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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

March Madness!

There is so much going on at the club. We have work ongoing at the new craft center and we are about to start packing up the current craft center.

It's now March and crunch time for moving. There is work to be done to make the new craft center ready for move in. There is also moving itself. We only have till the end of March to use the Elmore Road craft center for storage.

Please contact Michelle or myself as soon as possible if you are willing to help get the new craft center ready for move in.

Holly Smith

BUILDING UPDATES

Due to the hard work of many volunteers the dry wall is almost complete in the new facility. A huge thank you goes out to Hal Argabright's son-in-law, who is not a member of the club. He does drywall for a living and was very gracious to volunteer a number of his days and evenings to help get our drywall up. He has also volunteered to do the taping and mudding of the drywall. But there are still 30 sheets of drywall that need to go up before he can do that.

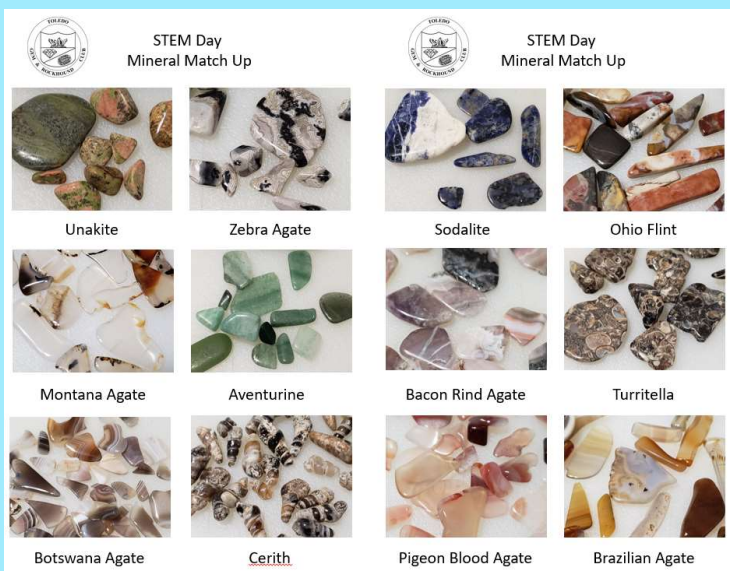
Once the drywall has been taped and mudded, we will need to get it painted. So there is still plenty of volunteers needed to complete these steps. Please contact Michelle or myself if you can help finish the drywall or are willing to paint.



STEM DAY SUCCESS

Cub Scout Pack 149 was very gracious to invite the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club to its first annual Stem Day event. The event was to promote the Boy Scout's of America Nova Awards and STEM program. STEM stands for Science Technology Engineering and Math. They also wanted to highlight, for the children and families, local STEM resources like: the Imagination Station, UT Rocket Motorsports, Northwest State Community College Robotics and more.

Club member Diane Bieber, Tom Marok, Kealy Goodale, Kiara Goodale, and our President Holly Smith were there to make TGRC's space the best at the event. Diane brought some gorgeous fluorescent rocks for the kids to see. Tom Marok brought a wonderful selection of fossils as well as some shark teeth for the kids to keep. Holly created two sand pits filled, run by Kealy, Kiara, and herself, with mineral specimens, donated by Joanna Toepfer, mixed into the sand.



Each member of the TGRC group their received an event badge. A Cub Scout Pack leader came to the table halfway through the event to let our members know that kids and parents that had been at our table an hour before were still talking about it. The Pack is already planning to have us come back next for next years STEM Day event.

While at the event the representative from the Imagination Station came and requested the club's contact information. The representative was so impressed by our display and activities that she wants to have TGRC come to their Girl's STEM event February next year. Way to go TGRC!

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 6th – Board Meeting 6:45pm at the new craft center. Bring a camping chair to sit.
- March 18th– Club Meeting 7pm at the Common Space Center for Creativity - 1700 N Reynolds Rd. There will be an auction to benefit metal crafters so bring your items to auction.
- March 20th – 2020 Show Team Meeting at the new craft center. All club members are welcome to come and help plan. Due to not knowing final completion date of the club please feel free to bring a camping chair just in case there are not enough seats.
- March Mondays – New craft center work sessions 11am to 3pm led by Michelle.
- Keep an eye on the Facebook page for new work sessions popping up throughout the month.

OPEN POSITIONS

- Juniors Program – This is a Co-Chairs position. One chairperson to handle the elementary juniors and one chairperson to handle the junior high and high school juniors. This program meets once a month.
- Open House – Chairperson to take over the open houses. They will need to head up the planning and location of a Spring and a Fall open house.
- Club Photographer – Individual to attend club events and group meetings to take photographs.
- Rocky Reader Editor – Individual to communicate with all groups, the board, and chairpersons to gather information to produce each month's newsletter.

If anyone is interested in one of the above positions, please contact Holly Smith for more information or to let her know of your interest.

GROUP UPDATES

Currently all craft groups are on break until the new craft center is complete. Please volunteer to either lead a work session or participate in one. More volunteers the quicker we can get our move complete and get back to crafting.

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VOLUNTEERS

All club members are needed for scheduled work sessions and to lead addition sessions. Please contact any board member if you are willing to lead a session. Also please call the session lead if there is bad weather to make sure the work session is still taking place.