping class, there was no response, but Ron announced that this was his last class.

It was discussed with no formal motion that metal crafters and gem crafters should not purchase any new equipment until the current fiscal shortfall is addressed. Supplies like gas, repairs and maintenance would be ok. Some board members felt this should only be until the deficits were reversed and then only when the work groups had the funds in hand. It was discussed that future class participants will have to pay in advance for classes to mitigate them not showing up after materials are purchased.

Michelle surrendered the checkbook to Catherine who will be the sole signatory on club checks till a new treasurer is installed. Catherine wrote a check at the meeting for the two open houses at St. James

Church, announcing the cost was \$480.00 for the two full weekends. Tom said there were 30-40 tables available for the open houses. Amy noted that demo tables are also needed.

Cathy wants moderators to take the phone messages, but if there is an estate or equipment/materials donation, to notify Tom or herself. She also said that an 18" saw was coming to club from a Youngstown rock shop.

The meeting adjourned on a motion from Michelle at 8:12 p.m.

TGRC News.

March Craft Center Update:

New training sheets have been created for the Metal Crafters and Gem Crafters, allowing for more specific trainings that fit better with what we are currently doing. A list of members who have received trainings is available to the Moderators at each work session.

Meg Barnhizer prepared a member Resource Survey which is attached for your use.

With new lease signed we know that we will be staying in our facilities for at least the coming year. Due to our location on the edge of nature's glory we have to take a bit of bad with a lot of the good. The bad things that I am referring to are the little critters that can get into our building and create all kinds of problems. Therefore, it is very important that we don't extend any invitation to them by keeping food items in the Craft Center other than items in the frig. That would include food items or scraps in the trash. We thank you for your understanding and support.

After Sunset we can only enter the park via the Olympia Drive entrance which is between the main gate and the Education Center. Of course, you may still use the parking lot by our Craft Center if space is available. The last one out after sunset closes and locks the gates.

Phone Numbers Changed

R & E Rocks of Holland Ohio has changed their business phone numbers. See their Ad.

Garden Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Whatever your interest, whatever amount of time you may have to devote, there is a place for you as a Metroparks volunteer. As a volunteer, you'll play an indelible role in the quality and continuous improvement of Metroparks across the area.

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SPRING OPEN HOUSE

2018 Rock & Gem Club Open House; It's not too soon to start thinking about the Spring Open House. Nancy Grove has agreed to head up the Committee to plan and host this event for our Crafters and the visiting community. In order to provide more interior space, convenient parking and accessibility we have decided to move this event to St. James Lutheran Church, on Sylvania Ave., just a half mile West of the Franklin Park Mall. The carpeted gymnasium will provide more tables and larger display areas for our vendors. An adjacent kitchen area will provide for a light lunch and snacks throughout the day for vendors and visitors alike. We look forward to displays of natural rock specimens, lapidary tools, equipment and books. Along with a great many hand-made lapidary, metal and beaded creations that will be offered for sale by our resident artist family as well as the Club. Club members will also provide free opportunities to experience the fun and adventure of rock crafting at it's basics through demonstrations and hands-on activities. The show flyer has been completed and will be available on-line and at each general meeting.

FACETEERS

A Faceting Class will be held on Saturday March 3 and Sunday March 4, 2018. Elie Ghaimie has agreed to teach this final class, which will not have a fee, for up to 10 members. A list of 8 individuals that have expressed an interest in this training has been sent to Elie. If anyone else is interested, they are to contact Amy via email at: shufrog@roadrunner.com. In addition, Elie Ghaimie teaches a full 2-days of faceting theory for up to 12 people at the time, if you are interested please send Elie an email confirmation to: eghanime@buckeye-express.com. Chet King will continue to teach his ever popular hands-on faceting classes on the SECOND weekend of the month. Chet will take up to two people for this short introduction. Call Chet (419-841-4272) for more information.

FIELD TRIPS

A Memorial Day field trip to visit the Flint Ridge State Memorial is being planned by Tom Barnhizer. The Flint Ridge Heritage Society will host the 2018 Spring Flint Ridge Knap-in on May 25-27th 9-5 Friday /Sat and on Sunday 9-3pm. Attendees can learn about the growing hobby of Flint Knapping and try their skill at making their own Arrowheads. Visitors will also have an opportunity to shop for raw flint as well as flintknapping tools, books and videos. In addition, visitors will learn about the history of the region and its importance to the local indigenous people who mined the region for flint that was "knapped" or fashioned into tools, weapons and cultural artifacts as long ago as 100 years BP.

Your invited to bring the whole family for a day of exploration, education and fun. As there are no restaurants in the area you should plan to bring along a picnic basket and spread your blanket in the shade. Later you can walk the wooded trails (many paved) that lead to the Historical Center and Gift Shop. Once there, you will find a number of displays that tell the story of the first people that lived in this region. See Tom Barnhizer for a flyer that provides directions and information on admission and campsite fees.

TGRC Members are encouraged to organize Club sponsored field trips throughout the year. When organizing field trips safety is a primary concern. Members should be aware that visits to many quarries or mines will require completion of Mine Safety Training that will provide a certificate that must be presented to local officials prior to entry to the site.

BEADERS

The Beaders meet on the third Monday of the Month at 6PM. If you are interested in beading, contact Nancy Grove nancy7536@att.net for more information.

EXTREME BEADERS

The Extreme Beaders meet on Tuesdays beginning at 9AM. Participants must be able to work independently on their own projects. If you would like to join, but need instruction, contact Kathy Petersen mlrlyt@AOL.com for more information. Note: Kathy and Pete will be out of town until Spring so you may want to contact Shirly Stieb at [sstieb828@gmail.com](mailto:ssstieb828@gmail.com).

GEMCRAFTERS

March 2018 Gem Crafter Update:

Cabochon of the Month for March: Turritella Agate.



2 shown for variation

Learn to make a cabochon or use the slab saws- Please email Michelle at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com with some dates/times that would work for you to take this beginning class and get signed off on using the saws/grinders.

There will be no Gem craft session on March 3rd due to the Faceting class that Elie is teaching

Open Work Sessions – Every Wednesday from 6 to 9 pm (except the club meeting night), every Thursday from noon to 4 pm and Sat March 17 and 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you'd like to help clean/repair the Craft Center and equipment, show up the second Saturday at 10 a.m. Faceters are in the center then, but they allow us to work around them.

Gem Crafters have spent down all the saved funds and the \$1,300 that the Board gave us. If we need something, please put it on the clipboard by the 10" saws for later consideration.

Gem Crafter Moderators: Thanks to Brian King, Joanna Toepfer, Cathy Clevenz, Chet King and Michelle Grigore.

JUNIORS

The Juniors have elected to change our current meeting schedule to the 4th Saturday of every month from 2-4 pm. Our junior members are age 6 (ish) up to age 17 and we focus depending on interest of the regular attendees. If you have something you are interested learning or doing with the Junior group, don't hesitate to ask, Your input is important and I try and set up the

meetings to learn about and do stuff that you and the other Juniors want to know about. More advanced juniors may be given independent projects to share their results with the group.

Juniors is a "hands on" type of group where I pass around samples and we learn together. Questions are encouraged by the juniors and I will answer them or identify their rocks from home to the best of my ability. There are usually take-home samples also. We do ask at least one parent be available with you to help and learn with you. It is more enjoyable that way and I know you will get more out of it when you have a "buddy" at home to help.

Any other questions about the juniors, Please ask Steve Shimatzki. E-mail: sjs132@gmail.com or call: 567-868-8794

METAL CRAFTERS

Intro to Metalsmithing Class: Contact Steve Cielinski for the next session at 77stevec@gmail.com.

Open Work Sessions: First and Third Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, second Wed from 6 to 9 p.m., second Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. in February. Please be aware if no one shows up to work in the first hour, the moderator may leave/cancel the session.

Metal Craft Classes: The Classes we are offering for the month will be on the **17th** and if needed the **18th** as well It will be an **Introduction to Filigree** The cost for the class is \$15.00 for the club. The cost of silver will be determined on the amount each individual will use,. most likely around \$10.00. Contact Brian King Bking3@me.com if interested in the class I can except up to 5 people. we still have 3 spaces available.

Metal Craft Moderators: Terri Jones, Gwen Day and Greg Feight (all three out till Spring), Steve Cielinski, Brian King and Michelle Grigore.

Upcoming Events from Chet King's Flyer Table

March 2-4, 2018

Richmond, Indiana (1 hr West of Dayton OH)
Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil Show & Sale
Kuhlman Center, Wayne County 4-H Fairgrounds
861 N. Salisbury Rd., Richmond, Indiana 47374

March 16-18, 2018

Jackson, Michigan
Michigan Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show
Jackson Co Fairgrounds American One Event Center
200 W. Ganson St.,
Jackson, Michigan 49202

Nuggets

I'M NOT DEAD YET !



Pet-rock-sky, Is that you ?

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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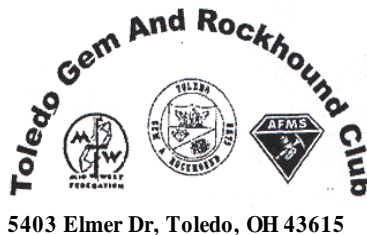
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For a full calendar of events and activities visit the "Events Page" of the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club web-site at <http://www.rockyreader.com/Home/Events> and use the arrow pad to select the month. Printed calendars will be available in the craft center and distributed at monthly meetings.

On Facebook? So is the club along with postings from members and lots of pictures! Please, comment, post your own photos and "LIKE" us!

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The following is an email I got from Paul Clifford, someone I had visit me a few years ago when I lived in Holland. We actually spent the day at fossil park since he was interested in digging some fossils and already had visited for Flint at Nether's farm. I also gave him a tour of our shop and we discussed his club's lack of a workshop and when he returned home to California, he used our workshop as inspiration to build their own.

Paul is a great person and I can vouch for him from our previous interactions. He is willing to bring some trading stock that he has listed below. What he would want to trade for, I can only guess because as he says in his email, he still has flint.

Interested members should email Paul to inquire about stuff he'd be bringing from out west for trade. [The original email had a number of photos attached which can be provided if requested.]

Stephen Shimatzki
Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

From: **Paul Clifford** <PaulClifford@cox.net>

Date: Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 11:11 PM

Subject: Coming your way in April

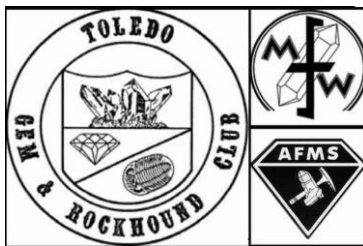
To: Stephen Shimatzki <sjs132@gmail.com>

Howdy. How are things in Ohio? Back here I am serving my 4th term as President of the El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Our shop is up and running, we are doing monthly field trips during the cool months and membership is going up. It is a lot of work, but things are looking good for the rock club. If you go to our website, www.ecvgms.org, you can check out the trip reports I have written.

Week before last I got to go to the big rock show in Quartzsite, AZ. I have not been there for over 20 years. It is the largest outdoor rock show in the nation they say. My big splurge was for some Condor Agate from Argentina, it was \$40/lb and I got 1.5 lbs. It is a beautiful seam fortification agate with clear, orange, yellow and red areas. It will make some neat knife handles.

I got approval to attend the Advanced Air Pollution class in Dayton from 4/30 – 5/4. I was hoping we could get together and talk rocks. I was wondering if any of the folks from the Toledo club would be interested in trading some midwestern rocks for some California rocks. I attached some pictures of what I have. I have a good amount of various jaspers (including Lavic Siding), chalcedony, agates, some dumortierite, lepidolite, 6" long fossilized oyster shells, thulite, chipboard rhyolite, green banded rhyolite, Salome marble, Lake Havasu opalite, Arizona petrified wood, green common opal, something I am calling Mojave Paint Stone which I dug out of the bottom of the Mojave River (I haven't finished my test pieces yet), kind of like Indian Paint Stone but it is orange, yellow, pink and red with dendrites, small pieces of jade. I figured if I started the discussions now people would have time to come up with some trading stock if interested. The only two rocks I know from your neck of the woods is the Nether's Farm flint, and Lake Superior agates (which I know are not common). I am sure there are more. I still have not played with the flint I picked up last trip. I keep meaning to get the gear together to make it and keep forgetting.

Have fun
Paul



MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: What can **you** bring to support **YOUR** club?

Do you know anyone under the headings/titles listed below, that **you** could tap as a resource to help our club? (including yourself) Circle all that may apply. Feel free to use the back of survey to explain or provide contact information or contact member: Meg Barnhizer: superscouts@bex.net /419-885-0848.

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- **Additional comment:**

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