

The Rocky Reader



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Equipment available for sale

From Chet King

Text Michelle at 419-270-7507 please if interested. He also has a LOT of beading supplies as well

-6" trim saws (2) available, with and without motors

-6" Rock Rascal saw and one station arbor combo unit

-B and I flat lap machines (6), with and without motors

-16" lapidary saw for parts

-6" Star two station arbor grinder, no motor or wheels

-7" two station 8" arbor with wheels

-Rock tumbler bases (no rubber containers)

-Vibratory flat lap

-Lapidary drill press (like those in gem crafters)

April Birthstones

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/april-birth-stone/>

Open House and Yard Sale, April 24th

Come one, come all to our open house and yard sale. It will be at the craft center on Sunday April 24th from noon to 4 pm. There will be demonstrations from different artisans showing their lapidary skills. Bring your family and friends, show them all the many ways they too can explore their creative side.

We have been cleaning the garage. We will have many unused items for sale at the yard sale. There will even be some free landscaping rocks. Spread the word and support your club.

Note From President

Happy Spring Everyone

This is an exciting time for our club. The pandemic slowed our progress when we moved into our new craft center. That didn't stop us, in fact I see a new energy in all of our members. We are shaping dreams and ideas that are enhancing the craft center.

The welcome room will soon have a new look. The faceter's room will be able to accommodate both faceters and stain glass crafters. Improvements are also being made for the gem crafter's and metal crafter's rooms.

Mark your calendars for both April 20th and April 24th. Wednesday the 20th is our general meeting at 7, followed by the auction benefiting the metal crafters. With plenty of items that are up for bid, it should be a fun and interesting evening. April 24th is our open house and yard sale. We have many things to sell at the yard sale including a kitchen sink! Steve needs volunteers for the open house to help with demonstrating and explaining the various aspects of our club. Give Steve a call, spend an hour or two with us and support your club .

President Diane Bieber

Additional Notes

Lifetime Achievement Award

At the March meeting Chet King, June King and Chetty King were given a Lifetime Achievement Award from TGRC in appreciation for everything they have done for this club Chet and his wife are charter members of TGRC. Chet has been moderator of the gem crafters and metal crafters groups. He felt it was important for the club to educate the youth about geology. He went to the schools and taught schoolchildren about rocks and minerals and his exploits when he mined minerals. He went to boy scout and girl scout troop meetings and taught them necessary skills so they could earn their badges. June was a gifted and patient teacher and until her passing would cheerfully share her expertise with others. Her specialty was in gem trees, but she was gifted in many other aspects of the club. Chetty was at one time club photographer. He also passed on information to all members about rockhound shows in Ohio and Michigan so members could support other rockhound groups and attend their shows. We truly appreciate Chet and his family and all he has done for TGRC. We wouldn't be where we are without Chet. He has given so much to our club. His plaque will be hanging in the hall for all to see.

Life Member Awards

At the March meeting, Michelle Grigore was surprised with the honor of being made a life member of TGRC. We truly appreciate her help and commitment she has given to the club. She is a gem crafter and metal crafter moderator. She has taken classes at the Toledo Museum of Art and shared her knowledge with anyone who has taken a class with her. She has been instrumental in helping to refurbish the craft center. Thank you, Michelle, for your hard work for TGRC.

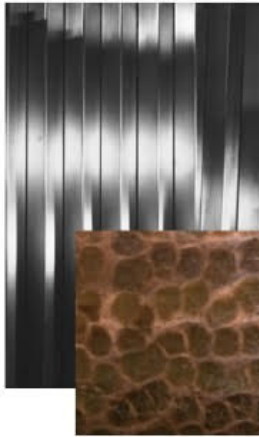
Also at the March meeting, Steve Stalker was given his life member badge. Last year, Steve was bestowed this honor but due to an oversight (and COVID) did not receive his badge. We want to acknowledge and appreciate all he has done for the club and the craft center. He has been instrumental in helping with the remodel of the craft center. We have different rooms for our various satellite groups and its thanks to Steve for his hard work and construction knowledge that this is possible. He is moderator for the gem crafters, metal crafters and stain glass crafters.

Thank you, Michelle and Steve, for all you have done and continue to do for TGRC.

Auction At the April Meeting

We will have an auction at the April general meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 20th. The auction will benefit the metal crafters. The mineral collectors will contribute a variety of mineral specimens. Members are welcome to donate unused items also to help the cause. I even heard that there might be a pie or two. Come to the meeting, stay for the fun. It will be a good time.

Metal Crafters Work Sessions



Tuesday & Saturday Work sessions from noon to 3 pm. Thursday 5-8pm.
Learn new metal crafting skills or work on your own projects. We will highlight a different technique each week. There may be a minor material cost beyond the usual \$2/hr fee for metal blanks or enamels. Check out these dates:

April 5- Texturing metal with a rolling mill and plates, bracelet blank \$4
April 7 & 9- Enameling, copper findings and enamels provided for \$7
April 12 & 14- Etching metal designs, copper blank \$4
April 19 & 21- Piercing designs in metal, sawing skills metal blank \$4
April 23- Open session no skill teaching (pendant class running that day)
April 26 & 28- Dapping, doming and using stakes to create a fluted cuff, bracelet blank provided \$4
May 3, 5- Fabricating hollow metal beads, using a disc cutter
May 7- Using shot plates for accent flowers and more to add to your jewelry
May 12, 19, 26- textured stacking rings, copper provided \$4
May 24- Making twisted wire, copper wire provided \$3
May 28- Using molds in the hydraulic press



Metal Crafter Moderators

TUES/SAT-MICHELLE GRIGORE TEXT 419-270-7507 THURS-KEALY GOODALE TEXT 419-202-4549



The art of connection

Monday April 25th
& May 23rd

12-2pm

\$2.00/hr + supplies (when applicable)

Learn a tip - Share a skill

Work independently or with the group

Contact Kealy Goodale 419-202-4549
to reserve project kit before 10am.

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VIEW our weekly work sessions for each
group on social media or on our website
www.rockyreader.com

JUNIORS



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FIELD TRIP BADGE (MUST COMPLETE 3)



FIELD TRIP ETIQUETTE
*AFMS CODE OF ETHICS



FIELD TRIP PLANNING



TAKING A FIELD TRIP



RECORD KEEPING



INDOOR FIELD TRIP



DO OUR OWN THING



JUNIORS WILL BE WORKING TOWARD COMPLETING THIS BADGE BY THE END OF SPRING! IT TYPICALLY TAKES 2-3 MEETINGS TO COMPLETE ONE BADGE.

WHAT TO BRING AT THE NEXT JR MEETING:
LABELED COLLECTION BOX & COMPLETED
WORKSHEETS/FOLDER.

MEETING APRIL 2ND 3-5PM MAY 7TH 3-5PM

JUNIORS CHAIR
KEALY GOODALE
419-202-4549

TGRC CRAFT CENTER
2453 TREMAINSVILLE RD SUITE B
TOLEDO, OH

Extreme Beaders

Tuesdays 10am

Work independently in a friendly group

Moderator- Shirley Stieh



GEM CRAFTER WORK SESSIONS

THURSDAY 11-3PM

THURSDAY 5-8PM

SATURDAY 10AM

CHECK THE ROCKY READER FOR CALENDAR UPDATES

MODERATORS: STEVE STALKER, SHERM KARDATZKE, TODD GOODALE



Upcoming Classes

Make a Kiln fired fused glass pendant

Make your own Stained Glass fused pendants. Students will create designs of their choosing. 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 for two pendants are provided. Pendants will be fused in the kiln after class. They will be available for pickup from any moderator in the clubhouse during group hours or at the General meeting on

May 18

Date April 27, 2022

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

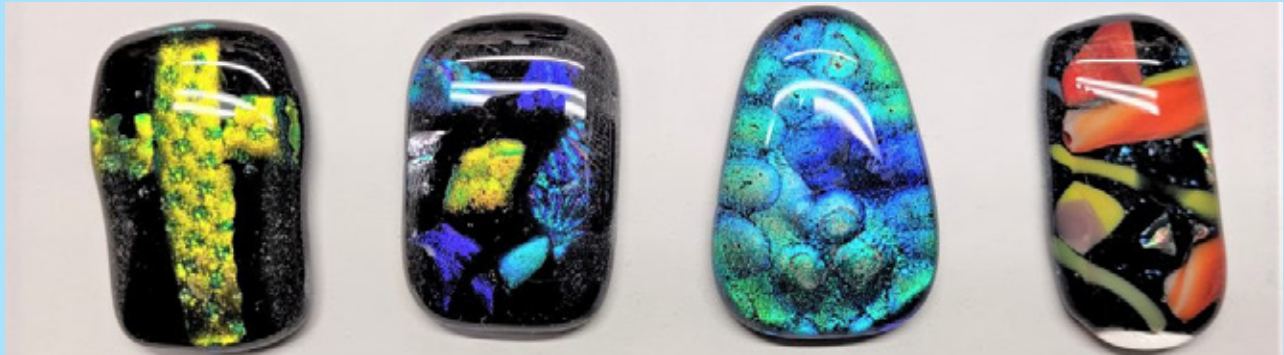
Cost: \$40 for Members

\$50 for Non-Members

Instructor: Steve Stalker

ssalker@bex.net

419-467-3734



Intro to Faceting

April 16: 11 to 3 pm. Using Graham's faceting guide, you will learn to follow a pattern and cut precise facets on quartz or glass rough. Contact Michelle a week before as space is limited. Fee is \$2/hr. If there is enough interest, we can restart the weekend faceters group.

April 2022

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11 am
Gem Crafters
5 pm
Metal Crafters

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3 pm- 5 pm
Junior Meeting
10 am
Gem Crafters

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5
10 am
Extreme Beaders
12 pm
Metal Crafters

6

7
5 pm
Metal Crafters

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10 am
Gem Crafters

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12
10 am
Extreme Beaders
12 pm
Metal Crafters

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14
11 am & 5 pm
Gem Crafters
5 pm
Metal Crafters

15

16
12 pm
Gem Crafters
11 am
Intro into Faceting

17

18

19
10 am
Extreme Beaders
12 pm
Metal Crafters

20
7 pm
Club Meeting

21
11 am
Gem Crafters
5 pm
Metal Crafters

22

23
10 am
Gem Crafters

24

25
12 pm
Beaders

26
10 am
Extreme Beaders
12 pm
Metal Crafters

27
5 pm
Glass pendant Class

28
11 am & 5 pm
Gem Crafters
5 pm
Metal Crafters

29

30
10 am
Gem Crafters

May 2022

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Metal Crafters

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Gem Crafters
5 pm
Metal Crafters

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Metal Crafters
3 pm- 5 pm
Juniors Meeting

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Extreme Beaders

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12 F
11 am & 5 pm
Gem Crafters
5 pm
Metal Crafters

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14 S
12 pm
Metal Crafters

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16

17 S
10 am
Extreme Beaders

18 F
7 pm
Club Meeting

19 S
11 am
Gem Crafters
5 pm
Metal Crafters

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23 S
12 pm
Beaders

24 F
10 am
Extreme Beaders
12 pm
Metal Crafters

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26 S
11 am & 5 pm
Gem Crafters
5 pm
Metal Crafters

27

28 F
10 am
Gem Crafters
12 pm
Metal Crafters

29

30

31 S
10 am
Extreme Beaders
12 pm
Metal Crafters

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