

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

October 2025



Letter from the President

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

We did it! We had another successful show. I am so pleased with the way our club members work together to get a task done. Thank you to everyone for your help and support.

You are invited to our new member welcome party on Saturday, October 4th from 11am till 2pm. The party is to introduce new members to our craft center. We would like them to tour our facility and meet our moderators. Some of the new members aren't aware of all that we have to offer within our groups. It will be a wonderful opportunity for all of our TGRC members to meet everyone else so yes, you are all invited to the welcome party on October 4th. There will be light refreshments. Come and enjoy yourself.

Show some appreciation to your favorite fossil on Wednesday, October 15th. That's National Fossil Day.

Diane Bieber
President

Birthstones

Modern: **Tourmaline**

Traditional: **Opal**

Alternate: **Tourmaline**

Ancient Hebrew: **Jacinth (Zircon)**

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

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

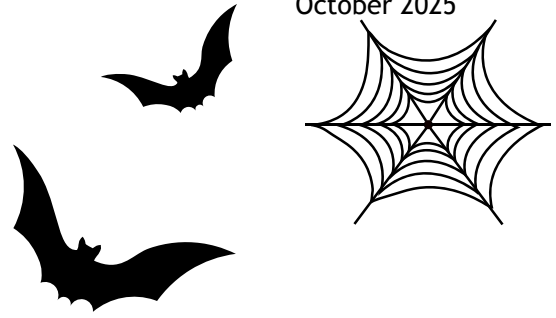


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Workshops

October 2025



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.

Make Your First Pendant Class-

Saturday **Nov 22** 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.

Stained Glass Sun Catcher Class -

Just in time for Christmas! Make your own Stained Glass sun catchers/ornaments. This class will be 4 hours on Sunday **November 2nd**. Class size is limited to 6 students and reservations are REQUIRED to allow for necessary supplies to be prepared. No experience required. All materials and tools provided.

Dates: November 2nd, 2025

Time: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30 for Members

\$40 for Non-Members

Fused Glass Cabochon Class -

Tired of polishing rocks? Fused glass cab come out of the kiln nice and shiny. This class will be 4 hours on Sunday **November 9th**. Class size is limited to 6 students and reservations are REQUIRED to allow for necessary supplies to be prepared. No experience required. All materials and tools provided.

Dates: November 9, 2025

Time: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30 for Members

\$40 for Non-Members

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” 2025 Wrap-Up

We worked on it all year and in the blink of an eye - it's over! For three days in September, Treasures Unearthed 2025 showcased rocks, gems, minerals, fossils and jewelry but best of all, attracted more than a thousand rockhounds to gather and share their passion.

This year marked the return of live gem and jewelry crafting demonstrations. Representatives from The Ohio Department of Natural Resources joined the show to highlight natural wonders in the Buckeye State. Our own “What's My Rock?” service was supported by the Bowling Green State University Geology Club, searching for clues to identify mystery rocks.

TGRC members stepped up. Treasures Unearthed Co-Chair Jerri Heer, who is involved in shows around the country, says “The level of participation by Club members was phenomenal!” More than 50% of Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club (TGRC) membership participated as volunteers, vendors or demonstrators. The shared support highlights our members' dedication. The more members who volunteer means less work for everybody.

For the Club's part, 16 TGRC display cases exhibited Club members' many skills and talents. TGRC Club custom t-shirts and other apparel moved well. The Family Fun area gave rising young rockhounds hands-on opportunities with gem trees and treasure hunts. The updated UV display “Cave of Secrets” impressed many young visitors and their young-at-heart parents and grandparents.

Vendor participation was also good with 36 vendors sharing their wares throughout Pratt Pavillion. The consensus is that overall, it was a good show with a notable variety of vendors. Door prizes, generously donated by the vendors, and the Scholarship Raffle, featuring marvelous, member-made treasures, kept the show lively and visitors engaged in the fun.

Treasures Unearthed, like many special-interest shows, faced challenging financial headwinds because of current economic uncertainties. Nationally, impulse buying is down. Nevertheless, Treasures Unearthed matched last year's attendance figures and the show's income improved. As Jerri reported, “We held our own.”

In the midst of all the dedicated work, a lot of TGRC Members found treasures of their own at Treasures Unearthed. Members are encouraged to bring their best finds to our next TGRC meeting on Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 PM. You won't find a more appreciative group to help celebrate your success!

As the Club's biggest source of funding, revenue from Treasures Unearthed keeps the Club operating all year long. Sincere thanks are owed to everyone who pitched to make this year's event so rewarding. TGRC members can share the satisfaction of a real accomplishment. Treasures Unearthed 2026 will be held September 11-12-13 in Bowling Green, OH.



-Story and photo's by Jim Nowak, Treasures Unearthed Co-Chair



We are having a Welcome party for all of the new members to have fun and to see our wonderful clubhouse. Everyone is invited and urged to attend! It is going to be on **Saturday October 4th** at 11:00AM. We will have snacks and beverages! This is a chance for us all to get together and have some fun this fall. If you made something at the club recently or want to show off something rock related, bring it and share!

I know every one of our members do great things! See ya there!!

OPEN HOUSE

Due to the fact that the Detroit Club is not having their rockhound show in October, one of our show vendors is inviting everyone to an open house at their facility. The information is as follows:

Lambert Minerals Open House
October 11, 9am- 5pm
Estral Beach Village Hall
7194 Lakeview Blvd
Newport, Michigan 48166

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- Faceting

Rocky Reader

Gem Crafters

Extream Beaders
- Metal Crafters

Collection/I.D

Juniors

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