

The Rocky Reader



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Message from the President

It's the start of a new year. Resolutions have been made but hopefully still being kept and not broken. We, the members of TGRC, are very fortunate to have such a wonderful facility like our craft center to hone our lapidary skills. We have great moderators that graciously give of their time to share their knowledge and help us improve our techniques. If you have been thinking about learning something new, make that one of your resolutions. Come to a session and see what new things you can learn. Give your creative side a chance to shine.

The fused glass snowflake class scheduled for January 7th is full. Steve said he will have another fused glass class soon. This will give those who missed out on this class another opportunity to work on a new project.

Although the weather has been mild so far this winter, in the event of inclement weather, be sure to check our website calendar before you come to the craft center for a session. Some of our moderators live out of town. If the roads are unsafe for traveling, that session may be cancelled.

Have a safe and happy New Year!

Diane Bieber
President

Happy New Year! Gem & Rock Enthusiasts!

As a member of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club, you have the opportunity to explore these crafting groups, share your knowledge, and learn from fellow enthusiasts. Whether you're interested in extreme beading, metal crafting, gem crafting, or simply discovering new aspects of the rockhounding world, we're here to support you and help you in your creative journey.



Make your 1st Pendant

Saturday January 20, 2024
from 11 am to 3 pm.

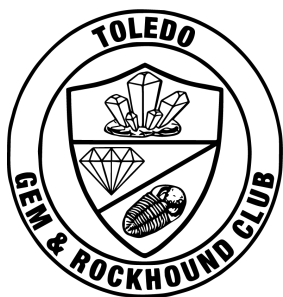
Students will learn how to cut metal, make a bezel and back plate, solder, polish and set a stone. There are two parts to this class; the first three- hour session is scheduled by contacting instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before the above date. Members pay \$45, non-members \$55. All materials provided to complete a small sterling silver pendant with a polished gemstone cabochon.

January Birthstones

- Modern:** Garnet
- Traditional:** Garnet
- Ancient Italian & Russian:** Garnet & Red zircon
- Tibetan:** Emerald
- Indian:** Serpent stone
- Old Tibetan:** Emerald



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

January 17 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. If you have a love for beads, jewelry-making, and intricate designs, our Extreme Beaders group is perfect for you. This subgroup within our club focuses on advanced beading techniques, using a variety of materials such as gemstones, crystals, and seed beads to create unique and visually stunning jewelry pieces. 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:

For those who enjoy working with metal, our Metal Crafting group offers a platform to explore various metalworking techniques, including wire wrapping, metal stamping, soldering, and more. From creating beautiful wire jewelry to hammering intricate metal designs, this group provides opportunities for members to refine their skills, exchange ideas, and collaborate on metal-based projects. If you're interested in learning or expanding your metal crafting abilities, this is the perfect place for you.



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.

Monthly General Meeting:

Mark your calendars because our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th, starting 7:00 PM at the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Center. This is your chance to discuss club matters, voice your opinions, and participate in the club's decision-making. We encourage all members to join us!

Auction Extravaganza:

Following the General Meeting on January 17th, we will be hosting an auction of gems, fossils, mineral specimens, and much more. This is an excellent opportunity to expand your collection, find unique pieces, and support the club. Don't miss out on this exciting event!

Connect With Us:

Don't forget to stay connected with us online! Visit our website at www.rockyreader.com for the latest updates, resources, and featured articles. You can also follow us on social media to engage with our community, share your own findings, and participate in discussions.

We hope you have an excellent start to the year and look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting and Auction Extravaganza on January 17th. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Rock on!



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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- Rocky Reader
- GEM CRAFTERS
- EXTREME BEADERS
- METAL CRAFTERS



































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