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Message from the President

Dear Club Members.

I am sure that many of you are having a great summer of rockhounding, As some of you are preparing for back to school and other Fall activities, I would like to remind you to please sign up for your 2 hours of volunteer service at the September Show. Free Admission on the day that you volunteer! We are also in need for folks to sign up to bring in food and other items during set-up for the vendors and volunteers. On another note, the Board has been working very hard with the moving committee on finding a new location for the club and have viewed many properties. We are sure we will have a location within the next couple of months. At the next meeting we will be having Kealy Goodall back with a continuation of her last presentation.

Keep on Rocking!

Catherine Clevenz, TG&RC President

Patriots Challenge

July's Crafting Challenge theme was "Patriotism" and we had some real winners, all featuring Red, White and Blue in their designs. 1st Place goes to Rodney Guy for his trifecta of Trillion facetted Gemstones. A tie for 2nd Place went to Meg Barnhizer for her double entries of Beaded Necklace and handcrafted glass orb. Joe Motter earned a 3rd Place award for his beaded mobile. A cash prize was awarded to all winners. Well Done!



The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club News August 2019

August Meeting Announcement

The next general meeting of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club will be held in the TBG Artist's Club's Studio on Wednesday August 21st at 7 pm.

Craft Center during Jazz in the Garden

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club program will open on Thursday evenings in the months of July and August. The Garden will be open during the day however it closes at 3:00 pm the day of each concert to prepare for the Jazz in the Garden event and re-opens at 5:30 pm for concert admission to the public. Those members using the Craft Center should be aware that they may need to adjust their activities around this event activity.

Club By-Laws Amendments

An Executive Session of the TGRC Board was held in the Craft Center on Thursday, June 6th at 6:30 pm whose results were presented to the membership for approval at the July general meeting. Each article of amendment was presented for a vote of the members present. See the attached articles in the July Rocky Reader for the complete text. Two articles of amendment passed by a show of hands. A third dealt with the issue of background checks for future Advisors to the Future Rockhounds of America program. The Board approved this item without a vote. The final article attempted to specify the manner and nature of rules of order at Club meetings. This amendment was tabled and returned to the Board for further discussion and revision as needed before coming back to the membership.

TGRC Inventory of Assets

An inventory of club assets to include machinery, tools and equipment, furniture and display cabinetry, special rock and mineral specimens, office supplies and electronics was completed by the 31st of July, 2019. The inventory will be retained for future reference.

Club Member Tom Maroc's Service to Fossil Park Cited

The Club is proud to report that Tom Maroc was honored this year by the Olander Park Board for exemplary dedication to serving programs at Fossil Park.

Donations:

Thank you to all the club members who donate their time and resources to the club!

The club would like to get an accurate assessment of the amount of physical donations we receive each year as well as acknowledge those who give! As such, our Treasurer, Glen, is requesting that anyone who donates please give your donation receipts to your group moderator so they can be given to the Treasurer. A donation form will be provided in the craft center.

Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for all you do for our club! Glen Toepfer

Fossil Park Activities

Fossil Park opened on April 15th. Access to the Parks is off of Centennial Road across from Mayberry Village's Shopping Center. Fossil Park provides the public with the opportunity to collect 350-million-year-old marine fossils from the Devonian Period such as mussels, brachiopods, crinoids and, everyone's favorite, Trilobites. The first tetrapod's or land-living vertebrates, appeared during the Devonian, as did the first terrestrial arthropods, including wingless insects and the earliest arachnids. Crinoids and other echinoderms, tabulate and rugose corals, and ammonites were also common.

Field Trip Report: Arlington, Ohio

Several of our members were able to participate in the July Field Trip to Kens House of Slabs on Saturday, July 13th, at his farm in Arlington, Ohio. Following the visit to Ken's some of the group when to JUJU Beads Tour and Crafting in Findlay to take the tour, grab some lute & make their own treasured piece. They were also shown methods of Gallery Wrapping.

Instead of a Club Field Trip in August the Juniors have invited everyone to join them at the Ohio Caverns. See the details below.

In September Kealy would like to invite the Club to join her for a Field Trip to the 2019 Toledo Gem and Rock Show at the Stranahan. If you have ideas for any future Field Trips this year or next contact Kealy Goodale at Kealygoodale@gmail.com or give her a call at 419-202-4549.

Ohio Caverns Field Trip: August 10th

Our Junior FRA program calls for two annual field trips during the Summer when most schools are not in session. In looking at the Calendar the next best date would be Saturday, August 10th. I have asked our Juniors what would be of most interest to them. They all expressed excitement in exploring a local Cave system. One of the best in the State of Ohio is Ohio Caverns near West Liberty, Ohio. You can check out their webpage at https://ohiocaverns.com/photo-gallery/

This would be a day trip, caravanning down I-75 in the early morning and returning in the late afternoon or early evening. There are two Tour options, each 50 minutes in length. You may choose your own option or select the combo package which will cost a bit more but save on the separate rate. I have attached the hours and fee information below. We will look for a local lunch location or you can make it a family picnic.

Ohio Cavern Hours Summer Session Tours (May 1 – September 30) Natural Wonder Tour – 50 minutes

Adult: \$19.00

Child 5-12 years: \$10.00 Child 4 and under: No Charge

Historic Tour – 45 minutes

Adult: \$19.00

Child 5-12 years: \$10.00 Child 4 and under: No Charge



Combo Tour (Historic & Natural Wonder) – Approximately 50 minutes per tour with a short break in between. Last Combo departs daily at 4:00 pm.

Adult: \$38.00 \$29.00 (You Save \$9.00!)

Child 5-12 years: \$20.00 \$15.00 (You Save \$5.00!) Children 4 and under: No Charge

As always, <u>our junior program requires the participation of at least one parent in attendance</u>. With ten youth registered in our program we should be able to support a caravan so that not every family will need to drive.

NOTE: The FRA Juniors would like to open this Field Trip up to any of our members who may be interested. Please reply to this notice via email or feel free to call me directly. Tom Barnhizer, TGRC FRA Advisor

Metroparks Volunteer General Meeting – ALL Volunteers are invited!

Mix and mingle with your fellow volunteers, people like you who support Metroparks! Central Region Operations Manager, Nate Ramsey will be our guest speaker on Thursday, August 8th, 4-5 pm at the Fallen Timbers Visitor Center. Nate will provide us with the inside scoop on a project currently underway at Toledo Botanical Garden. The secret is out - be among the first to learn about the Secret Forest! Please sign up in Volgistics or contact Trish at patricia.hausknecht@metroparkstoledo.com

Access to the Botanical Gardens

With Summer finally upon us our hours of daylight have grown longer. We can enter the park via the Main Gateway entrance which will be closed after sunset. Artisans may also use the Olympia Drive entrance which is between the main gate and the Education Center that will remain open after sunset. You may use the parking lot by our Craft Center if space is available or choose to park in the Garden in the lot next to the Toledo Artist Guild. As a reminder, when using the Craft Center the last one out after sunset should close and lock the gate access to our parking area.

New Garden Ambassadors Toledo Botanical Garden & Wildwood

This new volunteer assignment will help with scheduled tours of the gardens by welcoming tours, getting the guests started on self-guided tours, answering questions about the gardens, and assisting with garden bed identification. Please contact Kelly at kelly.griffin@metroparkstoledo.com with questions or for information on our upcoming training.

Toledo Grows JAZZ In the Garden

Thursday Evenings in July and August

Season Passes

\$64 adults \$32 Metroparks members

Ticket Prices (at the gate) \$5 Metroparks members (each - 2 people per card)

\$10 general admission

Children 12 and under are free

Concerts Begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8:30 pm

Parking: Handicap only at Elmer Entrance

Main parking at Bancroft Entrance

Food: Barbecue and Bakery goods for sale on grounds.

Guests may bring their own food and beverages.

You are encouraged to bring chairs or a blanket.

The Garden closes at 3:00 pm the day of concert and re-opens at 5:30 pm

For admissions.

No pets allowed in the Garden. No bicycles allowed in the Garden.

The MWF CONVENTION

The 2020 MWF Convention will be hosted by the Livingston Mineral Society in Howell, Michigan. If you would like to see the monthly newsletter of the MWF check out the MWF webpage at http://www.amfed.org/mwf/convention/convention.html

Preparations Underway for the 2019 Toledo Gem and Rockhound Show.

Preparations are well underway for the 48th Annual Toledo Gem and Rockhound Show at the Stranahan Convention Center on Sept. 6, 7, and 8th. Heatherdowns Blvd. in South Toledo. Show Chair, Steve Shimatzki and his wife, Suzanna have created promotional flyers and posters. The Show set-up on Sept. 5th. Steve has formed a committee with committee chairs aided by volunteers to help with loading and clean-up, a crew to prep the Stranahan Convention Center prior to the event and tear down on the final day. Steve and Susanna have begun efforts to promote and advertise the Show with a number of Flyers and Posters that are available to members. Show Yard Signs will be available soon at the Craft Center building and the August meeting, if members do not currently have any. If you currently have signs, feel free to set them in your yard, etc. By Toledo Law, permission must be obtained if you plan on posting it on someone else's property or you will be responsible for fines incurred.

Club members should contact Nancy Grove to reserve a display case where members will design and place collections of their own past work and items of interest to the hobby. These displays will be voted on by the visiting public during the Show with awards presented to the four best. The display case dimensions are 46' W x30" D x 11" H.

Steve would like to invite members to donate generously to the annual raffle. Please consider volunteering two or more hours to this important fund raiser for your Club. If you would like to volunteer to staff one of the many work stations, demonstrations or presentations that are planned please see below for how to volunteer.

Signups for show volunteer spots can be done easily online. Just copy and paste the following link into your web browser to get to the show volunteer page: https://bit.ly/2SIM0eU

Also you can sign up for hospitality items by using the following link:

https://bit.ly/2YcHxHy

Those two links have all the current information as updated after the last meeting. If you forget what You signed up for, then just visit the links to see the listing. Please do not remove anyone from the list. If your time slot you wanted is filled, you will need to select another time slot. I know lots of people want to be "floaters" but it is really helpful if yo pick a day/Time you will be volunteering. If you are a "Floater" I will fill in an empty spot as I need but it is better for you to pick what you WANT to do, otherwise you may be "stuck" doing something you don't want to do. I REALLY could use some help in the Club Sales section and Gem Trees. PLEASE, fill in some spots!

For 2 hours of you time, you will be given free entry for the show that day. Extra time would be appreciated if you can! Please check in at the admissions tables to sign in/out and get your badge, etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Steve: 567-868-8794.

TGRC SHOW VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TACO BAR - SATURDAY AFTER THE SHOW!

We are planning a "Show Volunteer Appreciation" gathering **SATURDAY** after the show closes. 7pm to (TBD). We hope to have the Taco's, cheese, and toppings and just have a good time chatting about the show and enjoying some fun with each other before the last day of the show. I hope to also invite the dealers so that they can relax with us in a NON-RETAIL, relaxed setting. Please respect that setting and not ask about prices, deals, or purchases, etc.

More information will be provided to volunteers at the show or the August meeting. This is a first time event and details are still being determined. Yes, I stole this idea from another club. It was a GREAT idea, so please volunteer so you can participate! Volunteers that are Sunday only are also welcome to the Saturday SVA gathering.

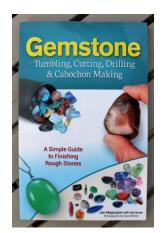
2019 Fall Open House Show and Sale:

The TGRC Fall Open House Show and Sale is scheduled for the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd and will once again be held at St. James Lutheran Church on W. Sylvania Avenue in Toledo, Ohio. The hours will be from 9-5pm on Saturday and 11-4pm Sunday. As of this writing there are six members signed up for table areas and are looking forward to additional sign ups. In addition, we are looking for members who are interested in conducting a lapidary related workshop or demonstration in addition to the scheduled the Gem Tree Table during this show. In addition to the digital microscope display we will once again set up the Pebble Pit for our Junior Rockhounds. Food and refreshments will be offered to members and the public on both Saturday and Sunday.

The gym at St James Church has space and tables for 14+ members to set up table areas for display. Assignments are made on a first come first serve basis. All areas will be reserved for members only until October 1st when we will open table reservations to outside individuals. The cost for tables has been adjusted to account for size. Eight-foot tables will be provided for \$20 each and six foot tables \$15. Members should provide their own table coverings and fixtures. Those members who wish to reserve tables should contact Tom Barnhizer via email, test message or phone as soon as possible with the number and size of tables and if power will be required.

We ask our members to help us to organize the broadest public information campaign for this Falls Open House beginning in August. See the attached Flyer.

Rockhound Book Review of the Month



Gemstone: *Tumbling, Cutting, Drilling* & Cabochon Making. By Jim Magnuson with Val Carver and photos by Carol Wood; 2015. Gemstones are naturally beautiful, but you can make them glisten and shine. This beginner's guide covers all the techniques you need to know from tumbling, cutting, face polishing, drilling to cabochon and jewelry making. It details information on dozens of popular gemstones, with full color illustrations, and it provides information about recommended equipment and supplies. This book includes several charts/tables to serve as an aid to the budding Lapidary Crafts person. As a bonus, it introduces jewelry making with seven easy to master projects. By following the authors' simple approach, you'll create finished stones worthy of displaying, wearing, selling or simply for your own pleasure. This 176-page book is available on on-line and at local bookstores; list price \$18.95.

Rock and Gem Magazine Lauds the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

The August issue of <u>Rock and Gem</u> features an article in the Club Corner on the recent acquisition of three glass display cases to hold the universities collection of rocks and minerals. As was reported in the May Rocky Reader, the University was assisted by members of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club to sort, identify and organize the collection. It is hoped that prominent displays of this manner will serve to advance the study and appreciation of the geological world.

SUNSHINE: Thanks to Peggy Argabright for stepping up to fill the position of Sunshine Chair. Peggy will need all of our help in identifying significant events such as births and birthdays, marriages, anniversaries and passing's that are related to our membership. Call Peggy or send your information to ptoepher@yahoo.com

TGRC Library Inventory

Shirley Steib has completed the daunting task of inventorying the Craft Center's lending library. We have a wide range of topics related to Geology, Rockhounding, Gem crafting and the lapidary arts. As many of our book titles are similar, we are thinking that the best way to catalog and store them would be by topic; Geology, rockhounding, Gems, Gem crafts and Faceting, Metal crafting, Beading and Tumbling. All of our books have been donated by members over the past 50 years. Many are out of print and only available through the local library or our club. We discovered that we have extra copies of a small number of books that may be made available at future club sales or auctions. We encourage members to use this valuable resource as often as needed and for your increased enjoyment of your hobby.

TGRC Trading Post

Ken and Beverly of Arlington Ohio have over 100 kinds of slabs: Agates, Jasper, Jade, Flint, Opal, Sodalite, Rhodnite, Thundereggs, etc. at reasonable prices. Dozens of boxes of slabs are cataloged along with his extensive collection of rock and mineral specimens which he generously opens up to Clubs and local schools.

Ken's farm is located at 20278 Ohio Rte 184 just southeast of Arlington, Ohio, about one hour's drive from Toledo. If your interested in visiting Ken you can call the Editor for directions. PLEASE CAL



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GEMCRAFTERS MAY UPDATES:

Open work sessions:

Saturdays; The 1st – 3rd – and 5th Saturdays. August 3rd, and 17th from 9am to 4pm with Joanna Toepfer moderating.

Wednesdays: August 7, 14, 21, and 28th from 6 to 9 pm with Chet King moderating.

Thursdays: August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th from noon to four pm with Chet King moderating.

The August Cabochon of the Month is;

Leopard Skin Jasper.



Gem Crafter Maintenance Session: Thursday, August 8th, from 10 am to noon. We will be replacing Genie Nova wheels.

Training Sessions: To learn the correct steps to make a quality cabochon or how to use the Slab Saws and other lapidary equipment. Please contact Joanna Toepfer, Chet King or Elie Ghanime if you would like to participate in any upcoming training session. Introduction to Gem Crafters Classes

are scheduled as needed. To participate in any of these beginning classes let Joanna or Chet know of your interest as soon as possible.

Gem Crafter Moderators: Thanks to Joanna Toepfer and Chet King. Should any member be interested in becoming a Moderator please contact Joanna Toepfer joanna@cqasolutions.co. Joanna is hoping to invite members to attend a Moderator Training Course in the coming months.

FACETERS:

Into to Faceting Class.

Faceting Gemstones can seem like a challenge, however, it is a skill that can be learned by carefully following some basic steps. Chet King has openings for members to sign up for his hands-on weekend faceting classes in the Craft Center. If you don't have your own Faceting Machine the Club can provide one for you to use. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th weekends of each month beginning each day at 10 am through 4 pm.

Elie Ghanime has offered to teach an <u>Intro to Faceting</u> Class that covers technical/design aspects and include a hands-on Faceting Machine session. Elie is asking for another eight members to have a minimum of 10 individuals to conduct classes of this nature. The fee for this class is \$85 and includes a printed manual along with hands on instruction. Please email Elie at eg.therockman@gmail.com to put your name on a list for the next training session.

METAL CRAFTERS

Brian King will be available on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and alternating Saturdays for Weekend Open Sessions. For the month of May Metalcrafters will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Please email Brian at bking3@me.com if you would like to attend so he can have the facilities ready.

BEADERS:

TGRC Beaders will meet on the third Monday of the Month at 6PM. The Beaders Group is also putting together Gem Tree Kits for the Open Houses and future projects. In addition, Nancy says that she will have materials for you to make your own Shark Tooth necklace. If you are interested in beading, contact Nancy Grove nancy7536@att.net for more information.

ADVANCED BEADERS:

The "Extreme" or Advanced Beaders meet on Tuesdays beginning 9 AM to 4 PM. 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 or Shirley Stieb at sstieb828@gmail.com.

TRGC Future Rockhounds Of America:



The rains in June cleared up just in time for us to continue our research into fossils at the Craft Center. After a short outdoor activity, we took advantage of the blue skies to take a Rock Walk in the Botanical Gardens to learn how rocks and stones are being used to enhance the various garden areas. We were able to identify many types of rocks and features such as the Japanese themed Rock Garden with its' dry pebble stream. We also admired the beautiful hand-carved marble water garden planter outside of the TBG conference center.

Normally the FRA Club meets in the TGRC Craft Center on the

4th Saturday of each month from 2-4 pm accompanied by a parent or guardian, however, the Garden will be hosting an event for the public on that date in August. We will move our meeting to the King Road Branch of the Sylvania Public Library at the corner of King and Sylvania Avenue. If you don't see us right away just ask at the front desk so you don't miss out on our group.

We are growing and are now up to 10 youth members involved in the Future Rockhounds. If you have a friend that is interested in collecting rocks and minerals have them come along with a parent to see what it's all about.

Social Rock Group:

This Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at a location of their choosing. In August that will be on the12th and 26th of the month. The Rockhound Group will identify specimens and discuss other issues such as handling and storing of specimens, proper labeling and various methods to display collections. They will exchange information on prospecting, identifying and collecting rocks, minerals, meteorites and fossils for the benefit of the club's members. In addition, Group members may trade/swap rock and mineral specimens among themselves, including common rocks, fossils, metallic ores, gems, meteorites and semi-precious stones.

The Rockhound Group is open to the public so bring a friend. They will be meeting in August on the 12th and 26th in the Craft Center.

Nuggets I can never get it to skip.

August Events and Regional Shows

Here is a partial list from the Midwest Federations events page.

August 3, 2019 Ishpeming Gem and Mineral Show Ishpeming Elks Club, 597 Lakeshore Dr, Ishpeming, MI. (in Michigan's Upper Penninsula) Info: www.lshpemingrocks.org

9-11: GRAND RAPIDS, MI Midwest Faceters Guild Faceting Seminar. Tallmadge Township Hall, 0-1451 Leonard St., Grand Rapids Contact: Barb Yost, (616) 254-9777; <u>midwestfaceters@gmail.com</u>

10: CLIO, MI Flint Rock & Gem Club Rock Swap. 9 am - 4 pm. Flint Rock & Gem Club, 11350 N. Saginaw Rd., Clio. Contact: Bill Wendling, (810) 638-5796, bwrockbarn@centurytel.net www.flintrockandgem.org

16-18: SOUTH BEND, Indiana Michiana Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri Noon - 7 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, 5112 South Ironwood Rd., South Bend. Contact: Josua Klosinski, (574) 274-8714; jklos9@yahoo.com www.michianagms.org

24-25: PEORIA, IL PAS Geology Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Eastside Center, 1 Eastside Dr., East Peoria. Contact: Jim Travis, (309) 645-3609; boatnick@aol.com www.pasgeology.com





TOLEDO GEM & ROCKHOUND CLUB'S FALL OPEN HOUSE SHOW & SALE

NOVEMBER 2ND-3RD, 2019

Saturday 9 am -5 pm Sunday 11 am – 4 pm

Handcrafted Treasures of the Natural World

Over millions of years the elements that make up the surface of our world have formed into rocks and minerals of great natural beauty that when combined with the skill of a stone crafter or Lapidary artist are transformed into precious and semi-precious gems and items of jewelry, many mounted in handcrafted Silver, that you will enjoy for years to come.

Interested in Collecting?

Millions of young and old have joined the ranks of amateur rockhounds. They enjoy collecting rare rocks, minerals and fossils that offer an endless variety of shape and color. 100's of natural, slabbed or polished specimens will be offered to help you get started or fill a gap in your own collection or serve as a featured item in your homes decor.



Rock & Gem Open House St James Lutheran Church 4727 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43623 Handcrafted
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Make-it-and Take-It: Gem Trees, Bead Bracelets, & More...

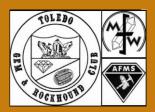
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Ancient Marine

Fossils, Petrified
Dinosaur bone, Trees
& Plants

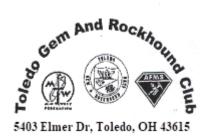
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For a full calendar of events and activities visit the "Events Page" of the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club web-site at http://www.rockyreader.com/Home/Events and use the arrow pad to select the month. A copy of the most current calendar is provided below and 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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