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TOLEDO GEM & ROCKHOUND CLUB CRAFT CENTER • CLASSES • WORKSHOPS







Happy February!

We had a major cleaning at the craft center. I want to thank all the members who lent a hand. We must all do our part in keeping our craft center clean but sometimes a little has to be done. In a few months, we will do another deep cleaning. Keeping our "house" clean instills pride in all of us. (Go to pg 2)



Patterned Copper Ring CLASSES



Leather w/ Copper Bracelet CLASS



Weekly Work Sessions







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From the Desk of the President (cont.)

We had our first show committee meeting earlier this week and one of the items discussed was adding a theme for our annual show in September. I am challenging you, the TGRC member, to bring your ideas to the February club meeting or email them to me.

Enter up to (3) three ideas

We will vote at the meeting! There will be a prize for the winning entry.

Diane Bieber quartz1tgrc@gmail.com



"I Like Rocks" Now that you have seen my entry, can you do better?

February February Stone: Amethyst (SiO2) is the brilliant violet/purple color variety of quartz. In order to transform the iron infused quartz into brilliant purple, a bit of radiation is required.

Make-n-Take Classes We are having two style make-n-take classes this month. The first set are your choice of making a copper or sterling silver patterned ring. The instructor is Joanna Toepfer. The sessions are on Friday, February 10th and Sunday, February 12th, You must contact her to reserve your spot for these classes. Contact info and and flyer are found inside this edition of the Rocky Reader. The second make-n-take class is a leather cuff bracelet with jewelry embellishment. Sarah Speer is the instructor. This class will be Saturday February 25th and space is limited so contact Michelle Grigore as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Flyer and info included in this newsletter.

This is still Winter and as we all know, anything can happen with our weather. Check the website calendar to make sure the class or work session has not been cancelled, especially if Lucas County calls for a Level 2 snow emergency.

Happy Valentine's Day



ICE: ROCK OR MINERAL?

Ice is definitely a mineral. When ice crystals naturally form in nature, they qualify as a mineral. When ice is manmade, it qualifies as a rock. What are the qualifications? Photo credit: Lotze Art & Design https://lotzeart.com/art-prints/

 Naturally-occurring 2) Inorganic 3) Solid
 Ordered Internal Structure 5) Definite Chemical Composition

Upcoming Rock Show Events



Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society's 72nd Annual Silent Auction

Plus a Special LIVE Auction of High-end Specimens During the Last Half-hour! Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Geodes, Jewelry, Books, Magazines and Lapidary Treasures

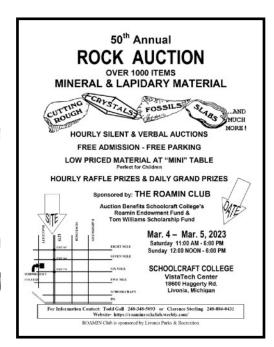
Saturday, March 11, 2023 ~ 6 to 9 p.m.

St. Peter's United Church gymnasium, 8013 Laramie (at Oakton), Skokie

First table closes at 6:30. Fun for the entire family. Free admission and free parking.

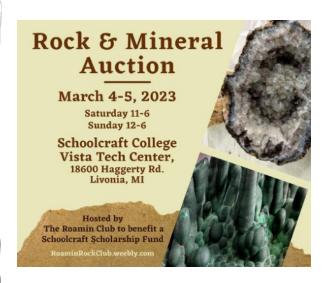
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Jeanine Mielecki, 312/623-1554, jaynine9@aol.com Like Us on Facebook ~ Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society • https://chicagorocks.org









April 1-2, 2023: Sat. 10 AM-6 PM & Sun. 11 AM-5 PM

Mineral, fossil & gem dealers with treasures for sale from around the world ♦ Silent auctions

Speakers ♦ Lapidary demonstrations ♦ Educational exhibits ♦ Free specimen ID ♦ Gold panning

Door prizes ♦ Just for kids: silent auctions, junior geologist fossil dig, games & activities

Ohio Expo Center-Rhodes Center, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus OH 43211
Same location, new building: From I-71 take exit 111, go west. Building on north side of 17th Ave. Parking \$5

Adults (16+) \$7, Seniors (60+) \$6, 2-day pass \$12, Youth (6-15) \$3, Under 6 FREE FREE: Scouts & 4-H in uniform, Teachers with school ID, Military with ID Please note: Tickets are available at the door, <u>cash or check only.</u> Credit/debit cards cannot be accepted for admission or silent auction purchases but our vendors can process credit/debit cards.



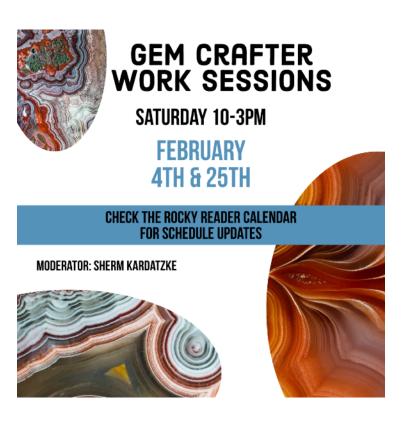


Sponsored by the Columbus Rock & Mineral Society

We are a non-profit organization and the only family-oriented, educational rock show in Central Ohio that welcomes children. All show proceeds benefit scholarships for Ohio earth science majors. We invite you to come and explore the exciting world of geology as a family. Learn more at www.ColumbusRockAndMineralSociety.org.

Dealer contact Craig Kramer 614-436-4511 or show-info@ColumbusRockAndMineralSociety.org

Bring in this flyer for \$1 off adult & senior ticket prices. One discount per ticket.





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Make your own Patterned Ring Class

What: Come and have fun making your very ov statement ring or a delicate band. This class will provide attendees the opportunity to create their own wrap around or culf ring. You will pick from 6 different styles and a host of patterns to create your unique ring

sized to fit exactly the way you want it, All materials will be provided and attendees will learn how to use pancake dies, saw,

This class will show you how very easy it is to create your own beautiful jewelry in less

than 2 hours. Who: This class is open to any one!!! No previous experience is required. When: Friday, February 10th @ 6:30pm

Sunday February 12th @ 1:00pm

Sunday February 12th @ 3:00pm Where: Class will be held at the craft center

Price: Instructions and all materials are included.

\$45 member \$55 non-member

includes a Copper Ring &

\$75 member \$85 non-member includes Sterling Silver Ring

How: Please contact Joanna Toepfer at 419-460-0846 or

Joanna@CQASolutions.co (not .com) for details and to sign-up. Registration is limited and will be on a first come first serve basis

Payment in advance is required to hold a spot.

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FRI & SUN

CLASSES

MEMBERS & **NON-MEMBERS** WELCOME

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Leather bracelet class with jewelry embellishment Saturday, February 25, 2023 Class fee \$20 members, \$25 non-members

Instructor: Sarah Speer

Noon-3pm

Students will learn how to solder and rivet copper jewelry components to a leather cuff. All materials are provided for the class fee. Taught by Sarah Speer, you will make and take home a nice gift for yourself or a loved one. Space is limited, so sign up today by contacting Michelle Grigore mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before class. Samples of Sarah's work are shown below:







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 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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First Pendant Class April 1st 11-2pm Sign up deadline March 25th



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WE INVITE MEMBERS AND VISITORS TO JOIN US EACH MONTH ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY @7:00 PM AT OUR TGRC CRAFT CENTER 2453 TREMAINSVILLE RD UNIT B, TOLEDO, OH 43613 FOR CLUB UPDATES, AUCTIONS, SPECIAL SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS. WE WILL BE HONORED TO HAVE AT THE GENERAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH, ERIK RINTAMAKI, BETTER KNOWN AS "THE YOOPERLITE GUY" BEGINNING AT 6:30PM. ERIK IS THE PERSON WHO DISCOVERED, REVEALED, AND NAMED YOOPERLITES WHILE COLLECTING ROCKS IN THE UPPER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN. HE IS AN ENGAGING SPEAKER AND IT WILL BE A GREAT PRESENTATION FOR ALL AGES! DON'T MISS THIS HIGHLY COVETED SPEAKER AND HIS WONDERFUL EXPLORATION OF ULTRAVIOLET ROCKS! STORE.YOOPERLITES.COM





