

The Rocky Reader



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Notes from the President

As another year comes to a close let us look back and be thankful for how much we have grown in this past year and what amazing things are looking ahead in the coming year!

-Holly Smith

December Birthstones

Modern: Turquoise & Tanzanite

Alternate-US: Zircon & Blue Topaz

Traditional: Bloodstone, Ruby, Zircon & Lapis Lazuli

Ancient: Ruby, Turquoise & Chrysoprase

Tibetan: Onyx

Indian: Cat's eye

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

<https://kamajjewelry.com/month-birthstones/december-birth-stone/>

New Group Forming

The mineral identification classes were such a success, the participants have decided to form a new group, The Mineral Collectors, as they chose for a moniker, will have Josh Tipping as their moderator. His expertise is certainly a welcome addition to the club,

At their last gathering on November 20, they started examining and sorting rocks and minerals in the buckets of rocks that are in the craft center garage. These are specimens that have been collected by members or donated to the club over many years. One bucket yielded a specimen with nice calcite crystals and the remnants of the newspaper that had been used for packing it had the date 1991. It had been in that bucket a while.



If you are interested in learning about minerals, or you have a specimen you would like identified come to the next meeting. It will be Saturday, January 22, 2022 at noon.

Voting Results

Thank you so much to all the members that participated in voting this year!

President - Joanna Toepfer

Vice President - Diane Bieber

Secretary - Cassie Lewis

Treasurer - Glen Toepfer

Sergeant at Arms - Todd Gooddale

General Board - Jerri Heer

Treasurer's note

It was great to have our annual auction again! This year's auction was lively with Holly Smith performing as the auctioneer and Joanna Toepfer providing great details on items up for bid. We had a great selection of items picked out for the auction by Kealy Gooddale, as well as many generous donations from members. The bidding wars were definitely exciting!! Thanks to your generosity, the auction raised \$399.00 for the club!!

Thank you to everyone who participated!!

Upcoming Classes

Make Your Own Pendant - Part 1

Date & Time: Saturday, December 4th or January 8th
11am to 2 pm
Location: TGRC Craft Center

Students will learn how to make and solder a bezel and backplate, then polish and set a stone.

There are two parts to this class. During the first session, you'll choose your stone and create and solder your bezel and backplate. At the second session, you'll finish your pendant and set your stone. The second session will be scheduled at a convenient time for instructor and student.

All materials will be provided to complete a sterling silver pendant with a polished gemstone cabochon.

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

Contact instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before the date of the first session to register.



Stained Glass Class

Stained Glass Class - One day

Just in time for Christmas! Make your own Stained Glass sun catchers/ornaments. Class size is limited to 6 students and reservations are REQUIRED to allow for necessary supplies to be prepared.

No experience required. All materials and tools provided.

Date December 11, 2021

Time: 8:30-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 for Members

\$35 for Non-Members

Instructor: Steve Stalker

ssalker@bex.net

419-467-3734



Upcoming Classes

Beginning Gem Tree Class

Date & Time: Thursday, December 16

6 pm -9 pm

Location: TGRC Craft Center

Each student will make a single gem tree with nine branches and seven 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. All materials and tools will be provided, and additional materials will be for available for sale after class.

This is a pay-at-the-door event, but you must reserve your spot ahead of time as class size is limited to 10 students.

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

Contact instructor Jerri Heer at 419.344.9999 to register.



Christmas Gem Tree

Dates & Time: Sunday, December 12

Sunday, December 19

1 pm - 6/7 pm

Location: TGRC Craft Center

Make your very own Christmas gem tree in this one-day class. (It's so pretty you'll want to keep it out all year.)

Gem tree artist Jerri Heer will be in town to offer two sessions of this class. Class size is limited to 10 students and reservations are **REQUIRED** to allow for necessary supplies to be prepared. All materials and tools will be provided. Some experience is helpful, but not required.

Cost: \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members

Contact instructor Jerri Heer at 419.344.9999 or jheerx6@aol.com to register.



Board Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes 11/10/21

Attending: Holly, Jerri, Todd, Angela, Steve, Michelle, Glen

Guests: Cassie and Micah Lewi

1. Welcome – 7:01 PM

2. Secretary Report – Jerri – Minutes from August meeting transmitted previously. Motion to accept the minutes by Steve, Michelle seconded. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer – Glen

a. Written report presented and reviewed. Motion by Jerri to accept. Second by Angela, motion carried.

4. Class Results

a. Steve discussed the Stained-Glass class. Asked if they could become a group. Suggested that they be housed in Faceters room. All agreed. Discussed having a second class on Dec 11.

5. Craft Center

a. ADA Bathroom now complete.

b. Drains – gemcrafters, main room and saw need drains

c. Saw leaking, needs to be drained and fixed – Sherm may have fixed.

6. Status of groups –

a. Beaders, possibly Kealy

b. Extreme Beaders, meeting weekly

c. Faceters, - none at this time.

d. Gem Crafters - needs wetting agent for water saws. Thursday work sessions full.

e. Metal Crafters – A lot of people have been thru beginning pendant, more regulars now. Work sessions on Tuesday and Saturdays

7. Wi-Fi: most monthly wi-fi plans are above \$50 unless you already have a cellular plan. Need to discuss if we want to spend more than \$50 a month on something that would be used very little. Decided that we should be able to handle with phone hotspots and contacting Board members to run Square. No need to pay extra. Table for six months.

8. Welcome room tables. Beaders would like a couple more tables. Kealy found some in the garage but they are in rough shape. Steve Stalker said they would be good tables to solder on for the stain glass class. Discussed getting 8 new tables for front room. Steve made a motion, Todd seconded. Motion carried.

9. CPR Unit for club house. Angela will research possible grants and other funding options.

10. Memberships: Michelle want to discuss what to do with individuals that join in June or July who might quit the club if they have to renew a couple months after they joined. Also some individuals renewed using the old form so renewed at lesser amount.

a. June/July members: paid for a yearly membership so pro-rate their renewal to cover the remaining months of next year. So if they joined in June their membership would take them through the end of May next year. Their renewal would be to cover July to Dec of 2022 (6 months). An individual membership would be 6 months x \$2.50 = \$15 plus tax.

b. Member renewing using old form need to receive an email explaining the wrong form was used and the amount still owed to get them through to Dec. 31st, 2022.

Discussed, decided that Michelle will contact those people to ask them to pay prorated amount to catch up. We will eliminate the renewal form, and a New/Renewal check box and modify the website link to indicate “Membership Brochure/ Application”

11. More people willing to teach – Always needed

12. Other items. – Discussed developing a cleaning schedule. Suggested requiring class participants to clean up after themselves. Suggested cleaning sessions before/after general meetings. Will bring up as discussion topic at next general meeting.

13. Need calendar correction to newsletter. General/Board meetings on wrong dates. Cassie will correct.

14. Steve would like to start repairing floor, needs to be smoothed before painting. Steve will work on it.

15. Need to start looking for new chairs.

16. Todd made a motion to adjourn. Todd seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

December 2021



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11 am
Gem Crafters

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11 am
Make Your First
Pendant
3 pm
Junior Meeting

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10 am
Extreme Beaders

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11 am
Gem Crafters

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11
8:30 am
Stained Glass Class

12
1 pm
Christmas Gem
Tree Class

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14
10 am
Extreme Beaders

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7 pm
Club Meeting

16
11 am
Gem Crafters
6 pm
Beginning Gem
Tree Class

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10 am
Gem Crafters

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1 pm
Christmas Gem
Tree Class

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Extreme Beaders
12 pm
Metal Crafters

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Beaders

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January 2022



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