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### President's Message

As the snow melts and the days get longer I find myself getting excited about what this year is bringing our way. The new officers are over the hump of transition, having gotten our budgets together, bank accounts moved, and annual audit completed in the past couple of months. It feels good to be looking forward to April and the Gemcrafter Auction. Bonnie and the crew have big plans and I'm sure everyone will have a great time. Beyond that, we will have the Open House in the Conference Center on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ruby still had several tables available after the March meeting, so be sure to give her a call or come to the April meeting if you would like to grab one of the open spaces.

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Toledo Botanical Gardens. I have been invited to a meeting of the Resident Organizations to hear about the plans that they are making and how we can participate. I will let you all know how that goes and what types of serving opportunities we have available during this milestone celebration.

I am just days away from testing the new version of the website. I would still like to get pictures from anyone who is willing to share their work, special specimens from their collections, and would eventually like to add a fieldtrip page with pictures of folks out hunting. As we launch the new site and long after, please give some thought to what you might send my way to add to the site.

Spring has sprung... ALMOST! Stay warm and enjoy the changing season. I'll see you in April if not before.

Tonia

### April Meeting:

The program for April will be the Gemcrafters Auction.

### Show News:

This year the club show dates are September 11-13th. Thursday, September 10th is a work day to set up for the show. The day starts at 8 am at the Craftcenter and volunteers will load the truck and then leave for the Stranahan. At the site, volunteers will unload and set up tables and various items for the show. Please sign up to help with this very important task. Many hands to help make the work go faster. I look forward to seeing a large turnout of members.

John Capuano

**Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 18, 2015 General Meeting Agenda

General Meeting Agenda

Meeting started 7: 55 pm with Pledge of Allegiance  
Knife making presentation by Dave Bruns preceding the business meeting.

Secretary Report : moved for approval by Jim Leslie and seconded by John Capuano

Treasurer Report : Finance Report moved for approval by Harold Burleson and seconded by Ruby Reynolds

Old Business

Jim Leslie conducted the audit of the books for 2014 and the first several weeks of 2015. A detailed report was provided to the Club President that included some required adjustments. The result was an insignificant amount of money. Thanks to Jim for the time and effort required to perform the audit.

New Business: Need a nominee for the MWF Show May 23 & 24 in Chicago. Chet King volunteered to attend along with Chet Jr.

Group Reports

Gardens: Seed swap was a success

Gemcrafters: See Rocky Reader for dates and April auction planned

Faceteers: Plan to start in the spring, see Rocky Reader for info

Metalcrafters: See Rocky Reader for dates and information

Beaders: See Rocky Reader

Extreme Beaders: See Rocky Reader for dates – normally every Tuesday

Juniors: work on cabbing continues

Sunshine: no members reported

Membership: 40 members and 3 juniors and 2 new members

Field Trips: None scheduled during the winter and MSHA classes were discussed. There are some classes planned for Columbus, Dayton and South Bend.

Show: Mike Mayers has nearly completed calls to all the Libraries regarding case displays in August and he provided a report to John Capuano. So far 10 libraries have confirmed for 2015. Member assignments for case displays are also moving along well.



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## **Rocky Reader–April 2015**

Rocky Reader: (Lyn) - Email info to Lyn by Monday following the meeting.

April meeting is the Gemcrafter auction

The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Mayers, Club Secretary

### **BEADERS**

Monthly Beaders have resumed. Contact Nancy if you are interested..

### **EXTREME BEADERS**

Extreme Beaders continue to meet on the weekly schedule, Tuesdays, 9-5, at the Craft Center. Extreme Beaders attendees should be able to work independently and have their own projects, materials and supplies. New attendees interested in Bead Embroidery should contact Shirley Stieb or Kathy Petersen for a materials list, and to schedule initial instruction, if necessary. Extreme Beaders are often working on Thursday afternoons, during Open Gemcrafter days. If interested in beading or instruction during these times, check with Shirley Stieb or Kathy Petersen to verify that beaders will be working that week.

### **FACETEERS**

Faceteers have regular meetings the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the craft center. Please contact Elie if you have questions. There will be a faceting workshop. See flyer, p.10

### **GEMCRAFTERS**

The April club meeting will host the annual GemCrafter Auction & Sale. Buy It Now pre-priced item tables open from 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm before the meeting. Auction begins immediately after the meeting. Lots of great items will be available. Don't forget to bring your wallet full of cash - and - your checkbook! A huge thank you to all of our generous donors!! NOTE: All items must be paid for the night of the Auction. We do not offer an extended payment plan and the club does not accept credit or debit card payments.

THANK YOU: Greg Feight & Jeff Wheeler for installing 5 new fluorescent light fixtures & switch box covers on the GemCrafter side of the craft center and an overhead electrical extension cord reel & light fixture for the Beaders and Juniors over the center tables.

THANK YOU: Gwen Day and Amy Shufeldt for your help in keeping the GemCrafter area clean. A back injury has prevented me from doing much of anything for the past several months so we really appreciate these ladies stepping up and doing what needs to be done every week.

THANK YOU: Lyn Kalinoski for your years of serving as Editor of the Rocky Reader. We have heard many, many positive comments recently about the content, both educational and especially the Bench Tips. Great job!

THANK YOU: To members of the Beaders for your donations of paper products and soaps for the craft center. All club members appreciate your generosity!

TRAINING: As soon as Natalie is able we will schedule one day per month (or every other month) to train new members in cabochon cutting, saw usage, drilling and polishing. We will be adopting the same scheduling method used by other club groups. We will no longer train new members who simply show up. We have a large group of members every Wednesday night & Thursday afternoon and the activity and noise of all the equipment running makes it difficult for new members to hear and understand instructions. Training dates will appear on the Rocky Reader calendar page in the future.

Your GemCrafter Moderators:

Bonnie Wheeler, Natalie Hill, Greg Feight, Chet King

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### METALCRAFTERS

#### CLASSES

The following schedule is a listing of upcoming classes. To enroll, please make a check out to the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club and send it to Debra Hoffmaster, 950 Michigan Ave, Adrian, MI 49221

**April 18, 2015 10AM.** Enameling with underglaze (2 opening). Instructor Harriet Nearing. Fee of \$50 to be sent to Debby Hoffmaster and RECEIVED (not postmarked) by March 28. This is an advanced class. Participants must have had previous enameling experience. Students will make a pendant by first chasing a design, then applying liquid underglaze onto the chased lines. A transparent enamel is then sifted onto the dried underglaze and the piece is fired. All materials and tools are provided.

**May 9, 10AM.** Spoon jewelry (3 openings). Instructor Debra Hoffmaster. Fee of \$35 to be sent to Debby Hoffmaster and RECEIVED (not postmarked) by April 25. Participants in the class will be provided with one sterling silver demitasse spoon and two plated utensils from which it is possible to form a ring, bracelet and pendant.

#### METALCRAFTER MEETINGS

The Metalcrafters will meet April 19 and 23. The meetings on April 5 and 9 are canceled. Sunday meetings are from 1:30 - 3:30 and Thursday meetings are from 6:30-8:30. There will be NO THIRD Sunday project.

We are a collaborative group. We expect that members have their own materials and sufficient experience to work independently. If you are new to silver work, please register for the basic pendant class on March 21. If you are new to the group but have previous experience please e-mail me ([debhoffmaster@gmail.com](mailto:debhoffmaster@gmail.com)) to arrange orientation during a scheduled meeting.

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**RockyReader:** deadline is Monday after the meeting for all material. Please send any news, changes to classes or announcements to [editor@rockyreader.com](mailto:editor@rockyreader.com).

#### Events From Chetty King's Table:

**April 9-11**—Wyoming, MI: Annual show; Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club, Rogers Plaza Town Center; 972 28th St. SW; Thu. 9:30-9, Fri. 9:30-9, Sat. 9:30-7; free admission; contact Don Van Dyke, 4296 Oakview, Wyoming, MI 49519, (616) 669-6932; e-mail: [donvandyke@tm.net](mailto:donvandyke@tm.net); Web site: [www.indianmoundsrockclub.com](http://www.indianmoundsrockclub.com)

**April 11-12**—Canton, OH Annual show; Stark County Gem & Mineral Club, Stark County Fairgrounds; 305 Wertz Avenue NW; Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission = Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Students \$1, Children under 6 free; contact Elise Dougan; e-mail: [donelisedougan@gmail.com](mailto:donelisedougan@gmail.com)

**April 11-12**—Columbus, OH: Annual show; Columbus Rock and Mineral Society, Licking County Rock and Mineral Society, Northland Performing Arts Center; 4411 Tamarack Blvd.; Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 11:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$7.00, Seniors \$6.00, Students \$3.00, Children under 6 Free; 2015 theme: Frozen: Ohio's Ice Age. Scouts in Uniform and Teachers with a school ID are free. contact Craig Kramer, 628 Sanbridge Circle E., Columbus, OH 43085, (614) 436-4511; e-mail: [craig.kramer@wowway.com](mailto:craig.kramer@wowway.com); Web site: [www.columbusrockandmineralsociety.org](http://www.columbusrockandmineralsociety.org)

**April 18-19** Faceting Class Craftcenter. see page for more information

**April 25-26**, Troy, OH: Annual show; Brukner Gem & Mineral Club, Miami County Fairgrounds; 650 N. Co. Road 25A; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, students and children free; contact Judy Burton, 912 Kent Lane, Troy, OH 45373, (937) 339-1966; e-mail: [jleeburton@woh.rr.com](mailto:jleeburton@woh.rr.com); Web site: [www.bruknergemandmineralclub.com](http://www.bruknergemandmineralclub.com)

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**April 25-26**—Cuyahoga Falls, OH: Semi-annual show; Akron Mineral Society, Summit Lapidary Club, Emidio & Sons Expo Center; 48 E. Bath Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors and students \$4, children (under 6) and Scouts in uniform free; contact Joyce Kish, 3014 Clarkmill Rd., Norton, OH 44203, (330) 753-7081; e-mail: gemboree@outlook.com

**May 1-3**—Kalamazoo, MI: Annual show; Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society, Kalamazoo County Expo Centr; 2900 Lake St.; Fri. 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission = \$3, Children under 12 free; 1 Proceeds go to scholarships for WMU Geology students.; contact Jerry VanNocker, (269) 979 3348; e-mail: jerry@travelinginspain.com; Web site: KalamazooRockClub.org

**May 8-10** Spring Plant Sale TBG. 12-8 Friday, 9-5 Saturday 12-4 Sunday Volunteers are needed

**May 16-17**—North Olmstead, OH: Show and sale; Parma Lapidary Club, Soccer Sportsplex; 31515 Lorain Rd.; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Admission \$6.00, Children under 12, and Scouts in uniform Free!; contact Martha Lamparyk, 1012 Chippewa Street, Grafton, OH 44044, (440) 926-3680; e-mail: jmlampa@gmail.com

**May 29-31**—Wauseon OH: Annual show; State Line Gem & Mineral Society, Fulton County Fairgrounds, Junior Fair Building; 8514 SR 108; Fri. 12:00 pm-7:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am-7:00 pm, Sun. 11:00 am-4:00 pm; Adults \$3.00, Seniors \$2.00, Children under 12 free; contact Doris Brzezicki, 419 N Broad St, Adrian, MI 49221, (517) 263-1669; e-mail: rychard@tc3net.com; Web site: statelinegms.com

### Thelma Postlewaite's Family News April Birthdays:

1	Su Drake
5	Ruth Jacobs
7	Elijah Madanski
9	Suzanne Shimatzki
12	Linda Scharer
16	Linda McConahay
	Sarah Rudy
17	Brittan Tolford
23	Serenity Shimatzki
27	Amy Schufeldt

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### Upcoming MSHA Training

#### 1. MANSFIELD, OHIO - TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2015

MSHA training in Mansfield, Ohio will be offered Tuesday March 17th at 10am at the Mansfield public library, in downtown Mansfield. The address of the library is 43 West Third Street. Use the parking area to the east of the library. Do not use the parking structure. To get questions answered about this MSHA course, contact Bill Bryley: phone 614-268-6828 and email: bbyrley @ insight.rr.com

#### 2. DAYTON, OHIO - TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2015 - COLLECTOR-SPECIFIC TRAINING WILL BE USED

The MSHA training will be on March 24th 8:30 am-4:30 pm at Dayton Liederkrantz Turner, 1400 East 5th Street, Dayton, OH 45402. Becky Newberry and Scott Kell will be teaching. The Friends of Mineralogy Midwest Chapter has been working with Scott at the ODNR to develop and deploy collector-specific training. Please contact Kim Ehret at the following email: Kimberly.Ehret@WPAFB.AF.MIL if you plan to attend.

#### 3. COLUMBUS, OHIO - FRIDAY APRIL 03, 2015 - COLLECTOR-SPECIFIC TRAINING WILL BE USED

The central Ohio version of MSHA hazard training will be offered Friday April 3, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Facility at 2045 Morse Road (on Fountain Square), in Columbus, Ohio (43229). The course will be in building E1 the Assembly Center, from 8am to 5pm. Mike Reese and Scott Kell will be teaching. The Friends of Mineralogy Midwest Chapter has been working with Scott at the ODNR to develop and deploy collector-specific training. Sign up with Reggie Rose: email: captaino@core.com; phone:614-875-2675.

#### 4. SOUTH BEND, INDIANA - FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2015

The Michiana Gem & Mineral Society of South Bend, IN will be hosting a MSHA class this year. The class will be instructed by Joel Vicary on Saturday April 25th, 2015 from 10am to 4pm. An instruction book is included in the course. The cost of the course is \$30 if you don't have a book, \$15 if you do. The location is, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 805 S. 29th St. South Bend, IN. If you have any questions, feel free to contact John Davis (574)-232-8823, email: sumu95@hotmail.com

### **Book Collection For Sale**

Columbus Rock and Mineral Society Show

April 11 & 12

Collection of Sandy Ludlum of What On Earth

Antiquarian (back to 1700's) to recent in both Mineral Collecting and Paleontology

List Available

FMI: contact ludlum@ecr.net



Chet King demonstrating at Fall show.

**Bench Tips by Brad Smith** Get all 101 of Brad's bench tips in "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon <http://amazon.com/dp/0988285800/>

#### Winding Jump Rings

Whenever you need a few jump rings the same size, it's easy to grab a round rod and wind as many as you need. But when you need a lot of them, some form of winder saves a lot of time. A variable speed screw gun makes quick work of winding the coils. Screw guns are quite inexpensive at discount stores and are remarkably handy for odd jobs in the shop and around the house.

To wind a coil, just bend a right angle on the end of the wire about a half inch long and insert this into the screw gun chuck. Then wind slowly, keeping a tight coil. I like to rest the end of the mandrel on the edge of the table or bench pin. Finally, one note of caution. If you are winding an entire length of wire, be careful as you get near the end of the wire. If the end passes under your thumb, it can cause a nasty scratch or cut.

#### TOLEDO BOTANICAL GARDEN CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

It began as 20 acres of grounds with stables off Elmer Drive donated by George Crosby in 1964. Through nurturing by caring leadership during the ensuing years, Toledo Botanical Garden has grown to over 60 acres, including a downtown campus, home to The Robert Anderson Urban Agriculture Center, the hub for the Toledo GROWs program.

“Our focus for 2015 includes celebrating 50 years of growing through a number of events—some new and some traditional such as the Crosby Art Festival,” said Gretchen DeBacker, 2015 Board President and Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee. “Engaging all generations headed our priorities. We want to give the community reasons to visit the Garden—to experience its natural beauty, to enjoy entertainment such as Jazz in the Garden, and to discover the joys of gardening through our annual spring and fall plant sales.”

Fire Agate



Crazy Lace









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## Junior's Corner

### Earth Day

What is Earth Day?

Earth Day -- April 22 -- marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. The idea came to Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda. Senator Nelson announced the idea for a "national teach-in on the environment" to the national media; persuaded Pete McCloskey, a conservation-minded Republican Congressman, to serve as his co-chair; and recruited Denis Hayes as national coordinator. Hayes built a national staff of 85 to promote events across the land.

As a result, on the 22nd of April, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values.

Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, city slickers and farmers, tycoons and labor leaders. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the [Clean Air](#), [Clean Water](#), and [Endangered Species](#) Acts. "It was a gamble," Gaylord recalled, "but it worked."

As 1990 approached, a group of environmental leaders asked Denis Hayes to organize another big campaign. This time, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting environmental issues onto the world stage. Earth Day 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. It also prompted President Bill Clinton to award Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1995) -- the highest honor given to civilians in the United States -- for his role as Earth Day founder. (source: earth day network)

When is Earth Day?

Earth Day is honored around the world on April 22, although larger events such as festivals and rallies are often organized for the weekends before or after April 22. Many communities also observe Earth Week or Earth Month, organizing a series of environmental activities throughout the month of April.

Why do we need an Earth Day?

Because it works! Earth Day broadens the base of support for environmental programs, rekindles public commitment and builds community activism around the world through a broad range of events and activities. Earth Day is the largest civic event in the world, celebrated simultaneously around the globe by people of all backgrounds, faiths and nationalities. More than a billion people participate in our campaigns every year.

### Party for the Planet

**Saturday, April 18**

#### **Celebrate Earth Day at the Zoo!**

Here at Toledo Zoo, we're all about being good stewards of the environment. That's why Earth Day is such a big deal around here. Celebrate with us by bringing in your recyclables and taking part in cool activities that help you learn how to be a little "greener" in the future. We'll have friends from local environmental organizations here at vendor booths to highlight their work in our community and show you how to get involved! Also, watch animal feeding demonstrations and meet some of our keepers. (Toledo Zoo press release)

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**April 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1 Gemcrafters 6:30-9pm	2 Gemcrafters 12pm	3	4
5	6	7 Extreme Beaders 9am Faceteers 7pm	8 Gemcrafters 6:30-9pm	9 Gemcrafters 12pm	10	11
12	13 Beaders 6:30pm (weather permitting)	14 Extreme Beaders 9am	15 Meeting 7 pm Gemcrafters Auction	16 Gemcrafters 12pm	17	18 Enameling class
19 Metalcrafters 1:30	20	21 Extreme Beaders 9am Faceteers 7pm	22 Gemcrafters 6:30-9pm	23 Gemcrafters 12pm Metalcrafters 6:30 pm	24	25
26 Juniors 1:00pm	27	28 Extreme Beaders 9am	29 Gemcrafters	30		

Group meetings and classes at the clubhouse are for members only. Our club meetings are at the TBG Crosby Conference center, 5403 Elmer Dr. Toledo and are open to the public on the third Wednesday of every month. To learn more about our club, visit us during our Open House held every May and November.




  
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