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A Big Thank You!

A big thank you goes to Chet King for the generous donation of his book collection! From fossils, rocks, and minerals to jewelry making, his books will inspire and enlighten us.

We appreciate his thoughtfulness and his gift. It will greatly enhance our library.

January Birthstones

Modern: Garnet

Traditional: Garnet

Ancient Italian & Russian: Garnet & red zircon

Tibetan: Emerald

Indian: Serpent stone

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

<https://kamayojewelry.com/month-birthstones/january-birth-stone/>

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts

Did you know that two of our club members teach classes at the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts? The school, located in Young Harris, Georgia, was founded in 1983 by lapidary enthusiasts who wanted a dedicated school for learning lapidary arts instead of just a smattering of workshops.

The school offers more than 20 different lapidary art skills taught by highly trained instructors. Tuition includes accommodations at the lodge or campground on the campus.

Classes begin in April and run until November, and registration starts January 10th. If you are interested in improving your lapidary skill set or want to learn new ones, check out their website at lapidaryschool.org.

President's Letter

Happy New Year! Last year is gone and a bright new year lies ahead ready for us to learn, grow and make our corner of the world a little better. And a few pretty rocks will help us do that.

2022 is set to be an exciting year for our club, and we hope it will be for you personally as well. This year, we're expanding our programs to include more classes in all of our groups. For the two new groups we added in 2021, we'll continue to help them grow and develop. Plus, there are a number of changes coming which we'll announce throughout the year.

We're still setting goals for the coming year, but here are a few we to date:

Finish the building - Yay!
Expand our programs
Increase work session hours for work groups
Grow our juniors program by including more school visits, community involvement and partnerships
Introduce TGRC to more people and invite them to join in the fun
Bring in monthly speakers when possible
Invite more guest artists to host our classes

And the list goes on....

Your board is excited to serve you and our community, and we'd love for you to be a part of the fun. Stay tuned as we launch into what we hope is our greatest year of growth.

We wish you and your families a healthy and prosperous new year!

Joanna Toepfer
President
Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

Upcoming Classes

Fordite Class

Dates & Times: Friday, January 21st, 7 pm
Sunday, January 23rd,
1 pm and 3 pm
Location: TGRC Craft Center

This class will provide attendees the opportunity to create their own Fordite cabochon. Material will be provided and attendees will learn how to saw, shape, reveal patterns and polish Fordite material.

The class is open to participants of any skill level.

Registration is limited to four students per session, and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost: \$25 members and \$35 for non-members and includes one piece of Fordite good for one medium cabochon or two small ones. Payment in advance is required to hold a spot.

Additional material will be available for purchase.

Contact Joanna Toepfer at 419-460-0846 or Joanna@cqasolutions.co for details and to sign up.



Surfite Class

Dates & Times: Sunday, February 6th
1 pm and 3 pm
Location: TGRC Craft Center

Surf's up in the clubhouse! We'll 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 Surfite. This semi-transparent material creates mini pieces of art. There's a lot more to this material than stripes - you'll love working with it!

Cost: \$25 members, \$35 non-members and all materials included. Prepayment required and spots are on a first-come first-served basis as class sizes are limited.

Contact Joanna Toepfer at
419-460-0846 or
Joanna@cqasolutions.co for details or to
reserve your spot.

Upcoming Classes

Vintage Copper Cuff Class

Dates & Times: Friday, February 11th, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 13th, 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Location: TGRC Craft Center

Create beauty that lasts! Make your own cuff bracelet using patterned copper made with vintage dies from the turn of the century. No experience is necessary - anyone can make their own custom-fit bracelet!

In this two-hour class, you'll select your pattern from a variety of patterns and widths, create the bracelet, and learn how to patina copper. All supplies and tools will be included. It's a great class to bring a friend to!

Cost: \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. Class sizes are limited for safety. Spots are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis and payment in advance is required to hold a spot.

Contact Joanna Toepfer at 419-460-0846 or Joanna@cqasolutions.co for details or to reserve your spot.

Fused Glass Pendant

Date & Time: Saturday, January 15th

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Location: TGRC Craft Center

Make your own fused stained-glass pendants! No experience required for this class, and all materials and tools for two pendants will be provided.

Class size is limited to six students, so reservations are REQUIRED to allow for necessary supplies to be prepared.

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

Pendants will be fused in the kiln after class and will be available for pickup from any moderator in the clubhouse during group hours or at the general meeting on January 19th.

Contact instructor Steve Stalker at ssalker@bex.net or 419-467-3734 to reserve your spot.

Upcoming Classes

Make Your Own Pendant - Part 1

Date & Time: Saturday, 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.



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Mineral Studies
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Fordite Class

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