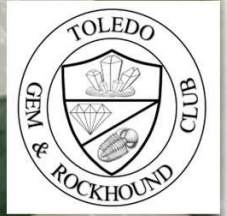


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Message from the President

The elections were held at the November meeting. Welcome to the new incoming officers and thank you to those officers who are serving a second term. Our officers for 2024 are:

President: Diane Bieber
Vice President: Tricia Jackson
Secretary: Charles Campos
Treasurer: Steve Stalker
Sergeant-at-Arms: Bill Oswald
Board: Sherm Kardatzke
Board: Jerri Heer
Board: Mike Cameron

I look forward to working with this new slate of officers. Thank you to all outgoing officers for your dedicated service.

The auction at the November meeting was a huge success. Special thanks to Joanna, the auctioneer, who kept the bidding spirited and lively. The auction will benefit TGRC and the gem crafters.

This is the beginning of winter and inclement weather. Please check the website calendar before coming to a group session in case of a cancellation or rescheduling.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Diane Bieber
President

Board Meeting:

Our Board meeting will take place on December 5th at 6:30 pm

Holiday Greetings: Gem & Rock Enthusiasts!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the holiday season. We wanted to take a moment to wish you all a joyous holiday season. May your days be filled with love, laughter, and precious moments spent with loved ones. As we reflect on the year, let's also look forward to new adventures and discoveries in the world of gems and rocks in the coming year.

New Year, New Adventures:

As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome 2024, we look forward to embarking on new adventures in the world of gems and rocks. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming workshops, field trips, and other exciting events in the new year. We are always open to suggestions, so if there's something you'd like to see or learn more about, please let us know!

Fused Glass Snowflake Class

More information to come in January's Newsletter

Dates & Time: **January 7, 2024 11 am – 3pm**

Location: **TGRC Craft Center**

Instructor: **Steve Stalker – sstalker@bex.net**

November Birthstones

Modern: Turquoise & Tanzanite

Traditional: Bloodstone, Ruby, Zircon & Lapis Lazuli

Alternate-US: Zircon & Blue Topaz

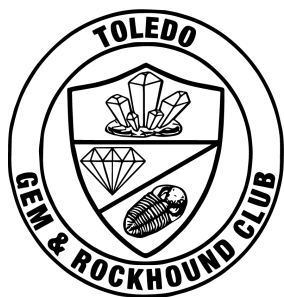
Ancient: Ruby, Turquoise & Chrysoprase

Tibetan: Onyx

Indian: Cat's Eye

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 3rd Wednesday of the month at our Toledo Gem and Rockhound Center. 2453 Tremainsville Road Unit B, Toledo OH 43613.

Join us for club updates, auctions, special speakers and presentations



Club Meeting
YOU'RE INVITED

December 20th 7:00 pm
TGRC CRAFT CENTER

2453 Tremainsville Rd
Toledo, OH 43613



Discover the Ultimate Creative Playground at the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club!

Are you ready to dive into a world of endless creativity and craftsmanship? Look no further than the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club! We are thrilled to invite you to join our vibrant community of gem crafters, metal crafters, and extreme beadworkers. Get ready to unleash your creative spark and explore the vast array of tools and resources available in our club. Here's why becoming a member is an absolute must:

Extreme Beaders:

Calling all bead enthusiasts! Our club's beadwork area is a paradise for extreme beadworkers. Whether you're into bead embroidery, bead weaving, or intricate bead stringing, our beadwork area is the perfect space to let your creativity run wild. Join our community of extreme beadworkers, exchange ideas, and explore new techniques to create breathtaking jewelry and art.



Gem Crafters:

At the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club, our gem crafters have access to a wide range of tools and equipment designed specifically for lapidary work. From saws and grinders to polishers and faceting machines, our club is a treasure trove of equipment to help you unleash the beauty hidden within every stone. Whether you're interested in cutting slabs, shaping cabochons, or polishing cabs, our club's lapidary area is the perfect place to hone your skills and discover the joys of gem crafting.

Metal Crafters:

If you're passionate about metalsmithing and jewelry making, our club's metal crafting area is where dreams come to life. We offer a fully equipped space with tools such as soldering stations, hammers, files, and torches, allowing you to explore various metalworking techniques. Our experienced metal crafters are always on hand to offer guidance, share their expertise, and inspire you to create stunning jewelry pieces. From setting cabs to intricate wirework, the possibilities are endless when you have access to our club's metal crafting tools.



Community and Camaraderie:

Beyond the tools and resources, the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club is a place where friendships are forged, ideas are shared, and creativity is nurtured. As a member, you'll have the opportunity to connect with fellow enthusiasts who share your passion for gem crafting



Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

Membership type

Individual _____ Grandparent _____

Family _____ Youth _____

2024 Membership RENEWAL FORM (New Members use brochure)

Name (Please print) Last _____ First _____

Spouse (family membership) Last _____ First _____

Any Changes/Updates to information (New email, address, phone, etc?)

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Updated Phone Numbers? _____

Anything else we should update? _____

Email address _____ (to verify we have it correct!)

Membership Category

_____ Individual \$32.33 with tax

_____ Family (living together) \$53.88 with tax

_____ Grandparents \$53.88 with tax

_____ Youth \$16.17 with tax

Payment Type & Amount

Cash _____ \$ _____

Check No _____ \$ _____

Square _____ \$ _____

Today's Date _____/_____/_____

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

Please sign Waiver on the back side!



Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club (TGRC) Waiver and Policy Acknowledgment

IMPORTANT NOTE: We *must* have a **SIGNED** and **DATED** copy of this waiver and acknowledgement on file for you to be a valid member.

TGRC PRIVACY POLICY: *For purposes of planning field trips and other TGRC Social activities, the club will annually distribute a listing of member names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses to all club members. The TGRC officers will never knowingly distribute your address information to any other group or organization.*

TGRC WAIVER: *As a condition of membership, and in consideration of any mineral collecting, use of facilities, equipment and other educational opportunities available to me/my family as a club member, I hereby agree to hold the Club and its officers, Directors, committee members and agents harmless, and to indemnify them agist any loss and claims arising from my or my family's participation in Club activities.*

Term of Membership and Dues. TGRC memberships run January 1 to December 31 of each year. *New members joining at the September show will have their dues credited through the end of the following year.* Your membership includes applicable Lucas County, Ohio Sales Tax of 7.75%

Name (Please Print): Last _____ First _____

Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Name of Other Adult Family Member (Print): _____

Their Signature/Date: _____

Names/Ages of Children you are signing as guardian for in family or grandparent memberships:

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GEM CRAFTERS
EXTREME BEADERS
METAL CRAFTERS

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