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Hello Everyone!

We had a good time at the meeting even though it was hot inside as well as out. I want to thank everyone who entered the Jewelry contest. All items presented were lovely. Each time we have a contest, we get more entries. I can hardly wait to see what we get at our next contest! You will have to come to the next meeting to find out what it is.

The other item I want to mention, is volunteering for the Annual Toledo Gem and Rockhound Show at the Stranahan in September. Don't be shy. Come on and join the fun and make some new friends! Our club is turning into one of the best clubs around so show your pride by volunteering two hours and help to make this year's Show the best yet! It's only a couple of hours of your time in exchange for free food (compliments of our volunteers) during set-up before the Show as well as free entry into the Show either before or after your volunteer time on the same day.

I hope you all will continue to enjoy your Summer.

Catherine Clevenz, TGRC President

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Figure 1 Tom Marok at Imagination Station

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club  
Monthly Club Meeting Minutes July 19, 2017  
Toledo Botanical Garden Conference Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Sergeant at Arms Chet King. President Cathy Clevenz led the pledge of allegiance. There were 25 members present including 4 new ones. We welcomed Karen McCutcheon and her family to the club.

The June minutes were handed out and, after review, Meg Barnhizer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Annie Harris. The motion passed.

Michelle Grigore presented the Treasurer's report, which was also available in writing at the meeting. Meg B. again made the motion to accept the report as presented, which was seconded by Wayne Prindall and passed by the membership present.

#### Old Business

President Clevenz asked for volunteers to staff the fossil table we will have at the Imagination Station on Sat. July 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. July 30 from noon to 5 p.m. Steve Shimatzki will contact Tom Marok for fossils, Tom Barnhizer will staff the table on Sunday.

The Nominating Committee still needs a third person via the bylaws. Wayne P. volunteered to work with Audrey Senghas and Steve S. on getting nominations for officers and the director position.

Cathy C. invited members to observe the next Board Meeting on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Craft Center if they wished.

#### New Business

#### Metroparks Operation of TBG

Cathy C. has been meeting the last few days with Toledo Botanical Garden and Metroparks staff and resident organizations. Metroparks has taken over operations so there are new contact numbers for maintenance and lease payments. Most of the staff will be located at Wildwood Preserve; Carol Gray will remain at the TBG office till fall. Doug Connelly remains in charge of horticulture under Metroparks and is our contact for maintenance and repairs to the building. The Rangers close the parks at dark, so if we need law enforcement after that, we should call 9-1-1. Our lease is honored till year end and Metroparks is meeting with each group individually over the next few weeks. Cathy asked for questions to pass on during her meeting with the Metroparks Director. Trish Hauskenect is the volunteer coordinator for Metroparks and welcomes our help. Current plans for the Garden include adding natural areas and more picnic facilities as well as having the artist groups stay in place. Metroparks is willing to advertise the arts groups' activities but will not help with fundraising. Heralding the Holidays will become a resident organization event if it is to continue. Cathy will call Metroparks to determine if our November Open House will occur. It may be possible to move to a larger building when our lease is up. Club members discussed the increase in insurance and cost of moving to a new building. The next scheduled meeting is Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Hands on Art building. Because Metroparks will be checking our website to determine staff scheduling and after-

hours use, our website calendar needs to be up to date. We should also let the Ranger know as far ahead as possible when we will be in the Gardens after dark. There is no requirement for Saturday staffing of the buildings, but we are already scheduled to continue that through August. Mail boxes have moved to the old Administration Building.

Toledo GROWs will continue under the old TBG Board who will run the Crosby Festival and Jazz in the Gardens to fund the urban gardening efforts. Meg B. suggested the Resident Orgs could sponsor a Plant Sale as a fundraiser.

### Patriotic Jewelry Show

Members cast ballots for the best pieces entered by Juniors, Gem Crafters, Facetors, Metal Crafters and Beaders. Tom B. will announce the winners in the Rocky Reader so they are not covered here.

### Committee Reports

Gem Crafters – Work sessions on the first and third Saturdays have not been appearing in the calendar, but are occurring from noon to 4 p.m. through August. We are still having issues with people grinding stones only in the middle of the wheels and pushing hard against the surface. This removes the diamond coating unevenly and ages the wheels prematurely. Please look at and sign off on the grinding instructions from Diamond Pacific and then follow those procedures. We want that \$4,000 investment to last at least a year. Elie mentioned that he has an hour video on shaping and polishing cabochons that can be viewed.

Beaders – are meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6 p.m. in the craft center.

Open House/Show Cases – Nancy noted that the Open House is up in the air due to Metroparks taking over garden operations. Cases for the Gem and Mineral Show need to be done on Thursday by 6 p.m. They will be at the Stranahan on Thursday after 11 a.m.

Extreme Beaders – continue to meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a break for lunch each Tuesday.

Metal Crafters – the Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> wire wrapping class is full as is the July 29<sup>th</sup> ring-making glass. There won't be other classes in August due to the show. Open work sessions will be on the website calendar as long as it gets updated.

Facetors – Elie has a class worked out if there are enough people to take it on a Sat. and Sun. – sign up on the sheet in the Craft Center. Chet has weekend facetors learning very basic elements on the second Saturday /Sun starting at 10 a.m. Please contact him so he knows how many are coming—machines and space is limited.

Juniors – Steve S. said the next meeting is this Sat. July 22 at 2 p.m. He will cover the red, white and blue craft used to submit the winning entry in the jewelry contest.

Gem Show Update – Steve noted that the weekend after Labor Day is our annual gem and mineral show- Sept. 9, 10, 11. On Thursday, we need to haul over materials and displays starting early in the

morning. Nancy will be at the Stranahan with a crew to unload and set up things. Tables need to be covered before anything arrives, so show up early at the Stranahan on Thursday if you want to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. on a motion by Meg B., seconded by Nancy.

Michelle Grigore, Acting Secretary

### TGRC Craft Center News

The Gem Crafters work group has been able to purchase oil, coolant, buffing pads, replacement blades and grinding wheels as well as other supplies with the funds we had on hand. Additional funding will be required to complete the planned upgrade to our Craft Center to benefit all of our members. A request has been prepared for submission to our Board for consideration at the August Board meeting.

### July Jewelry Contest

The winners of the July Patriotic themed project were voted by the membership at the July club meeting. While all of the projects submitted were impressive, the Crafters in the following categories were selected for outstanding craftsmanship and creativity:



Beading: Shirley Stieb  
Faceting: Elie Ghanime  
Gem Crafting: Michelle Gregorie  
Metal Crafting: Pat Hillard  
Juniors: Serenity and Segwick Shimanski (not pictured)  
Best of Show: Michelle Gregorie

Winners received a medal in recognition of their superior craftsmanship. The winner of the Best of Show is further awarded a free open work session pass (good for two sessions).

### TBG Saturdays: Craft Center Volunteers Needed

We need your smiling faces! Volunteers are asked to greet visitors each Saturday from 2-4 PM to the Craft Center to see what our Club is all about. There are openings available from April through the end of July. A list is available for sign-up at meetings and in the Craft Center. Contact Amy Shufeldt at (419) 367-2131 or [shufrog@roadrunner.com](mailto:shufrog@roadrunner.com)

### Garden Events & Volunteer Opportunities

It's official. Effective July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Toledo Botanical Gardens, long an affiliate of the Metroparks of the Toledo Area, became the newest Park in the Metroparks system. As reported in the Toledo Blade, the Metroparks of the Toledo Area is taking over the day-to-day operations of the Toledo Botanical Gardens under an agreement reached between the two groups and approved by park commissioners.

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Metroparks Director Dave Zenk said Metroparks staff will maintain the facility's formal garden and the park district is planning on improvements to the property, including building maintenance and restoration of natural areas. Lease agreements with resident arts and horticulture organizations at the botanical garden are being transferred to the Metroparks. Jennifer Scroggs, president of the nonprofit Toledo Botanical Garden Board, said that the Metroparks will be talking to the artists about their needs and operations in the days ahead.

**Calling all Volunteers.** Trish Hausknecht, Volunteer Services Manager, has been working with Julie Pompa regarding the transition. Trish is looking forward to meeting and working with the Garden volunteers. The Garden is identifying new volunteer opportunities and ask for your continued support. We ask that you complete a [Metroparks Volunteer Application](https://metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer), available at <https://metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer> . When prompted for a Volunteer Assignment, please type in "TBG". You will receive an email inviting you to a volunteer orientation. We encourage you to attend an orientation in the near future but you are welcome to continue your volunteerism at the Garden prior to attending the orientation. You do not need to complete a Metroparks Volunteer Application if you will be volunteering only with Toledo Grows. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Trish a call at 419-407-9703. Again, thank you for your support. We can't do it without you.

### **Thelma Postlewate's Family News: August Birthdays**

*Jenae Williams 4*

*Greg Feight 7*

*Quentin Skrabec 8*

*Kevin Spalding 8*

*Rodney Guy 11*

*Jerri Heer 12*

*Julia Maclachlan 15*

*Diana Holt 21*

*Cheryl Thompson 28*

*Shirley Stieb 28*

*Maria Raiti 30*

#### **FACETEERS**

Elie Ghaimé teaches a full 2-days of faceting theory for up to 12 people at the time, if you are interested please send me an email confirmation to: [eghanime@buckeye-express.com](mailto:eghanime@buckeye-express.com) .

Chet King will teach hands-on faceting classes on the SECOND weekend of the month. Chet will take up to two people for this short introduction. Call Chet (419-841-4272) for more information.

#### **FIELD TRIPS**

Contact Harold Burleson [hburle@msn.com](mailto:hburle@msn.com) or [haroldburleson12@gmail.com](mailto:haroldburleson12@gmail.com) to coordinate or be informed of future field trips.

#### **BEADERS**

The Beaders meet on the third Monday of the Month at 6PM. If you are interested in beading, contact Nancy Grove [nancy7536@att.net](mailto:nancy7536@att.net) for more information.



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The Extreme Beaders meet on Tuesdays beginning at 9AM. Participants must be able to work independently on their own projects. If you would like to join, but need instruction, contact Kathy Petersen [mlrlyt@AOL.com](mailto:mlrlyt@AOL.com) for more information.

### GEMCRAFTERS

The Gem Crafters meet on Wednesdays beginning at 6:30 PM and Thursdays beginning at 12:00 PM. (Closed every third Wednesday due to the club meeting). The Joint Gem & Metal Craft session will be held on the second Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***The Cab of the Month is: Lace Agate***



A **new work session on the First and Third Saturdays of the month** will occur during the summer. The hours are **noon to four p.m.** starting in June. If we get enough support in the form of moderators and participants, who are also willing to talk to the public that might drop by, this work session may be continued. As of now it's a **trial session for this Summer**.

There is a **new clipboard** hung on the wall between the big and medium slab saws—please use it to note any equipment maintenance or repair that is needed.

A Gem Crafter Equipment Work Day will be held the **Second Saturday of each month**. Please show up at 9 a.m. if you want to help out or contact Michelle Grigore at [mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com](mailto:mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com).

If you are interested in lapidary and wish to register for training please contact Tonia Wallace ([toniawallace72@gmail.com](mailto:toniawallace72@gmail.com)).

### JUNIORS

The Juniors have elected to change our current meeting schedule to the 4th Saturday of every month from 2-4 pm..

Our junior members are age 6 (ish) up to age 17 and we focus depending on interest of the regular attendees. If you have something you are interested learning or doing with the Junior group, don't hesitate to ask, Your input is important and I try and set up the meetings to learn about and do stuff that you and the other Juniors want to know about. More advanced juniors may be given independent projects to share their results with the group.

Juniors is a "hands on" type of group where I pass around samples and we learn together. Questions are encouraged by the juniors and I will answer them or identify their rocks from home to the best of my ability. There are usually take home samples also. We do ask at least one parent be available with you to help and learn with you. It is more enjoyable that way and I know you will get more out of it when you have a "buddy" at home to help.



Any other questions about the juniors, Please ask Steve Shimatzki. E-mail: [ajs132@gmail.com](mailto:ajs132@gmail.com) or call: 567-868-8794

### METALCRAFTERS

The following is the program schedule for Metalcrafters as of August 2017; Of note, we are now offering morning, afternoon and evening sessions for the convenience of our members. We strive to have classes that are affordable for all members.

Metalcrafters beginning class is "Introduction to Metalsmithing". This class teaches the theory and basics of metalsmithing and the cost is only \$10 and includes copper supplies. To schedule a class please contact Steve Cielinski at [77stevec@gmail.com](mailto:77stevec@gmail.com) or call him at [419-343-7259](tel:419-343-7259). The limit for this class is 2 people. The time and date may vary.

The next Metalcraft class is "Making a Pendant or Ring". This takes the Intro class one step further to create a pendant or ring in silver. The cost for this class is free after taking the Intro Class. To schedule please contact Terri Jones at [terri.jones@promedica.org](mailto:terri.jones@promedica.org), [terriljones54@gmail.com](mailto:terriljones54@gmail.com) or call at [419-343-6203](tel:419-343-6203).

The **Joint Gem & Metal Craft session** will be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

On Thursday, August 3rd, Ron Miller will host a Wire wrapping class "Wire Bracelet – 16, 14, or 12 gauge". The cost will be determined and is from 6pm to 9pm. The limit for this class is 10 people. We currently have 9 people signed up.

The following is the list of planned Wire Wrap classes\* that will be featured through the end of 2017. \*Dates Subject to change and cost depending on supplies needed.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 Wire Multi-wrap Bracelet **CANCELLED**  
September 7<sup>th</sup> Pharo's Cab Ring – to be rescheduled  
October 5<sup>th</sup> Nefertiti Bracelet  
November 9<sup>th</sup> Nefertiti Pendant & Earrings  
December 7<sup>th</sup> All Wire Sculpture Pendant

We will have open Metalcraft sessions on:

Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> with Gemcrafters

Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12 noon

Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12 noon and 6pm to 9pm

Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm

See the event calendar

Contact Terri Jones at [terri.jones@promedica.org](mailto:terri.jones@promedica.org), [terriljones54@gmail.com](mailto:terriljones54@gmail.com) or call at [419-343-6203](tel:419-343-6203) with questions.

### Upcoming Events from Chet King's Flyer Table

The following is a partial listing of upcoming events in our region and around the country. Let us know if you know of or visit any others.

## The Annual Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Show

at the Stranahan Theater & Greater Hall,

4645 Heaterhdwns Blvd, Toledo



**Sept. 8-10th: TOLEDO, OH.** Fri 2 pm - 8 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm.

Contact Steve Shimatzki, (419) 861-0147; [sjs132@gmail.com](mailto:sjs132@gmail.com)

**CASES, CASES, CALLING ALL CASES!!!!** It's time to start thinking about putting in a display case at our show in September. This is our biggest opportunity to show the public what the club is about and what we do. Club members typically plan which size case will work best to put in items that they have made, collected or bought. The case sizes are: Club case - 48"W x 30"D x 12"H and new cases - 48"W x 30" D x 22 3/8"H. If you have a club related business you can put your card inside the case to help advertise your business. You can reserve a case(s) by e-mailing me at [nancy7536@att.net](mailto:nancy7536@att.net) or you can contact me at the monthly club meetings.

## 12 Tips for Displaying Your Rock and Mineral Collection

Rockhounds collect rocks and minerals because they like them. Collectors are attracted to the beautiful colors and diverse forms that are found in the earth. Many appreciate rocks and minerals for their scientific or geological importance, while others are attracted to the idea of some metaphysical qualities of certain specimens. Whatever the reason, collectors want to exhibit their collection for family and friends as well as others who share their passion.

How you display your collection speaks volumes about how you feel about it and about its value to the community. A collection that is stored in a murky basement in cardboard boxes is not nearly as impressive as a visually delightful exhibit of brightly lit crystals and minerals. It is especially rewarding when people react with interest and even excitement when they see these natural treasures in a new light.

Every collector must decide how best to display his or her collection based upon their own artistic sense and budget. Whatever course you choose, here are some suggestions that will help you to make your display as good as it can be.



1. **Choose a Safe and Suitable Location.**

Place in a dry, well-ventilated location out of direct sunlight. Provide for increased security with lockable display cases and consider installing alarms or video recording devices. If your cases will be moved frequently locating them near points of access and egress points will aid loading and transport.

2. **Select Attractive Display Cases.**

While commercial display cases are available they can be expensive and difficult to move. Most collectors will want to seek out more practical options such as curio, gun, or china cabinets, bookcases and glass topped tables or shadow boxes. The ideal display case will have glass on at least one side for light and viewing, tight fitting doors to keep out dust, well-spaced shelves and mirror backing or bases to reflect light and allow for increased viewing of individual specimens.

3. **Provide Good Lighting.**

Good lighting will make a good collection look even better. The best lighting should be as close to natural sunlight, which is 5000 to 5400 degrees Kelvin, as possible. While some incandescent lights and many fluorescents can get close (3000K – 4000K) newer LEDs can generate 4500 K to 6500 K or above. All that said, any lighting is better than the box in the basement.

4. **Pick Your Favorite Pieces.**

Your finest pieces should be on display. Elements to consider are interesting composition, good crystal form, vivid colors, bright luster, size and freedom from damage.

5. **Create an Informative Arrangement**

There are many ways to sort and arrange your specimens and one goal is to make the display educational as well as attractive. The possibilities are endless but organizing your collection by classification, geographic region or environment or by country of origin can provide greater interest.

6. **Consider Color, Shape, Size and Contrast.**

Vivid colors are most appealing and have the most impact. Use color to lead the eye to specific specimens and contrast to set each one off. Light colored pieces with more brightly colored ones to add interest.

7. **Use Stands and Containers that are Unobtrusive.**

Clear acrylic display stands are a good way to lift items up for optimum viewing. One type of stand employs 3 pegs that suspend each specimen in air. When using compartmented boxes or trays it is best to use White, Black or Gray to allow specimens to stand out.

8. **Use Accurate and Easily Read Labels.**

Labels should display accurate easily read information. Many specimens may have more than one identifying name. The origin or location where each piece can be found is often of interest as well as the importance of each specimen to science or society. With all of this information it is still important to keep labels small (2 ½ inches x 1 ½ inches) so as not to overpower the exhibit.

9. **Avoid Over-Crowding.**

Try to leave a 2" space between specimens. Larger items may need additional space around them to allow viewers to focus on them and yet not take away from the surrounding smaller items.

10. **Display the Best Angle of every Specimen.**

Study each piece to find its most pleasing viewpoint. Use display stands that allow you to turn or tilt to the best viewing angle.

11. **Weed out your Collection.**

Not every specimen is of Show quality or will create interest. Consider what you want your

display to communicate.

12. **Learn from other collections.**

Visit fellow collectors displays as well as Museums and Shows. See what works best and what you may be able to adapt to your own collection.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Kealy, Todd and Kiara Goodal, Findlay, OH

Karen McCutcheon, Northwood, OH

Robert Gleason, Toledo OH

Jodi Gleason, Oregon OH

For a full calendar of events and activities visit the "Events Page" of the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club web-site at <http://www.rockyreader.com/Home/Events> and use the arrow pad to select the month. Printed calendars will be available in the craft center and distributed at monthly meetings.

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## Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Calendar

| Today <span>◀ ▶</span> August 2017 <span>▼</span> |                     |                                                              |                                             |                                                            |                           |                            | Print | Week | Month | Agenda <span>▼</span> |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------|------|-------|-----------------------|
| Sun                                               | Mon                 | Tue                                                          | Wed                                         | Thu                                                        | Fri                       | Sat                        |       |      |       |                       |
| 30                                                | 31                  | Aug 1                                                        | 2                                           | 3                                                          | 4                         | 5                          |       |      |       |                       |
|                                                   |                     | 9am Extreme beadery                                          | 6:30 PM Gem Crafters - Toledo               | 12pm NOON Gem Crafters<br>6pm Cancelled - Ron Miller's     | 6pm Board Meeting at club | 12pm Open work session     |       |      |       |                       |
| 6                                                 | 7                   | 8                                                            | 9                                           | 10                                                         | 11                        | 12                         |       |      |       |                       |
|                                                   | 9am Extreme beadery | 6:30 PM Gem Crafters - Toledo<br>6pm Joint gemcrafters/metal | 12pm NOON Gem Crafters<br>6pm Metalcrafters |                                                            |                           | Introduction to Faceting   |       |      |       |                       |
| 13                                                | 14                  | 15                                                           | 16                                          | 17                                                         | 18                        | 19                         |       |      |       |                       |
| Introduction to Faceting                          |                     | 7PM - Faceters II Workshop<br>9am Extreme beadery            | 7pm 7PM Toledo Gem and Rock                 | 9am Metalcraft<br>12pm NOON Gem Crafters<br>6pm Metalcraft |                           | 12pm Open work session     |       |      |       |                       |
| 20                                                | 21                  | 22                                                           | 23                                          | 24                                                         | 25                        | 26                         |       |      |       |                       |
| 6pm Monthly beadery April to                      | 9am Extreme beadery | 6:30 PM Gem Crafters - Toledo                                | 12pm NOON Gem Crafters<br>6pm Metalcraft    |                                                            |                           | 2pm Junior Rockhounds meet |       |      |       |                       |
| 27                                                | 28                  | 29                                                           | 30                                          | 31                                                         | Sep 1                     | 2                          |       |      |       |                       |
|                                                   | 9am Extreme beadery | 6:30 PM Gem Crafters - Toledo                                | 12pm NOON Gem Crafters                      |                                                            |                           |                            |       |      |       |                       |

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time