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Message from the President

Dear Club Member,

Welcome to the start of a new year! For those of you who have were not at Decembers club meeting, my name is Holly Smith and I have the privilege of being the clubs president for 2020. I am excited about our new craft center and the many opportunities this facility will open up for us.

There are several positions that we are looking for fill for 2020. Current opening are for co-chairs of the Junior Rockhounds of America and Rocky Reader editor. If you have any interest in one of these positions, please contact me.

In general news the current craft center will be shutting down in stages to facilitate cleaning and packing up. Metal smiths will be shutting down January 15th and all use of the current craft center will shut down January 31st. If you would like to volunteer to help clean and pack up the current center, you can contact Angela Williams or myself.

Happy New Year everyone!

Holly Smith

TG&RC President

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January Meeting Announcement

The next general meeting of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club will be held at the Common Space Center for Creativity - 1700 N Reynolds Rd., in the library meeting room, on Wednesday January 15th at 7 pm.

Please note that February and March's meeting will also be held at the Common Space Center for Creativity.

The TGRC Craft Center



The new craft center is in need of club members to come and help during all work sessions. The more volunteers we get the quicker we can have our new center up and running. If you would like to volunteer for a work session please contact Michelle or our new president Holly Smith.

OUR NEW POST OFFICE BOX

New P.O. address is:

**Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club
P.O. Box 13268
Toledo, OH 43613**

Donations

Thank you to all the club members who donate their time and resources to the club!

The club would like to get an accurate assessment of the amount of physical donations we receive each year as well as acknowledge those who give! As such, our Treasurer, Glen, is requesting that anyone who donates please give your donation receipts to your group moderator so they can be given to the Treasurer. A donation form will be provided in the craft center.

Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for all you do for our club! Glen Toepfer

Field Trip Report:

If you have ideas for any future Field Trips this year contact Kealy Goodale Kealygoodale@gmail.com or give her a call at 419-202-4549.

Heralding the Holidays in December

The Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club, along with The Artist's Village participated in Heraldng the Holidays in 2019. We had a great showing of artists that offered one of a kind handmade gifts, demonstrations, and of course, rocks and Lapidary gifts. Thanks to those artists and the many members of the community who came out to support them.

The Midwest Federation Of Mineralogical and Geological Society

The next MWF Executive Committee Meeting, hosted by Indian Mounds Gem & Mineral Club of Wyoming, Michigan, is set for April 11th 2020. The 2020 MWF Convention will be hosted by the Livingston Mineral Society in Howell, Michigan. If you would like to see the monthly newsletter of the MWF check out the MWF webpage at <http://www.amfed.org/mwf/convention/convention.html>

SUNSHINE: Thanks to Peggy Argabright for stepping up to fill the position of Sunshine Chair. Peggy will need all of our help in identifying significant events such as births and birthdays, marriages, anniversaries and passing's that are related to our membership. Call Peggy or send your information to ptoepher@yahoo.com

GEMCRAFTERS January UPDATES:

The cabochon of the month is Chrysocolla from Mexico

Open work sessions:

Mondays: January 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 12 to 4pm.

Wednesdays: December 8, 22 and 29 from 6 to 9 pm.

Saturdays; December 18 from 10 to 4 pm.

FACETERS:

Faceting Gemstones can seem like a challenge. However, it is a skill that can be learned by carefully following some basic steps. Chet King has openings for members to sign up for his hands-on weekend faceting classes in the Craft Center. If you don't have your own Faceting Machine the Club will provide one for you to use. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th weekends of each month beginning each day at 10 am through 4 pm.

SOCIAL ROCK GROUP:



This Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at a location of their choosing. The Rockhound Group will identify specimens and discuss other issues such as handling and storing of specimens, proper labeling and various methods to display collections. They will exchange information on prospecting, identifying and collecting rocks, minerals, meteorites and fossils for the benefit of the club's members. In addition, Group members may trade/swap rock and mineral specimens among themselves, including common rocks, fossils, metallic ores, gems, meteorites and semi-precious stones

METAL CRAFTERS

Metal crafters will meet on Wednesdays, January 8th from 6 to 9 pm and Friday January 10th from 1 to 4 pm.

TRGC FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA:

The FRA Club meets in the TGRC Craft Center on the 4th Saturday of each month from 2-4 pm accompanied by a parent or guardian. Currently the Junior's program will be on hold until new leaders can be assigned. For those of you with access to the internet you may want to visit the following websites for fun activities to keep you busy: <http://geosurvey.ohiodnr.gov/major-topics/rock-identification>

BEADERS:

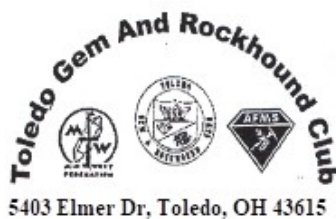
Beaders will be on break until the new craft center is complete. If you are interested in beading, contact Nancy Grove nancy7536@att.net for more information.

ADVANCED BEADERS:

The "Extreme" or Advanced Beaders meet on Tuesdays beginning 9 AM to 4 PM. Participants should be able to work independently on their own projects. If you would like to join, but need more information, contact Kathy Petersen mlrlyt@AOL.com or Shirley Stieb at sstieb828@gmail.com.

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.

On Facebook? So is the club along with postings from members and lots of pictures! Please, comment, post your own photos and "LIKE" us! <https://www.facebook.com/ToledoRockhounds>



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