

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

April 2025



Letter from the President

Hello Fellow Rockhounds

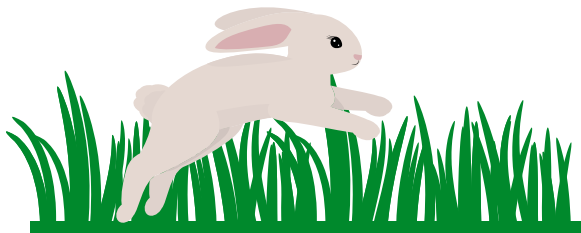
One more month until we have our Open House. Gem crafters and metal crafters have volunteered to demonstrate their lapidary skills. Our extreme beaders will show how they meticulously make their jewelry. Faceters will turn an ordinary piece of mineral into a beautiful gemstone. Invite your family and friends to our open house. Most of them don't understand our "rockhound fever" but once they see what we are able to do, hopefully they will catch the fever and want to join our fun. Will is still looking for volunteers. We need guides, parking helpers and members to man the TGRC table. Send him an email, support the club

Bargain hunters! You will not be disappointed. We ran out of time last month and only had a partial auction. This month we will continue our goal to help the faceters and auction whatever didn't get sold last month. There are some gorgeous pendants, artifacts and a myriad of other nice items still sitting on the auction block. This is your opportunity to find great deals for Mother's Day. Everything on the tables must go!

Remember to check the calendar on the website before coming to the craft center for a work session in case of a cancellation. The moderators keep it updated.

Happy Easter

Diane Bieber
President



Birthstones

Modern: **Diamond**

Traditional: **Diamond**

Alternate: **Malachite**

Ancient Hebrew: **Sapphire**

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

<https://www.gia.edu/birthstones>



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Workshops

Collection and ID Classes

Make a patterned ring band class-

Saturday April 26 from noon to 3 pm. Students will use the rolling mill and pattern plates to texture a ring band, cut it to size and solder their handcrafted ring. Different metal finishing techniques will also be explored to complete the ring. To register, contact instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before the above date. Class is limited to 5 students. Members pay \$25, non-members \$35. All materials provided to complete a copper or brass ring band.

Make an Inlaid Ring Class -

Saturday June 28 or July 12 from noon to 3 pm. You'll need to register by May 5, 2025 for this class so the correct ring band size can be ordered. Participants will learn how to inlay crushed turquoise and bronze into a stainless steel ring. This involves using CA glue and crushed turquoise (courtesy of Diane Bieber). You will hand file the inlay till smooth and then sand/ grind to a high polish. To register, contact instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com by May 5 and specify the date you will attend. Each class is limited to 5 students. Members pay \$30, non-members \$45. All materials are provided to complete a stainless steel and turquoise inlay band.

April 14th- Specimen Identification

Members who wish to attend this session should bring one specimen that is unidentified and or unknown to them. As a group we will be making identification cards as well as attempting to identify everything we can! Come on down from 6PM-8PM on April 14th. Please bring \$4 dollars for club fees.

May 12th- Fix that Fossil!

Those Who have found fossils in the Sylvania area or at all may not know how to clean, fix, or maintain. During this class we will go over some examples of the do's and don'ts in repairing and maintaining your fossil specimens with a focus on lime stone fossil specimens. If you are interested in attending the time is 6PM-8PM on Monday May 12th. Please bring \$4 for club fees.



Examples made durring "Make a patterned ring class"

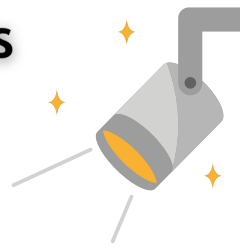
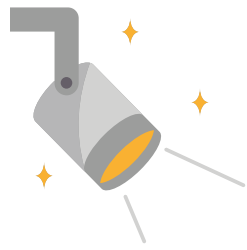


Attention All Moderators

Before leaving the craft center after your session, make sure that the thermostat is set for the appropriate temperature, all indoor lights are turned off, all doors are locked, the restroom door is locked and the key is on the hook, and the exterior door including the deadbolt is locked. It has been brought to my attention that occasionally some of these things have not been done properly. For everyone's safety and security you must review your checklist before leaving the premises.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.





**MEMBER
SPOTLIGHT!!!!**

ARTIST: Kathy Petersen
DESCRIPTION: Extreme Beader

While she was familiar with embroidery, Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club member Kathy Petersen was intrigued by beading. “In the early 2000’s, they had adult education beading classes at Whitmer High School,” recalls Kathy. “Around 2007 they stopped offering those classes, so I thought it would be a good program to bring to the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club.” Kathy had hosted and moderated gem and metal crafting, among other TGRC specialties, so why not add beading? That led to formation of the Extreme Beaders group.

Kathy’s bead work is meticulously detailed and wonderfully executed. With her broad range of artistic abilities to draw from, she blends creative skills. For example, a crazy lace agate she cut and polished became the centerpiece for a beaded necklace and earring combination she created. She is also inspired by incorporating other artistic works, too. A colored-pencil-on-copper bird portrait she acquired is highlighted and framed by her beaded artistry.

“Beading is not a race. It’s more about the process, not the speed,” advises Kathy, but she feels it is relaxing. Kathy observes that extreme beading does not blend well with a short attention span. Time anticipation is not easy. Complicated projects can take many hours and even spread over days. She says however, that the repetition of creating bead projects is rhythmic and really Zen-like. Put simply, Kathy says “It depends on where you want to put your patience.” Seeing her colorful creations, her patience has been decidedly well placed.

Extreme Beaders meet every Tuesday from 10:00AM until 2:00PM at the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club, and it’s usually a lively and fun group. Beginners are enthusiastically encouraged to join in. As much fun as beading is for people like Kathy, it is made even more rewarding by helping others learn how to bead.



Its Crunch time for our Open House!
 We want to make this event a big one in attempt
 and bring some new members to the club and show
 Toledo and surrounding areas what we are all
 about! We are all set on vendors but are still
 needing volunteers to make sure everything runs
 smoothly. We will have sign up sheet during the
 Spring Cleaning event at the club April 26th and 27th,
 Or if your interested you can email
editor.rockyreader@gmail.com

Thank you to the members who have already signed
 up! We need all the hands we can get to make this
 a great show!



You are invited to our Open House come see
 what Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club has to offer.
Demonstrations, Vendors, Raffle.

MAY 4, 2025
12 Noon to 4pm

2453 Tremainsville Rd, Toledo, OH 43613

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Sherm and his
 wonderful, hard working crew. We
 now have countertops with a sink
 installed on our cabinets in the
 welcome room. Thank you to Bill,
 Deb, Mike and Sherm for generously
 volunteering your time on this
 project.



CLEAN UP TIME

All hands on deck! We will appreciate
 everyone's assistance with a major project. The
 craft center is in need of a spring cleaning. It is
 scheduled for April 26th and 27th, starting at
 10am. This is the last weekend in April and also
 happens to be the weekend before the open
 house. We will have mops and cleaning
 supplies. Bring your enthusiasm and energy so
 we can get the job done quickly.



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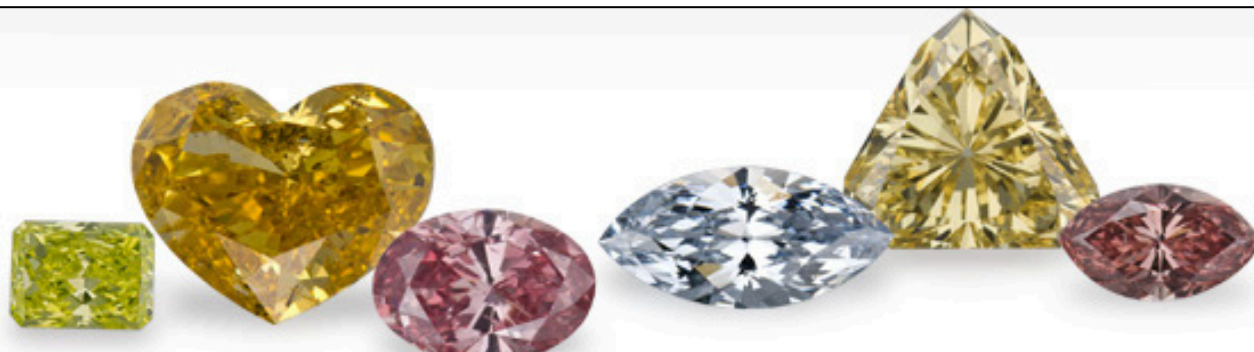
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APRIL 2025

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-  Extream Beaders
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