



Rocky Reader

The Monthly Newsletter Of The
Toledo Gem And Rockhound Club

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Message from the President

Dear Club Members,

Thank you to those who came to the March meeting. It gave everyone a chance to see how large the auditorium is where we will be holding our Open House in May. I wish to remind you to mark your calendars for the April meeting at the TBG Artist Guild. The Gemcrafter's will be holding their auction at that time. If you have anything you wish to donate to the auction, please try to bring it before 7pm. 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. Some of those rocks, tools and lapidary machines will be in the auction. This year, the Gem Crafter's auction will be a silent auction like the metal crafter's. I want to remind you of our annual Patriotic Jewelry Contest in June. Come to the April meeting to find out more about it and the prizes you can win! I hope that everyone will be able to come to the auction and meeting. See you then and in the meantime, stay safe in your rockhounding adventures!

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.

Gem Crafters April Auction

Don't forget the April Gem Crafter Auction, which takes place at the regular club meeting April 18th at 7 p.m. There will be lots of goodies to bid on. Bid sheets will be provided.

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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.

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.

The commitment you will be expected to make can vary depending on your chosen area. Some positions require a regular schedule, others are flexible, even seasonal. No previous experience is needed. We provide all volunteer training sessions as necessary.

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, 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 was held on Saturday March 3 and Sunday March 4, 2018. Elie Ghaime provided instruction on the Basics of Faceting for six members of the Club in attendance. Elie may be able to offer another Faceting class in the future. If your interested contact him at eghanime@buckeye-express.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. 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. Activity flyers will be available at the April Meeting with directions and information on admission and campsite fees. See the webpage for full information at the following

https://flintknappers.com/fliers/flint_ridge_2018.jpg

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 the completion

of Mine Safety Training that provides a Certification that must be presented to local officials prior to entry to the site.

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!

Come and join us for a fun and educational weekend. Witness craftsmen and artisans demonstrate how to make arrowheads, spears, stone tools, bows, atlatls, stone pipes, cordage as well as other items from hide and bone. 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.

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.

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

April 2018 Gem Crafter Update:

Open Work Sessions – We are down two moderators in April so please note the changes in work session times:

Wednesdays: April 4, 11, 18 and 25- 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursdays: April 5, 19 and 26 from noon to 4 p.m. (no session April 12)

Saturday: April 7- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and April 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Don't forget the April Gem Crafter Auction, which takes place at the regular club meeting April 18th at 7 p.m. There will be lots of goodies to bid on. See the attached list of Equipment that will be offered for sale at the end of this newsletter.

Intro Classes: To 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 these two beginning classes and get signed off on using the saws/grinders

Cabochon of the Month for April:



Unakite (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.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Lucille [Cile] Burgy 1919 – 2017 Lucille Mulinix was born on January 11th and attended Waite HS and The University of Toledo after graduating from Scott HS. Lucille married Raymond A Burgy on January 28, 1939 and together settled in Maumee on Craig Road in a home built by Raymond in 1948. Cile was a member of The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club where she taught Gem Tree Creation, organized the Touch & Feel Display, served as Sunshine Chair and helped with the Girl Scout Program for the Club. Lucile found her happiness in her large family and in nature where she loved birds, gardening and rocks. Cile was loved by many and we celebrate her life and her dedication to giving of her talents and leadership to her community.

Looking for a Home.



We are still looking for a display case for the beautiful 300# 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.

The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

General Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2018, 7:00 pm

1. Pledge of Allegance: 7:03p

2. Secretary Report – Minutes posted in Rocky Reader. Being no amendments A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Amy Shufeldt. Tom seconded. Motion approved.

3. Treasurer Report – Financial report read in lieu of formal Treasurers Report.

Read into record:

The total deposit of \$78.00 was made in March.

Breakdown:

Gem kits sold for \$30

Beaders had 3 people and collected \$3.

Gem Crafter's had 10 people and collected \$19.

Metals had 2 people and collected \$4.

4. Old Business

A. A call was made for new Treasurer or get an accountant: Steven Schimatzki offered to step up to fill this vacancy.

B. Moving committee: Audrey Senghas is interested in serving on the committee along with Meg Barnhizer and Steve Schimatzki and continue researching new locations for the Club as an option for when our lease expires.

Steve Shimatzki updated the membership on a proposal linked to the pending sale of R&E Rock Shop in the Village of Holland, Ohio currently owned by Ed and Ruby Rennald. The property has no existing sewer or water hook up on site. A current member of our Club wants to purchase the business and would offer it to the club under a lease to own basis after the existing facilities succeed in getting a proper re-zoning approval. In addition, under this proposed arrangement the existing inventory could be sold over time by the Club with 75% of sales to remitted to the owner and 25% to club. The Officers agreed to take up a discussion of this matter and evaluate the feasibility of this proposal.

C. Proposed Change from the existing 501c-7 "Social Club" to a 501c-3 "Charitable Organization."

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An information sheet that compared the advantages and disadvantages of the two forms of non-profit organizations was handed out and will be in the Rocky Reader.

D. Katherine Smarkel still has the membership Cards for the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies. Contact her if you want one.

5. New Business

A. Mr. Doug Conely is leaving TBG & Metroparks for Univ of Michigan. Mr. Joseph Fonsseley has been directed to fill this position to represent the Metro-parks.

B. Skill Survey – Meg Barnhizer reported that we would like to see it put on the website and make it interactive.

C. Request for Wire Wrapping Work Sessions. Due to the popularity of the Wire Wrapping classes offered in 2017 the Club is looking for members who may be interested in hosting future workshops. Katherine mentioned she had a beginner's level instructors guide.

D. Several Teachers are currently asking us to provide a lesson on Rocks and Minerals to augment their existing STEM program. Should we create a group to go to schools as we have done in the past? What are the requirements for any Club members who may volunteer to provide instruction?

E. Next meeting of the TBG Resident Organization will be in April. Tom suggested to create a rock garden for the Botanicals. Chet King will join Tom and Cathy to represent our Club in future meetings.

F. A question from the floor inquired about a cap on fees for speakers? At this time there is no cap, however, any speaker fees beyond nominal expenses would need to be approved by the Club.

Group Reports:

TBG Liaisons: Chet

No report. The Botanical Garden group is no longer meeting since operations have shifted to the Metroparks. Therefore Chet has agreed to attend future meetings of the new TBG Resident Organizations Assn. beginning in April.

Gem Crafters:

No report. See Rocky Reader for schedule and program updates.

Metal Crafters: Brian King

See Rocky Reader. Filigree workshop offered again in May. Torch Fired Enameling workshop with Amy on Saturday, April 21st [Fun with Fire.]

Beaders: Nancy Grove See Rocky Reader.

Extreme Beaders: Shirley StiebSee Rocky Reader. We will be temporarily meeting on Tuesdays now 9:00 am to 3:30 pm to help our Beaders to finish some existing projects.

Faceteers: Chet / Elie May offer another Intro to Faceting class in 2018.

Sunshine: Joe No report

Juniors: Steve S. March 24, 2-4 pm. This month juniors will trace out a cabochon pattern on the slab that they have polished.

Field Trip: Spring Knap-in at Flint Ridge State Memorial. Open invite Memorial Day 2018. Carpool?

2018 Rock & Gem Show: Steve S. - Need to sign the contacts on behalf of the Club to be legal. Letters to vendors will be sent out by the end of the month.

Open House: Nancy Grove The Spring Open House will be hosted at St James Lutheran Church 4727 Sylvania Ave. in Toledo Ohio, on May 12 & 13th, 30 tables have been reserved for vendors and program activities. Five tables are still available for reservation.

Motion to Adjourn by Meg Barnhizer Seconded by Jim Hiantz Time: 8:13pm

METAL CRAFTERS

Intro to Metalsmithing Class:

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

April Open Work Sessions:

Thursday, April 5th from 9 am – 12 pm

Thursday, April 5th from 6 pm – 9 pm

Wednesday, April 11th from 6 pm – 9pm

Thursday, April 19th from 9 am – 12 pm

Thursday, April 19th 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.



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Metal Craft Classes:

We had a successful and fun time with the Intro to Filigree class last month. We will be offering it again in May if we get enough interest. This Month Tonya is teaching a Torch Fired Enameling workshop on Saturday, April 21st. Please contact Brian King Bking3@me.com if interested in the class. We can accept up to 5 people. There is still space available at the time of this writing.

Metal Craft Moderators:

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

Upcoming Events from Chet King's Flyer Table

April 5 - 7

WYOMING, MI

Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show

Roger's Plaza Town Center, 28th & Clyde Park.

Thurs & Fri 9:30 am - 9 pm. Sat 9:30 am - 7 pm.

Contact Kreigh Tomaszewski, 653 Burton SE, Grand Rapids 49507; (616) 243-5851; kreigh@gmail.com

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@pcmg.com

Message From: Paul Clifford

The El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society website, www.ecvgms.org,

Date: Sun, Jan 28, 2018

Subject: Coming your way in April/May

I will be visiting Southern Ohio the end of April through the first week of May and was hoping we could get together and talk rocks. I am interested in trading some California rocks for some midwestern and Ohio rocks. 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. If you are interested, please send me a message. Paul<PaulClifford@cox.net>

Nuggets

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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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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April Gem Crafter Auction

Equipment Auction – At the January Board meeting, trustees approved auctioning off extra gem crafting equipment. It will be offered to members at a minimum opening bid based on each item's worth on Ebay. You can see the equipment at the craft center during gem crafter work sessions. If members don't purchase the equipment, unsold pieces will be put online in May to generate a competitive price. Here are the items up for auction in April:

Vibrating Lap: From member Ken Jewson, this consists of a tray attached to a motor and insert pan. It is used to grind, sand and polish flats such as slabs or geode halves. Gritty materials are used in the insert pan. Covington still makes vibrating laps and there are vintage Beacon Star and Lorntone vibrating laps that come up for sale online. The used machines are listed for \$200 and up. For the member auction, we are starting the bidding at \$125.

Star Diamond GP8 Grinder/ Saw Combo: This unit has a working motor and drip system—it's ready to plug in and add your grinding wheels (we are keeping the diamond wheels currently on the unit). Our members don't use this machine because they favor the Genies and Titan. Time to put it up for auction and similar machines are listing for \$550- \$750. Barranca Diamond still makes this model, starting price of \$2,300. I bought a similar machine without the motor and drip system for \$400 last year, had to pay shipping and spend another \$150 to get it running. Starting bid for the club's machine: \$500 for club members.

Graves Cab Maker – from Ken Jewson. This was a hard one to price as there were no used comparable models found. Graves still makes the Cabmate and prices a new one at \$519. You will need to get flat laps, but otherwise this machine appears ready to grind and polish. Starting bid for this machine for members is \$200. It comes with the original manual.

Lortone SA8 Grinder – This is the workhorse you see in so many school and home lapidary shops. You can put expanding wheels or grinding wheels on the two arbor shafts, depending upon your preference. The cheapest listing for this unit was \$350 and most were selling for \$400 and up. Starting bid for members is \$300.

Important: To bid on the items, please send a written bid by email to this entire group (so all moderators can see the progress of the auction): mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com, bking3@me.com, clevenz@gmail.com, joanna@cqasolutions.co . We will update you on the bids at the April 18th auction and give you a chance to bid there as well.

Compare 501(c)(3) Charity to 501(c)(7) Social Club

Many organizations elect to be a 501(c)(3) qualified charities with an educational purpose or 501(c)(7) a Social Club with a social or recreational purpose. The comparison of the two is provided below to inform members of discussions that would change our existing C-7 to a C-3 Charity with an educational program.

	501(c)(3) Qualified Charity	501(c)(7) Social Club
Purpose	Religious, Educational, Charitable, Scientific, Literary,	Pleasure, recreation, social activities
Examples	churches, charities, private schools, homeschool programs with an educational or religious purpose	Fraternalities, sororities, country clubs, hobby clubs, homeschool support groups
Requirements	No private inurement allowed. Upon dissolution all assets must be distributed to another 501(c)(3) organization.	Personal contact, fellowship and co-mingling of members. No private inurement allowed.
Activities	Can hold programs, sell services and products as part of their exempt purpose.	Can provide meals or services only to members in connection with club activities
Tax deductible donations allowed	Yes	No
Tax exempt (no taxes on profits)	Exempt from federal income tax unless the organization has unrelated business income	Exempt from federal income tax on income derived from members; other income taxed
Source of Income	Membership fees, fees for services, donations, fund raisers, program fees	Primarily (65% or more) of the income must come from the membership
Membership	Serving the public or the "public good" (i.e. the education of children is a public good)	Limited membership and consistent with the purpose of the club
IRS Application Required?	Yes, if gross revenues over \$5,000/year. File Form 1023 or 1023-EZ	No. The IRS does not require 501(c)(7) organizations to file an application. They can "self-proclaim" tax exempt status.
Annual IRS Reporting	Form 990-N, Form 990-EZ or Form 990	Form 990-N, Form 990-EZ or Form 990
Legislative Lobbying permitted?	Insubstantial lobbying allowed (less than 20% of total expenses). No endorsement of a candidate.	No limit on legislative activity as long as it furthers the exempt purpose