



# Rocky Reader

The Monthly Newsletter Of The  
**Toledo Gem And Rockhound Club**

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## Message from the President

Dear Friends,

The Gem and Rockhound Club has organized a "Thank You" Picnic in October to show our appreciation for all who helped organize and work at the Rock Show. We especially want to say thanks to Steve and his lovely wife Suzanne for their tireless efforts in planning, organizing and putting on this important event in our calendar. In November there will be nominations followed by a vote for Officers and two spots on the Board in December. Of course, we must not forget the annual Christmas Ornament Contest and Potluck Dinner, an enjoyable event for the entire family. These are only a few upcoming Club activities among many more that are not listed. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the fun. Remember to invite your family members and friends to come to the meetings and join in the fun! Hope to see you soon!

Catherine Clevenz, President

## November Election of Officers and Board Members

Club Elections are scheduled to be held at our regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 28th, 2018. This meeting was rescheduled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. A Nominating Committee has been formed under the direction of Joanna Toepfer to seek individuals that will stand for the following positions: President, Vice President and Sergeant at Arms as well as two openings on the Board of Directors; A regular three year Board Member position and a vote to finish the remaining two years of the term that was vacated by member Amy Shufeldt. Please plan to attend this important meeting and cast your vote.

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

### **OCTOBER 2018**

#### **November Meeting Rescheduled**

The regular monthly meeting of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club in November has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This meeting was rescheduled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Club Elections for open Officer and Board positions will be held during this meeting.

#### **Membership Renewal**

It's that time of year again! All regular Club memberships expired at the end of September. If you haven't renewed as yet you should know that membership dues were increased slightly this year! Annual membership dues are now \$21.45 for Individuals and Family dues increased to \$26.81. If you need a membership form for yourself, a friend or family member see the attached form or you may visit the club webpage at: <http://www.rockyreader.com>.

#### **Field Trip Coordinator Chair 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 October

#### **The 2018 Fall Open House:**

The 2018 Fall TGRC Gem & Rockhound Open House will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-5pm on Saturday and 11-4pm on Sunday at St James Lutheran Church 4727 West Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, Ohio just a half mile west of The Franklin Park Mall. Set-up is scheduled for Friday evening from 5-9 pm. New member Tina Mitten, has volunteered to Chair this year's event. Contact Tina if you would like to set up a table during the Open House or to offer to help with set-up, demonstrations, displays or general support. Cell/text: (419) 810-2993 Email: [MITTTALK64@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MITTTALK64@GMAIL.COM) See the attached Flyer.

#### **Fall/Winter Access to the Garden**

With Fall right around the corner our hours of daylight are growing shorter. As a reminder, 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.

#### **Metroparks Events & Volunteer Opportunities**

##### **Announcing The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist 2018 Class**

##### **September 21 to November 2**

Registration is now underway to become an **Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist**. Join Metroparks Master Interpreter Kim High and OSU Extension Educator Amy Stone, this year's program leaders, as they acquaint participants with natural areas in and around the Toledo, Lucas County Area. Topics include insects, reptiles, birds, geology and so much more! This class runs on Fridays from September 21 to November 2. Registration Fee is required and class size is limited. For more information or to apply, contact Amy Stone at [stone.91@osu.edu](mailto:stone.91@osu.edu)

##### **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/)

### **2018 Gem and Mineral Show a Great Success**



The pictures don't lie. The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem and Rockhound Show was a "Rocking" success. Our attendance numbers were up over the last 4 years! Raffle sales lagged some because of a drop in donated prizes by the members (we need to work on that), however, Club sales were increased over last year because of Geode cracking thanks to Chet King! The huge Quartz Crystal plate drew crowds of awestruck admirers who submitted over a hundred names to place



on the display next year. Now, how to choose just one? The Make-It – Take-It activity continues to be popular with both young and old thanks to all the volunteers that took time to teach attendees how to create their own special Gem Trees that they will treasure for many years to come. Despite moving the Kid's Corner into the basement, everyone still had lots of fun and no one left without something to take home in their pocket. Once again, thanks go out to Tom and Pam Marok. Even the Imagination Station representative was impressed with our show. Finally, the Touch and Feel area was a great hit as always but it really got exciting when Diana pulled out the Ultra-Violet Flashlight. I could go on but if you want to know how great this years Rock Show really was, you need to come to the October Club meeting to hear Steve's report. (He told me I had to say that).

## **GEMCRAFTERS**

### **September/October 2018 Gem Crafter Update:**

**Training Sessions:** To learn the correct steps to make a quality cabochon or how to use the Slab Saws please contact Joanna Toepfer or Catherine Clevenz, Intro Gem Crafters Classes are scheduled as needed so to take beginning classes let them know of your interest as soon as possible.

The **September Gem of the Month was Opal.** These gems have been generously donated by a member. Chet King has offered to conduct a workshop on working with Opal. Michelle Gregorie has detailed information including a book on polishing Opal that folks can read before tackling this challenging gem stone. In addition, you may want to check out Elie Ghaime's on-line facebook video on "How to dope an Opal."



**The October Gem of the Month is Kona Dolomite.** Due to the many trace minerals present, Kona dolomite can be found in a wide variety of colors including pink, brown, yellow, cream, red and orange, some with dark Red often show mottling, banding and gray and black. Kona makes Chimes, Spheres, as well as the Kona Hills south of Marquette Kona Dolomite is an ancient rock formations of fossil stromatolite stromatolite formations are from the lower eras of the Middle



Crystal or Moose Blood Dolomite. It can lacing with shades of brown, cream, beautiful slabs for Clocks, Wind carvings and cabachons. Named after County, Michigan where it is found. 2.1 to 2.8 billion years old. in which (blue-green algae) occur. These some of the first life on earth found in Precambrian Period.

### **Open work sessions:**

**Saturdays;** October 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 10am to 4pm with Joanna Toepfer moderating.

**Wednesdays:** October 3, 10, 24, and 31 from 6 to 9 pm with Chet King and Catherine Clevenz moderating.

**Thursdays:** October 4, 11, 18 and 25 from noon to four pm with Chet King moderating.

**Work Session Fees are as follows:** \$1 for the Club to provide for operations. \$1/hr for use of Craftcenter to provide for programs and maintenance of equipment. Please make sure that you sign in each time you use the Craft Center. Cab of the Month Slabs are available for \$2 each. The Fee for Workshops is \$15.00 for each plus the cost of materials. You must be a member to use the Craft Center and its' equipment.

**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 Joanna Toepfer, Cathy Clevenz, or Chet King for more details or to volunteer.

### **Donations:**

If you have tools, machines or lapidary materials and have been thinking of donating items to the Club please call or e-mail any of our moderators for information.

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

### **METAL CRAFTERS**

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).

Brian 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 Brian at [bking3@me.com](mailto:bking3@me.com) if you would like to attend so we can have the facilities ready.

### **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.

### **ADVANCED BEADERS"**

The "Extreme" Beaders meet on Tuesdays beginning at 9AM. Participants should be able to work independently on their own projects. If you would like to join, but need more information, contact Kathy Petersen [mlrlyt@AOL.com](mailto:mlrlyt@AOL.com)

### **FACETERS:**

Ellie is asking for people to email him at [eg.therockman@gmail.com](mailto:eg.therockman@gmail.com) if they are interested in taking a 2<sup>nd</sup> Intro to Faceting Class which will be limited to 10 members. This Faceting Workshop will cover technical/design aspects and include a hands-on Faceting Machine session. In addition, 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 soon.

### **TRGC Junior Rockhounds:**

Juniors will meet at the Craft Center on the fourth Saturday of the month from 2-4 pm. Contact Steve Shimatzki for the next session at [sjs132@gmail.com](mailto:sjs132@gmail.com)

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**Field Trips:** While not necessarily listed as a designated Field Trip, in less than a month, the 74th **Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show** rocks the **Macomb Community College-South Campus Sports & Expo Center** (Hayes Rd. between 11 1/2 & 12 Mile) in **Warren, MI** on **Oct. 12, 13, & 14.**

Sponsored by **Cranbrook Institute of Science**, the show features **over 60 dealers** of minerals, fossils, gemstone jewelry, carvings, tools, equipment and MORE! See dozens of wonderful displays by distinguished museums and noted collectors including the *A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum*, *the Royal Ontario Museum*, *Wayne State*, *Cincinnati Museum*, and Cranbrook. In addition, there will be another 50 displays by individuals and dealers. Come to our club sales booth to find great buys on rocks & minerals. Take photos with *Kosmoceratops* and the *Megalodon* jaws! Hear talks by experts, watch lapidary demos, bid on silent auctions, and bring the kids to pan for gold and dig up a fossil.

Hours:

Fri. 9-6 Sat. 10-7 Sun. 11-5

Ticket Prices (at the door):

Adults: \$8 Seniors: \$5 Children: \$4 Scouts in Uniform: \$3

**\*NOTE:** You can now buy tickets in advance to avoid standing in line! Just go to [www.michmin.org/book-tickets-online](http://www.michmin.org/book-tickets-online) and follow the instructions to print your show tickets!

**UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE MIDWEST FEDERATION WEBPAGE**

Oct. 12-14 WARREN, MI

**Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Show**

Macomb Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd., Warren

Fri 9 am - 6pm; Sat 10 am - 7 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm

Contact: John Peters, (313) 255-7774;

joopett13@hotmail.com

Oct. 19-21 MASON, MI

**Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society Annual Show**

Main Arena Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 Ash St., Mason

Fri 6pm - 9pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm

Contact: Roger Laylin; (517) 349-2349;

l.r.laylin@gmail.com

Oct. 19-21 FORT WAYNE, IN

**Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show**

Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd., Fort Wayne

Fri & Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm

Contact: Russell Greim, 7619 CR 68;

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3riversshow@gmail.com

Oct. 20-21 CLIO, MI

**Flint Rock & Gem Club Annual Show**

**Nuggets**



**The first "Rock Cycle" was  
a lot more interactive.**

Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio  
10 am - 5 pm each day  
Contact: Bill Wendling, 9145 Johnston Rd.,  
New Lothrop 48460; (810) 638-5796;  
bwrockbarn@centurytel.net

Oct. 27-28 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: Gujo Kotch, 244 Chestnut Blvd,  
Cuyahoga Falls; (330) 929-3798;  
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### **The Future Rockhounds of America**

No one would argue, all Clubs need to ensure their future by involving youth and families. Understanding this, AFMS President Bill Cox, added a committee to AFMS called "Junior Clubs." Bill coined the name "**Future Rockhounds of America**" and designed a certificate to be given to junior clubs becoming members of FRA. There are no dues to pay to become an FRA member. The only requirement for kids to obtain FRA membership is to be a member of an existing regional Rock Club with an AFMS affiliation. Starting in the fall of 2004, Juniors Activities Chair Jim Brace-Thompson developed a free badge program of guided activities to provide youth leaders with 53 individual activities in 9 areas. The challenge to our Club is to tap into this program as well as to look for other ways to support our educational outreach.

Children are born with a love for rocks and fossils; so convincing them to come to a club where they can learn about them and begin to build a collection should not be a problem. Our Club already has interested children but is lacking older teens. As a major component of our Mission Statement we will need to find ways to expand the existing outreach and educational programs and, in the process, maybe even liven things up a bit. Here are a few thoughts on creating a Junior program that includes older teens.

- 1) **Go where the kids are.** Volunteer to talk to public and home school classes. Teachers love it when members of the community volunteer to talk to their classes on topics related to their existing studies. This can be especially effective if the speaker includes specimens that can be given to students to take home.
- 2) Use a variety of methods to connect with the network of parents who home school their children.
- 3) 4H and Scout leaders are always looking for programs - a program on rocks, minerals, and fossils would be right down their alley.
- 4) Talk to and partner with sister rock clubs and other youth oriented programs that have successful programs and get hints from them about things to do.
- 5) Enlist the help of your own Club members to invite their own children and/or grandchildren. Don't forget to encourage them to invite their friends and neighbors as well.

- 6) Put together a traveling kit for Rock Talks and for displays. Place exhibits at the local and school libraries that focus on the STEM curriculum and be prepared to volunteer to give after school programs there.
- 7) Invite schools, Scouts and other youth groups to the annual Rock Show - offer them a FREE or discounted entry fee.

Of course, once you have snagged these youngsters, the real work begins. You need to keep their interest up. Create a Mentorship program where older youth can complete internships as they gain knowledge and skill.

1. Develop really interesting and FUN programs.
2. Organize regular field trips.
3. Provide age appropriate lessons on how to safely use the club's lapidary equipment so that they can make something with the specimens that they find or acquire.
4. Encourage youth to take part in Club shows and meetings.
5. Challenge them to write short clips for the Clubs newsletter.

**“Clubs that have active Junior programs find that the whole Club benefits as much if not more than the youth themselves.”** Taken from the MWFA webpage.”

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>



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**It's that time of year again! Memberships expire at the end of September.**

**If you need a NEW membership form for a friend or family member, please visit the club  
webpage at: <http://www.rockyreader.com>**

**Membership Dues have increased this year!**

**2018 / 2019 Membership Renewal Form ONLY**

Individual \$21.45  
(\$20 + 1.45 Tax)

Family \$26.81  
(\$25 + 1.81 Tax)

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Please send checks to:

**Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club  
c/o Stephen Shimatzki  
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Woodville OH 43469**

# Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club 's Fall Rock & Gem Open House

Member created demonstrations, crafts and sales.

## November 17th and 18th, 2018



**Saturday: 9am - 5pm**

**Sunday: 11am - 4pm**

**FREE ADMISSION – FREE PARKING!**

**At St James Lutheran Church**

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For more information please visit the TGRC webpage:

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