



The Rocky Reader

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Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

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Message from the President

Dear Club Member,

Hello all! With this being my last letter as the President of this club, I want to thank you for allowing me to be the President for the past 3 years. The first two years were very enjoyable, but this past year has taken its toll on me and was very challenging to say the least. I am looking forward to serving my new position as the MWF's 2nd Vice President, as they are a jovial group of folks, without any drama.

At our next meeting we will be having our Pot Luck Dinner starting at 6:15pm. If your last name begins with the letters "A thru M" then please bring a meat dish. If your last name begins with the letters "N thru Z", then please bring a side dish. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert as well as serving utensils for whatever you bring. The doors will be open at 6:00pm.

We will once again have a Christmas ornament contest! The contest will be held at our December meeting. Any member may enter this contest with no more than 2 entries per person. First prize is \$25, 2nd prize is \$15, and 3rd prize is \$10.

There will be an update about the progress of the construction of the club's new location. The volunteers have been working very hard to make it a place to be proud of as well as being highly functional.

Finally, there will be the installation of the new officers at the meeting. So, be sure to come, have some fun, and get to know those who belong to the club.

I wish you all well and may you have a wonderful new year!

Keep on Rocking!

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December 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 December 18th at 7 pm.

The TGRC Craft Center



Join fellow club members Ken Hays, Steve Stalker, Glen Toepfer and Bill Oswald working in rooms 2,3 and 4. Monday's and Wednesday's 11am to 4pm at the future clubhouse/craft center 2453 Tremainsville Rd, Toledo. Demolition work is done and all extraneous items off the walls. They started filling and patching holes through concrete block and Wednesday will continue patching and start on framing new doorways and walls! Your

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OUR NEW POST OFFICE BOX

As we begin transitioning to our new location one step is to promulgate our new address. The new P.O. Box is effective December 1st as the old one expired at end of November. We will need to update our Club materials to reflect this change as well to make our move as seamless as possible.

New P.O. address is:

**Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club
P.O. Box 13268
Toledo, OH 43613**

TGRC Election

The results of the November Election are as follows:

President – Holly Smith

V. President – Peggy Argabright (per Exec. Session of the Board)

Secretary – Gerry Herr

Treasurer – Glen Toepfer

Sergeant at Arms – Todd Goodale

Board of Directors seats - Michelle Grigore and Angie Williams

Newly elected Officers will be installed at the December meeting and assume their positions after the 1st of the year.

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:

When you do attend a show, event or visit a site that would be of interest to our members send her a short 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 hours of daylight growing shorter, the Main Entrance to the Garden 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 in December

This is our last hurrah at the Toledo Botanical Garden before our big move to our new location. The Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club, along with The Artist's Village. The Toledo Botanical Garden will come alive with hundreds of lights, one of a kind handmade gifts, demonstrations, food vendors and of course, rocks and Lapidary gifts. Come and visit us in our Craft Center behind the Conference Center building. This is a free event!

Friday December 6 5:00—9:00

Saturday December 7 10:00 —5:00

Sunday December 8 11:00—4:00

The Midwest Federation Of Mineralogical and Geological Society

The next MWF Executive Committee Meeting, hosted by Indian Mounds Gem & Mineral Club of Wyoming, Michigan, is set for April 11th 2020. 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>

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

IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened to report the passing of our long time member and friend Diania J. Frantz.. Diania passed away Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at her home in Sylvania. She was born on December 12, 1942, to Paul and Marguerite Norman in Toledo. Diania was an avid fan of The Ohio State

Buckeyes. She was a Corvette enthusiast. Diania was a longtime member of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club and GPAA. She proudly participated in the yearly Rock & Gem Show where she shared her interest in geology with the community and especially with children who were amazed by her extensive collection. Diania was also involved in Jeep Fest for the last two years. She loved traveling out West and taking trips to the beach. Diana loved spending time with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her smile and spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

The family will receive guests on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Newcomer – West Sylvania Chapel, 3655 King Rd., Toledo, OH 43617 (419-392-9500) with Memorial Services beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider the Toledo Humane Society or the Sierra Club.

GEMCRAFTERS OCTOBER UPDATES:

Open work sessions: Note the revised holiday schedules.

Mondays: December 2, 9, 16, 30 from 12 to 4pm

Wednesdays: December 4, 11 and 18 from 6 to 9 pm..

Thursdays: December 5, 12 and 19 from noon to 4pm.

Saturdays; December 7 and 21 from 10 to 3 pm.

Gem Crafter Moderators: Joanna is hoping to invite members to attend a Moderator Training Course in the coming months. We recently trained a new gem crafter moderator, Will Miniard. He is going to offer a gem crafter work session each Monday from noon to four pm. 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 will 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.

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 December 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

METAL CRAFTERS

Metal crafters will meet on Wednesdays, Dec 4, 11 and 18 from 6 to 9 pm. See the figures below for examples of the bracelets that members can make with the rolling mill and three-dimensional copper pieces made from the hydraulic press. I will have the plates and impression dies and can work with members on each piece of equipment. In this case, the skill levels are basic. No need to have made a pendant to use the rolling mill or hydraulic press. Just come.

Beginning Metal Craft Training can be arranged by contacting Michelle. She is also seeking suggestions for design ideas about the future metal crafting area at our new location. Contact Michelle at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com if you want to learn to make your first pendant. or give her a call at 419-270-7507.

TRGC FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA:

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. Due to the holiday season we will not meet in November and December except for the Open House. For those of you with access to the internet you may want to visit the following websites for fun activities to keep you busy until January: <http://geosurvey.ohiodnr.gov/major-topics/rock-identification>

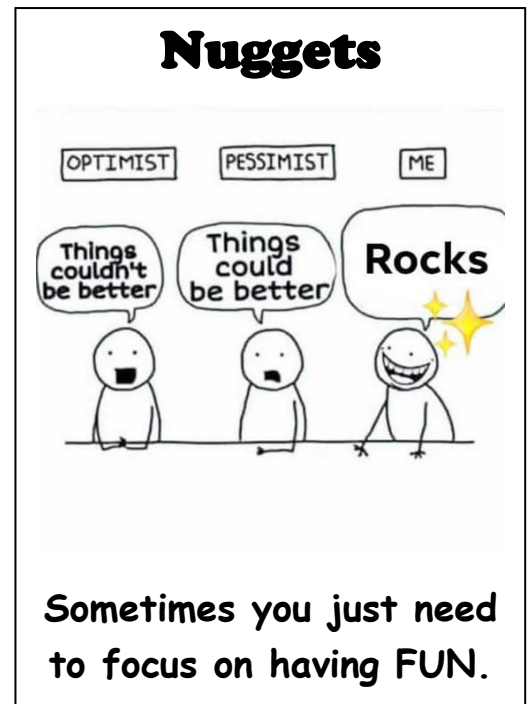
BEADERS: TGRC Beaders will meet on the third Monday of the Month at 6PM. The Beaders Group is also putting together Gem Tree Kits for the Open Houses and future projects. In addition, Nancy says that she will have materials for you to make your own Shark Tooth necklace. If you are interested in beading,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

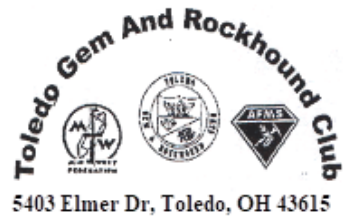
ADVANCED BEADERS:

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 ststieb828@gmail.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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