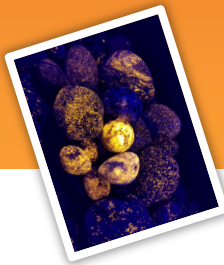


# Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

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## Letter from the President

Greetings fellow rockhounds.

Do you have a fun or exciting rockhound adventure you would like to share? Delta Public Library has a yearly summer reading program. This year the theme is 'Adventure'. They would like us to share our stories with their young readers in June. These kids would enjoy hearing how we dug up that fossil or found that treasured specimen. Contact me via email for further details.

The auction in April was a great success. Thanks to everyone who contributed items. The speaker at the May meeting will be an anthropologist from BGSU. He will tell us about the early tools and artifacts that were donated to the club last year.

If you are in the Swanton area, stop in at the Swanton Library. We have a display in their glass showcase. Thank you Patty for your help in setting this up. A big shout out and THANK YOU to Jan and Lee for your help in cleaning the craft center.

Have a safe Memorial Day weekend

Diane Bieber  
President

### Metal Crafting Classes

**Make Your First Pendant Class:** Sunday May 26 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](mailto: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.

### May Birthstones

Modern: Emerald  
Traditional: Emerald & Agate  
Alternate: Chrysoprase  
Tibetan: Sapphire  
Ancient Hebrew: Agate, Carnelian & Chalcedony

If you would like a detailed breakdown, you can check out the following site:  
<https://kamayojewelry.com/month-birthstones/birth-month-gemstones-list/>

### Monthly Club Meeting

YOU'RE INVITED

Dr Chris Lepre - Guest Speaker

Early Archaic Period Artifacts

May 15th @ 7:00 pm

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

2453 Tremainsville Rd

Toledo, OH 43613

Board Meeting

May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6 pm

Show Meeting

May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm

## Exciting Anonymous Donation of Artifacts from the Early Archaic Period to Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club is thrilled to announce an extraordinary and generous anonymous donation of artifacts from the Early Archaic period. The donation includes a fascinating collection of ancient tools and objects that shed light on the lives and technology of early inhabitants of the region.

Among the donated artifacts are three particularly noteworthy pieces. The first image showcases a selection of intricate projectile points, indicating the skill and craftsmanship of ancient toolmakers. These points were likely used for hunting and are remarkable examples of early technology.

The second image features a well-preserved hammer, a tool that would have been essential for a variety of tasks in the daily lives of Early Archaic peoples. The intricacies of the hammer's design speak volumes about the resourcefulness and ingenuity of our ancestors.

The third image displays a beautifully crafted mortar and pestle set, which would have been indispensable for grinding grains and other foodstuffs. The sophistication of the design highlights the early agricultural practices of the inhabitants of the region.

We are delighted to share that Chris Lepre, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Geology at the School of Earth, Environment, and Society at Bowling Green State University, has authenticated these remarkable artifacts.

**Dr. Lepre will be joining us at our upcoming meeting on May 17th to provide expert insights into the significance and historical context of these objects.**

This exceptional donation not only enriches our collection but also offers a rare opportunity to learn more about the fascinating history of our region. We invite all members and enthusiasts to join us at the upcoming meeting to delve deeper into the mysteries of the Early Archaic period and explore the significance of these ancient artifacts.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to engage with the past and deepen your understanding of the rich cultural heritage of our region. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and embarking on this enlightening journey together.

Thank you to the generous donor for this incredible contribution to our club's collection, and to Dr. Chris Lepre for sharing his expertise with us. Together, we can continue to appreciate and celebrate the wonders of the ancient world.



## Discover the Enchanting World of Yooperlites with the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

Have you ever heard of Yooperlites? These glowing treasures are not your typical gemstones, but they hold a magical allure that captivates rockhounds and collectors alike. The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club invites you to delve into the enchanting world of Yooperlites and uncover the beauty that lies within.

Originating from the rocky shores of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Yooperlites are unique fluorescent stones that emit a vibrant glow under ultraviolet light. Comprised primarily of the mineral sodalite, these gemstones exhibit stunning hues of glowing orange, yellow, and green, creating a mesmerizing effect that is truly one-of-a-kind.

**Join us at the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club June 19, 2024 as we explore the fascinating characteristics and origins of Yooperlites.**

Learn about the geological processes that led to the formation of these luminous gems and discover the best methods for hunting and identifying Yooperlites in the field.

Unearth the hidden beauty of Yooperlites with the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club and let these glowing gemstones ignite your passion for the natural wonders of the Earth. Don't miss out on the opportunity to connect with fellow rock and gem aficionados and immerse yourself in the magical world of Yooperlites.

**Please submit pictures, articles, and other related ideas to [editor.rockyreader@gmail.com](mailto:editor.rockyreader@gmail.com) for next month's newsletter.**

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