## Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

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Hello fellow rockhounds. This has been a truly busy and productive time for TGRC. The revised by-laws were approved at the March meeting by the membership. The next step is applying for a 501(c)3 so we can truly be a nonprofit organization.

We have exciting news. Erik Rintamaki, the Yooperlite Guy. will be our speaker at the **April 17th meeting**. People that attended last year's meeting when he spoke are still talking about him and his riveting stories. For those who are not familiar with him, Erik is the person who discovered yooperlites while rock hunting near the shore of Lake Superior. Yooperlites are rocks that fluoresce under a UV light. **PLEASE NOTE: The meeting will start at 6:30pm instead of our usual time of 7pm.** We are hoping this will encourage younger people to also attend.

After the general meeting, there will be an auction. Chet King has donated beautiful jewelry and other wonderful items and specimens. These and other donations from other members will be up for bid in the auction. Thank you Chet and all other members who donated. The auction will benefit the club and the metal crafters.

How is your eclipse related project coming? We want to see what your creative side has done to celebrate this once in a lifetime event. Bring it to the April meeting.

TGRC has been given a unique opportunity. The Swanton Library has reached out to us. They have invited us to use their display case for the month of May. What a great way to promote the club! Do you have a fantastic specimen or have you made something in a gem crafter or metal crafter session? Write an explanation about your item that you are lending. Bring it to the April meeting or leave it with your respective moderator. Fossils are welcome too! The item you lend will be returned to you in June. Happy Spring!

Diane Bieber, President

#### April Birthstones

Modern: Diamond

Traditional: Diamond & Saphire

Alternate: Clear Quartz

Tibetan: Opal

If you would like a detailed breakdown, you

can check out the following site:
<a href="https://kamayojewelry.com/month-birthstones/birth-month-gemstones-list">https://kamayojewelry.com/month-birthstones/birth-month-gemstones-list</a>

### Monthly Club Meeting

YOU'RE INVITED

April 17th @ 6:30 pm

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club 2453 Tremainsville Rd Toledo, OH 43613

Join us for special speaker! Erik Rintamaki and auction

PLEASE NOTE: The meeting will start at 6:30pm.





Mary made a few gorgeous pendants of the sun in a metal crafters session. Let's see some other eclipse related projects. Bring them to the April meeting!







### Intro to Cloisonné Enameling

Apr 7 from 11 am to 3 pm

Students will learn how to prepare copper, how to apply and fire enamels and cloisonné wire, and finish a small pendant. All materials are provided but you may want to draw out your cloisonné design ahead of time to fit into a 1 1/4" disc.

To register please contact instructor Michelle Grigore at <a href="mailto:mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com">mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com</a> at least a week before the above date. Members pay \$20, non-members \$30. All materials provided to complete an enameled pendant.

## "Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Invites Extreme Beaders Every Tuesday in April (Except April 9th)"

Attention all beading enthusiasts! The Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club is excited to announce workshops for extreme beaders that will take place every Tuesday (except April 9th), 2014. This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals who are passionate about beading to come together, share ideas, and create beautiful pieces of jewelry.

The Extreme Beaders workshops are a collaborative and social gathering where participants can work on their own projects. Whether you are a beginner looking to improve your skills or an experienced beader seeking inspiration, this event is open to all levels of expertise.

The Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club is thrilled to provide a supportive and creative environment for beaders in the community. By coming together, participants can exchange tips and tricks, showcase their latest creations, and forge friendships with fellow beading enthusiasts.

Mark your calendars for every Tuesday in April (except April 9th) from 10 am - 2 pm and join us at the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club for a fun and engaging Extreme Beaders workshops. Get ready to unleash your creativity, explore new possibilities, and have a wonderful time with like-minded individuals who share your love for beading.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to connect with fellow beaders and elevate your craft to the next level. We look forward to seeing you at the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club for an exciting month of beading festivities!

Please submit pictures, articles, and other related ideas to <a href="mailto:editor.rockyreader@gmail.com">editor.rockyreader@gmail.com</a> for next month's newsletter.

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# TOLEDO GEM AND ROCKHOUND CLUB BY-LAWS: 2024 Proposed Approved by The TGRC Board on 2/15/2024

#### ARTICLE I - THE PURPOSE

The Purpose of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club, hereinafter referred as TGRC, is as stated in our Articles of Incorporation. The TGRC exists to promote and encourage interest and education in the study of geology, paleontology, the lapidary arts, including the crafting of gemstones, jewelry making and working with metals of all persons or groups interested therein.

#### **ARTICLE II - OFFICERS**

Section 1 - The Club shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Sergeant-At-Arms. These officers, along with one member of the Executive Board of Directors, shall be elected by the members at the November meeting of the Club.

Section 2 - It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and of the general meetings of the Club.

Section 3 - The President shall appoint the Chairs of Committees. These appointments will include at a minimum a Nominating Committee with a Chair, a Field Trip Chairman, a Membership Secretary, an Editor of the Club newsletter, an annual Rock Show Chair and Open House Chair(s), and a Historian/Archivist. In addition, the President shall appoint an annual Auditor and such other representatives or delegates along with any special Chairpersons as may be needed.

Section 4 - The president shall be responsible for making sure that the Statement of Continued Existence required by Ohio Revised Code 1702.59, is timely filed.

Section 5 - The President shall assure that all club activities and programs comply with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Club.

Section 6 - It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall, when so acting, have all the powers of the President and be subject to all the restrictions on the President within the By-Laws. The Vice President shall be the Program Chairman and shall be responsible for the arrangement of speakers, films, displays and other duties, as assigned by the President.

Section 7 - The board shall accept and adopt in its policies and procedures any recording, internet streaming, or any other electronic devices as it adheres to the documentation of any and all meetings be it board, executive board, or monthly meetings for the purpose of procuring the minutes as a matter of permanent record.

Section 8 - The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Club and pay all bills presented. All unbudgeted bills over \$100.00 will be paid with approval of the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall maintain the Club monies in the safest and most advantageous manner, with the approval of the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall report credits and debits and the financial balances at regular meetings. The books of the Treasurer shall be open to any member upon demand at the annual meeting or upon written request of any three members. The Treasurer shall work closely with the

membership chair to record membership income and taxes paid on annual memberships, as required by Ohio Revised Code 1702.13. The books shall be audited by an Auditor appointed each December by the President. The Auditor will report on the Clubs financial status in writing before the March meeting.

Section 9 - The Sergeant-At-Arms is to help maintain order at each meeting.

#### Section 10 - INDEMNIFICATION

The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club shall indemnify a director or former director in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is a party because he or she is or was a director of the corporation against actual and reasonable expenses incurred by him or her directly in connection with the proceedings. An officer of **TGRC** who is not a director is entitled to the same indemnification under this article as a director.

Section 11 - Any vacancy occurring among the officers shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment of the Executive Board at any meeting held during the existence of such vacancy.

Section 12 - The Executive Board, by a simple majority vote, may accept the resignation of any officer of the Club.

#### ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 - The affairs of the Club shall be managed by an Executive Board of Directors consisting of three elected Executive Board Members, the retiring President, The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-At-Arms.

Section 2 - The Executive Board members shall be elected for a term of three years, one to be retired or be reelected each year.

Section 3 - The Executive Board shall have four (4) regular scheduled meetings each year. A simple majority of the Executive Board must be present for discussion and enactment. Regular scheduled Board meetings are to be published in the TGRC newsletter and posted on the club website.

Section 4 - Special meetings of the Executive Board may be call for as necessary to handle emergency measures. Such a special meeting may be called for by any member of the Executive Board only if proper officers are not available or cannot be reached. All members of the Executive Board are to be notified in the Club newsletter of and/or by letter, or phone three (3) days in advance of any Special Board meetings.

Section 5 - A yearly proposed budget must be prepared by the Executive Board for approval of the TGRC members at the first general meeting in January.

Section 6 - Any member of the Club may petition the Board with a problem or grievance. Issues must be presented in writing at a meeting of the Executive Board for review, discussion, and resolution at the next meeting of the Board.

Section 7 - The Executive Board shall convene an Executive session, as needed, to provide a venue for handling issues that are best discussed in private, for fostering robust discourse, and for strengthening

trust and communication. They are, by definition, exclusive to board members, but others, such as professional advisors, may be invited to join for part or all of the session. Upon reconvening of the routine Board meeting the members of the Board shall enact measures as a result of their discussions as a matter of official business.

#### ARTICLE IV - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1 - A Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three members of the club. The committee appointed by the President shall consist of a Chairman and at least two others, one of which shall be a member of the Executive Board.

- Section 2 This Committee shall be selected not later than September 1 of each year.
- Section 3 This Committee, after due consideration and consent of nominees, will present a slate of one or more names for each office vacant to the Club at the October Meeting and provide a complete list of candidates to be printed in the final issue of the Club Newsletter before the November election.
- Section 4 Other nominations from the floor may be presented with the consent of the nominee at the October meeting.

#### ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section 1 The Nominating Committee will oversee the election of Officers at the November meeting, and by secret ballot on any contested office, and report the results at the meeting.
- Section 2 A simple majority of those voting shall be considered sufficient to elect. In the event of a tie, a revote of the tied position(s), a revote shall be taken until the tie is broken.
- Section 3 The term of Officers shall be for one year from January 1 through December 31. Elected Board Member's term of office is three (3) years as stated and affected in Article III, Section 2.
- Section 4 The Nominating Committee Chairman will conduct the installation of officers at the December meeting and will include the remark, "The Officers assume duties as of January 1, of the next year".
- Section 5 No Elected Officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. An amendment to the two consecutive terms rule may be proposed at the October meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1 Any person who is interested in the objectives of the Club is eligible for membership, providing they:
  - 1) are willing to abide by the By-Laws;
  - 2) submit the required application at a Club activity; and
  - 3) pay their yearly dues.'

Prior members who had their membership terminated for "cause" may petition the TGRC board for membership approval.

Section 2 - Annual dues will be charged for the following categories.

- 1) Family memberships may include father, mother, and all unmarried children under age eighteen living at home.
- 2) Single membership.
- 3) Grandparent membership include Grandparents and grandchildren under the age of eighteen. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- 4) Junior membership applies to children less than 18 years of age that are not part of Family or Grandparent memberships. Any person between the ages of six and seventeen may become a Junior member if an adult member of his/her family, extended family (e.g. grandparent) or guardian is a member of the Club and is willing to sponsor the Junior. The Junior pays the single membership fee. Juniors shall not hold office nor vote.
- 5) All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If the adult is not a parent, legal guardian or Grandparent, permission must be in writing from the legal parent, guardian, or grandparent for event attendance.

Section 3 - Annual dues shall be reviewed by the Board at least every two years depending on the financial needs of the club and, upon Board proposal, changed by a membership vote.

Section 4 - Dues are payable at the December meeting. A member shall be dropped if dues are not paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Section 5 - Any membership may be restricted or withdrawn by action of the Executive Board for the following reasons:

- a) Malfeasance in office.
- b) Verified violations or conduct in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation.
- c) Verified gross or repeated violations of policies, procedures, or established rules.
- d) A verified pattern of conduct that results in conflict, disruption of activities or actions that are in violation of the By-Laws of the Club or brings discredit upon the Club.

For lesser offenses, The Board may provide a member in question with a written warning or restrict the activities or access to facilities of a member for a specific period of time.

Section 6 - The Membership Secretary shall keep a record of any member being terminated for cause; the reason therefore and the date such membership was terminated. The Secretary shall also keep a record of any member being terminated for cause; the reason therefore and the date such membership was terminated.

#### **ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS**

Section 1 - The regular meeting of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Section 2 - Special Club meetings may be called for at other times, at the discretion of the Executive Board. The notice and purpose for which a Special Meeting is called, shall be provided to all members of the Club not less than ten days before the date of the planned meeting.

Section 3 - The annual meeting of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club for the purposes of resolving corporate business shall be the regular meeting held in November when elections are held.

Section 4 - The meeting procedures as outlined in "Roberts Rules of Order" shall be loosely applied as to the basis of running our monthly, board and executive board meetings. It shall also be consulted as a reference or guideline to be utilized in cases of conflict by members, for the purpose of resolution. The ultimate authority to any given situation will be decided by the board and the membership of TGRC.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - PUBLICATIONS**

Section 1 - The official newsletter of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club shall be THE ROCKY READER. The newsletter shall be published monthly and shared on-line for downloading by members along with other interested parties.

Section 2 - A printed copy will be mailed to members upon request. The Club will pay necessary expenses for the printing and distribution of the monthly newsletter for those members who have requested a printed copy.

Section 3 - A Membership Directory shall be updated as needed and published annually in April.

Section 4 - A web page with the domain name of <a href="www.rockyreader.com">www.rockyreader.com</a> shall be maintained for the promotion of the Club and benefit of its members. In addition, the Club will maintain an on-line presence on social media to promote activities, report on events and provide a feedback mechanism for members. The above On-line publications shall be maintained by one or more "administrators" appointed by the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE IX - ACTIVITIES**

Section 1 - The Club shall procure/operate a facility to promote and encourage interest and education in the study of geology, paleontology, the lapidary arts, including the crafting of gemstones, jewelry making and working with metals. This facility shall be designated and otherwise known as the Craft Center. The Craft Center will be equipped with all manner of tools and machinery necessary to the lapidary arts, gem and metal crafting, faceting and jewelry making.

Section 2 - Activities of the Club shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. To provide for displays of natural and enhanced geological materials in public forums and at public events.
- b. The Club should strive to host two (2) Open House functions annually to provide an opportunity to share information, provide education and exchange materials. The Open House(s) will be open to the public.
- c. Members are encouraged to give talks/presentations at schools, libraries and other civic organizations when requested.
- d. The club will provide annual scholarships to the Geology Departments of Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo in Ohio to support students engaged in the study of Geology. In addition, The Club will give an alternating contribution to the above in memoriam upon the death of a current Club member.

e. The Club will host an annual Rock and Gem Show for the display of rocks, minerals, finished geological crafts and related items for the purpose of raising funds to support the operations of the Club and in furtherance of its stated purpose.

- f. The Club shall provide an unspecified number of internal fund-raising events to provide opportunities for Craft Groups to exchange natural and crafted geologic materials, craft items and related resources for the benefit of its members.
- g. The Club will maintain a Craft Center for the purpose of supporting its members in their respective arts in keeping with its stated purpose.
- h. The Club will maintain a reference library as a resource for the benefit of its members and to serve as an aid in the training and education programs for its members and the public.
- i. The Club will provide classes and workshops for its members in the collection, identification, and display of geologic specimens and in the lapidary arts, including gem and metal crafting, faceting, beading and jewelry creation.
- j. The Club will periodically host Field Trips for the purpose of furthering the education of its members and to provide opportunities to collect geological specimens. In addition, the Club will host Mine Safety Training Courses as needed to provide certifications to its members as required by regulation.
- k. The Club will provide information to its members and the public through its Newsletter, The Rocky Reader, in addition to its' On- line Web-based and social media pages.

#### **ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS**

Section 1 - The President may appoint the following:

- a. Field Trips Chairperson
- b. Refreshments Chair
- c. Historian and Archivist
- d. Photographer
- e. Auditor
- f. Editor
- g. Membership Secretary
- h. Annual Rock and Gem Show Chairperson
- i. Open House Chairperson
- j. Advisors/Moderators of Study Groups
- k. Nominating Committee
- l. Social media chair
- m. Web administrator

Section 2 - Such Committees and Appointments will serve at the pleasure of the President.

#### **ARTICLE XI - DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Section 1 - Delegates and representatives to other Clubs or institutions may be appointed by and report directly to the President.

Section 2 - The President shall secure a permanent mailing address for the Club.

Section 3 - The President shall appoint a Statutory Agent for the State of Ohio, who is in good standing in the Club.

#### ARTICLE XII - AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR NON-PROFIT GROUPS

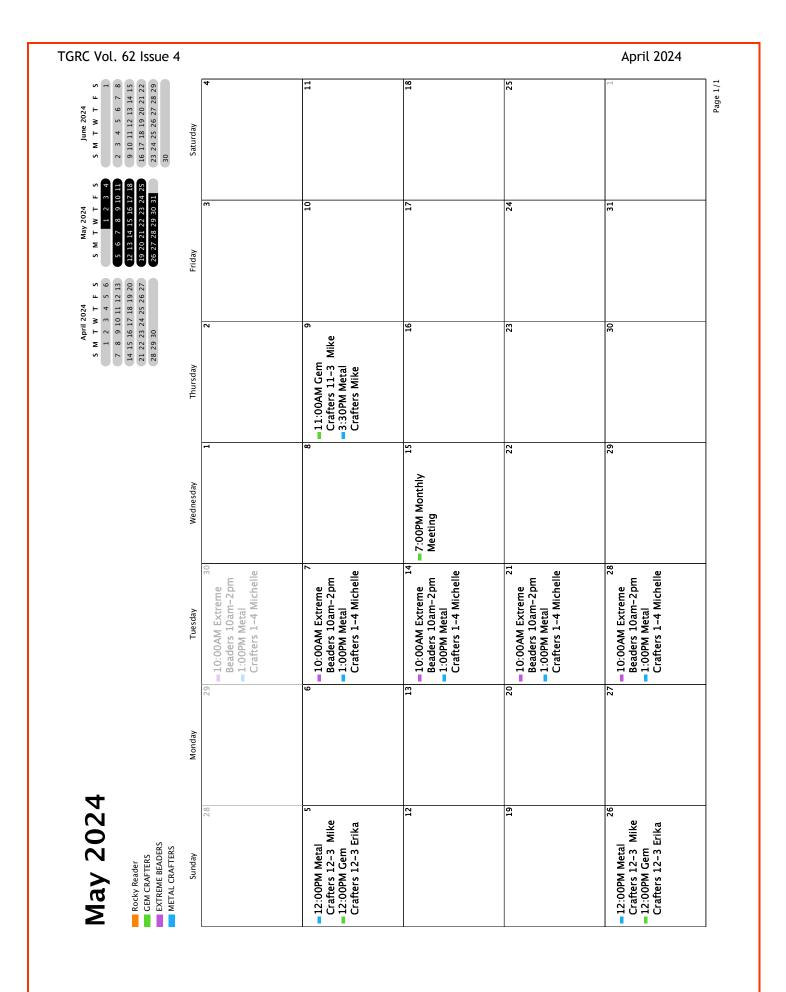
Section 1 - The TGRC is affiliated with the Midwest Federation and American Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies for which the Club is obligated to contribute annual dues.

#### **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

- Section 1 The By-Laws of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club shall be reviewed and amended, as needed, by a committee appointed by the Executive Board.
- Section 2 The Executive Board shall inquire on its review of any proposed By-Law as to (1) whether the By-Law will adversely relate to the club's Articles of Incorporation and (2) if the By-Law changed will endanger any legal status of the Club.
- Section 3 The proposed amendment is then read and discussed at a monthly Club meeting, printed in the Club publication for all members to review, and then submitted to the membership for a possible vote at the next regular or special meeting, where a motion from the floor must be made to proceed with a vote. Only then can a majority vote of the members present at that meeting bring about an amendment to these By-Laws.
- Section 4 Any member of the Club may submit an amendment to the By-Laws, in writing, for consideration of the Board. The Board shall review the proposed Amendment and determine if it should be brought before the membership for a vote at the next general meeting.

#### ARTICLE XIV - NON-PROFIT CORPORATE STATUS

- Section 1 In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, no properties or service of the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member.
- Section 2 Section 1 shall not limit the club in any way from paying for any reasonable service delivered and authorized by the Executive Board.
- Section 3 The Club shall comply with all laws and governing regulations of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service as it is and may become in the area of its non-profit status under Ohio Revised Code 1702.
- Section 4 The Club shall not engage in any political activity. No substantial part of the activities of the Club shall be the carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Club shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign in support of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- Section 5 In the event of and upon dissolution of the club, its' property will be distributed as required in the Articles of Incorporation for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.



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