

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

September 2025



Letter from the President

Hi Fellow Rockhounds,

TGRC MEMBERS, this is our month to show everyone in the 419 who we are. Have you signed the volunteer list to help? Even if you didn't sign, we will cheerfully accept your offer of assistance. Are you inviting your family, friends and associates to our show? I am sure they will appreciate the many varieties of minerals and fossils and the jewelry that can be made from them. There are postcards and coupons at the craft center that you can distribute to encourage people to attend. Share with others what being a member of TGRC means to you. I remember the first show I attended. I was in awe of everything I saw.

The show is very important to our club. It is our biggest revenue maker. It helps us pay the rent and maintain all the equipment that you use. We enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow members. Please do your part and make the 54th show better than last year's show.

My favorite holiday is September 16th. That's National Rock Collecting Day. Rain or shine, you can bet I will be outside somewhere looking for more specimens to add to my collection!

See you at the show

Diane Bieber
President

Birthstones

Modern: **Sapphire**

Traditional: **Sapphire**

Alternate: **Lapis Lazuli**

Ancient Hebrew: **Peridot**

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

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



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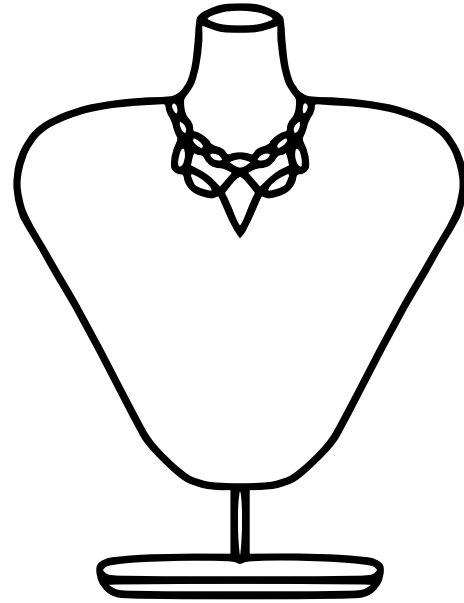
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Workshops

Make Your First Pendant Class-

Saturday **Sept. 13** 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. To register, contact instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before the above date. Class is limited to 4 students. Members pay \$45, non-members \$55. All materials provided to complete a small sterling silver pendant with a polished gemstone cabochon.



Make an Inlaid Ring Class -

Saturday **Oct 4** (2 spaces available) or Oct 18 (2 spaces available) from noon to 3 pm.

Participants will learn how to inlay crushed turquoise and metal shavings 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 and specify the date you will attend. Please provide ring size for several fingers and I will try to match the closest purchased inlay ring band. 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.



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.

Treasures Unearthed returns to the Wood County Fairgrounds as Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club's (TGRC) 54th annual rock, gem and jewelry show and sale. This year's show has expanded and added new features. First, we have more vendors this year, further growing the offerings of gems, jewelry, crystals, fossils and minerals available. What new treasures will you unearth?

Next, TGRC re-introduces live demonstrations in "Demo-Alley." Positioned right in the center of the Show, Extreme Beaders will show how they create their exquisite, beautifully detailed beadworks. Metal crafters will demonstrate cold-connections and other decorative metal arts. A cabbing station will give real-time gem-crafting exhibits. Steve Laut again shows expert knapping by crafting stone arrowheads, knives and other edged tools.

More TGRC demonstrators are still needed to help at Treasures Unearthed in the Demo-Alley, so please volunteer! All skill levels are welcome because we want visitors to see how we are all still learning and improving our jewelry arts skills. As a bonus, demonstrators may sell their own creations while they demonstrate without needing to be a vendor. Text Jim Nowak at 419-699-3895 if you can help in Demo-Alley for a few hours.

The "Youth and Family Fun" area offers plenty of activities for our young rockhounds. The TGRC Juniors Program is seeking to recruit young members so here's a great way to introduce our hobby to the next generation. Gem trees and treasure map start them on new skills and adventures. Also, the "Cave of Secrets" ultra-violet display has been expanded. All ages enjoy seeing the eerie glow - hidden in otherwise plain-looking rocks - revealed. For the first time, we welcome the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to Treasures Unearthed. ODNR members demonstrate and explain their mission protecting the Buckeye State's parks, waterways and environment. Any members who love field trips and collecting will find ODNR's role fascinating. Visit their booth in the Demo-Alley area.

With the addition of our new food caterer, "Saucy Slamwich," plan to spend all day at Treasures Unearthed. This popular, local purveyor of tasty, fresh sandwiches, smothered fries and other delicious treats will be at Pratt Pavillion, convenient and ready to serve their specialties. Delicious, fresh food with affordable prices at a rock, gem and jewelry show? There's a recipe for a good time!

As TGRC's main fund-raiser that keeps our Club running, Treasures Unearthed relies on the volunteer support of every member to be successful. Helping at Treasures Unearthed helps TGRC, so you can learn new skills and best of all, make new friends all year long.

-Story by Jim Nowak



Its showtime!! Is everyone as excited for this years show as I am? I definitely am going to be on the look out for some great buys! We are setting up display cases on September 4th! So if you had previously requested one, they should be ready at the Pratt building by noon and you have until 8PM to get it filled up! If you are wanting to help set up the show, please be at the craft center at 8AM.



TREASURES UN-EARTHED
Gem, Jewelry & Rockhound Show
September 5-6-7
Wood County Fairgrounds
Bowling, Green, OH

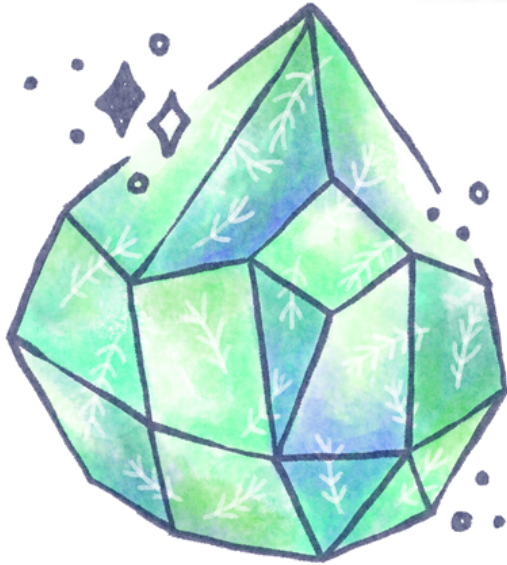
Club Members - FREE T-shirt!
Deadline July 28th!

WHAT'S MY ROCK?

Is it a JEWEL or is it JUNK?

Maybe you found it on a beach, in the mud, or perhaps your funny, old Uncle Clem gave it to you. If you've ever wondered, "What's My Rock?" Max Kelso will be at Treasures Unearthed to help. Bring in those rocks, gems, fossils or who-knows-what for Max to examine and try to figure out what you have. There's no charge, although we ask that you limit the number of specimens to no more than three per items per person at the show. No guarantees of positive identification but Max, through process of elimination, can help determine what something is not. That's often the first clue that leads to solving the mystery. Remember that Max also offers identification meetings and discussions each month at the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club - another benefit of being a TGRC member. Spread the word to your friends and family. Invite them to bring their unidentified rock or fossil to Treasures Unearthed. Perhaps Max can help them learn if it's worthy or worthless. Either way, it will be fun to try.

-Written by Jim Nowak



Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club - 09/05/2025

Hours: Fri 10:00 - 6:00, Sat 10:00 - 6:00, Sun 11:00 - 5:00

Start Date: 09/05/2025

End Date: 09/07/2025

Venue: Pratt Pavilion, County Fairgrounds

Address: 13800 W. Poe Road

Bowling Green, OH, 43402

Website: <https://rockyreader.com/>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society tailgate sale

09/06/2025

Hours: Sat 9:00 - 3:00

Start Date: 09/06/2025

End Date: 09/06/2025

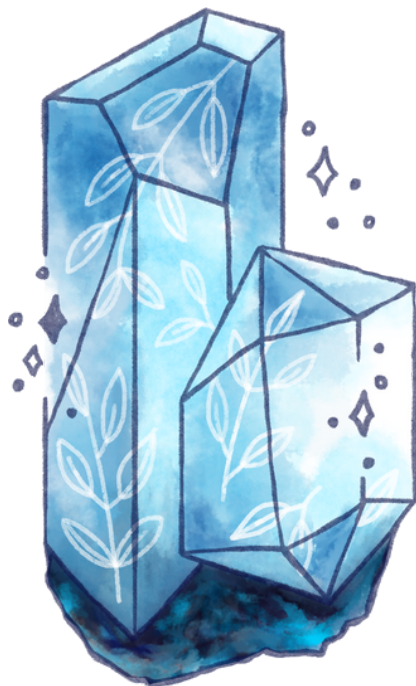
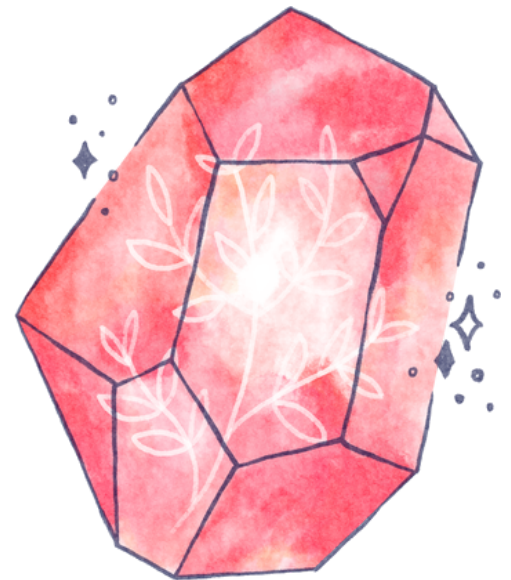
Venue: Parking lot, St. Michael Lutheran Church

Address: 7211 Oakland Drive

Portage, MI, 49024

Website: <https://www.kalamazoorockclub.org/>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows



Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club

09/12/2025

Hours: Fri 10:00 - 7:00, Sat 10:00 - 7:00, Sun. 11:00 - 5:00

Start Date: 09/12/2025

End Date: 09/14/2025

Venue: Holland Township Community Center

Address: 12343 James Street, Holland, MI

Website: <https://www.tulipcity.org/club-show.html>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

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- Faceting

Rocky Reader

Gem Crafters

Extream Readers
- Metal Crafters

Collection/I.D

Juniors

SEPTEMBER 2025

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