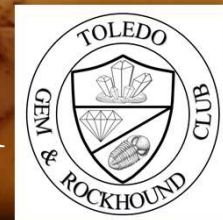


# THE ROCKY READER



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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Club Members -

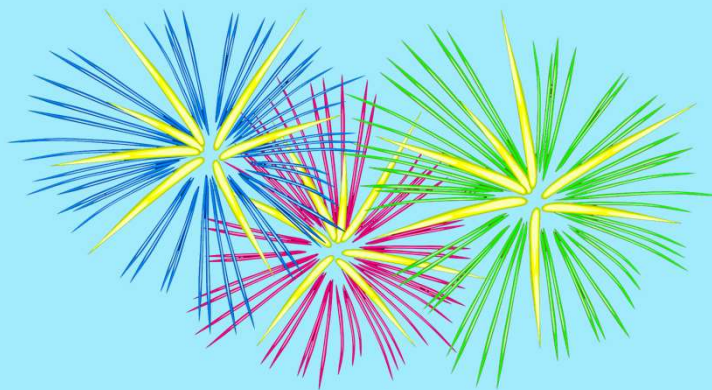
Warm weather is here and I hope all of you have had a chance to step out and feel it.

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

Also, the 2021 Midwest Federation membership cards are available upon request. Contact Glen Toepfer:  
[treasurertgrc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurertgrc@gmail.com) if you want one.

President  
Holly Smith

## SHOW IS ON!!



The show is on! Woo-Hoo. Our first show meeting will be held in person and virtually. If you would like to be a part of planning this year's show join, us Tuesday, May 11th at 7pm at the club house or on our Zoom meeting. Zoom meeting details will be provided in May's Rocky Reader. We have some big announcements and can't wait to share them with you! Contact Joanna Toepfer or Jerri Heer with any questions!

## APRIL BIRTHSTONES

There are 4 birthstone choices for the month of April.

Modern: Diamond  
Alternate-Britain: Clear Quartz  
Traditional: Diamond & Sapphire  
Tibetan: Opal

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

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

## CLUB CLEAN UP

Saturday March 13th, we had a club clean up session. A handful of club members showed up to help clean up the front room and organize part of the storage area. The front room had non-essential items cleared out. The storage area had an existing two-foot-wide walkway leading from the garage door in the front to the back of the storage area. A good number of boxes and totes were sorted through and organized. The Junior Program gained a storage cabinet for their stuff which was moved inside the club from storage.

Our hard-working club members cleared a 4+ foot wide aisle down the center of the storage room making it a much safer space for our members to move around in and find what's needed.

We also have new canvas art works, hanging in the front room, highlighting some of our club members work from different groups. This allows non-members taking classes to walk into our club and see what they could learn to make. Thank you to the club members who allowed their work to be photographed. Thank to all the club members that came out to help. The club is looking better and better everyday.



# UPCOMING CLASSES

## Make Your Own Pendant – Part 1

In this class you will learn sawing, filing, soldering and how to shape a bezel around a stone. You also will make your own gemstone pendant. This is an introductory 3 hour class. All materials included.

This class is available by registering at least 1 week prior to one of the dates listed. Class sessions are run during select Metal Crafter Sessions. Part 2 of your class is included in the class fee and will be scheduled on an individual basis.

Registration is on a first come first serve basis through the EventBrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/151269883293>

Instructor: Michelle Grigore

Dates: Sunday, April 25th , May 2nd , May 30th during normal work session times

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

Location: TGRC Clubhouse



## Jewelry Wax Carving

Jewelry fabrication expert Michelle Robison will teach how to create intricate wax rings for the use in the lost wax casting process. Students will take home a wax carver, ring mandrel and Exacto knives to continue to hone their skills. This is a two-afternoon intensive class.

Students need to bring a piece of glass to draw on and a mini glue gun. All other materials are provided. Prepayment is required to ensure spot and reservation deadline is April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



Maximum Class size 5 students. Registration is on a first come first serve basis through the EventBrite link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/151150171231>

Instructor: Michelle Robison

Dates: May 22-23, 2021, 1:00pm-5:00pm

Costs: \$175 members, \$195 for non-members

Location: TGRC Clubhouse



## UPCOMING CLASSES

### Gem Tree: Beginning Gem Tree Class:

Each student will make a single gem tree with 9 branches, 7 leaves per branch. In addition to instruction, basic tips and tricks as well as theory of design will be offered by an internationally known gem tree artist. Additional materials available for sale after class. Contact Jerri 419.344.9999 or [jheerx6@aol.com](mailto:jheerx6@aol.com) to sign-up. This is a pay at the door event but please reserve your spot ahead of time as class sizes are limited.

Dates: May 7th, 6-9pm & May 11th, 2-5pm

Cost: \$15 members, \$25 non-members

Instructor: Jerri Heer



### Textured Copper Cuff Bracelet

Learn how to texture copper cuffs using the rolling mill to create beautiful patterned bracelets. All materials are provided and you will take home a hand-crafted bracelet.

Prepayment is required to ensure spot, class size 6 students.

Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis through EventBrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/151267740885>

Registration deadline May 1, 2021.

Instructor: Michelle Grigore

Date: Sunday, May 8, 2021, 1pm-3pm

Costs: \$15 members, \$25 non-members

Location: TGRC Clubhouse



### Surfite Class:

That's right! Surf's up in the clubhouse. We will be using overflow surfboard resin to create stunning and colorful cabochons. Learn how to develop patterns from rough material and how to cut and polish your Surfite. This semi-transparent material creates mini pieces of art! You will love working with it! There is a lot more to this material than stripes!

Class sizes are limited. Contact Joanna to reserve your spot: [joanna@cqasolutions.co](mailto:joanna@cqasolutions.co) or 419-460-0846. Prepayment required And spots are on a first-come first-serve basis as class sizes are limited.

Date: Sunday, May 14th at 3-5pm & 6-8pm

Cost: \$25 members, \$35 non-members -All materials included

Instructor: Joanna Toepfer



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### State Line Gem, Jewelry, Bead, Rock and Mineral Show is on for 2021!

When - 06/04/2021- 06/06/2021

Hours: Friday 12-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 11-4

Contact: Sherm Kardatzke

Contact Phone: (517) 673-5487

Venue: Fulton County Fairgrounds

Address: 1814 SR 108, Wauseon, OH 43567

Website: <http://statelinegms.com/>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

### Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies

The Wildacres Workshop Committee has regrettably announced that the spring session of Wildacres (May 17-23) has been cancelled due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID virus.

### Lapidary Materials For Sale

Lapidary materials will be up for auction in Ohio. The Daughter, Jane Brown, is willing to sell some of the lapidary cutting materials and such on a first come/first sold basis until the auction. Her contact info is below and the Auction info at the end of the email. This is in Somerville, Ohio (north of Cincinnati) so plan travel times accordingly.

Contact: Jane Brown at 614-537-4319

Paul Tolley Farm: 2055 Oxford Middletown Road, Somerville, OH 45064

Some Lapidary Cutting Material, not all: Texas Agate, Oolite, Blue Lace agate, Red Lace Agate, Blue Tiger eye, Red Tiger Eye, Blue/Yellow Tiger Eye, Etc..

Some equipment: HP 18" Saw, Star Diamond 2 wheel Grinder, Flat lap on stand, Tumblers, Display boxes, Etc..

Some equipment cannot be sold until the date of the auction because it is already listed.

Auction April 24th

Walnut harvest Auctions

Tolley Family Trust Live On Site Auction

<https://www.auctionzip.com/Listings/3547387.html>

### Moderators

We have several club members that have joined the ranks of our moderators. For metal crafters our new moderator is Kealy Goodale. For gemcrafters Sherm Kardatzke and Todd Goodale have become moderators. Of course for some time now we have had Michelle Grigore as our metal crafters moderator. For gemcrafters we have had Joanna Toepfer and Steve Stalker moderating. We are super excited to see these new moderators join our current roster. There is always room for more moderators. If you are interested in becoming a moderator for any of our groups please contact the president or any of the current moderators.

Note to all moderators your schedule for the following two months are always due by the 25th of the current month. For example, by April 25th all changes to May dates plus June moderating dates need to be turned in to the Rocky Reader editor so we can get the newsletter out on time. Thank you all for your hard work moderating and let's keep this momentum going!

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES 03/10/21

Board Meeting Agenda 03/10/21 – called to order at 7:07 PM

1. Welcome to attendees: Holly Smith, Kealy Goodale, Glen Toepfer, Jerri Heer, Steve Stalker, Angela Williams, Todd Goodale, Michelle Grigore, Cathy Clevenz, Joanna Toepfer.
2. Secretary Report – Minutes from Feb 15 meeting were reviewed. Michelle made a motion to accept, Cathy seconded. Motion carried.
3. Show Update - Jerri & Joanna
  - a. Facility – Discussed best option for facility – the Wood County Fairgrounds. Joanna negotiated a five-year contract at a rate of \$7000 per Show, Thursday thru Sunday. Space has 33,000 Sq Ft, free parking. FOP on campus for security. Jerri made a motion to accept this contract, Todd seconded. Motion carried.
  - b. Dates – Dates will continue to be first Weekend after Labor Day, this year September 10-12.
  - c. Budget – We are still working on the budget.
  - d. MWF Convention – Jerri reviewed MWF needs. Host Hotel arranged as well as meeting space.
4. Treasurer – Glen
  - a. Report – Reviewed current financials. Steve made a motion to approve, Michelle seconded. Motion carried.
  - b. Budget -
    - i. Reviewed a Moderator's form produced to help track money coming in.
    - ii. Tablet – Purchased, programmed and in use at Craft Center.
    - iii. Discussed need for internet to process credit card transactions. Talked about the option of getting a MiFi device – cost about \$200. Other option is getting WiFi but that would be an ongoing expense of \$35-50/month. Jerri made a motion to have Holly do further research the MiFi device and move ahead if cost of the package is in the \$200 range, Glen seconded. Motion carried.
  - c. Change for sessions – completed by GWT – supply of change arranged and kept in the office in the Faceteers room.
5. Class Results – Joanna reported Fordite classes (3) brought in \$220 and 4 new members. Petosky class brought in \$150 and 3 new members. Classes seem profitable. Need to keep that up.
6. Craft Center
  - a. Plumbing – Angela passed her dad's friends information to Steve. Steve is still working on it. Michelle spoke to Sherm Kardatsky about his help.
  - b. Electrical – final list from Steve and Michelle. Outlets behind cabinets and exit sign, might need to replace one light.
  - c. Building. We need a work session to finish front room. Need cleanup for aesthetics for touring new members. Some work is dependent on electric work. One group for Garage, one for front room. Mineral collection is being stored in Beaders' cabinets. Needs review for keeping, display, auction. Jerri and Joanna will examine them in May. Leaks reported in Metalcrafters – need fixed – Holly will call. Work Session set for Saturday, March 13 after Gemcrafters.
  - d. Smoking report has been made to Health Department. (we may need to report several times to get resolved)
  - e. Minors using lapidary equipment. Propose we allow it with training and supervision. Not young children but maybe Jr. High & High School. Questioned about if any laws spoke to minors using equipment. Tabled for research.
  - f. Snow Removal – Landlord was called and sent someone one over immediately to take care of the snow. We have now been added to the rotation.
  - g. Tablet – if used need internet connection to process cards, moderator phone as hot spots or internet for the club? Already discussed researching MiFi.
7. Website
  - a. Steve & Holly have jointly taken over the website
  - b. Steve handling the Calendar. Calendar is now up to date – Need to add Gemcrafters 10-3 on March 13 and 27. Plus Work Session on March 13.
  - c. Address has been corrected to reflect new location.
  - d. Newsletters now updated and archived.
8. Sunshine – Catherine reached out to Linda McConnehey, but she is unable to handle due to health issues. Looking for suggestions for alternatives. Shirley Steib suggested.

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES 03/10/21 CONTINUED

9. Status of groups –
  - a. Beaders, Not meeting currently.
  - b. Extreme Beaders, Not meeting currently.
  - c. Faceteers - No News
  - d. Gem Crafters - needs to spend some of their money. Oil, saw blades, etc.... Cathy made a motion to allow Gemcrafters to expend money for oil and a saw blade. Todd seconded. Motion carried.
  - e. Metal Crafters – Meeting Tuesdays and every other Saturday. Kealy may start Friday evenings. Working in doing some programs.
10. Membership drives – probably concurrent with activities, etc. but need to get things buzzing in the craft center in a COVID-19 safe way. Social Media posts to encourage and promote the club. Need more classes going to raise funds. More classes mean more money, more members.
11. 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. Will put an article in Rocky Reader to solicit donations for that purpose.
12. Joanna donated gems to be given away at a meeting. Photo's ready yet? Not yet, Holly will try to get Photos going.
13. More people willing to teach, - Discussed previously.
14. Heating settings – need to keep down to a reasonable level.
15. Handling snack payments (Glen created us a new form and he included snacks) Moderators need to collect for this.
16. Getting emails added to Rocky Reader List – Holly can handle and teach Michelle how to do this individually to keep updated. Will try to modify website to allow visitors to add emails to Newsletter email list.
17. Need updated membership list in Craft Center – will be placed/stored each in Metalcrafters and Gemcrafters. Separate form sets for each.
18. Have been receiving bogus unemployment claims – have been reported to Bureau of Unemployment. When they come, we should report the fraud (that we are not an employer) so that they get handled.
19. Kudos to Kealy for keeping Facebook going strong!
20. Next Board Meeting set for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM.
21. Motion to adjourn by Jerri, Second by Cathy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM



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