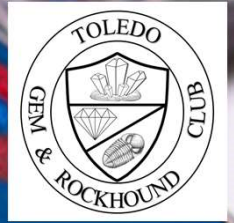


THE ROCKY READER



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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Club Members -

March is here the snow has melted and warmer weather is on the rise. Time to get crafting once again.

So wonderful see classes going and crafter crafting. A big thank you goes out to our moderators and class teachers for helping get our club running once again.

Also, the 2021 Mid West Federation are available upon request. Contact Glen Toepfer:
treasurertrgrc@gmail.com if you want one.

President
Holly Smith

CLUB CLEAN UP

This Saturday March 13th, we will be having a work session to clean up and try to finish off a good bit of the front room and sort out older stuff. If you are interested in helping decide what stays and what goes, come join us Saturday from 10am to 3pm.

There is a gem crafter session at the same time so come and clean a bit then craft a bit.

Its time to make the front room feel welcoming to all the new people coming in to take our classes and joining our club.

With just two make-and-take classes completed, we have gained 8 new members to the club and raised around \$400. The Fordite class had a family of three travel all the way from Dayton Ohio to take the class and they are thinking about becoming members.

Let's make the front room as nice as the crafter rooms.

FEBRUARY BIRTHSTONES

There are 5 birthstone choices for the month of March.

Modern: Aquamarine & Bloodstone

Traditional: Bloodstone & Jasper

Tibetan: Jade

Indian: Gold Siva-linga

If you would like a detailed breakdown you can check out the following site:

<https://kamayojewelry.com/month-birthstones>

CLASSES CLASSES CLASSES

Have we got classes for you! Coming up in April is Vintage Copper Cuffs!!!!

Beauty that lasts! Make your own cuff bracelet using patterned copper made with vintage dies from the turn of the 19th century. No experience necessary, anyone can make their own custom fitting bracelet.

- Select from a variety of patterns & widths
- Learn how to Patina Copper
- 2 hour class
- All supplies & tools included
- Bring your friends too



Class Dates: April 16th at 7pm, April 18th at 11am and 2pm

Spots are first come, first served, payment required to hold spot. Class sizes are limited for safety

Costs: \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members

Location: TGRC Club House

To register contact Joanna Toepfer joanna@cqasolutions.co or 419-460-0846



BOARD MEETING MINUTES 02/15/21

Board Meeting Minutes 02/15/21

1. Welcome attendees – Holly, Glen, Angela, Jerri, Steve, Michele, Todd, Kealy, Cathy. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM Guest, Joanna Toepfer.
2. Swearing in of new board members – Joanna declared that our new officers assume their duties as of January 1, 2021.
3. Secretary Report – Jerri submitted Minutes of November 12, meeting as transcribed from audio file.
4. Show Update – Joanna and Jerri
 - a. Facility - Stranahan will not be available this year, actively seeking new site. Anyone with suggestions should send to Joanna or Jerri. Needs at least 12,000 sf
 - b. Dates - Date can be changed but need to research competing shows for alternate dates. Looking for venue loyalty so we can count on future access.
 - c. Budget – cannot work on budget until we have a site.
5. Treasurer – Glen
 - a. Report – Account status update provided. CD will mature 2/22/2021 at which time balance will be transferred to savings. 2020 P&L provided. Jerri made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Michelle seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Budget- proposed budget reviewed line by line. Jerri made a motion to accept proposed budget, Angela seconded. Motion carried.
 - c. Purchase of a computer tablet that can be used by moderators to accept payment for classes, sessions, etc. via the square. It seems to be an up-and-coming trend that could help. Glen made a motion, Michelle seconded to allocate \$300 for purchase of a compatible android device. Motion carried.
 - i. May need training, or perhaps a typed-out instruction sheet, laminated?
 - ii. Also, would internet be required for this? Internet can be accessed by cell phone hotspot, or transactions can be run offline, and put through weekly as needed by someone with a hotspot.
 - d. Keeping small bills on hand at the craft center for change, discussed and approved.
 - e. Badges for officers, others. Do we want to continue this? People used to pay for their own. Suggested that we drop the year on the badge and follow a policy that individuals only wear an officer badge while holding office. Suggest we take orders for badges to be paid by the individual. Michelle will collect this.
6. Craft Center
 - a. Discuss the current craft center policy of a minimum of two working in the craft center. After discussion about pros and cons, Steve made motion to amend the policy to allow moderators to work alone, while waiting for participants to come as long as they carried a cell phone on their person for emergencies. Angela seconded. Motion carried. Also discussed fees due from moderators. Steve made a motion that moderators not be charged fees while actively teaching, but pay 50% fees when working on own projects. Michelle seconded. Motion carried. Note made to send class schedule out by email each Sunday, and post on Facebook. Holly and Kealy agreed to this.
 - b. Concrete plan to complete plumbing, electrical work, and roof vents for craft center. Michelle and Steve will prepare an accurate list of what still needs done in electrical to allow Holly to discuss with Landlord. Angela will bring in a friend of her father to identify exact plumbing needs and possibly provide quote. Using that list Joanna will attempt to get additional quotes. Roof vents are up to Skip, discussed combining vents on common wall between metal and gem crafters to tie into one vent. Need to discuss rest with Skip.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES 02/15/21 CONTINUED

- c. Minors using lapidary equipment. Propose we allow it with training and supervision. Not young children but maybe Jr. High & High School. Motion by Steve, second by Angela to table till next meeting. Motion carried.
- d. Selling the Frantom Cabbng machine. All agreed to post for sale.
- e. Snow Removal – Lease will be reviewed to see if it is landlord or tenant responsibility.
- 7. Website – Tonya wants to step down, will train a successor. Angela and Steve agreed to be trained via a Zoom meeting. We use WordPress and need to finish setup of Stripe account.
 - a. Getting classes and sessions on FB. Classes and sessions are currently listed.
 - b. Rocky Reader Link being added to FB as many people may not see it since it is hitting their junk mail now.
 - c. Rocky Reader website: need work sessions on calendar, new member form (only a renewal form is on the web), online payment system for memberships. Discussed using Square invoicing to help with this. Holly will train Michelle and give her access to square to send out invoices to prospective members.
- 8. Sunshine – Cathy volunteered to call Linda McConnahay to see if she was interested in the position.
- 9. Fieldtrips – Kealy is Field trip Chair. Since fieldtrips are not possible during Covid, she posts suggested museums and site on Facebook. Anyone with suggested trips and resources should contact her.
- 10. Status of groups – Beaders – not active, Extreme Beaders – not active, Facetors – no moderator, GC – currently holding classes, MC – currently holding classes.
- 11. Membership drives – probably concurrent with activities, etc. but need to get things buzzing in the craft center in a COVID-19 safe way. Suggested possible Open House at clubhouse in June.
- 12. Open house. Possible Open House at Clubhouse in June and November. Steve and Michelle will work on this. – Covid status dependent.
- 13. Monthly speakers – Send suggestions to Kealy. Also, DVD programs available through MWF.
- 14. Can we get facetors and beaders? Need moderators.
- 15. What is the plan for the group auctions that should be going on? Can we do something on FB like a FB Live or some type of silent online bid? We need to get things going again and raise funds. Bring suggestions to next meeting or pass on to Holly.
- 16. Joanna donated gems to be given away at a meeting. Still need to be photographed and posted on Facebook for give aways at monthly meetings.
- 17. Meeting minutes. We need to have a way to get timely meeting minutes on record. Michelle suggested that we print as part of Rocky Reader issues as we used to. Good methods of maintaining a public record of club business.

Next meeting set for March 10th, 7 PM.

Michelle made a motion, Cathy seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:43 PM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES 02/15/21 CONTINUED

Club Meeting Minutes 02/17/21

1. Board attendees – Holly, Glen, Steve. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM; Non-board club attendees: 2
2. Pledge to Allegiance.
3. Secretary Report – Holly read the minutes of the 2/15/21 Board meeting.
4. Treasurer Report – Glen presented the following:
 - a. 2021 Board Approved Budget- Sherm made a motion to accept proposed budget, Steve seconded. Motion carried
 - b. Report:
 - i. Account balances and status – 2020-year end account balances were discussed. CD will mature 2/22/2021 at which time balance will be transferred to savings.
 - ii. 2020 P&L presented. Sherm made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Steve seconded. Motion carried.
5. Craft Center
 - a. Metalcrafters and Gemcrafters have been up and running sessions.
 - b. Looking for moderators for all. Please contact any board member if interested. Board contact information contained in Rocky Reader.
 - c. Joanna offering April class: Stones and Stories
 - d. Discussed potential of Steve teaching a class on photography of stones, jewelry, and other craft center creations
 - e. Steve has a group that might be interested in leasing use of our general area. Will be brought before board. Could generate approx. \$100/month.
6. Social Media
 - a. Need to keep developing content and get our classes and activities announced.
7. Sunshine – Covered in board meeting minutes summary.
8. Status of groups – Beaders – not active, Extreme Beaders – not active, Facetors – no moderator, GC – currently holding classes, MC – currently holding classes.
9. Membership drives – Covered in board meeting minutes summary.
10. Open house. Covered in board meeting minutes summary.
11. Monthly speakers – Covered in board meeting minutes summary.
12. Facetors – Covered in board meeting minutes summary.
13. Auctions – Covered in board meeting minutes summary.
14. Show Update – Covered in board meeting minutes summary.
15. Other business: Stateline is having their annual show. Dates are June 4-6, 2021.

Sherm made a motion, Steve seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:23 PM

MARCH CRAFTER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm	3	4 Gem Crafters 11am – 3pm	5	6 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm
7 Petoskey Class 1 – 2:20pm 3 – 4:30pm	8	9 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm	10	11 Gem Crafters 11am – 3pm	12	13 Gem Crafters 10am – 3pm
14	15	16 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm	17 Monthly Club Meeting 7pm @ Craft Center	18 Gem Crafters 11am – 3pm	19	20 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm
21	22	23 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm	24	25 Gem Crafters 11am – 3pm	26	27 Gem Crafters 10am – 3pm Juniors 1 – 3pm
28	29	30 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm	31			
	Notes: Upcoming classes to keep an eye out for: Vintage Copper Cuff Class					

APRIL CRAFTER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Gem Crafters 11am – 3pm	2	3 Gem Crafters 10am – 3pm
4	5	6 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm	7	8 Gem Crafters 11am – 3pm	9	10 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm
11	12	13 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm	14	15 Gem Crafters 11am – 3pm	16 Vintage Copper Cuff 7pm	17 Gem Crafters 10am – 3pm
18 Vintage Copper Cuff 1st Class 11am 2nd class 2pm	19	20 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm	21 Monthly Club Meeting 7pm @ Craft Center	21 Gem Crafters 11am – 3pm	23	24 Juniors 1 – 3pm
25	26	27 Metal Crafters 11am – 3pm	28	29 Gem Crafters 11am – 3pm	30	
	Notes: Upcoming classes to keep an eye out for: May: Stones that tell stories: how to design and layout your cabochons. Summer: Photographing Your Creations					

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