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Toledo Gem And Rockhound Club

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Message from the President

Hello Club Member!

As we all welcome a new year in our lives, let us also welcome a new year in the club. I wish to apologize to our club members who tried to get into the park for our last meeting, but were unable to enter the main entrance gate on Elmer Drive. During the winter months, we can only enter the park after normal hours via the Olympia Drive entrance which is between the main gate and the Education Center. Of course, you may still use the parking lot by our Craft Center if space is available. As of right now, I am still waiting for our lease to be presented to our club for review and signature. I know that it is cold, but you won't want to miss the January 17th meeting. We will be awarding scholarships to the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University Earth Science Departments followed by a presentation by Graduate Students from the university related to their current projects in the field of Geology. Until we meet again, stay safe and stay warm!

Catherine Clevenz
President

. Christmas Crafters Contest

We had nearly a dozen Christmas ornaments that were on display for members to vote on. All of the ornaments displayed originality and artistic skill. Following a brief vote Tom Marok announced the winners; 1st place was given to Amy Shufeldt for her colorful Holiday Beaded Ornament. 2nd Place went to Michelle Gregore for her Etched Snowflake and 3rd Place was awarded to Katherine Smarkel for her Geode surprise. We had many other creations that were submitted and although they could not all be selected, they were all winners.

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Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Board Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2017

Craft Center at TBG

In attendance: Cathy Clevenz, Tom Barnhizer, Michelle Grigore, Elie Ghanime, Kathy Petersen, Katherine Smarkel, Pete Petersen, Amy Shufeld. Absent: Harold Burleson, Chet King

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Cathy Clevenz. Minutes were distributed by acting secretary Grigore. Elie G. made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the last Board meeting, Tom B. seconded and the motion passed.

Michelle G. distributed the summary of the November 2017 financials; there is a problem with Quick Books recording missing checks as cashed after 90 days. Michelle will work on getting the single check error fixed; the financials handed out are reconciled with the bank statements—so they are accurate. Tom B. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Kathy P. seconded and the motion passed.

Elie asked for the total in the Facetors account so he could purchase a faceting machine for the club. Michelle noted that she had delayed the info, spoke with Cathy C. and Chet K. about using one of the existing six machines that belong to Chet but are stored at the Craft Center. Chet agreed to let his machines be used by the club, even for the annual show as long as they were transported correctly. Michelle expressed concern that the Facetors have only added \$2/week for over a year and spending \$2,000 on faceting machines would take 20 years to replace at that rate. She objected to the expenditure when machines were already available. Elie G. noted that more money would come in from the group classes he wants to run. After some discussion, Tom B. made a motion to allow Elie to spend the Faceting money on machines for the club (there is \$2200 in the account). Kathy P. seconded and the motion passed. There is no guarantee that Chet's machines will come to the club at this point.

Lifetime memberships are addressed each December; members send nominations to the President. George Burns, Joe Motter and John Hall have all been suggested. Last year Steve Shimatzki turned down the nomination. Discussion centered on having two individuals this year because of that. Joe and John have both been active in recent history and Michelle made a motion to make Joe Motter and John Hall life members. Tom seconded and the motion passed.

Metroparks has not decided on open houses for the resident organizations yet. Tom noted that St. James Church on Sylvania, across from Westfield Franklin Park Mall, would be a good place to have our two open houses in 2018. The fee for the TBG conference center is \$750 each time. We also have no lease from Metroparks and won't have one till January. The cost for St. James community gymnasium is \$300 to \$500 depending upon the dates. The two open houses will be

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DISCOVER

May 5 and 6, 2018 and November 10 and 11, 2018. Tom will contact St. James to secure those dates.

The Gem and Mineral Show will be September 7, 8, and 9, 2018. Steve Shimatzki has agreed to be the show chair again, but he asked for committee chairs and a letter of authority from the Board in order to sign contracts for the show. The show chair is not a member of the Board with the Bylaw changes voted in November. Michelle made a motion to indemnify the Show Chair and provide them a letter of authority from the Board for show-related contracts. Cathy C. seconded and the motion passed. Michelle will draft a letter of authority for the Show Chair.

Cathy noted the need for a Webmaster as Tonia and Steve S. are so busy on other things. The expectation is that the Webmaster will maintain the activity calendar, web page, Facebook page and answer emails sent to the general club account. These should be checked and updated weekly, checked daily during the time period leading up the Gem and Mineral Show. On Facebook, several people can post, but only Suzanne Shimatzki is the Administrator. That should be shifted to the Webmaster and all passwords and user names kept current by the President and Secretary in case the volunteers decide they no longer want to handle the tasks. It would be good to be able to pay for membership on Pay Pal and look at whether Go Daddy is the right hosting agency for us in the future. The board all agreed on these topics; no vote was needed. There was further discussion on a Social Media Committee that would include a photographer for the club and possibly a Facebook person and email account person to help the Webmaster.

Cathy then moved on to the need for a database person—especially for updated membership lists and interests. Michelle noted that the Treasurer currently houses the membership forms and enters each family's membership. It makes sense that the Treasurer serve in this capacity. Katherine S. noted that Access would be a better platform for the membership than Excel. She has access to that software through school and can download it. Michelle and Katherine will work together to get the database set up and available on the shared Google Drive. A copy of current members will be posted at the Craft Center, too.

The Policy Handbook has not been distributed to all members. Michelle printed out copies and left them in the Craft Center for members to read. She asked if the "draft" version of the Bylaws were also the same as the final version. Tom said they were. Michelle will use the email list from Steve S. to send out the bylaws and handbook before year end. Cathy noted that the new bylaws also need to be submitted to the State of Ohio—Michelle will do that as well.

Michelle brought up the Juniors program and how different it is from the time when her niece joined over a decade ago. Polishing and grinding was being done by 8 year olds. Six year olds were allowed to tumble stones. There are also no-solder metal crafting projects that Juniors could tackle. The board discussed the past and present program and agreed that we could expand the activities that Juniors engage in as long as a responsible Guardian is present for each student. Tom B. and Michelle G. expressed interest in helping Steve S. with the Junior Program in 2018. Other members may also step forward, so we can engage youth in hands-on activities that may encourage them to stay with the club as they mature.

Cathy noted that the Auditor needed to be appointed at the December club meeting. She asked

Peter Petersen if he would be agreeable and he was. So, Pete will audit the 2017 books after the end of the year.

The Metroparks lease will be delayed into January or beyond and we will pay on a month to month basis till that lease passes through the legal dept. One lease has already been drafted for another group and it is nearly exact to the lease with TBG. Meetings of the Resident Organizations continue each month and the latest information points to all groups getting a renewed lease with Metroparks. The next Resident Org. meeting is Wed. at 5 p.m. in the Conference Center.

The Board meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tom, seconded by Michelle at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes from the December 20th Club Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by President Cathy Clevenz with the Pledge of Allegiance. Michelle Grigore noted that the Minutes of the last meeting were published in the Rocky Reader and asked for corrections or additions. Hearing none, Tom Marok made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Amy Shufeldt seconded and the motion passed.

Michelle then gave the Treasurer's Report and provided written summaries to each member/family present. Tom Marok made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to the audit, Meg Barnhizer seconded the motion and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Cathy noted that the lease for the Craft Center is held up by the legal firm Metroparks is using. One Resident Organization has received a rent figure for their grant; it didn't change from 2017. The word is that the leases are mainly going to stay the same as is the expectation for volunteer hours (100 per year) given to Metroparks instead of TBG. Since the buildings haven't been maintained by TBG, Metroparks has a long list of items that need fixing and will prioritize the most critical first. Tuesday night, Metroparks officials met with the Resident Organization group and talked about their plans for the future—keeping all the groups in place. Metroparks wants to increase public participation/ demonstrations by the Resident Organizations. Cathy mentioned that working through the schools and Imagination Station count towards that. Two organizations will be moving—Hands On Art is moving to the old gift show (across from the education building) and Unruly Arts is moving to the building where we had members for Heralding the Holidays.

There was some discussion about our club moving into a larger building or at least one in with the rest of the Arts Village. A lot of due diligence will be needed as we have electrical, plumbing, ventilation and structural integrity needs with our equipment. It was noted that insulation would be nice to keep our heating costs down—they are currently \$2,400/year. It was suggested that a survey go out to members to see if there are plumbers, electricians, HVAC folks among them that might like to donate time if we have a suitable building in mind. The next Resident Organization Meeting is January 10th at 5 p.m. in the TBG Conference Center. All members are invited to attend- the organization documents for the Resident Organizations will be discussed. Plans are in the works to do more things like Heralding the Holidays throughout the year as we work together to draw folks into the Village.

There was a 10-minute break from 7:45 to 7:55 p.m. for members to vote on the Christmas Ornament they thought was best.

The meeting began again at 7:55 p.m. with Cathy announcing that two Lifetime Members were chosen by the Board this year: Joe Motter and John Hull. Both have been active supporting the club for years, if not always attending the monthly meetings. Lifetime Members are recognized for their outstanding work to make the TGRC successful.

Tom Marok counted the ornament ballots and announced Amy Shufeldt as First Place winner, Michelle Grigore as Second Place winner and Katherine Smarkel as Third Place winner. Cathy gave out the prizes.

Cathy also noted the Open Houses for 2018 and asked for club member input on location. At TBG, it costs us \$750 for one day in the Conference Center. But we could be at St. James Lutheran, across from Franklin Park Mall, for \$30/hr. Tom Barnhizer got the prices and dates and the total cost for four days of Open Houses, instead of two at TBG, is \$360. Club members agreed to try the new location and the dates will be May 12 and 13 and November 17 and 18, 2018. Times on Saturday: 9:30 to 4:30 and Sunday – noon to 4. There are up to 24 table spaces available in the carpeted gymnasium at St. James.

Show Dates will be Sept. 7, 8, 9 with set-up on Sept. 6th. Steve Shimatzki agreed to be Show Chair again but needs committee chairs to help out and a clean-up crew.

The meeting was turned over to the Nominating Committee Chair, Steve S. who swore in the 2018 officers:

President – Catherine Clevenz

Vice President – Tom Barnhizer

Secretary – Katherine Smarkel

Treasurer – Michelle Grigore

Sergeant At Arms – Chet King

New Board Member (3 yr tern) – Amy Shufeldt.

Existing Board Members – Harold Burleson, Kathy Peterson

Steve S. announced that Juniors would be resuming in January after a two-moth break. They meet the fourth Saturday afternoon in the Craft Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 on a motion by Tom M. and seconded by Meg B.



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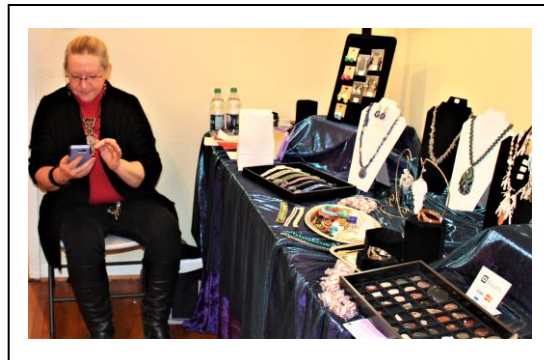
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TGRC News

Members of The Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club were pleased to participate in 2017 Heralding the Holidays at the Toledo Botanical Gardens Metropark. Many handcrafted items were beautifully displayed and well received by over 680 visitors and fellow artists. In addition to a successful sale by each of our members we had several visitors who choose to join our Club for the coming year. We will look forward to this annual event.



Elections



The newly elected Officers of TGRC were installed at the December General Meeting. Catherine Cleventz, President, Tom Barnhizer, Vice president, Katherine Smarke, Secretary, Chet King II, Sargeant at Arms and Michelle Gregore, Treasurer were installed along with Amy Shufeldt who was elected to fill the Board position that was vacated by Elie Ghanime who completed his third year of service on the Board.

January Craft Center Update:

Unfortunately, we have had some issues with folks using the Craft Center and not signing in during off hours, or doing things that damage the club. While Moderators are allowed to work with another club member on off hours, they must still sign in and pay their \$2 fee for the work session. Some things that need correction:

- Moderators/ Officers: Use the sign-in sheets in the folder on the center table, put your sheet and money in the envelope and drop it in the safe (under the metal crafter bench) even when using the craft center outside of scheduled work sessions. Outside of Moderators and Officers, no one should be using the Craft Center outside of work sessions. It's club policy.
- NEVER shut the door to the Metal Crafter area during winter. There are water pipes that freeze easily because there is no heat in there. Shutting the door when you leave guarantees a huge repair bill for the club. Chet and Michelle found the door closed Sunday, Dec. 24th and they both had left it open on Dec. 21. No work session was scheduled, so someone came in and did that when using the trip saws...which they did not clean up.
- Tools and other items are turning up missing on a regular basis. It costs the club money to keep purchasing calipers, magic markers, wrenches, etc. The Craft Center is equipped for the use of all members—so please respect the items as CLUB PROPERTY and leave them there. Also, please put items back where you found them after their use. It just makes things easier for everyone.
- Club Policy Handbooks – copies are in the Craft Center and will be emailed to all members who have a valid emailed address. Please look over the policies and familiarize yourself with them. Moderators have the job of enforcing those policies—most of which are for safety and courtesy reasons.
- Please, please, please – if something is broken or needs repair list it on the clipboard next to the 10" slab saws. Same for items you'd like the club to purchase. Larger equipment purchases have to go through the Board, so it can take a few months if the items are over \$100.
- If you repair something, adjust something, change a piece of equipment: Record what you did with the date and name on the second clipboard next to the 10" saws. That way we can figure out what was done

and by who and when. One slab saw feed was adjusted incorrectly and we had to spend a lot of time making it right again. We'd really rather you go to the Moderators to report an issue, rather than trying to fix it yourself. But we do appreciate the sentiment. If you are itching to help maintain the equipment, please show up the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. That's our regular work day.

Let's start out the New Year sharing our Craft Center through courtesy and kindness to all. And if you have a good idea on a new process, let the Moderators know!

Garden Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Greetings Metroparks Volunteers, Happy Winter Solstice! Well, technically, the winter solstice was Thursday, December 21st at 11:28 am. I hope you enjoyed the shortest day of 2017 and look forward to the fact that each day after will be gaining a little more Sunlight as we march toward Spring. I know I could use a little more daylight time as I make holiday preparations with my family. I join with the Metroparks staff in wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season and a joy filled new year! May you enjoy just a little extra time in nature in the upcoming year.

Thank you for donating your time and energy to Metroparks over the year. Over 50,000 volunteer hours were donated this year and the number continues to grow as final tallies are being entered. Each and every hour makes a difference. From handing a runner a glass of water, to putting in your 39th hour on parking lot duty at the Holidays. The Garden is identifying new volunteer opportunities. We ask that you complete a [Metroparks Volunteer Application](https://metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer), at <https://metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer> You make a difference. Thank you!

Trish Hausknecht, Volunteer Services Manager, Metroparks Toledo

Rock Club Craft Guild News

2018 Rock & Gem Club Open House; It's not too soon to start thinking about the Spring Open House. Nancy Grove has agreed to head up the Committee to plan and host this event for our Crafters and the visiting community. In order to provide more interior space, convenient parking and accessibility we have decided to move this event to St. James Lutheran Church, on Sylvania Ave., just West of the Franklin Park Mall. The carpeted gymnasium will provide more tables and larger display areas for our vendors. An adjacent kitchen area will provide for a light lunch and snacks throughout the day for vendors and visitors alike. We look forward to displays of natural rock specimens, lapidary tools, equipment and books. Along with a great many hand-made lapidary, metal and beaded creations that will be offered for sale by our resident artist. Club members will also provide free opportunities to experience the fun and adventure of rock crafting at it's basics through demonstrations and hands-on activities.

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. 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

A Memorial Day field trip to visit the Flint Ridge State Memorial is being planned by Tom Barnhizer. The Flint Ridge Heritage Society will host the 2018 Spring Flint Ridge Knap-in on May, 25-27th 9-5 Friday /sat, Sunday 9-3pm. Attendees can learn about the growing hobby of Flint Knapping and try their skill at making their own Arrowheads. They will also have an opportunity to shop for raw flint as well as flintknapping tools, books and videos. In addition,

visitors will learn about the history of the region and its importance to the local indigenous people who mined the ridge for Ohio flint to fashion into tools, weapons and cultural artifacts as long ago as 100 years BP. Bring the whole family and spend some quality time at this beautiful State Memorial.

TGRC Members are encouraged to organize Club sponsored field trips throughout the year. Contact Harold Burleson hburle@msn.com or haroldburleson12@gmail.com to coordinate or to 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 for more information.

EXTREME BEADERS

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 for more information.

GEMCRAFTERS

January 2018 Gem Crafter Update:

Gem of the Month for January: Obsidian courtesy of Chet King. This is like polishing glass, so please wear your safety glasses in case of chips flying!

Learn to make a cabochon- Please email Michelle at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com with some dates/times that would work for you to take this beginning class and get signed off on using the saws/grinders

Open Work Sessions –Every Wednesday (except the Club Meeting) in January from 6 to 9 p.m., every Thursday from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan 6 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you'd like to help clean/repair the Craft Center and equipment, show up the second Saturday at 10 a.m. Facetors are in the center then, but they allow us to work around them.

Equipment Updates – The grey 14" slab saw is up and running again. All the saws seem to be in working order as I write this update; but please observe the maximum stone size shown on each saw to keep them running.

The benchtop lapidary grinders are all in working order and all but one has new wheels and belts. Be sure to get a quick lesson on the water system and equipment if you haven't used these before. They are a bit different than the Genie and Titan systems. They are also great for shaping the bottom and rough shaping the top of your cabochons...saving a lot of muck in the Genies and Titan bubblers. You do still have to clean up the benchtop grinders when done, but it's not as laborious as the Genies and Titan.

Gem Crafters have spent down all the saved funds and the \$1,300 that the Board gave us—so no new equipment or supplies till after our spring auction at this point. If we need something, please put it on the clipboard by the 10" saws.

Gem Crafter Moderators: Thanks to Brian King, Joanna Toepfer, Cathy Clevenz, Chet King and Michelle Grigore.

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: sis132@gmail.com or call: 567-868-8794

METALCRAFTERS

January 2018 Metal Crafter Update

Intro to Metalsmithing Class: Contact Steve Cielinski for the next session at 77stevec@gmail.com.

Open Work Sessions: First and Third Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, second Wed from 6 to 9 p.m., second and fourth Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Please be aware if no one shows up to work in the first hour, the moderator may leave/cancel the session.

Metal Craft Classes: Moderators have met and are rolling out a series of wire wrapping and skill-building classes for 2018. Many build on skills learned in prior classes with the goal of allowing students to master fabrication, soldering, metal coloring/etching, and more. Dates and times are coming for several classes as we secure the teachers. Ron Miller has agreed to offer another year of wire wrapping classes—and we thank him for graciously driving up to Toledo to do so! So put these dates on your calendars and register for classes by emailing Mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com.

Ron Miller has come to the end of his 2017 Wire Wrapping Classes with the completion of the All Wire Sculpture Pendant. Everyone who participated in Ron's classes this past year have enjoyed the experience and will treasure their creations for many years to come. So it is with great pleasure that we would like to announce that Ron has agreed to host a whole new series of Wire Wrap classes in 2018. See the attached list of monthly offerings at the end of this issue and be sure to sign up early. To schedule email Terri Jones at terri.jones@promedica.org, or terriljones54@gmail.com or call at [419-343-6203](tel:419-343-6203).

FLUTING A SILVER BRACELET— Feb. 4 (Sunday): 1 to 4 p.m.

This first class will concentrate on hammering skills, shaping and texturing metal. Costs will be based solely on the materials. In this case it will be a 1" x 6", 18 gauge piece of sterling silver or you can substitute brass if you want less cost. We can take up to 6 students and you will have to share the tools if you don't have some of your own. To register and get a price and tool list email mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com.

Metal Craft Moderators: Terri Jones, Gwen Day and Greg Feight (in Florida till Spring), Steve Cielinski, Brian King and Michelle Grigore.

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.

Jan 20-21, 2018

Cincinnati, Ohio

Intergalactic Bead Show

Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45246

Feb 16-18, 2018

Indianapolis, Indiana

GeoFest - Indiana State Museum Fossil, Gem and Mineral Show

Indiana State Museum, 650 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

March 2-4, 2018

Richmond, Indiana (1 hr West of Dayton OH)

Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil Show & Sale

Kuhlman Center, Wayne County 4-H Fairgrounds, 861 N. Salisbury Rd., Richmond, Indiana 47374

March 16-18, 2018

Jackson, Michigan

Michigan Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show

Jackson County Fairgrounds American One Event Center, 200 W. Ganson St., Jackson, Michigan 49202

Nuggets

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My Cousin is a Rock Pigeon.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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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2018 Wire Wrapping Class Schedule

Hosted by TGRC Metalcrafters

Instructed by Artist, Ron Miller

MONTH	DATE*	PROJECT	TIME**
January	4th	All Wire Sculpture	6:00 – 9:00
February	1st	Heavy Gauge Bracelet	6:00 – 9:00
March	1st	Sculpture Pendant	6:00 – 9:00
April		NO CLASS	
May	3rd	Five Bead X Bracelet	6:00 – 9:00
June	7th	Cocktail Ring	6:00 – 9:00
July	5th	Multi-wire Weave Bracelet	6:00 – 9:00
August	2nd	All Wire Cross	6:00 – 9:00
September	13th	Pearl Ring	6:00 – 9:00
October		NO CLASS	
November	15th	Nine Bead Bracelet	6:00 – 9:00
December	6th	Framed Prong Pendant	6:00 – 9:00

*DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.

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