



The Rocky Reader

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Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

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Message from the President

Dear Club Member,

I don't know about you, but I am really looking forward to our show the first weekend of September! If you haven't signed up yet, please do so. Steve has provided all the information on how you can help on page five. I encourage everyone to participate in this show. Remember, on the day you work the show, you will gain free entry.

The Moving Committee and the Board have found a new location for the club to hold meetings and classes for the next three years. The location is at 2453 Tremainsville Rd. in Toledo. There will be a bit of work needed to the interior of the building and your help will be appreciated so we can have our meetings and classes stay on schedule for the next year without any interruptions. In the meantime, we will continue to have our meetings and classes at the Toledo Botanical Gardens thru the end of the year as our lease with the Metroparks allow.

Also, I wanted to mention a couple of more items. One is that the club will need your help in moving everything from the storage units to the new club location. The other is that it is that time of year to start thinking about elections of new officers. More about these items and others will be addressed at the monthly club meeting.

In the meantime, keep on rocking!

Catherine Clevenz

TG&RC President

The 48th Annual Rock and Gem Show

In September the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club will host it's ## annual Rock and Gem Show. Once again families from every corner of Ohio and the surrounding region will converge on the Stranahan Center where they will be awed by the display of rare rocks, minerals, fossils, precious and semi-precious gemstones, and creations by lapidary artists from across the Nation. Every year there are many opportunities for individuals, especially children, to learn about the geological and natural processes that created the materials that form the earth and make the way we live possible.

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September 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 September 18th at 7 pm.

The TGRC Craft Center



The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club has leased its Craft Center from the Toledo Botanical Gardens since 1974. Over the past 45 years we made significant repairs and upgrades to what was originally a chicken coop. The result was a Craft Center that has served us well as the focal point for lapidary arts including Gem Crafting, Faceting, Metal Crafting, and Beading Arts in Northwest Ohio. When TBG turned over the operation of the Gardens to The Toledo Metroparks in 2018 we were informed that our annual lease might not be renewed.

Through an arrangement with the new administration we were able to continue our lease through the end of 2019. As a result, we began to search for a new facility to continue our existing programs. After months of searching our Board has approved the lease of a facility in West Toledo located at 2453 Tremainsville Road just South of Laskey Road. We will be leasing 2,600 sqft in the rear of the building. This will allow for us to move our lapidary equipment and supplies as well as the materials that we presently have in paid storage into this expanded area. This new facility is being remodeled to provide for our use before we can move in, hopefully, by the end of the year. We will continue to use the existing building for meetings and activities through the end of the year. As we enter into this new chapter of the TGRC we ask for your support in making this transition as seamless as possible and understanding for likely disruptions of the existing programs that we offer.

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 continues its program in the Fall. 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:

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 2019



On August 10th our Junior's traveled South for a field trip to one of Ohio's best caverns in the center of our state near West Liberty, Ohio. Ohio Caverns is known as the most colorful cave in the State and is full of mineral formations unique to our region. The Junior's conducted two tours during their visit to learn both about the history of this cave and the geologic processes that created it.

As we ventured into the cave we were greeted by numerous cave features such as Stalagmites, Stalacmites and Columns as well as mineral deposits that contribute to the colors that stained the walls. You can check out their webpage at <https://ohiocaverns.com/photo-gallery/>



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.

Toledo Grows Events

Rescheduled Concert – September 5th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Toledo Botanical Gardens

2019 Harvest Market Dinner

Thursday, September 26th, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
525 Market Street in Downtown Toledo

- Fresh sustainably grown local foods
- Delicious local beverages
- 20+ Local Chefs
- Casual Outdoor Atmosphere
- Attire: Farmyard Chic!

Make your reservation by going to <https://www.toledogrows.org/events/harvest-market-dinner/>

Heralding the Holidays

The TGRC will participate in this years Heralding the Holidays. Our members can set up and market their creations in the existing Craft Center. We will also look to add new members at this time.

The Midwest Federation Of Mineralogical and Geological Society

2020 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>

The 2019 Toledo Gem and Rockhound Show; Down to the Wire.

Preparations are finalizing 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 provided promotional flyers, posters and yard signs which they encouraged members to take and distribute. 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 them on private property. Members are invited to join the many vendors who will begin to set up in the Stranahan Convention Center beginning on Thursday, Sept. 5th. Steve distributed his volunteer and committee assignments that will help with loading, set-up prior to the event and tear down on the final day. Each member of the Club is asked to please consider volunteering two or more hours to this important fund raiser for your Club. One of the important tasks that we need your support is providing food and refreshments prior to the opening of the Show on Friday at 2pm. If you would like to volunteer to staff one of the many workstations, demonstrations or presentations that are planned please see below for how to volunteer.

How Do You Sign Up?

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.

Show Raffle: Steve would like to invite members to donate generously to the annual raffle. This year we will divide the Raffle into two categories: Jewelry and Geologic.

Display Cases:

If you have not contacted Nancy Grove to reserve a display case do not delay any longer. Members design and place collections of their own past work and items of interest to the hobby in their assigned case. Displays will be voted on by the visiting public during the show with awards presented to the four best. To aid you in setting up your display case dimensions are 46' W x30" D x 11" H.

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, text 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. See the attached Flyer.

Rockhound Book Review of the Month

Moods in Wire; A Comprehensive Guide to the Five Art of Wirewrapping, Vol. 1. By Ellsworth "Ed" Sinclair 1994. What to do with all of those slabs, cabs and crystals; Wirewrap! The author has arranged this first volume into eleven chapters beginning with the basics on tools and materials. The remaining chapters provide detailed information with full illustrations included on DIY rings, bracelets, earrings, pendants and many more projects. Ed has spiral bound his book so that it can lay flat so that you can keep it opened on your craft table for quick reference. This book which is in it's second printing and is available at many Craft Stores and on-line for \$24.95 (msrp).



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

GEMCRAFTERS MAY UPDATES:

Open work sessions:

Saturdays; The 1st – 3rd – and 5th Saturdays. September 7th and 21st from 9am to 4pm with Joanna Toepfer moderating.

Wednesdays: September 4, 11, 18, and 25th from 6 to 9 pm with Chet King moderating.

Thursdays: September 5, 12, 19, and 27th from noon to four pm with Chet King moderating.

The September Cabochon of the Month is;

Banded Rhyolite.



Gem Crafter Maintenance Session: Thursday, September 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 **Intro to Faceting** 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 Juniors met at the Sylvania King Road Branch of the Lucas County Library in July where we learned about the history and geology of caves in Ohio in preparation for our August Field Trip. Our activity centered on creating floral arrangements in polished semi-precious stones and crystals. We look forward to our next meeting in September when we will learn more about caves around the world and why they are so important to many regional eco-systems. We will also begin working on creating Shell pendants and Bracelets for the holiday season.

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. We will return our meeting to the Craft Center in the Gardens in September on the 28th.

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 September that will be on the 9th and 23rd 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.

September Events and Regional Shows

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

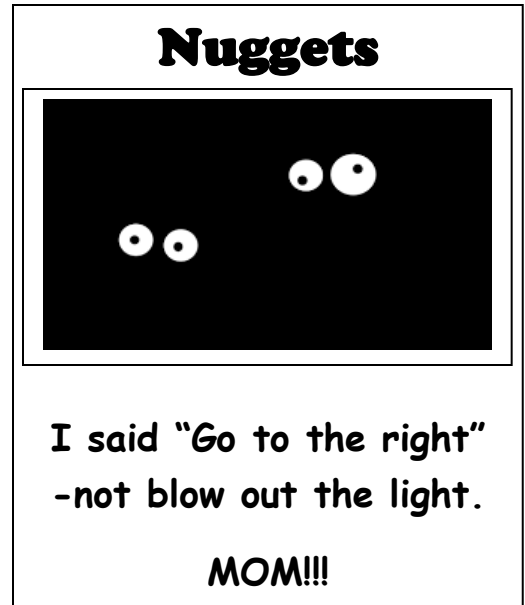


6-8: TOLEDO, OH Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Annual Show. Fri 2 - 8 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Stranahan Theater Complex, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo. Contact: Stephen Shimatzki, (567) 868-8794; sjs132@gmail.com www.rockyreader.com

13-15: HOLLAND, MI Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Fri 10 am - 8 pm; Sat 10 am - 7 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. The Soccer Stop, 5 River Hills Dr., Holland. Contact: Sue Goedert, sonbeams2000@yahoo.com www.tulipcity.org

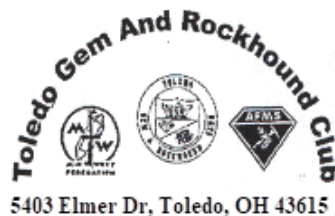
21-22: HOWELL, MI Livingston Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Hartland Schools Service Center, 9525 Highland Rd., Howell. Contact: Ed Oller, (810) 241-8801, edleathercraft@gmail.com www.livingstongems.com

28-29: NASHVILLE, IN Brown County Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Brown County History Center, 90 E. Gould St., Nashville. Contact: Rhonda Dunn, (812) 320-6237, bcrmc2010@gmail.com <http://browncountyrock.webs.com>



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

NOVEMBER 2ND-3RD, 2019

Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

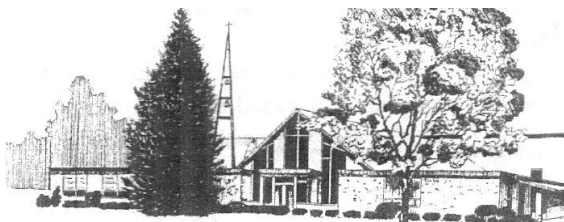
Sunday 11 am - 4 pm

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.



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Precious & Semi-
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**Intricate Handmade
Beaded Treasures**

**Make-it-and Take-It:
Gem Trees, Bead
Bracelets, & More...**

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