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Hello Everyone!

Summer vacation time is almost over (sniff-sniff) and it's time to start thinking about our show in September. I am asking for everyone to sign up for at least one time slot in whatever area best suits you. The advantage of giving your time as a volunteer is that it gives you free access to the show on that day! In addition, please sign up to bring in food for the vendors and volunteers who help set up the show. The vendors really appreciate it!

I would also like to thank Scrimshander, Don Baker, for speaking at the last meeting about the art of Scrimshaw. It was an interesting and informative presentation. Well done Don!

Finally, I would like to make mention of an Executive Session Meeting of the Board to be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm. Board members, please attend!

Hope to see you at the next club meeting!

Catherine Clevenz, President

### Project Patriotic Rescheduled (Again)

Catherine has once again challenged our artists to submit Patriotic themed items. Items will be voted on by Club members present at the August meeting. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three objects or displays. Elie was the only member to bring in a project for display. We very much liked his Red, White & Blue faceted gemstones.

## **The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club News.**

### **August 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.

### **Events & Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Jazz in the Garden Concerts**

Thursday evenings July 12 through August 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

2018 Performers: Toledo Jazz Orchestra, Mike Lorenz Trio Featuring Evelyn Wright, Cakewalkin' Jass Band, Ramona Collins Sextet, Gene Parker Quintet, Lori LeFevre Quintet, Quartet Bernadette and The 5<sup>th</sup> Element. Ticket Prices (pay at the gate) \$10 general admission - \$5 Metroparks members - Under 12 are free

Main parking at Bancroft Avenue Entrance - ADA only at Elmer Drive Entrance. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs (due to wet turf, some concerts may be on concrete). Guests may bring their own food and beverages. A barbecue vendor will be on grounds for food purchase. Bakery goods will be offered for sale on grounds during the event.

The Garden closes at 3:00 pm the day of concert and re-opens at 5:30 pm Check the Metroparks event page for Volunteer opportunities.

#### **Tea Volunteers Needed Manor House at Wildwood Preserve**

First week of the Month in August, September, October, and November

9:00am-12:00pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am-3:30pm on Friday

Volunteers are needed to help with monthly Tea in the Manor House preparations such as set up, and sandwich making, and also with serving tea, sandwiches, and desserts of the Tea days. Each tea has a specific theme and volunteers are encouraged to dress for the theme. For more information, please email Kelly Griffin at [Kelly.griffin@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:Kelly.griffin@metroparkstoledo.com)

#### **Garden Keepers Toledo Botanical Gardens**

We are looking for volunteers to adopt one or more landscape beds to maintain throughout the season. Gardening experience is not necessary but helpful. Training will be provided. A minimum commitment of 25 hours is required. Age 18+. If you are interested or would like to learn more, contact Lori Miller at [lori.miller@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:lori.miller@metroparkstoledo.com)

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. Make sure to tell them that you are affiliated with the Rock Club. See the Metro parks webpage at [www.metroparkstoledo.com/get-involved/volunteer/](http://www.metroparkstoledo.com/get-involved/volunteer/)

## METAL CRAFTERS CLASSES FOR AUGUST

If anyone is still interested in another class on Fire Enameling, 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](mailto:bking3@me.com).

I will be available Saturdays the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for Weekend open sessions. This is in addition to the regular Metal Crafters Sessions on 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](mailto: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](mailto:mlrlyt@AOL.com) for more information.

### **GEMCRAFTERS**

#### **August 2018 Gem Crafter Update:**

#### **Open work sessions:**

**Saturdays** 10am to 4pm

**Wednesdays** 6pm to 9 pm: Brian King has agreed to collaborate with gem crafters in a Joint Session. Please let Michelle know if you're looking to attend. Catherine to the rescue! We were short a Moderator and the mid-week Gemcrafters sessions were in jeopardy. However, Cathy has agreed to serve as a moderator for Wednesday nights in July and is looking forward to helping our Craft Center newbies on the machines and introducing them to the wonderful world of Lapidary Arts.

**Thursdays** Noon to 4 pm.

**Intro Classes:** To learn to make a cabochon or use the slab saws- Please email Michelle at [mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com](mailto: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. We also have a limited quantity of blue goldstone for purchase in July.

**Needed: Members 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.

If you are thinking of donating equipment or materials please E-mail Michelle at [mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com](mailto:mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com) .

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

## JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS



Junior Rockhound, Rainey won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for her rock collection at the Fulton County Fair under her local 4-H Club. As a result of her finish Rainey will once again be displaying her collection at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus, July 25<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and best of luck to Rainey.

The Junior Rockhounds 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](mailto:sjs132@gmail.com) or call: 567-868-8794.

**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.



## **Farewell**

It is with a fare bit of sadness that we say farewell to R & E Rocks in July of this year. Ed and Ruby Reynolds have operated their business for more than twenty-five years serving customers with all manner of rocks and mineral specimens throughout North America and Mexico. Their ad in the Rocky Reader has been taken down as Ed told me that he plans to enjoy rockhounding as a hobby in his well deserved retirement. R & E Rocks was sold to Jerry Herr, a TGRC member as well as belonging to several other rock clubs in the region and serving as a representative of the Midwest Federation. We hope to see Ed and Ruby at our Clubs monthly meetings and at the upcoming Rock and Gem Show in September. Best wishes to both of them in the years ahead.

## **Rockhounding in America: Web tools to aid in planning your next field trip.**

This webpage list links for nearly all 50 States and several countries outside the U.S.. Clicking your mouse on a State gives you detailed information for the exact locations where rocks and minerals may be found including an interactive map, GPS coordinates and driving directions to specific locations. [http://www.findingrocks.com/cgi-bin/viewlocation.cgi?location\\_id=242](http://www.findingrocks.com/cgi-bin/viewlocation.cgi?location_id=242)

## Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club.

### Meeting Minutes July 18 , 2018

#### Meeting held in the Toledo Artist Guild Building beginning at 7:30 pm

#### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Secretary Report** – The previous minutes were posted in the May Rocky Reader. Tom Marok made a motion to approve the minutes, and Meg Barnhizer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. **Treasurer Report** – Steve Shimatzki reported that our Bank account is healthy. Report in RockyReader. Treasurers report to be audited by members at later date. Tom Morok motioned to approve, and Elie seconded. Motion passed.

#### 4. Old Business

A. 2nd Annual Patriotic Contest Rescheduled for: August 2018 General Meeting.

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. Junior Rockhounds had fun at Fossil Park in May. Many Devonian fossils were found and identified by Tom Morok. Junior Rainey plans to organize her collection for display at her local 4-H Club.

C. Steve will send out the signups for the Fall Rock and Gem Show. Nancy Grove is taking signups for display cases. Tom Barnhizer is looking to get volunteers to repair and set up the Ultra-Violet Light booth for the Show this year. We need to get volunteers to help move stuff for show. Show Waivers?

D. **Resident Org. Update:** 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.

E. Displays: Linda Sharr wants to do a display at the Petersburg Library in Michigan featuring all that the Club does.

F. There is an interest from members to schedule Winter Field Trips at local and regional natural history museums. If anyone knows of a good place where the club can go, let Tom B know.

**Break for Presentation:** Our speaker for the July meeting was “Scrimshander”, Don Baker, who made a presentation on **The Art of Scrimshaw**. Don is a very talented artist and instructor with much to share. His presentation covered the history, artistic variety and ways to get started in this fascinating craft.

#### 5. New Business.

The complete agenda will be presented at the August General Meeting for review, amendments and approval.

Meg B1st Ellie 2nd meeting adorned. 8:12p

## Soap Stone for Sale

**Pat O’Riordon**, a former TGRC member and Soap Stone Carver, is interested in selling blue, green & brown soap stone for specimen collecting and carving. He can be reached at his home at 419-534-3401.

## Amethyst tower for Sale

This beautiful specimen is 18 inches tall at its highest point and 10 inches wide at the base. It is also six and a half inches deep at its deepest point. Price is \$1,500. Call Kim Houser at 419-260-4897.

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## **Group Reports:**

**Gem Crafters:** Going back to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 9am to 4pm

**Metal Crafters:**

**Intro to Metalsmithing Class:**

Contact Steve Cielinski for the next session at [77stevec@gmail.com](mailto:77stevec@gmail.com).

**July Open Work Sessions:**

Thursday, from 9 am – 12 pm

Thursday, from 6 pm – 9 pm

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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:**

Gwen Day, Greg Feight, and Brian King.

**Beaders / Extreme Beaders:** No Change.

**Faceters:** Ellie is asking for people to email him if they are interested in taking a 2<sup>nd</sup> Intro to Faceting Class. Chet King is open to additional members signing up for a hands-on faceting class in the craft center.

**Sunshine:** Our Sunshine Chair, Joe Motter, is himself a bit under the weather. We wish him well and hope to see him in July.

**Juniors:** Interested in doing fieldtrips again? Let us know if you have a trip in mind.

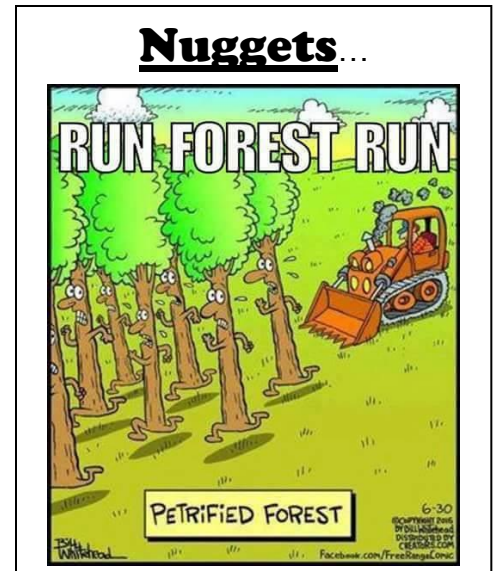
**Field Trips:** The position of Field Trip Coordinator is Open. The FTC's principal duty is to plan and coordinate field trips for the benefit of our members. There are no Field Trips planned for the month of August.

**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, enough for an estimated 100 kits.

We will possibly order more geodes for the geode cracking station and we hope to restore the Ultra-Violet Light booth to display fluorescent rocks and minerals at the show this year.

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

**Fall Open House:** The Club is looking for someone to take-up the reigns for the 2018 Fall Gem & Rock Club Open House that will be held on November 10-11<sup>th</sup> at St James Lutheran Church on Sylvania Avenue just west of the Franklin Park Mall. Contact Catherine CLevenz if you can offer to help.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS FROM CHET KING'S FLYER TABLE**

**4: ISHPEMING, MI** Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. 9 am - 4 pm. Ishpeming Elks Club, 597 Lakeshore Dr., Ishpeming. Contact: Ernie Johnson; (906) 228-9422; [ejohnson@nmu.edu](mailto:ejohnson@nmu.edu)

**10-12: HOUGHTON, MI** Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. Fri 1-8 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 3 pm. Houghton Elementary School, 302 W. Jacker Ave, Houghton. Contact: Norm Gruber, 1850 Clark St., Marquette 49855; (906) 228-6764; [show@ccrnc.info](mailto:show@ccrnc.info)

**17-19: SOUTH BEND, IN** Michiana Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri Noon - 7 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds, Esther Singer Building, 5117 South Ironwood Dr., South Bend. Contact: Joshua Klozinski; (574) 274-8714; [jkos9@yahoo.com](mailto:jkos9@yahoo.com)

**25-26: EAST PEORIA, IL** Geology Section of Peoria Academy of Science Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. East Side Centre, 1 East Side Dr., East Peoria. Contact: Jim Travis, (309) 645-3609; [boatnick@aol.com](mailto:boatnick@aol.com)

# The Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth!

The Imagination Station and The Arts Commission are hosting the **Toledo Mini Maker Faire** in conjunction with Momentum, a three-day arts and music festival. Toledo Mini Maker Faire is a celebration of the Maker Movement, a DIY community of tech enthusiasts, scientists, garage tinkerers, artists and inventors – anyone who uses their own wits and hands to innovate, hack, tweak and create!

Join the science center for this family-friendly day of fun, hands-on activities, creativity, arts and technology. Imagination Station will be open that day, and Mini Maker Faire events and activities will take place outside.

When: Saturday, September 15

Where: Downtown Toledo, Festival Park

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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