

The Rocky Reader



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Notes from the President

I want to introduce Cassie Lewis to the rocky reader, she is our new editor. Please give her a warm welcome!

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July!

-Holly Smith

Notes from the Editor

Thank you so much for warm welcomes everyone! I just wanted to pop in a short note introducing myself. My name is Cassie Lewis! My husband and I recently joined as members and we both wanted to help in any way we can! If you have any comments about the rocky reader please feel free to contact me!

-Cassie Lewis

July Birthstones

There are 6 birthstone choices for the month of July

Modern: Ruby

Alternate-Britain: Carnelian

Traditional: Ruby, Turquoise & Onyx

Ancient Hebrew: Ruby, Onyx, Sardonyx & Carnelian

Tibetan: Ruby

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

<https://kamajojewelry.com/month-birthstones/july-birth-stone/>

2021 Show News!

Show planning is well underway, and we expect this show to be one of our best! We have a great new location, lots of space and a great selection of vendors joining us SO FAR! I know there will be more to come. We will be posting additional info on Facebook and Instagram, so be sure to follow, comment, like and Share!

The Covid pandemic has changed many things in our world and has forced us to change with it. One of those changes included seeking a new location to replace the Stranahan which was no longer available to us. After months of struggle and checking out over 50 alternative locations, we FINALLY found the Wood County Fairgrounds, Pratt Pavilion. It is a little further away, but in the scheme of things, that drive for only a couple of days, is a minimal issue. Especially when we gain so much in opportunity for growth which we did not have at the Stranahan.

See the next page for our preliminary list of vendors.

2021 Show Vendors!

Daves Rocks and Carvings
Tourmaline Kings
Unique Russian Minerals
Amber America
Pretty Things
The Mineral House
Gem Stoned
Multi-Facet Productions
Paleo Shows
Woody's Rock Shop
Silvertown LLC
Natures Arts
Wonders of the Earth
Wolfinger Prairie Gems
Bary Gems, Inc.
Not Just Rocks Lapidary Supply
North Lake Trading Co. --
DBA Bead Warehouse
Momma's Rocks
Armstrong Tool and Supply
Dan Dee Rocks
The Enku Connection LLC
Lambert Minerals

In addition to this stellar list of vendors, we are once again hosting the Midwest Federation Annual Meeting as we did in 2011. So, in addition to this being our 50th Annual Show, it is the 10th Anniversary of our hosting this Annual Meeting. We LOVE to show off our Club because it is a GREAT one!

As usual, we will have numerous opportunities to support your club by volunteering a bit of time. We will need people working admissions, the club booth, helping with set-up and tear down, and with hosting responsibilities for the Federation events. I will have more details next month, but I hope all of you who are able, to commit to a day, or part of a day to help your club. If you want to help, and we hope you do, please contact one of our Show Co-Chairs:

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50th Annual
TOLEDO GEM & ROCKHOUND CLUB
JEWELRY, GEM & MINERAL SHOW & SALE

Public Welcome
Over 33,000 sq ft
Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Vendors

EARLY VIP PASS
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Bowling Green OH 43402

SEPTEMBER 10-12TH

Fri 2-8pm
Sat 10-6pm
Sun 11-5pm

3 DAY PASSES \$12
OR \$6 PER DAY



Minerals-Rocks
Gems-Jewelry
Specimens-Vendors-Delights-Auctions-Tools
Supplies

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Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

In Remembrance by Diane Bieber

On Sunday, June 27, we lost a very devoted TGRC member, Ed Reynolds.

Ed was born in 1948 in Gatliff, KY. He was a descendant of Daniel Boone and also a distant relative of actor Burt Reynolds. He joined the club over forty years ago. Over time he was a moderator for every satellite group. He went to the schools and scout meetings to educate and enlighten young people about geology. He could repair any machine the club had. He was always ready to help a member with theirs too.

He worked claims in Arizona and New Mexico. One of his fluorite specimens that he mined in Bingham NM, he donated to New Mexico Tech University in Socorro, NM.

He was a rock and gem vendor for years. You could spot him immediately at our shows. He was the guy with all the tables next to the staircase wearing the black cowboy hat. He also did shows in Missouri, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Of course he needed mineral specimens for these shows. Many of the minerals he sold, he mined himself. He obtained apatite and sodalite from Bancroft, Ontario; flint, celestite and calcite from Ohio; geodes and arrowheads from Kentucky; quartz from Arkansas; and Herkimer diamonds from New York just to name a few of his exploits. His favorite places to shop were Quartzite, AZ in January when they have a huge rock swap and the Tucson Gem Show in February.

When he mined a mineral, he would pull it out of the hole he dug, look at it and say 'that mineral has been growing in this earth over a million years and I am the first person to lay eyes on it'.

His eyes would light up and you could feel his passion whenever he spoke about minerals. He showed people how to take a trip while sitting in their chair. He would hand them a magnifying glass and tell them to slowly examine the specimen while pointing out the various crystals that couldn't be seen with the naked eye.

His knowledge of minerals was mind blowing. He would look at a mineral, identify it and even tell you its country of origin.

Ed never met a stranger, only friends. He will be missed.



In Remembrance by Jerri Heer

Memorial to Edward Reynolds

My first exposure to TGRC was at the 1994 Show. My first contact was Ed. I had come with my four kids as a “Science Lesson” for my homeschooling. Ed was running the Silent Auction, and my kids were fascinated with the sparkly rocks they could buy for as little as 10 cents. As a bonus, those rocks came with that Science Lesson, taught by our own Ed Reynolds. I had to go home for a wagon to carry it all back!

Ed described the benefits of the club so well that we joined on the spot. My kids became Juniors, I learned cabbing and silversmithing from him. I was so enamored with the club, that Ed talked me into becoming Show Chair, and sly dog that he was, he convinced me that it was a five year commitment. Boy, did he sucker me in! But really, I loved the energy of the Show so much, that I stuck it out for many more years than that. Im still doing it over 25 years later.

That was Ed’s gift. In addition to being the most knowledgeable, self taught geologist I’ve ever known, he drew people in to the hobby. He helped anyone who was interested to love the hobby as much as he did. He constantly gave to the club, providing the kids kit materials for years. I know he and his family spent many hours every year packing little specimens so that kids of all ages could get a start in the hobby.

After joining, Ed convinced me to start going on field trip with him as my guide. Back then we had trips virtually every weekend from March to November. Ed taught what to look for, how to “read the rock” dig specimens out safely, identify them and more. On my first trip, I asked lots of questions, brought him a piece and asked him what it was. He said: “ That’s a leaverite, it’s no good just leaver right there”. What a character!

Because of his devotion to the club, Ed was made a lifetime member. His tireless support helped make the club what it is today. He will be sorely missed by myself and many other longtime members who cannot help but remember him fondly.

You are greatly loved, Ed!

Jerri Heer



Up Coming Classes

Make Your Own Pendant - Part 1

July 25 from 11am to 2 pm.

Students will learn how to cut, saw, make a bezel and back plate, solder, polish and set a stone.

There are two parts to this class; the first three- hour session is scheduled by contacting instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before the above dates.

The second session to finish and set your stone will be scheduled at a convenient time for instructor and student.

Members pay \$45, non-members \$55. All materials provided to complete a sterling silver pendant with a polished gem stone cabochon.

Location TGRC Craft Center



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 25th, 2021.

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

Instructor: Michelle Robison

Dates: July 10-11, 2021, 1:00pm-5:00pm

Costs: \$175 members, \$195 for non-members
Need to prepay due to equipment purchases.

Location: TGRC Clubhouse



Up Coming Classes



Intro to Enameling

Intro to Enameling- make and take pendant Saturday July 24 from 12 to 3 pm. Learn a new art form without committing to weeks of class.

In this 3-hr session, students will learn how to prep metal and then apply and fuse colorful powdered glass in a kiln.

The result will be an enameled pendant you can wear or give away. All materials supplied. To register, email Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com.

Cost for members \$50 and \$60 for non-members.

Location: TGRC Craft Center

Etched Copper Bracelet or Pendant

Etched Copper Bracelet or Pendant- Sunday Aug. 1 from 1 to 4 pm.

Learn to etch metal and complete a copper bracelet or pendant to take home. Etching opens a new world of design possibilities!

Students will use stencils or markers to create a resist design and then etch the exposed surface for 60 minutes.

All materials are provided. Prepayment is required to ensure spot, class size 8 students.

Registration is on a first come first serve by emailing Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com. Cost \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members.

Location: TGRC Craft Center



Up Coming Classes

Vintage Copper Cigar Style Band Ring

Class Friday June 18 from 3 to 5 pm or 6 to 8 pm.

Beauty that last! Make your own cigar style band ring using patterned copper made with vintage dies from turn of the 20th century.

No experience necessary, anyone can make their own custom fitting ring.

Select from a variety of patterns & widths in this 2-hr class.

All supplies and tools included. Spots are first come, first serve payment required to hold spot. To register contact Joanna Toepfer joanna@cqasolutions.co or 419-460-0846. \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members

Location: TGRC Craft Center



Enameled Millefiori Earrings

Saturday August 28 from noon to 3 pm.

Learn a new art form without committing to weeks of class. Students will use tiny glass “flowers” calls millefiori to adorn enameled earrings.

You will learn metal prep, enamel sifting, counter enameling and kiln firing. Take home a pretty pair of earrings.

All materials provided. To register, email Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com. Cost for members \$50 and non-members \$60.

Location: TGRC Craft Center



Up Coming Classes

Spoon Ring Class

Join Brittany Swider of Lady Forge Jewelry as she helps you create your very own spoon ring with spoons from her private collection. This 2-hour class will show you the basics of spoon ring formation including sizing, shaping and finishing. All supplies and tools are included in this \$45 class (members)/\$55 (non-members) held on Wednesday, July 28 at the TGRC craft center. There are limited slots available for each of the 3 classes: Noon, 3pm & 6:30. Pick your time and join us to make your very own one of a kind jewelry - no jewelry making experience required!

To register for this class will be required to contact Joanna Toepfer at 419-460-0846 (Please do not text) or Joanna@cqa-solutions.co (it is not .com). Prepayment is required to reserve a seat. All places are reserved on a first come/first serve basis. Unfortunately we cannot accept walk-ins for this class.

We look forward to creating with you!



For Your Information

Proposal to align TGRC membership with our fiscal year

To align our TGRC membership with our Jan to Dec fiscal year, it is proposed to prorate the months of September to Dec at \$2.50/month plus tax for individuals or family \$4.50/month plus tax for family memberships. Thus, a September individual renewal or new membership would be \$30 + \$7.50 or \$37.50 plus tax. The membership would run from September of the current year to December of the following year.

Those wishing to join the club between October 1 and Dec 31 would be assessed \$2.50 per month for individuals or \$4.50 per month for families plus the regular membership fee—taking their memberships through the end of the following year.

The language for the bylaw change proposed is :

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 4 - Dues are payable by December 31 each year and run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 the following calendar year. A member shall be dropped if dues are not paid by Dec. 31 when their membership expires.

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Board Meeting Minutes

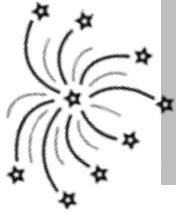
Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

Board Meeting Minutes 06/09/21

1. Welcome – Attendance: Holly Smith, Glen Toepfer, Michelle Grigore, Jerri Heer, Angela Williams, Todd Goodale, Kealy Goodale
2. Secretary Report – Jerri – Minutes reviewed. Motion made by Angela, second by Glen to approve, motion carried.
3. Show Update - Jerri relayed current dealer levels of 130 tables. Next Show Committee meeting June 22 at 7 PM. Arrangements moving ahead.
4. Treasurer – Glen
 - a. Report – Checking: \$3428.85, Savings: \$26504.76. Menards credit and ATT credit still in assets. More detailed report will be given at General meeting. Jerri made a motion to accept report, Angela seconded. Motion carried.
5. Class Results
 - a. Surfite class was almost full. Michelle had 4 students in her pendant class. Bracelet class also did well. Wax class in July has 4 signed up.
 - b. Michelle asked for clarification of handling class fees, club vs instructor portion, specifically related to recouping materials fees. Discussed that Instructor getting paid by club check will not fall under \$100 limitation, because it is a pass through, not an expense. How it is handled is up to the instructor, either collect separate amounts from students, or all paid to club and Check written from club to instructor for their reimbursement.
6. Craft Center
 - a. Drains – Metal crafters connected. Holly has been able to talk to Sherm. He and Steve will try to resolve. If they cannot, Michelle has another club member who will pay for job with her.
 - b. Electrical /bathroom. Jerri new liaison – She reviewed an email she sent to Skip regarding three issues: 1. ADA Bathroom, 2. Roof Vents, 3. Electrical outlets/ Exit sign. Is waiting for a reply. If no response, will consider withholding rent in July, if there is no movement.
7. Status of groups –
 - a. Beaders – No moderator
 - b. Extreme Beaders - Meeting again on Tuesdays
 - c. Facetors – No Moderator – Michelle will talk to Annie about setting up very basic class.
 - d. Gem Crafters – All Good, machines filled on Thursdays. Suggested moderators meet about making a plan for equal equipment usage.
 - e. Metal Crafters- Meeting Tuesdays and Sundays
8. Auction update – First two sessions netted \$232. Going well. Process is a learning curve. Next Auction 6/11/2021
9. Field Trip Flyer created by Kealy can be run in Newsletter.
10. More people willing to teach – always a need. Possible Spoon ring class being arranged. Holly needs July schedule from moderators ASAP.
11. Juniors update: Kealy indicated Diana Bieber helped with last session, had two students. Program on Trilobytes.
12. Discussed membership policy regarding early membership start with upcoming Show. In the past have offered a few free months starting July. Jerri suggested changing membership year to match fiscal year Jan – Dec. All agreed this would be appropriate but would require a Bylaws change. Michelle will draft a suggested change. Will email to all Board to approve, then get printed in June and July Rocky Reader. Then General membership could vote in August to have in place for this next membership year which starts in September.
13. Question was asked about handling guests – mentioned all had to sign a waiver, but repeats should need to join. Suggested all think about it and be prepared to establish a policy at next meetings.
14. Regarding Square on Facebook. Kealy needs permission to establish links to accept payments on Facebook for classes etc.
Jerri made a motion to allow, Michelle seconded. Motion carried.
15. Next meeting July 14th, 7 PM.
16. Glen made a motion to adjourn, Michelle seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

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Enameling
3 pm- Junior's Meeting

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Metal Crafters
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Make your first
pendant

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Show Meeting

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Extreme Beaders

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Spoon Ring
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Millefiori Earrings
3 pm- Junior's Meeting

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