

Rocky Reader

The Monthly Newsletter Of The
Toledo Gem And Rockhound Club

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Message from the President

Dear Club Member,

Well, Spring has sprung at last! The weekend after our last meeting was so beautiful, it was perfect for rock hounding. So, I went to Nether's Farm for some banded flint and while I was there, I ran into fellow rock hounds from the Richland Lithic & Lapidary Society. They asked that I mention their show on June 9th & 10th at the Richland County Fair Grounds in Mansfield, Ohio. In return, they will be happy to spread flyers for our show at the Stranahan. You will find flyers at the craft center and at the next meeting.

I want to remind the Board Members of the Board meeting on Friday, May 4th @ 6pm in the Craft Center. All members are welcome to attend. I also wish to remind everyone to pass the word about our Open House Sale on Mother's Day weekend at St. James Lutheran Church. As a final reminder: The May meeting is also our Annual Spring Potluck Dinner. It will be at the Toledo Artist's Guild at TBG. Building opens at 6:30. Hope to see you there!

Happy Rockhounding!
Catherine Clevenz

May Potluck

The Cub meeting on May 16th. starts early to feature our annual POTLUCK. Please arrive by 6:00pm to set out your dishes. Everyone is asked to bring a Meat dish. In addition, members are asked to bring a **Vegetable dish or Salad** if your LAST name begins with A - J or if your LAST name begins with K - Z a **Desert dish** dish. Please help us by bringing a serving spoon and your own plates and utensils. don't forget to

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The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club News.

April 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.

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.

Garden Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Come walk the gardens and enjoy the beauty of collections and displays, stop in to meet your local artists. Let's celebrate the National Public Gardens Day at Toledo Botanical Garden, your museum of plants at Metroparks Toledo.

An open house type of event with self-guided tours through the 60 acres of display gardens and relevant collections. Horticulturists and Volunteers will man "Stations" through the garden and would be working and available to answer questions about the garden collections, displays and plants. Resident organizations will be present to answer questions about their clubs and their involvement with Toledo Botanical Garden.

Friday: noon-3pm & Saturday, May 12 Saturday: 10-5pm

For specific questions about volunteering at any of our Metroparks call Trish Hausknecht at (419) 407-9703. In addition, when you volunteer at least 15 hours of your time you can purchase a Metroparks membership at half price. See the Metro parks webpage at www.metroparkstoledo.com/get-involved/volunteer/

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, 4727 West 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

Elie Ghanime has offered to host a second Introduction to Faceting class for those interested in learning how to evaluate rough gems and transform them into eye popping gemstones for your custom jewelry. If your interested contact him at Eq.therockman@gmail.com. Chet King offers his 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.

Come and join us for a fun and educational weekend. Witness craftsmen and artisans demonstrate how to make arrowheads, spears, stone tools, bows, atl-atls, and cordage, pipe

carving and other items from hide and bone as well. This is the same location as the Native Americans came to quarry flint they needed to produce weapons and tools for everyday survival. Take a nature walk through the woods on the park trails and see the remains of the ancient quarry pits left behind by the native people. Then take a tour of the museum to learn about the history and geology of Flint Ridge.

Your invited to bring the whole family for a day of exploration, education and fun. As there are few restaurants in the immediate 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. Flint Ridge State Memorial 7091 Brownsville Rd, Glenford, Ohio 43739 info@roymillerflintridge.com

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

2018 Flint Ridge Knap-In Schedule

Spring Knap-in Dates	Fall Knap-in Dates
Friday, May 25th 9 - 5	Friday, Aug 31st 9 - 5
Saturday, May 26 9 - 5	Saturday, Sept 1st 9 - 5
Sunday, May 27 9 - 2	Sunday, Sept 2nd 9 - 2

Everyone is Invited!

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Phil Love 9-632-1274 Carl Smith 330-340-4681 Glenn Witchey 330-329-7501 Roy Miller 330-473-7041
info@roymillerflintridge.com

Admission is \$5.00 per vehicle which includes free Museum Admission

Hosted by: The Flint Ridge Lithic Society in conjunction with the Licking Valley Heritage Society.

many quarries or mines will require the completion of Mine Safety Training that provides a Certification that must be presented to local officials prior to entry to the site.

METAL CRAFTERS CLASSES FOR MAY

First, I want to thank Tonia for a great class on Fire Enameling. It was lots of fun, and I learned a great deal. If anyone is still interested, please let me know and we can get another class scheduled.

I also would like to invite everyone to come to open sessions. I can help with or give some direction on any project that you would like to do. I can make myself available so please email me at bking3@me.com.

I will, of course, be available Saturday the 26th and 27th for open session, however, we will not be meeting on the 12th and 13th due to the Open House. The above schedule is in addition to the regular Thursdays at 5:00 pm. Again, please email me if you would like to come so I know whether to be there or not.

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

May 2018 Gem Crafter Update:

Open Work Sessions – Thursday's May 3, 10, 17 and 24 will be from noon to 4 pm and Sat May 5 and 19 will be from 10 to 4 pm.

Joint Sessions: Brian King has agreed to collaborate with gemcrafters Wednesday May 2 from 6 to 9 pm. We will only offer that one Wednesday night session next month.

Intro Classes: To learn to make a cabochon or use the slab saws- Please email Michelle at mrigoretgrh@gmail.com with some dates/times that would work for you to take these two beginning classes and get signed off on using the saws/grinders

Cabochon of the Month for May:



NEPHRITE JADE (image may be enlarged)

Needed: People to maintain/clean equipment: The club needs members who are willing to clean and fix gem crafter equipment at the Craft Center. One of our current maintenance folks has family medical issues that prevent them from doing this. To have working saws, cooling systems and grinders when you come in, please step up and help out. Thank you in advance for your assistance. See Cathy Clevenz, Chet King or Michelle Grigore for more details or to volunteer.

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

JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS

The Juniors meetings are scheduled on 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.

Junior Rockhounds are 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.

Social Media Update

If you haven't visited the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Facebook page recently you are missing out. The page is packed full of pictures of recent activities featuring many of our members as well as postings from members and friends from across the State and region. You can get the most up-to-date information and Club activities and events, "like" various postings, send messages to other subscribers, share postings with your friends and submit your own photos. Visit our Page soon and consider becoming a subscriber.

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth Jewson 1927- 2018 Ken passed away on January 6, 2018. He was born on February 27, 1927 to Earl and Margaret Jewson. Ken was employed for 36 years at Brinks. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and made a trip to visit the World War II Memorial with Honor Flight. He enjoyed being a member of the Conn Weissenberger American Legion Post, Wernert Corner Civic Club and The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club where he was a past President. His untiring efforts in getting out the Rocky Reader before it went on-line and especially his work on building the garage with a few friends was an inspiration to the entire club. Ken was instrumental in creating and setting up the kids' area at our annual Rock Shows. He always worked hard to get donated items for prizes and actually built a number of the games we still use! Ken came out to a rock show a few years back and he was amazed that we still used many of them.

Ken is survived by his wife of 66 years Margaret (Luffy), a large loving family and great many friends. He was an avid follower of the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Toledo Rockets. He was a proud Brother to Hiram of the Onondaga Tribe.
For you Ken, "Go Bucks"!

Looking for a Home.



We are still looking for a display case for the beautiful 300 lb, Quartz crystal plate that was donated to our Club. The plate originated from an Arkansas cave and is in storage until we either build or purchase a suitable method to transport and display it.

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

Meeting Minutes April 18, 2017

Meeting held in the Toledo Artist Guild Building beginning at 7:12pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Secretary Report – Minutes read “Motion to approve the minutes”? The previous minutes were posted in the March Rocky Reader. Tom Marok made a motion to approve the minutes, and Meg Barnhizer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Treasurer Report – Cathy C reported that we switched bank accounts for security reasons at Huntington. All but \$460.00 remains to cover any outstanding checks has been transferred to the new account. Metal Crafters is once again in the black with the success of their March Auction.

Tom Marok made a motion to suspend the approval of the financial report until Steve Shimatzki, as the new Treasurer could complete his transfer of records. Meg B seconded it. The motion was approved.

4. Old Business

A. Steve Shimatzki was sworn in as Treasurer for the remainder of the 2018 term.

B. Viewpoints on charter change from members – A comparison sheet was provided to members in March and again in April so that members could review and comment on the

potential change of status of the Club. It might behoove us to change to a 501.c3 organization as this would allow for our Club to accept donations. This also allows the Club to apply for grant funds to support educational program and offer scholarships. Please contact your club officers or members of the Board to voice your opinions on the subject.

C. Report from Site Selection Committee – A commercial building in Sylvania across from Fossil Park was discussed. Details of location: 1700 sq ft building with water, 200 amp electric and septic; It has a kitchen and two adjacent restrooms. There is a spacious front lobby (maybe for Beaders). The Metal and Gem crafters could each get their own work rooms with adjacent storage. Parking is sufficient however the building lacks sufficient area for storage of inventory and fixtures. It is currently under renovation, so no quote was given at this time.

5. New Business



A. 2nd Annual Patriotic Contest: June 2018

Artists are asked to submit small table displays or wall decor (no bigger than a sheet of copy paper) or an item of jewelry that would fit the patriotic theme.

Judging will be done by the Members present who will vote for their favorites.

Prizes: \$30, \$25, and \$15 will be awarded to the top three artists selected.

B. Resident Org. Update: Steven Stokford is the new head of Operations at the Garden replacing Doug. _____ is now working with the Artist Village. We no longer need to update the Metro parks on classes and activities directly. We are asked to submit a notice of any scheduled classes, events or activities within the Park. These records must be submitted monthly. The Club is continuing to address how we can meet the expectations of the Metroparks regarding what we can and cannot do according the type of organization we are.



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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities: Members must call or email the Metroparks Volunteer Center. Make sure to tell them that you are affiliated with the Rock Club. Greenhouse work is needed as well as individuals to support the Ohio Federation of Garden Clubs Plant Sale in May.

C. The May meeting of the Club will host a potluck.

D. TGRC Board Meeting: Friday, May 4th, 6:00pm in the Craft Center at the Gardens.

Break for auction 15 minutes

Group Reports:

TBG Liaisons: see above.

Gem Crafters: Going back to 1st and 3rd Saturdays 9am to 4pm

Metal Crafters:

Intro to Metalsmithing Class:

Contact Steve Cielinski for the next session at 77stevec@gmail.com.

May Open Work Sessions:

Thursday, May 3rd from 9 am – 12 pm

Thursday, May 10th from 6 pm – 9 pm

Thursday, May 24th from 9 am – 12 pm

Thursday, May 31st from 6 pm – pm

Please be aware that if no one shows up to work in the first hour, the moderator may leave/cancel the session.

Metal Craft Moderators:

Terri Jones, Gwen Day and Greg Feight (all three out until Spring), Steve Cielinski and Brian King.

Extreme Beaders: No Change.

Beaders: No Change.

Faceters: Ellie is asking for people to email him if they are interested in taking a 2nd Intro to Faceting Class. Saturday Faceters are taking a break for the month of May. Due to the Open House.

Sunshine: Aubree says she as a pretty bad cold. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Juniors: Starting to do fieldtrips again.

Field Trips: End of May: Flint Ridge Spring Knap In.

2018 Rock & Gem Show: Vender contracts have gone out. Need to get number of hours for security. WiFi might be available. Looking for chips for the kid kits. Looking for enough for 100 kits estimate.

We will possibly order more geodes for the geode cracking station.

Start thinking about what you want to do about your display cases and let Nancy know.

Open House: Nancy is providing the vendor tables at no charge to members as her parting gift. This is the final Open House that she will organize. Doors open 7am on Saturday for vendors; 9am for the Public. The Club is looking for someone to take-up the

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reigns for the 2018 Fall Open House in November.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38p

Tom Marok Motioned - Meg Barnhizer 2nd

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM CHET KING'S FLYER TABLE

April 28 - 29

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH

Summit Lapidary Club Semi-Annual Show

Emidio and Sons Expo Center, 48 East Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls

Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Contact: Sandy Shorter, 8510 Grouse Ridge Dr., Chardon 44024; (440) 479-0069; gemboree@outlook.com

April 28 - 29

TROY, OH

Miami County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show

Miami County Fairgrounds-Duke Lundgard Building, North County Rd. 25-A, Troy.

Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Contact: Dewey Buck, 160 Windemere Dr., Troy 45373
Contact: (937) 335-4375; dewey. buck@pcmq.com

May 4 - 6

KALAMAZOO, MI

Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society Annual Show

Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI

Fri 4 - 8 pm; Sat 10am - 6pm; Sun 10am - 5pm
Contact: Jerry VanNocker, (269)979-3348
jervannocker@comcast.net

May 12 - 13

TOLEDO, OH

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Open House

St. James Lutheran Church Gym, 4727 West Sylvania Ave, Toledo

Sat 9:30am - 4:30pm; Sun noon - 4 pm
Contact Michelle Gregore, 9525 Wolfinger, Holland 43528

<http://www.rockyreader.com/Home/Events>



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Blake Fisch, Toledo Ohio

Peggy Wammes Fremont Ohio

Rebecca Griffey Toledo Ohio

Wes Valley Toledo Ohio

Patricia Show Toledo Ohio

Rosemary Willer Lindsey Ohio

Peggy Slawinzki Toledo Ohio

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!

<https://www.facebook.com/ToledoRockhounds>

From the Editors Desk

You may have noticed some changes in the format and content of the Rocky Reader of late as I work to make it better inform and serve our Clubmembers and our growing on-line readers that span our country from coast to coast. I have moved the Clubs News and featured articles up to showcase the latest of what is going on both old and new each month. In addition to our welcome to new members, when provided, I will insert a block entitled "In Memoriam" to honor the service of Club members who have passed on but shall not be forgotten. I would like to insert timely photos of activities that feature club members along with their creations when available. Don't be shy. If you would like to post a comment or news worthy article on a trip or Rock Shop that you have visited or purchased items from in the Rocky Reader, please submit it to me. If you are a vendor or would like to advertise in the newsletter, please contact me about the size of your ad along with information on our very modest monthly or annual rates. A few ads can help us to off-set the cost of printing and mailings while directing members to quality products and services.

Tom Barnhizer, Editor



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