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President's Message

I want to thank you all for the outstanding show that we put on last weekend. I heard from several vendors that it was the best they had ever done at our show. The public response was incredibly positive during and after the show as we continued to get messages of thanks and praise through social media into the following week. The credit for that goes to everyone who was involved from cracking geodes, to working the gate, to making gem trees and manning the kids games. Pete will give a full show report at the October meeting but the preliminary figures look very promising.

As many of you already know, I have had some recent changes in my job which have prevented me from participating at the level that I want to. Due to our schedule for software releases at work, I missed the September meeting and will miss another in November. You all have my sincere apology. This was unexpected and is not something that I have control over. There is a chance that on these release nights I may get off work in time to make the business portion of our meeting, but it is not likely. Debby will be standing in for me in November as she did for the past two meetings. Please thank her when you see her.

Again, thank you all for all of the hard work at the show and always!

Tonia Wallace, President

October Meeting

The program for **October** will be the show report.

Announcements:

Open House – Nov 7-8:

We have started collecting names for those who are interested in tables for Open House. The cost will be \$20 each. If you are interested in tables and are not yet on that list, please email Tonia (toniawallace@att.net). In addition to the usual tables available for vendors, we will be doing a couple of things that we haven't done in the past couple of years. The ideas for these changes have come from those who answered the survey earlier this year and from discussions at the open forum, email and monthly meetings.

There will be one table made available to any of the satellite groups who wish to sell items to raise money for their group. (Thank you

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Bonnie Wheeler for coming up with the idea and volunteering to organize a table for Gemcrafters). There will be no charge to the groups for their tables. This is one way to make sure that the money spent on the Open House has the potential to benefit the club as a whole rather than just those who are selling their own merchandise.

The overwhelming suggestion from the survey was that we need to show more of what we do and not focus so much on selling. In order to make that happen we will need volunteers to be actively engaged in the craft center. Anyone who is will to do demonstrations for a couple of hours, put on a mini-workshop, do tours, etc. should contact Tonia with ideas.

November Election:

November will be here before you know it and we have a number of positions that will be vacant and need filling. I have started identifying people who are willing to act as the nominating committee in accordance with our by-laws. Please consider stepping up and running for a position if and when you are asked.

Volunteer Opportunities:

In addition to the slate of officers that will be voted on in November, we have several volunteer needs. As you would have heard if you were at the last meeting, John has stepped down from his position as Show Chair. In addition, Lyn Kalinoski is stepping down as Rocky Reader Editor, also effective when we have the election in November. Finally, I have had a couple of offers to help with pieces of the Open House, but still do not have a chairperson. If you are interested in helping out in any of these areas, please let me know.

Board Meeting:

Our next board meeting will be October 4th at 4:00 PM.

From the Editor:

as many of you know I will be stepping down as Editor of the Rocky Reader. It has been my privilege to help the club by doing this for the past several years. Thank you all for the kind words and support.

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes

Date:September 16, 2005

Officers Status:

President – Tonia Wallace was unfortunately detained by her employer, summarily, she appointed Debra Hoffmaster for the meeting in her stead.

Vice President – Debra Hoffmaster (laryngitis prevented her from speaking so Jim Leslie provided a voice in proceedings)

Secretary – Mike Mayers was unfortunately was recovering from a hospital procedure, summarily, he appointed the Past President, Stephen Shimatzki, for the meeting in his stead.

Treasurer – Linn Peterson Present and accounted for.

Proceedings:

Program for the evening was by Elizabeth Cole, about growing up in a Rock Hound family and what she learned and experienced. Pictures, specimens and a PowerPoint were presented for the memberships' enjoyment. Thank you Elizabeth!

Our General Business Meeting started at 7:55pm with The Pledge of Allegiance.

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Secretary's Report: As listed in August Rocky Reader. Motion to accept was presented by Greg Feight; seconded by Tom Marok. So it was moved with unanimous membership approval.

Treasurer's Report: As Reported by our Treasurer, Linn Peterson. Motion to accept, subject to the audit, was presented by Tom Marok; seconded by Lyn Kalinoski. So it was moved with unanimous membership approval.

New Business: Tonia's Email to the membership was read.

She wishes to thank ALL members for the wonderful September show. She heard lots of positive comments and was very happy and proud.

With her Job Change, She may miss additional meetings and will not be able to run for president next year.

The Board will have it's next meeting October 4th @ 4:00pm

Open House is November 7-8, Contact Tonia Wallace if you want to be a Vendor at \$20 per table.

November elections are coming up. She's started to ask folks about being on the nominating committee to fill the officers positions. Please consider stepping up and running when asked.

Other Volunteer positions will also be needed soon: John Capuano will step down as the show chair. Lyn Kalinoski wishes to step down from Newsletter . Open House still needs a chairperson. Please consider volunteering to fill these positions.

New business as submitted by Stephen Shimatzki:

Don Baker has agreed to do a Scrimshaw class.

The date is: November 14th, 9am – 1pm The cost will be \$25.00

Please RSVP to me ASAP so I can reserve your spot. Payment will be due by November 3rd. (email: ajs132@gmail.com for more information) This class will also be opened to the PUBLIC. Space is limited to 8 people but if we have more than that, he might be interested in doing a second class later that day.

End of New business.

No Old business recognized.

Group reports:

Gemcrafters, Bonnie Wheeler: Continuing in normally scheduled hours of Wednesday 6:30pm – 9:00pm and Tuesdays Noon – 4pm The Next Gemcrafters Safety/cutting training class will be September 28th @ 5:30pm and last about 2.5 Hours. Space is always limited so please call Bonnie Wheeler to get on the list and more information: 410-824-2049

Faceteers, Elie Ghanime: No current classes until further notice. Contact Elie if you are interested in learning faceting. (419-450-0160 or eghanime@buckeye-express.com)

Metalcrafters, Deb Hoffmaster: See the information in the current Rocky Reader for the schedule and procedures.

Beaders, Nancy Grove: Regardless of what anyone says, we still meet the 3rd Monday at 6pm

Extreme Beaders, Kathy Peterson: Meeting on Tuesdays, 9:00am – 4:00pm

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Sunshine, Joe Motter and membership: Please take a moment to remember Mike Mayers and his surgery, Also Cheryl Thompson and Mike Goggle. May they have a speedy recovery.

Field Trips, Harold Burleson: Always keep in touch with Harold. A last minute trip to Flatrock Quarry just popped up, courtesy of the Dayton club, for September 26.

Show, John Capuano: October will be the Show report. A PRE report THANK YOU is extended to everyone that helped load the truck, setup the show, volunteered at the show, and tore it all down again for the new chairperson next year!

Open House: Format will stay the same - \$20 Per table – November 7th and 8th.

Rocky Reader Newsletter, Lyn Kalinoski: Deadline for newsletter is Monday, September 21st

Membership, Stephen Shimatzki: Attendance 31 + 1 Junior - Please remember to renew your membership dues! Memberships are September to September in the club.

Junior's, Stephen Shimatzki: Juniors will NOT meet in September! We will meet in October! The 4th Sunday is October 25th @ 1pm. See you then!

Gardens: The Fall Plant sale is September 19

Program – October is Show Report for the program

Snacks – October Meeting Snacks will be provided by John Capuano and Tom Marok.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Marok; seconded by Greg Feight. So it was moved with unanimous membership approval.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Stephen Shimatzki, Past President.

GROUPS

BEADERS

Monthly Beaders have resumed. Contact Nancy if you are interested. Beaders usually break after the November meeting due to inclement weather.

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.

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GEM CRAFTERS GROUP REPORT

THANK YOU HARRY SNODGRASS!!! While enjoying a late evening get together after the September meeting an elderly woman rushed into the restaurant exclaiming that her husband had fallen in the parking lot and needed help. We immediately told the restaurant staff to call 911 and went outside to assist. Thanks to the first aid training course you presented at the club's mine safety class we were able to keep the fallen 87 year old man who had broken his hip immobile, prevented him from going into shock, relayed his injury and secondary information directly to the 911 operator who relayed it to the paramedics en route, and kept him and his wife as calm as possible until the paramedics and an ambulance arrived. Without the first aid training we would have been among the other people standing around not knowing what to do.

THANK YOU LYN KALINOSKI!!! For all the years you have volunteered as Rocky Reader Editor. Your high standards in publishing our award winning newsletter each month will be a tough act to follow. We wish you all the best as you pursue your dog judging career!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CLUB MEMBERS!! Gem Crafters offer you the opportunity to learn the art of cabochon cutting. This free class is offered on a rotating schedule. We provide initial materials to get you started and offer free additional training on our large saws and drills. Please contact Natalie Hill to reserve a space in the next training class. Natalie's contact information is accessible through the membership roster.

Gem Crafter Open Cutting Hours are every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday afternoons from Noon to about 4:00 p.m. (Closed the 3rd Wednesday for the club meeting). Won't you join us?

Happy Fall to You All!

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

October 17&18. 9AM. Anodizing Workshop with Bill Seely. (2 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.

METALCRAFTER MEETINGS METALCRAFTER MEETINGS

The metalcrafters will meet **by appointment** on October 4, 8, 18 and 22. Sunday meetings are from 1:30-3:30. To confirm your attendance at a Sunday meeting, e-mail or call Deb Hoffmaster 24 hours in advance. Thursday meetings are from 6:30-8:30. Thursday meetings do not have skill instruction and participants must have their own materials and be able to work independently. To confirm your attendance at a Thursday meeting e-mail or call Kathy Petersen or Shirley Stieb 24 hours in advance. Please note: if you have not confirmed your attendance, you may show up and have no one there. Participants must pay the \$2.00 session fee, and wear long pants and sturdy shoes (no sandals).

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.



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A SCRIMSHAW CLASS IS FORMING
The date is: November 14th, 9am – 1pm The cost will be \$25.00

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verb

- 1. adorn (whalebone, ivory, shells, or other materials) with carved or colored designs.**

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- 1. scrimshawed ivory or shells.**

Scrimshaw Artist Don Baker has agreed to have a scrimshaw class on November 14th @ 9am. This will be opened to the public also! Cost is \$25 and he will provide a kit for starting your scrimshaw journey. PLEASE RSVP ME ASAP so that I can reserve your spot. Payment will be due by November 3rd. Email: sjs132@gmail.com for more information. Space is limited! Sign up Today!

**Thelma Postlewaite's
Family News**

October Birthdays:

4	Fei Fei Marok
5	Leah Munoz
	Kent Snyder
7	Sally Gyebar
	John Kalinoski
8	Tom Marok
12	Lynn Miller
13	Randy Kuntz
19	Sylvia Capuano
22	Martha Twining
24	Harold Burleson
	Deb Hoffmaster
25	Nailah Baderinwa
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	Stephanie Souza
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Events From Chetty King's Table:

Oct 9-11 Warren Mi Michigan Mineralogical Society annual show, McComb Community College Fri 9-6, Sat 10-7, Sun 10-7 admission FMI mmsgeograves@hotmail.com

Oct 17-18 Flint, Mi Flint Rock & Gem Club Carter Middle School, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5 admission FMI: 810-744-0852 or dday@comcast.net

Oct 23-25 Mason Mi Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society Ingham County Fairgrounds, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 11-5, admission, FMI 517-349-3249 l.r.laylin@gmail.com

24-25 Cuyahoga Falls OH Akron Mineral Society & Lapidary Club, Emidio & Sons Expo Center Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5 admission FMI Gemboree@outlook.com

31-Nov 1 Midland Mi Mid-Michigan Rock Club, Great Hall Sat 11-6 Sun 10-4, admission, FMI 989-513-7254, MMRCrockclub@yahoo.com

Nov 7-8 TGRH Club Open House

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2015 TGRH Show Photos Courtesy of Dave Moore



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