



The Rocky Reader

The Monthly Newsletter of The
Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

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Message from the President

Dear Club Member,

As we welcome a new season, and the color changing of the leaves, we as a club, will also welcome many other changes in the coming months. A possible field trip, a mostly new slate of Officers and Board Members, and even the interior construction of our new building including the move into that building. Right now, the club needs your help in making all of these things possible. We are in need of ideas for field trips, a couple of more folks to join in the leadership of the club by becoming an officer and help with construction and moving. Want to help out your club? You can find the people you need to contact within this newsletter. Call them and offer your services. After all, you joined the club to be a part of something special. Be the part that makes the club special by helping.



Keep on Rocking!

Catherine Clevenz

TG&RC President

Help Needed October 12 and/or October 19.

The club is asking for volunteers to help move items from the storage shed to our new building on Saturday October 12th and/or Saturday October 19th starting at approximately 10 am and ending at approximately 2 pm. The storage unit needs to be empty by the end of October. For additional information, please contact Glen Toepfer @ 419.460.0845. Thank you in advance!

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October 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 October 16th at 7 pm.

The TGRC Craft Center



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 with the help of the landlord to provide for our use before we can move in, hopefully, by the end of the year depending upon the number of

volunteers that turn out to make it happen. We will continue to use the existing building for meetings and activities through the end of the year including Heralding for the Holidays. 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.

Fall is Election Season

A nominating Committee has been formed to identify candidates to fill a number of positions in the coming year. While several Officers will be standing for re-election, nominations are sought for all Officer positions as well as two three-year positions on the Board of Directors. The committee will report their slate of candidates at the October Club Meeting and voting will take place in November.

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](#)

Field Trip Report:

Kealy would like to invite Clubmembers to take a Field Trip to one of the Rock & Gem Shows listed below. When you do send her a report on it. 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.

Access to the Botanical Gardens

With the coming of Fall our hours of daylight have grown shorter. We can enter the park via the Main Gateway entrance however this gate will be closed at some point after sunset. Club members

should plan to use the Olympia Drive entrance which is between the main gate and the Education Center that will remain open to allow members to exit. You may continue to 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 chain the gate access to our parking area.

Heralding the Holidays

The Artist Village at the Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark welcomes art shoppers to our annual Heraldng the Holidays event, Friday evening, November 29, through Sunday, December 1st. The hours for Heraldng the Holidays are Friday 5-9 , Saturday 10-5, and Sunday 11-4. Admission is free. Current plans call for TGRC to join the estimated 45 vendors who will provide a shopping bazaar experience. Our members can set up and offer their creations in the existing Craft Center. We will also look to add new members at this time.

Village resident organizations will be offering artwork and handmade crafts, raffles, demos and silent auctions, demonstrations and opportunities to shop local and support small business. Holiday decorations, Father Christmas, food trucks and carolers will be part of the weekend celebration. Organizations participating include the Garden Club Forum, which will be selling fresh wreaths, decorations, wall hangings and centerpieces, and crafts by the Anthony Wayne Garden Club. Visitors can blow their own glass ornament at the Toledo Area Glass Guild, and sample some of the culinary offerings at the Herb Society's table of vinegars and jellies, cookbooks and culinary blends. The Toledo Area Weavers Guild, Toledo Gem and Rockhounds Club, and the Stained Glass Guild will offer handcrafted gift items, as will Branching Out fiber studio. The Toledo Potters Guild will feature work by 14 ceramic artists. Hands On teaching studio will feature artwork by area studio artists who offer classes there, and gift certificates for our one session workshops. The Unruly Arts Gallery will be open as always, as will the painting gallery of the Toledo Artists Club, which also hosts work by area crafters. The Photo Arts club will have a photo booth available, along with prints and framed art photography.

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.

The 48th Annual Toledo Gem and Rockhound Show at the Stranahan Convention Center was a great success. Steve Shimatzki thanks all of the volunteers who showed up to help with loading, set-up, staff tables and provide demos and tear down on the final day. Special thanks goes out to those who provided food and refreshments prior to the opening of the Show. Steve will provide a detailed report on the Show at the October Meeting.

Show Raffle: This year we divided the Raffle into two categories: Jewelry and Geologic. Due to the significant number of items that were donated to the raffle this year we were unable to process many of the successful winners in time for them to pick up their item before the end of the show. Many individuals came to our September meeting to collect their winning pieces but many others remain. If any member can help Linda we would invite you to select those items that you can to deliver in the coming weeks.

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

This year we hosted a "Show Volunteer Appreciation" gathering on Saturday after the show closed. We had Taco's, cheese, and toppings and more importantly a good time chatting about the show and enjoying some fun with each other before the final day.

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.

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 OCTOBER UPDATES:

Open work sessions:

Saturdays; The 1st – 3rd – and 5th Saturdays. October 5th and 19th from 9am to 4pm with Joanna Toepfer moderating.

Wednesdays: October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30th from 6 to 9 pm with Chet King moderating.

Thursdays: October 3, 10, 17, 24th and 31st from noon to 4 pm with Chet King moderating.

The October Cab of the Month is **COPROLITE**, (A perfect gift for the upcoming holiday season).



1 Fossilized Dinosaur Dung

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

FACETERS:

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.

Invitation to Faceting Class: OCTOBER 12 -13, 2019

Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

This class is designed for cub members only. **Please note:** New members at the show mentioned their interest of taking the class. Please forward this email to them, If members are interested please send a confirmation email to eg.therockman@gmail.com ASAP (NOTE: There's a period after EG) for first come first serve basis.

The cost of the workshop is \$85.00 per person, all material included; this is a very small fee considering a similar workshop will cost well over \$2500.00 Please make your payment by check to the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club (re: Faceting workshop) **ASAP** to book your spot, Cash also accepted.

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 October that will be on the 14th and 28th 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

METAL CRAFTERS

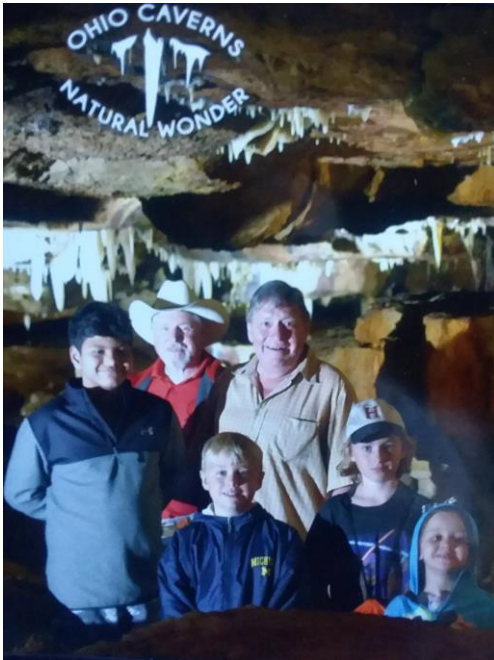
Michelle Grigore has stepped up to Moderate Metal Crafters beginning in October. She will be offering work sessions on Mondays from 1 to 4 pm and on Wednesdays 7 to 9 pm (with the exception of our club meeting, Wed Oct 16). Michelle would appreciate a text or call at 419-270-7507 confirming whether someone will be attending. Besides independent projects, trained members can also try out texturing metal with the rolling mill in October.

October Project: **Halloween Bracelet and Roller Mill Texturing**- Bring your own copper, brass or silver and pick from a dozen texture plates that I will bring to the work sessions. There is also metal for purchase at the craft center if you wish. Potter Tools issued a special Halloween plate that you can easily convert into a 6" bracelet.

Beginning Metal Craft Training can be arranged by contacting Michelle at 419-270-7507.

Michelle is also seeking suggestions for design ideas about the future metal crafting area at our new location. Email or text your thoughts to Mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com, or 419-270-7507.

TRGC FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA:



On the 10th of August the Juniors met at the Ohio Caverns in W. Liberty, Ohio where we learned about the history and geology of caves. We look forward to our next meeting on September 28th 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.

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. Our next meeting will be in the Craft Center at the Botanical Gardens in September on Saturday 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.

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 .

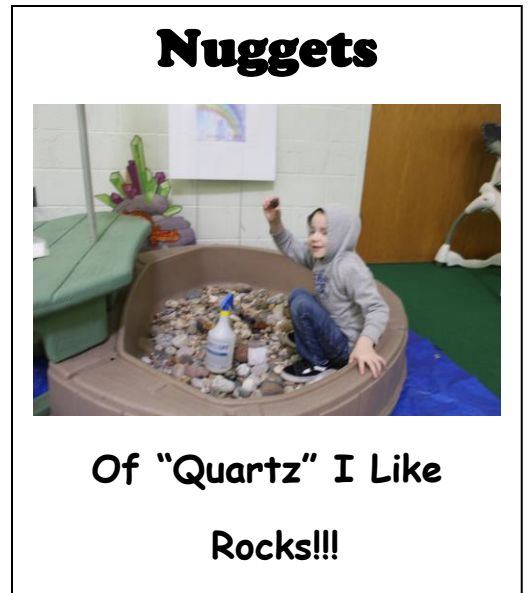
October Events and Regional Shows

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

5-6: Belleville, MI, 4th Annual Southeastern Michigan Gem, Mineral and Rock SuperSwap, the Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Wayne Co Fairgrounds, 10871 Quick Rd., (take I-94 to Exit 190, West on N. Service Dr., North on Quick Rd. to Fairgrounds on right). Free Admission and parking. Indoor event – Camping available – call Fairgrounds Office at (734) 697-7002.

11-13: Warren, MI, Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Show

In less than a month, the **75th Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show** will rock the **Macomb Sports & Expo Center** (Hayes Rd. between Martin Rd. & 12 Mile) in **Warren, MI** on **Oct. 11, 12, & 13**. This year, there will be even more to see and do as we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary!



Sponsored by *Cranbrook Institute of Science*, the show features **over 60 dealers** of minerals, fossils, gemstone jewelry, carvings, tools, equipment and MORE! See wonderful displays by distinguished museums including the *A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum*, *Royal Ontario Museum*, *Wayne State*, *Cincinnati Museum*, and *Cranbrook*. And another 50+ displays by individual collectors and dealers! Come to our club sales booth to find great buys on rocks & minerals. Take photos with *Tinker*, the *T-Rex* and *Stegodon* -ancestor of the modern elephant! Hear talks by experts, watch lapidary demos, bid on silent auctions, and bring the kids to pan for gold and dig up a fossil. **NEW for the 75th Anniversary- FOUR drawings to win beautiful diamond jewelry prizes!** Plus a fluorescent rock tent, a walking dinosaur, AND each child receives a FREE color booklet titled, "The World of Minerals & Crystals".

***Find more info on our website**, including a List of Dealers and a Speaker Schedule: www.michmin.org/show-info NOTE: Buy tickets in advance and avoid the lines! Just go to www.michmin.org/book-tickets-online and follow the instructions to buy and print your show ticket(s)!

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 Military (with ID) - FREE

12-13: CLEVELAND, OH Parma Lapidary Club Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 4 pm; Sun Noon - 4 pm. Parma Lapidary Club, 2130 W. 110th St., Cleveland. Contact: Amanda Balog, parmalapidary@yahoo.com www.parmalapidary.org

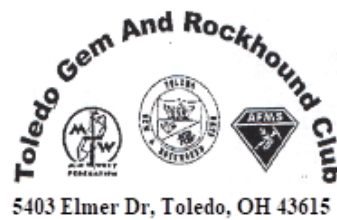
18-20: FORT WAYNE, IN Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri & Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd., Fort Wayne. Contact: Russell Greim, (260) 403-0450; 3riversshow@gmail.com www.3riversgem_mineral.tripod.com

18-20: MASON, MI Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri 6 - 9 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Ingham County Fairgrounds, Main Arena, 700 Ash St., Mason. Contact: L. Roger Laylin, (517) 349-3249 www.michrocks.org

19-20: CLIO, MI Flint Rock & Gem Club Annual Show. Sat & Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. Contact: Bill Wendling, (810) 638-5796, bwrockbarn@centurytel.net www.flintrockandgem.org

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

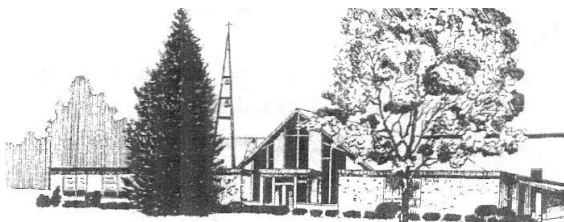
Sunday 11 am - 4 pm

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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Crystals & Gems

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