

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

August 2026



It takes a special kind of person to volunteer their time and resources to others. Our club is blessed with an abundance of such people as evidenced by the over 50% participation rate in our show last year. Over the last 30 plus years, I have been involved and aware of many rock clubs all over the country, from Michigan to Florida, Virginia to Alaska. In my experience, most clubs have a volunteer rate between 5-7%.

That being said, there's always room for improvement. We can always use more volunteers for our show, as well as at the clubhouse.

At the Show, we are seeking more volunteers in our club areas, such as Admissions, Raffle, Kid's area etc. We also need demonstrators for our Demo Alley. You do not need to be an expert. It's actually more educational for people to see things in the middle of the learning process. It's more about the communication about what skills they can learn as beginners to more experienced as a club member.

If you are able and would consider committing a day, you could schedule working a club area, shop a bit, then demo, shop a bit then work a club area or demo again. The social aspect is the most enjoyable part! We're just one big happy family for the weekend!

Use the QR codes to access the Sign up Genius for Show Volunteers and Demonstrator Volunteers.

Respectfully,

Jerri Heer
President
419-344-9999

Letter from the President

Birthstones

Modern: **Spinel**

Traditional: **Peridot**

Alternate: **Sardonyx**

Ancient Hebrew: **Carnelian**

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

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

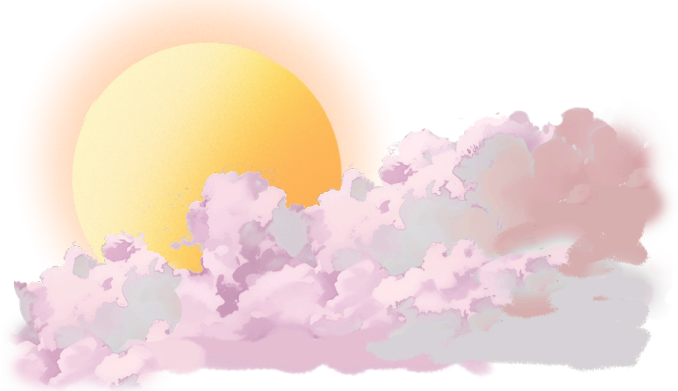


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*Going forward, workshops will be held one on one. Please contact the instructor listed to sign up.

Sandcasting Rings-

Students will learn how to make a sand mold and use molten metal to create their own bronze ring from a variety of available patterns. There are only three students per class. Register by contacting Michelle at least a week ahead of class at mgfirebug@gmail.com. Class fee is \$45 and class open only for members. No prerequisites or experience required.

Saturday Aug 29 from 10 am to 12 pm

Inlay Ring Class-

Students will learn how to use crushed turquoise or other precious stones to make an inlaid stainless steel ring. All materials are provided for the class fee of \$45. Class is limited to five students and ring sizes are limited to the blanks on hand.

Register for the class below by emailing Michelle a week ahead of class at mgfirebug@gmail.com.

Sunday Aug 16 from 1 to 4 pm

Torch-fired Metal Clay Pendant-

Using copper or bronze metal clay, students will learn to roll out, impress, dry and then torch fire a 1" pendant. All materials will be provided for the class fee of \$30. Class is limited to 4 students. Email Michelle a week ahead of the class at mgfirebug@gmail.com.

Saturday Sept 19 from 10 to noon.

Metalsmith Stone Setting Workshop-

Sept. 27, 2026, 11 am to 2 pm

JJ Masuda is a well-respected jewelry and metalsmith instructor from Michigan. He teaches metalsmiths through Monroe Community College and Detroit Country Day School. JJ will give us three hours of intensive stone setting- covering tube, flush and channel setting gemstones in the TGRC metals studio.

The workshop is limited to six students with some metalsmithing experience. The fee is \$80 and students need a 6" digital caliper, a riveting or goldsmith's hammer, a set of 6" needle files, a sharp center punch and a curved or straight burnisher.

Register by emailing mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com. Payment is needed to complete your registration for class.

Wire Wrapping Workshop-

August 15 and September 19
11 am - 3 pm

Bring the project that is calling your name! These August and September sessions are open workshops—much like our Tuesday beading sessions, but with wire, stones, laughter, and plenty of inspiration. Work at your own pace; if a design develops “a personality,” Erika can step in with a demonstration, a fresh idea, or a rescue plan.

OPEN WORKSHOP

\$3 per hour

MAKE & TAKE

\$25 for 4 hours

Bring your current project, tools, and curiosity. Erika will be nearby when you want help.

New to wire wrapping—or want a prepared project?

Email ahead so materials can be ready for you.

New wrappers are warmly welcome. This is a friendly group session. If you prefer one-on-one instruction tailored to your interests or skill level, email Erika and a private session can be arranged.

RESERVE A MAKE & TAKE OR ASK A QUESTION •

erika.tgrc@gmail.com

Bring your stones. Bring your tools (We also have tools to get you started). Bring your curiosity. Leave with new ideas—and perhaps a tiny treasure.

**Gem Tree Class -**

Our Gem Tree classes have now completed 4 trees in the last four months: a basic tree, a dogwood, a bamboo, and last month a Palm tree.

A picture of Donna Bucklew's Coconut Palm is shown.

On Saturday, August 22 from 10-4 (earlier if finished), we'll be making a Cherry Blossom Tree. Sample pictured. Cost is \$25, reservations are required.

Contact Jerri Heer at jheerx6@aol.com. Class size limited to six..



Rocks! Gems! Minerals! Fossils! Crystals! Jewelry! = Treasures Unearthed

If that headline caught your attention, you understand the excitement about Treasures Unearthed, September 11-12-13th at the Wood County Fairgrounds in Bowling Green, Ohio.

This is the Toledo Gem and Rockhounds Club's (TGRC) biggest event and vital fundraiser that keeps our Club going. This year marks TGRC's 55th year of rock and gem shows but even our most experienced rockhounds will find awe-inspiring gems and minerals.

Treasures Unearthed is organized and run by TGRC volunteers. Every TGRC member is asked to donate at least 2 hours to help.

Volunteers get:

- A FREE limited-edition, designer Treasures Unearthed t-shirt (if you volunteer online by August 15th)
- FREE admission to Treasures Unearthed on the day(s) they volunteer
- The satisfaction that you've helped keep TGRC operating for the next year

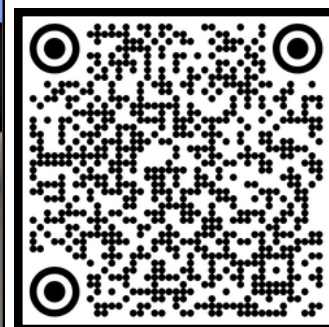
Use this link or the QR code below to sign up today!

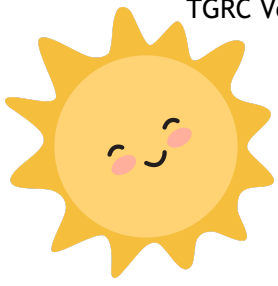
Our experienced TGRC members recommend this strategy:

1. Sign up to volunteer at Treasures Unearthed by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAC2BABF4C52-63522430-toledo#/> and reserve your Treasures Unearthed t-shirt size before August 14th.
2. Wear your t-shirt to Treasures Unearthed and on the day(s) you volunteer, browse show a little, do your volunteer shift, shop for more rocks, etc....
3. Grab lunch at one of the food trucks, go back into Treasures Unearthed and repeat step two!

More opportunities are available this year in the Kid's Activities, Gem Trees and the "Cave of Secrets" family-oriented areas. The Admissions area greets our guests and collects entry fees; Scholarship Raffle sells tickets that fund our scholarships for the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University; Club Merchandise features rockhound apparel and raises money for TGRC; Hospitality supports our vendors and special guests.

Your support and dedication is deeply appreciated because it is our members who make the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club great!





BARGAINS

August Auction at TGRC

Generous rockhounds donate collections and tools to Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club (TGRC) throughout the year. A few times a year, TGRC auctions off this diverse collection of stones, slabs, specimens and tools, often at rock-bottom, bargain prices! All money raised goes to offset your Club's expenses. Be ready to bid immediately following our monthly meeting on August 19th at 7:00PM:

- Ancient artifacts
- rock specimens and fossils
- tools and supplies
- slabs and crystals
- beading supplies

Some of the items will be available for inspection in the TGRC Clubhouse conference room but sometimes last-minute additions will show up the night of the auction!

DISCOUNTS

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Glass Crafting

Gem Crafters

Extreme Beaders
- Metal Crafters

Collection/I.D

Juniors

Wire Wrapping
- Enameling

Rocky Reader

AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Metal Crafters 12-3 Mike Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm
2 Metal Crafters 4-7 Will	3 Gem Crafters 4:30-8:30 Stacy	4 Extreme Beaders 10-2 Enameling 12-3 Metal Crafters 3-7 Mike	5	6 Gem Crafters 11-3 Mike	7 Metal Crafters 12-3 Michelle Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm	8 Metal Crafters 12-3 Michelle Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm
9 Glass Crafting 1-4 Steve	10 Gem Crafters 4:30-8:30 Stacy	11 Extreme Beaders 10-2 Enameling 12-3	12	13 Gem Crafters 11-3 Michelle	14 Metal Crafters 12-3 Mike Juniors 2-4 Stacy Wire Wrapping 11-3 Erika	15 Metal Crafters 12-3 Mike Juniors 2-4 Stacy Wire Wrapping 11-3 Erika
16 Metal Crafters 4-7 Will	17 Gem Crafters 4:30-8:30 Stacy	18 Extreme Beaders 10-2 Enameling 12-3 Metal Crafters 3-7 Mike	19 6:00 PM Show Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 PM Club Auction	20 Gem Crafters 11-3 Michelle	21 Metal Crafters 12-3 Michelle Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm	22 Metal Crafters 12-3 Michelle Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm
23 Glass Crafting 1-4 Steve Faceting 1-3 Anthony	24 Gem Crafters 4:30-8:30 Stacy	25 Extreme Beaders 10-2 Enameling 12-3	26	27 Gem Crafters 11-3 Mike	28 Metal Crafters 12-3 Mike Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm	29 Metal Crafters 12-3 Mike Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm
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SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Extreme Beaders 10-2	2 Gem Crafters 4:30-8 Stacy	3 Gem Crafters 11-3 Michelle	4	5 Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm Metal Crafters 12-3 Michelle
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