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From the Desk of the President

Happy Summer

The University of Toledo received our scholarship at the June meeting. Dr. Mark Camp thanked us and said UT students are grateful for our help. We raised this money for the scholarships through our raffle sales at our annual show. Speaking of the show, the show committee has had many productive meetings. Tricia is spearheading the volunteer list and the t-shirt sales. (Go to pg 2)



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Special Speaker
TJ Jackson on
Shark Teeth

7/19/23 7pm

BOARD MEETING July 8 6:30pm

CLUB MEETING July 19th 7:00pm SHOW PREP

July 8th

Display

Cleaning etc

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We will be able to volunteer online or sign the volunteer sheets in the craft center. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt. Let Tricia know your shirt size when you sign up. We are also offering pre-sales of Tshirts. Wearing your shirt will be another great way to promote the show and the club.

I am still overwhelmed and proud of your response when I asked for your help for Chet's sale. I really appreciate how everyone supports this club. Well guess what? I need your help again but this time it's a little easier. On Saturday, July 8th, we will get the display cases out of the garage and clean them. Last year, we had a great turnout for this event. Many members showed up, we had a good time and before we knew it, the task was done. Hope to see you there.

Have a fun and safe Fourth of July

Diane Bieber President







Featured Gemstone: RUBY

Thanks to its peculiar mineral composition, the ruby is one of the rarest and most costly gemstones. While both rubies and sapphires are composed of the mineral, corundum, in the ruby, chromium replaces the common aluminium, colouring the crystal structure that distinct red hue, a highly desired shade associated with life, blood and power.

The ruby's lore and geographic origins are steeped in Asia where it has been heralded as one of the rarest and most precious stones. Texts from China's North Silk Road, dating back to as early as 200 BCE indicate the significance of rubies as sources of protection, adorning Chinese warrior armor and even being implanted beneath the skin of Burmese warriors.

For centuries since 600 AD, the Mogok mines in Myanmar were the world's primary source for incredible rubies, particularly the exceedingly rare 'pigeon's blood' ruby, an intense shade of red. The Burmese mines are also a remarkable trove for other semi-precious stones including amethyst, garnet, lapis lazuli and moonstone. Today, the finest and most exotic rubies lie in Thailand, the epicenter of ruby trading, as well as Cambodia and Kashmir, their quality determined first and foremost by its color, then by its clarity and carat weight, and finally by its geographic origin. ~Sotheby's Sept 13, 2022

What's Up In The CLUB? www.rockyreader.com



Hello! We are ramping up for the annual show and want to make sure that our club member volunteers get a special gift for their efforts in making the show a success by planning ahead, committing to their time slots and showing up ready to go in these GREEN "Treasures Unearthed" t-shirts.

Please use

https://signupgenius.com/

to confirm your time slots or sign up by writing your name in the binder at the craft center.

TGRC will provide the volunteer shirt at no cost for those signing up and sending in their shirt size to TJ Jackson by July 22th.

Also, we would like to gather a pre-sale order for those members who would like to make sure they get a shirt in their color/design/size before the show.

Pre-sale options include

- 1) Treasures Unearthed design in G640 natural
- 2) Rock Club design in G640 Galapagos
- 3) Rock Club design in G640 Coral Silk

4) Rock Club G640 Sand \$20 per shirt adult unisex sizes



Green shirt for volunteers only- provided by TGRC Pick up during show week

*member volunteers who have signed up for shifts on sign-up genius or the 3-ring binder at the craft center

Send size to TJ 419-269-8127 trgcshowvolunteers@gmail.com





Pre-Sale Order

\$20 per shirt S , M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

(Need 20 shirts ordered to get this price)

Also, if you would like to purchase shirts before the show, we are gathering pre-orders to ensure you get your sizes in the designs you want. The choices are

- 1) Treasures Unearthed G640 Sand
- Rock Club G640 Heather Galapagos
- 3) Rock Club G640 Coral Silk
- 4) Rock Club G640 Sand









Upcoming Rock Show Events





WOOD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BOWLING GREEN, OH

FRI 12-8pm SAT 10a-6pm SUN Ha-5pm

ADMISSION \$6 3-Day Pass \$12

Family Friendly Public Wecome

Kids 12 & under FREE Scouts in uniform FREE





Artisan Jewelry Vendors, Gemstone Beads, Large Mineral Specimens, Fossils, Geodes, Treasure Hunt, **Club Auctions and more!**



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SEPTEMBER 8TH, 9TH & 10TH, 2023 52ND ANNUAL TOLEDO GEM & ROCKHOUND CLUB SHOW









30,000+ sq ft high end JEWELRY, GEMSTONES, mineral specimens, lapidary rough, AGATE slabs, JASPER cabs and CRYSTALS

FRI 12-8pm SAT 10a-6pm SUN 11a-5pm

ADMISSION \$6 3-Day Pass \$12

Family Friendly Public Wecome

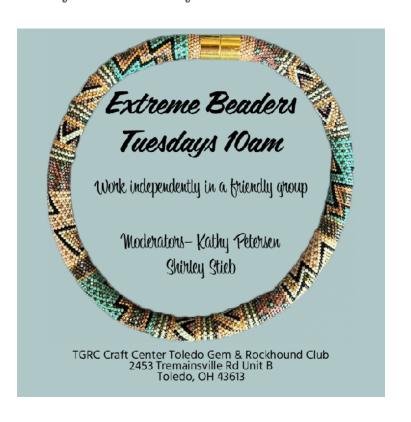
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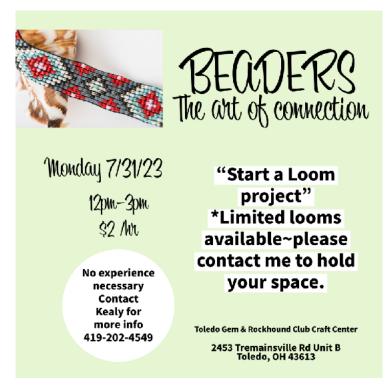






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Metal crafting sessions for July/August 2023

Open work sessions - are for those members cleared on the studio equipment. The fee is the usual \$2/hr. You can take the first pendant class to get clearance or demonstrate soldering, cutting, forming, finishing, polishing and stone setting skills to the Moderator if you have experience in metal crafting. Some equipment will require special instruction and Moderator oversight including the rolling mill, hydraulic press, disc cutter and dapping/doming tools.

Mondays 5-8pm (Kealy)

Tuesdays 12-3 pm (Michelle) Sundays 7/2, 7/16, 7/30, 8/6, 8/27 (Michelle)

Please check in with moderator before your arrival.

Visit expanded calendar on rockyreader.com



GEM CRAFTER WORK SESSIONS

THURSDAYS 11-3PM

GEM CRAFTER HOLIDAY 7/6 NO CLASS

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CHECK IN WITH MODERATOR BEFORE ARRIVAL

MODERATORS: STEVE STALKER





Metal Crafting: Instructor led classes

Classes- non members and those with no metal crafting experience are welcome to sign up for classes. To register, please contact the instructor at least a week before class begins- space is limited and those who pay ahead of time will secure their place.



Introduction to Cloisonné Enameling – Sunday July 2 from 11 am to 3 pm. Enamel is colored glass fused to a metal foundation in a kiln or melted with a torch. Adding wires to create design and isolate enamel colors is called cloisonné enameling. Students will create a small copper pendant or earring set using the studio kiln. All materials provided. Members pay \$30 and non-member \$35. To register, contact Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before the above date. Limited to 5 students.



Make your first pendant class: Saturday August 5 from 11 am to 3 pm. 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 above dates. 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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Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program

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New members and families welcome!

contact kealy goodale for meeting info 419-202-4549

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Club Meeting YOU'RE INVITED 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00pm at TGRC CRAFT CENTER 2453 Tremainsville Rd Toledo, OH 43613

