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Notes from the President

Our 52nd annual show is over. It"s in the rear view mirror. It was a success. To everyone that helped, I want to say THANK YOU! We couldn't have done it without you. The vendors complimented how we cheerfully worked together. They also appreciated how we helped them. We are already talking about next year's show and what we can do to improve it.

We have a new gem crafter moderator and a new metal crafter moderator. We are grateful that they are giving their time to help others. It is great to see how many members are using our facility and honing their lapidary skills.

Do you want to learn more about rocks and minerals? Do you want to be able to identify the minerals you have in your collection? I would like to get the mineral collectors group restarted. I have talked to BGSU and UT for potential speakers. Check out the article on the mineral collectors in this issue for information about our first session.

Happy Halloween!

Diane Bieber President

Make Your Own Pendant

Make your first pendant class: Saturday Oct. 7 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 date. Members pay \$45, non-members \$55. All materials provided to complete a small sterling silver pendant with a polished gemstone cabochon.

Tube Setting Class: Saturday Oct. 21, 2023 from 12 - 3pm. Learn how to set a round faceted gemstone in a tube setting. All materials provided for the \$25 fee for members only. Some fabrication and soldering experience required. Let Michelle know you are participating so she brings enough materials please.



October Birthstones

Modern: Opal

Alternate-Britain: Tour

Traditional: Opal, Aquamarine & Tourmaline

Ancient: Opal, Aquamarine & Beryl

Tibetan: Jasper Indian: Coral



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

https://kamayojewelry.com/month-birthstones/birth-month-

gemstones-list/







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WE INVITE MEMBERS AND VISITORS TO JOIN US EACH MONTH ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY @7:00 PM AT OUR TORC CRAFT CENTER 2453 TREMAINSVILLE RD UNIT B, TOLEDO, OH 43613 FOR CLUB UPDATES, AUCTIONS, SPECIAL SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS.



Club Meeting
YOU'RE INVITED

3rd Wednesday of each
month 7:00pm at
TGRC CRAFT CENTER

2453 Tremainsville Rd
Toledo, OH 43613



Upcoming Events

Attention Mineral Collectors

I would like to get our mineral collectors group started again. For any one interested in joining us, the initial meeting will be a tour of the Langsdon Mineral Collection in Celina, Ohio. It is in the Mercer County library with over 900 different minerals. I have booked a tour on Wednesday, *October 25th. We will meet at the craft center at 8:30 am and caravan to Celina.*

The tour consists of some classroom time and a guided tour of the collection. Contact me if you would like to participate as I need to let them know how many are attending.

Diane

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Stained Glass Class

Make your own stained glass suncatcher/ornament just in time for the holidays!

Dates & Time: Sunday November 19, 2023

Location: TGRC Craft Center

The class will run three to three and a half hours. Class size is limited to six students, so reservations are REQUIRED to allow for necessary supplies to be prepared. No experience is required, and all materials and tools will be provided. Cost: \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members.

Contact instructor Steve Stalker at sstalker@bex.net or 419-467-3734



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