

# The Rocky Reader



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## Auction for Gemcrafters

Going once, going twice,  
sold!

That's what we will be hearing after the November meeting when we hold our auction. This month it will benefit the gemcrafters. Cabochons, jewelry and mineral specimens are some of the items that will be up for bid. Come to the meeting and stay for the fun. You never know what interesting or useful items we will have. Donations are still being accepted too.

## Election Nominees

On Wednesday, November 16th at the general meeting we will have the election of officers for next year. The nominees are as follows:

President - Diane Bieber  
Vice President - Kealy Goodale  
Secretary - Charles Campos  
Treasurer - Glen Toepfer  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Todd Goodale  
Board Member - Mike Cameron

## Time to Renew!

December 31 is fast approaching. Take a little time now and renew your membership.

You can send this form to:

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club  
P O Box 13268  
Toledo, Ohio 43613

We are planning great things for next year. Renew now so you won't miss anything.

# Note From President

It's November already. Where did the year go? Time to renew your membership. This club needs all of our great members and their support to continue to promote, educate and learn about the lapidary arts. We recognize the importance of family participation and have added two new membership categories. You can send your membership form to us or renew with a moderator or at the meeting.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Open House that was scheduled in November. We are looking for an opportunity to have one next year. It is important for our club to show the community what we have to offer.

The gemcrafter's auction will be held after the November meeting. This is always a lot of fun. We have great items that will be up for bid. Hope to see you there.

The Ho! Ho! Ho! Party will be in December. We haven't had this party since Covid. It will start at 6pm on Wednesday, December 21st. We will have soup, sandwiches and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in the welcome room so you can let us know what you are bringing. After the party and the general meeting we will have an auction. This auction will benefit the beader's. They are in need of tools and supplies. Moderator Kealy Goodale recently went to William Holland School in Georgia. She has learned many new skills. Having wire wrapping tools or other important supplies will help her teach her beaders attendees. Come to the December party and enjoy a fun evening socializing with everyone.

We do not have a cleaning crew. After a work session, moderators clean up and appreciate help from volunteers that stay after and help them..If you use the welcome room or any other room in the craft center, PLEASE take care to keep it clean. There are cleaning items in the utility room.so you can wipe the tables after you use them. Thank you for your care and help.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Diane Bieber  
President

WHAT GROUPS ARE YOU  
INTERESTED IN? (see descriptions)

- Beaders,
- Faceters
- Field Trips
- Future Rockhounds of Amer.
- Gem Crafters
- Metal Crafters
- Minerals/ Fossils
- Show Team

SKILLS/ EXPERIENCE TO SHARE

AREAS YOU CAN HELP

- Community Outreach/ Educ.
- Leading a Work Group
- Web page/ Social Media
- Maintaining Shop Equipment
- Writing/ Newsletter
- Member Classes/ Education
- Photography/ Graphics
- Light Cleaning @ Craft Cntr.
- Other

Send Check: Toledo Gem & Rockhound  
Club, P.O. Box 13268, Toledo, OH 43613



**FACETERS**  
Faceting is the process of putting many flat, highly polished surfaces on a gemstone. Members of this group meet to learn, view each other's work and to discuss new patterns.

**BEADERS**  
Beading provides members the opportunity to learn to make jewelry and other fashion items from regular beads, seed beads, and pearls. Our methods include loom weaving, embroidery, and stringing. Patterns are provided and project books are available. No equipment is necessary and basic supplies are provided to the novice. The EXTREME BEADERS are for advanced skills.

#### METALCRAFTERS

Make jewelry. New members are given instruction in the basic fabrication skills; soldering, sawing, and filing. After that, members branch out and develop their own styles. Current interests include piercing, precious metal clay, woven chaining, and general silversmithing. There is always someone who can offer a new technique or opinions on problems that need solutions.



#### FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA (Juniors)

Education is our focus and the FRA is our youth group focused on the Earth



Sciences. For ages 7 to 17 yrs. We follow the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies' curriculum. Our leaders are educated and have background checks. Parents do have to accompany their children to these activities.

#### ANNUAL SHOW TEAM

The TGRC hosts one of the largest gem and jewelry shows in the Midwest. Join a team dedicated to planning and executing an exciting 3-day show featuring hands-on learning and vendors from across the Globe.

#### FIELD TRIPS

Help plan and participate in trips to interesting geological sites. At many, you can collect rocks that can then be made into gems, set in jewelry or displayed as specimens.

#### MINERALS/FOSSILS

Share knowledge and discover new geologic specimens with other club members. We are in the heart of Devonian fossil country.



## Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club



**JOIN US!**

Hands-on training in minerals, fossil ID, gemstone making, beading, faceting and jewelry fabrication



[www.RockyReader.com](http://www.RockyReader.com)  
Facebook: Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club  
Instagram: Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club



## Join others who love all things rock!

We are an active and diverse group from educators to artists, collectors to geology enthusiasts. We host educational meetings, field trips, shows and offer hands-on classes.

There are many ways to enjoy rock related hobbies with our club. Sign up for an introductory class in gemstone polishing and/or faceting, jewelry fabrication, wire wrapping or beading. Come to our well-equipped Craft Center and work on a variety of equipment in an atmosphere that allows progress at your own speed and respect for your particular style. Join a regular work group to learn from others and share your expertise. Meet together to learn more

about fossils, minerals and local geology.

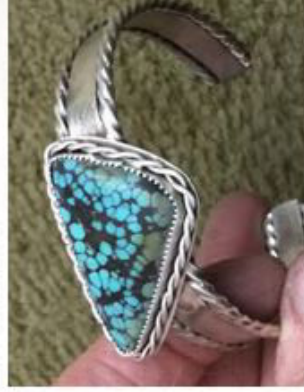


We do need interested volunteers to help with public education, moderating work sessions, caring for equipment and hosting our big Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show in September.

Join us as we spread the word that the Toledo Area Rocks!

## Benefits of Membership

- Emailed monthly Rocky Reader newsletter & ability to advertise in it
- Member meetings and right to vote on club business
- Discounted rate for workshops and classes
- Extended hours at the Craft Center
- Hands-on introductory classes in cabochon making, faceting and jewelry making for the exclusive membership rate
- Reduced admission to the annual Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show in Sept.
- Family memberships grant access to our juniors group—the Future Rockhounds of America
- Access to the membership directory to connect you with local experts and those who share your interests in all things rock, bead, gem, fossil, mineral and metal crafting
- Annual holiday party



Organized in 1962, the TGRC was incorporated as a not for profit organization in 1966 for the purpose of promoting interest and increasing knowledge in the fields of Mineralogy, Geology, and the Lapidary Arts.

Our Craft Center is located at 2453 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, OH 43613.

Some of our work groups:

### GEMCRAFTERS

A working group that allows members to develop or expand their lapidary skills. Focused mainly on the cutting and polishing of cabochons, the group also supplies information on handling of different types of cutting materials, orientation, channel inlay, carving, etc.



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Fill out, clip and mail. Don't forget the back side of this form!

NAME (Please print legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE (family memberships) \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN and birth date (Family Mem) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAILS (very important!) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category

\_\_\_\_ Individual \$32.33 with tax

\_\_\_\_ Family (live together) \$53.88 with tax

\_\_\_\_ Grandparents \$53.88 with tax

\_\_\_\_ Youth \$16.17 with tax

You will receive a liability waiver form to sign after you join.

OVER



# GEM CRAFTER WORK SESSIONS

THURSDAY 11-3PM

CHECK THE ROCKY READER CALENDAR  
FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES

MODERATOR:  
STEVE STALKER



## Extreme Beaders Tuesdays 10am

*Work independently in a friendly group*

*Moderators- Kathy Petersen  
Shirley Stieh*



TGRC Craft Center  
Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club  
2453 Tremainsville Rd Unit B  
Toledo, OH 43613





## The art of connection

Join us each month  
on the last Monday

12-2pm

Class opportunities will be posted online  
and featured in the Rocky Reader

Readers moderator:

Kealy Goodale 419-202-4549

# *Make Your Own Pendant*

*with Michelle Grigore*

METAL CRAFTERS -  
LEARN SILVERSMITHING TECHNIQUES  
USING CABOCHONS



Make your first pendant class: Students will learn how to cut metal, 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](mailto:mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com) at least a week before the first session. 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 small sterling silver pendant with a polished gemstone cabochon.

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# Upcoming Classes

Make your own Stained Glass fused snowflake. Students will create designs of their choosing from a template book. Class size is limited to 4 students and reservations are **REQUIRED** to allow for necessary supplies to be prepared. No experience required. All materials and tools for one snowflake are provided. Snowflakes 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 Nov 16.

Date November 18

Time: 8:30am-12:30 pm.

Cost: \$40 for Members

\$50 for Non-Members

Instructor: Steve Stalker

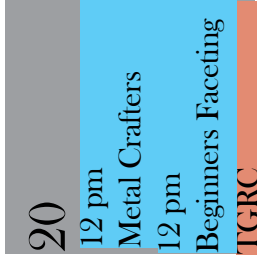
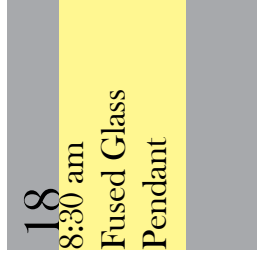
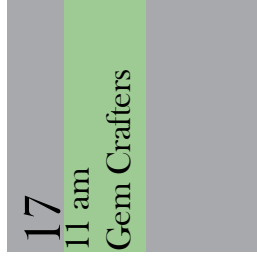
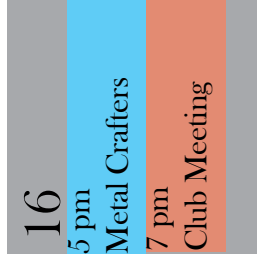
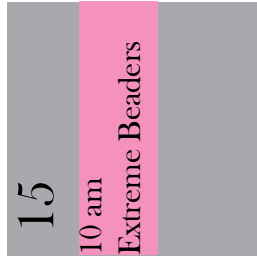
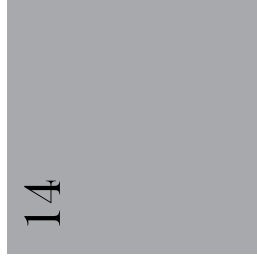
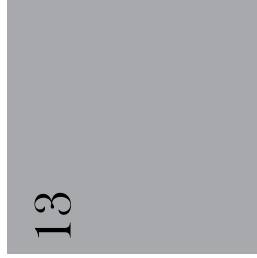
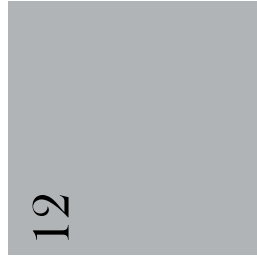
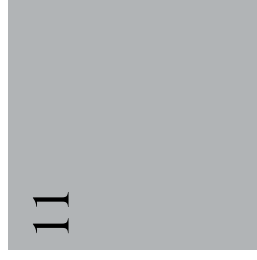
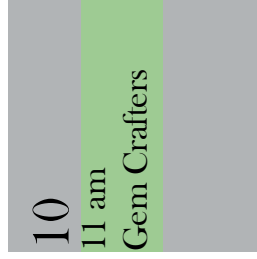
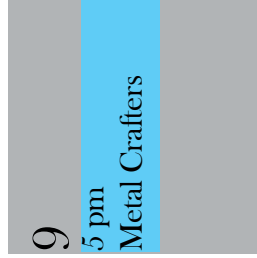
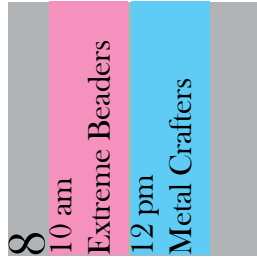
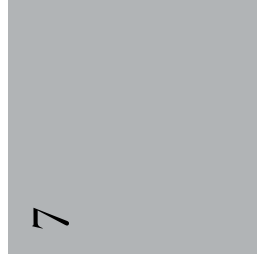
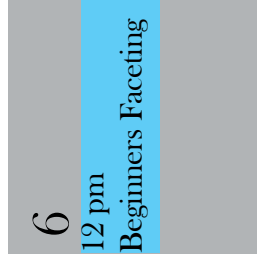
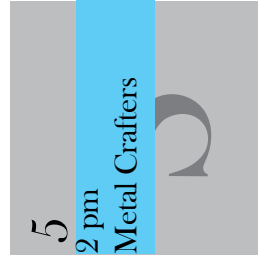
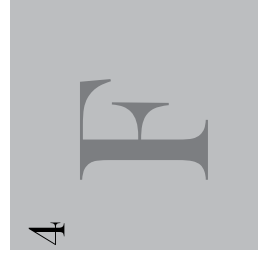
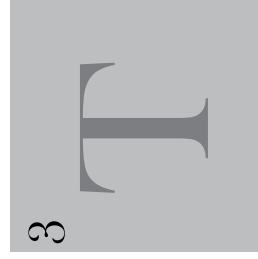
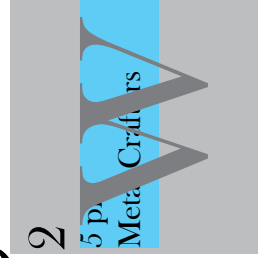
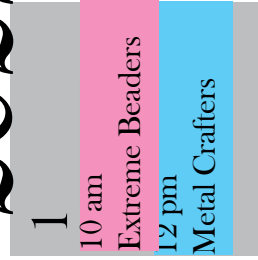
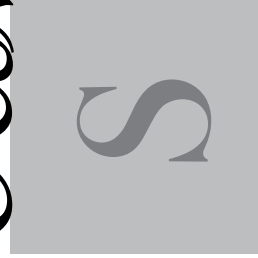
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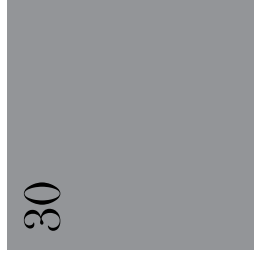
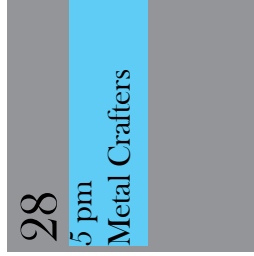
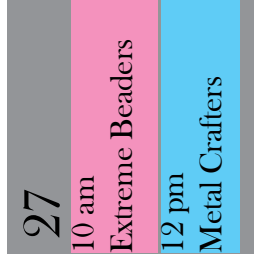
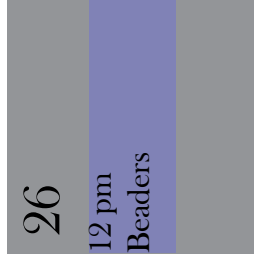
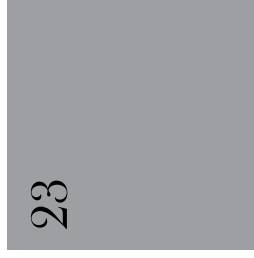
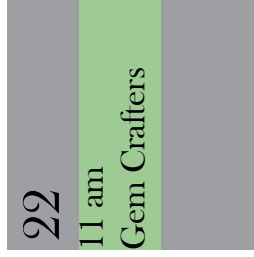
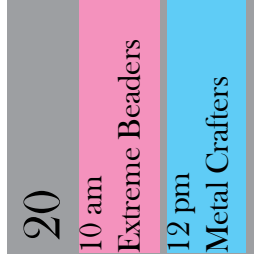
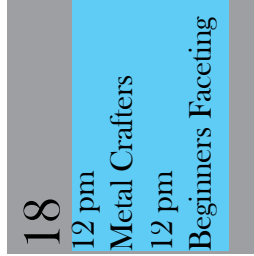
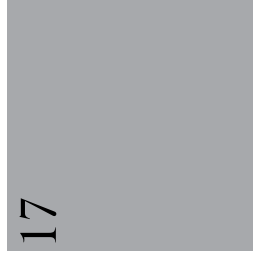
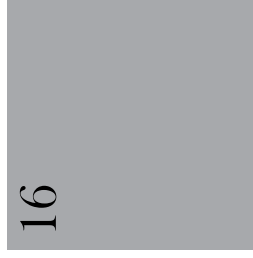
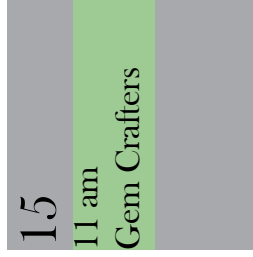
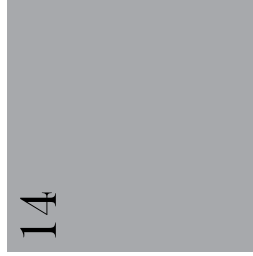
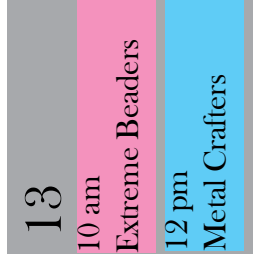
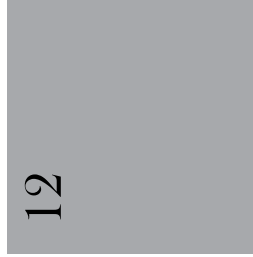
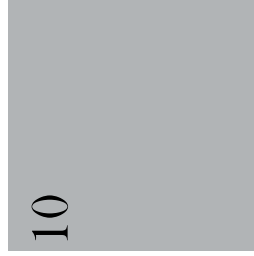
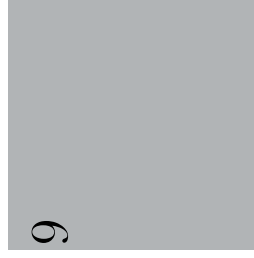
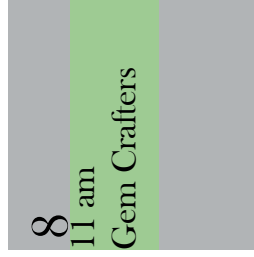
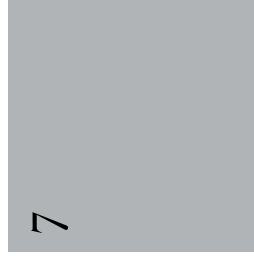
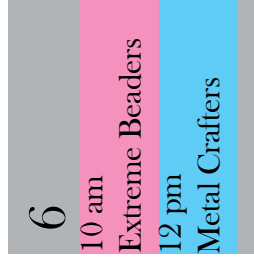
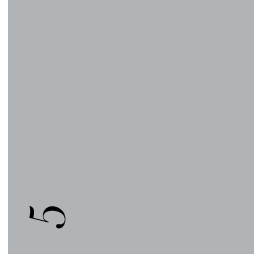
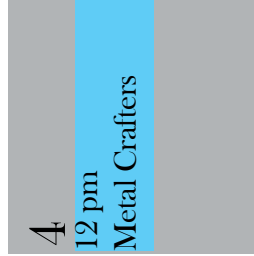
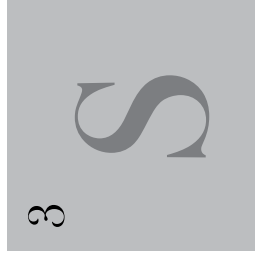
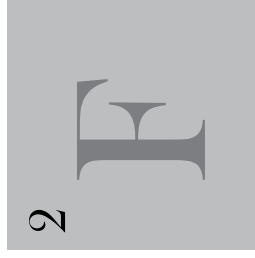
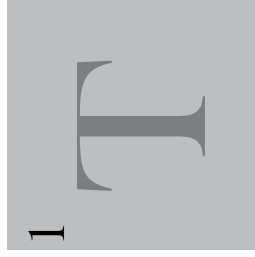




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