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President's Message

Summer is such a busy time for us all. Between summer vacations, gardens, and of course, our hobbies, everyone I talk to seems to be as busy as I feel. Still, people surprise me and step in to help. Last month I reported that Luanne Harris had taken a job in Columbus and would no longer be able to serve as Treasurer. Linn Petersen emailed me a few days later and volunteered to serve for the rest of her term. The board met directly before the regular meeting and voted Linn (Pete) in as our interim treasurer. Please make sure you thank Pete when you see him for helping to take care of our club and your money!

The June speaker was Dr. Thomas Muntean of Adrain College. His talk on fossils was excellent. I have rarely seen our members ask so many questions of a speaker following a talk or show so much interest. He took a different approach and talked about everything from what the ancients first thought fossils were, to the conditions under which fossils are formed, to different types of fossils, even touching on chemical fossils. To see Dr. Muntean's biography, check out the college's website here: <http://adrian.edu/staff/thomas-muntean>.

Over the next couple of months we will be calling on you to help out with the show and with Open House. We will need help with food, demonstrations and the many little things that you all help with every year. I look forward to seeing everyone soon. Please watch your email as always for updates throughout the month.

Tonia Wallace, President

July Meeting:

Ryan Bunch of the Arts Commission will speak about the programs of the Arts commission including participation in the Art walks

Show News:

Summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors and vacation time. September is not that far off. So please remember the club needs its members to volunteer for our September show. I look forward to meeting our members at our show.

John Capuano
Show Chairman

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes

Date: June 17, 2015

General Meeting Agenda

A presentation on fossils by Dr. Thomas Muntean preceded the business meeting. The focus was on the Muddy Creek Formation, a record of late Neogene tectonics and sedimentation in South Nevada.

Meeting started 8: 25 pm with Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Report – moved for approval by Lyn Kalinoski seconded by Deb Hofmaster

Treasurer Report – Finance Report moved for approval by Steve Shimatzki and seconded by John Kalinoski

Old Business

Debby Hoffmaster has done some analysis on the survey results. Tonia Wallace will present those at the next meeting.

Garden after dark, Tonia cannot attend and asked if someone wants to replace her at the Friday, June 26 event that runs from 10pm to 1am

Thelma Postlewaite's Family News July Birthdays:

3	Roger Bourdeau
4	Thomas Barnhizer Trish Beasley
8	Cynthia Erchenbrecher Jacob Heer
9	Emma Bourdeau
10	John Capuano Renee Dallas
11	Sophie Bourdeau
14	Terri Jones
16	Anne Mills
20	Christine Anderson Louise Zack
24	Dale Heuberger Carrie Honore
25	Patricia Page-Ross
26	Kathy Albring
29	Sylvia Huerta-Hug
30	Jacque Martindale
31	Marrienne Bush

**Don't forget to check your
Driver's License.**

Steve Shimatzki attended the MWF Convention held in Chicago IL and gave a short report and provided a Midwest Federation 2015 Directory to the Board

New Business

Linn Petersen was approved by the Board as interim Treasure for the rest of Luann Harris term.

Group Reports

Gardens: The Festival of the Arts will be held June 27 and 28. Please consider volunteering that helps with our Club hours. Please call Nikki at 419-536-5592 to volunteer

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Gemcrafters: See Rocky Reader for dates

Faceteers: Contact Elie if you have interest

Metalcrafters: See Rocky Reader for dates and information

Beaders: See Rocky Reader for dates

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

Juniors: will probably be cancelled because of the Arts Festival

Sunshine: No news to report

Membership: 32 members and 1 new member

Field Trips: A trip to Greymont in Genoa is scheduled for August 1st 8am to 1pm. Bring your MSHA certificate also. The New Bedford IN Show is June 26 -28. Look online for details on this event

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

The meeting concluded at 8:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Mayers, Secretary

GROUPS

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.

GEMCRAFTERS

If you haven't been to a GemCrafter open cutting session lately now is the time to work on unfinished projects or start new ones. Summer is our slower time of the year with members on vacation and participating in more family outdoor activities. A few are concentrating on building new homes! Fewer attendees during the summer months means more equipment available for you to use. Stop by whether you want to work or simply sit a spell on the outdoor benches and chat with your fellow rockhounds. Every one is welcome.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to the following members for their donations and club support. **CHET KING** for donating three very large agate and konadolomite rocks for saw training material. **GENE WALLACE** for showing his beautifully created drawer pulls at the June meeting. So unique! We hope his work will be displayed on the club website for a long, long time. Members of **THE BEADERS** for once again generously donating paper supplies for the craft center. **Debby Hoffmaster** for scheduling exceptional educational speakers and programs for our monthly meetings. Well done Debby!

Your Gem Crafter Moderators
Bonnie Wheeler Natalie Hill Greg Feight Chet King

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

August 1, 10AM. Byzantine bracelet. (6 openings) Instructor JoLynne Hall. Fee of \$40.00 to be sent to Debby Hoffmaster and RECEIVED by July 25. Participants in the class will learn to make this classic chainmaille bracelet in color with aluminum rings.

August 22, 2015 10AM. Enameling with underglaze (2 openings). 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.

October 17&18. 9AM. Anodizing Workshop with Bill Seely. (6 openings) Over the course of two days we will learn the basics of anodizing titanium & niobium with Bill Seely, the founder of Reactive Metals Studio. This workshop is underwritten with proceeds from the Metalcraft auction. Find more details and a registration form in the June, 2015 newsletter.

METALCRAFTER MEETINGS

The Metalcrafters will meet July 9 19 and 23. We will not meet July 5th. Sunday meetings are from 1:30 - 3:30 and Thursday meetings are from 6:30-8:30.

Third Sunday Project for July - Steve Shimatzki has kindly agreed to moderate the Sunday sessions for the summer. He has great plans for the third Sunday projects for July and August. In July, he will be assisting you to make an embossed dog tag type pendant using the rolling mill. Copper and yellow brass will be provided, but, if you want to use silver, you will need to supply that. Participants in must pre-register with Steve (sjs132@gmail.com), pay the \$2.00 fee, and wear long pants and sturdy shoes (no sandals). Please remember, the third Sunday projects are open to any club member

Jazz in the Garden - From July 9 to September 10, TBG will be hosting Jazz in the garden on Thursday evenings. Jazz is a paid entry event. During these times, volunteers will limit your access to the service drive parking lot. Usually these volunteers are our own John and Sylvia Capuano, however, no matter who is there, you may gain access for the metalcrafter meetings. Just tell the gate attendant "I'm here for the gem and rockhound metalcrafter meeting."

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) 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. I apologize for a shorter than normal newsletter this month but we had a tree fall on our house the night of June 27th and there was significant damage that needed to be addressed. Hopefully back to normal for the August newsletter.

Events From Chetty King's Table:

August 1-3 Ishpeming, Mi, Annual show; Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club, Ishpeming Elks Club; 597 Lake Shore Dr. ; Sat. 9:30 am-4:30 pm; Admission is Free

August 7-9 Houghton, Mi: Annual show; Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club, Houghton Elementary School; 203 W Jacker Street , (Corner of Bridge and Jackson Streets); Fri. 1:00 pm-8:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 11:00 am-3:00 pm; Admission is Free

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/>

TWISTING WIRE

Twisting wire can be done with an old hand drill but goes much faster with a power tool. My preference is to use a screw gun, although a Foredom should do well.

Just make a little hook out of coat hanger wire (or use a screw-in cup hook) and chuck it up in your screw gun. Grip the free ends of the wire in a vice and slip the looped end onto your hook. Keep a little tension on the wires as you twist. Note that a power drill is too fast a tool for this unless you have one with variable speed.

Bracelet by Kathy Hotchkiss



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Juniors:

I'm Sorry we had to cancel the June Meeting because of the Crosby Festival. I'm currently planning on continuing July 26th at 1pm. Bring any rocks you want to Show-and-Tell from your summer travels! Bring our tumbled rocks and tumblers back! We need to review the progress.

Steve Shimatzki, Juniors Moderator



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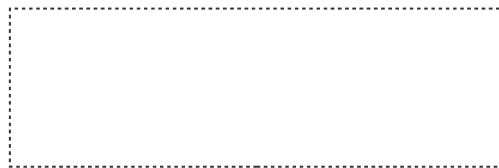
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5 Metalcrafters canceled due to Holiday	6	7 Extreme Beaders 9am Faceteers 7pm	8 Gemcrafters 7-9pm	9 Gemcrafters 12pm Metalcrafters 6:30 pm	10	11
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26 Juniors 1:00pm	27	28 Extreme Beaders 9am	29 Gemcrafters 7-9:30pm	30 Gemcrafters 12pm	31	

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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