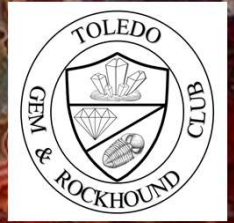


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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Club Members -

Welcome to September! It's a time of changes in the weather, for schools, and life. It's a time to finish one chapter and start another. It's a time to honor the labor of American workers and all the achievements they have made through the hard work and dedication. It's a time to be inspired to follow in their foot steps and pour our hearts into and hard work into something beyond just ourselves. To invest in a lasting legacy for our community. May this September be a time for us as a club to come together to complete the new facility and begin spreading our love & knowledge of rocks and minerals to our community.

Holly Smith

BUILDING UPDATES

The date has been set. We will have a soft opening (club members only) of the new club Sunday October 4th. There is a lot to get done but much of it is small things that as a club we should be able to knock out.

One thing that is needed is someone to help with putting the sinks in. We had a club member who volunteered to do this and then had to step back due to health concerns. We have contacted plumbers to quote the job and the lowest quote at the moment is \$4,000.00. So if anyone can do plumbing or know someone who could help please contact Joanna Toepfer or Holly Smith. We would love to save as much cost on getting the sinks installed as we can for the club.

We will be having work sessions to help finish and get ready for the soft opening. Work sessions we be as follows:

Monday the 14th, 21th, & 28th from 6pm to 8:30pm
Wednesday the 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th from 2pm to 6pm
Saturday the 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th from 10am to 2pm

Examples of some items that need to be completed are:

- Paint dresser in bathroom for storage
- Move doors from faceter's to storage
- Clean paint from cove molding.
- Bolt rolling mill to the floor
- Bolt vice to the bench
- Add doors to saw room cabinet
- Clean equipment
- Hang brooms and mops in front closet

Work session leaders will have a complete list of items to be finished up. It time for all hands on deck for the final push to get our new facility up and running. If you are unable to do work, donations are always a great alternative. Please come to a work session and lend a little elbow grease and see what a wonder our new facility is.

Please remember to wear a mask as this is the State of Ohio's current regulations.

BUILDING UPDATES

To help get everyone excited for our opening here are some photos of the new facility.



OPEN POSITIONS

- Open House – Chairperson to take over the open houses.
- Club Photographer – attend club events and group meetings to take photographs.
- Rocky Reader Editor –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.

JUNIORS PROGRAM

Kealey Goodale has graciously volunteered to be our Juniors Program Chair Person.

Juniors will be starting back up the 4th Saturday of the month starting in September. They will meet at the new facility Saturday's from 10am to 2pm.

Anyone wishing to help out with Juniors or know someone who would like to be in the Juniors program please contact Kealey.

CLUB UPDATES

- September Club Meeting is on! Due to the uncertainty of the weather this time of year we have reserved the cafeteria in the Common Space. The room holds 100 so we will have plenty of room to spread everyone out. Masks will be required while indoors.
- Michelle Grigore is willing to make masks for members who need them. They can contact her at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com or text 419-270-7507.
- Ed & Ruby Reynolds are selling a good portion of their rock collection this weekend. Franc Kramic has offered to host the sale at his rock shop. The sale will be September 4th & 5th, at 880 west main St. Morenci MI. Here are a few pictures of what is on sale.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year everyone, membership renewals. It is amazing how much has changed from one September to another. Friendships made, buildings changed, and a pandemic to boot. It is time to renew our memberships. With the increased cost of our new facility the board approved an increase in membership fees effective this renewal. Single membership will increase to \$30 + tax for a total of \$32.18. The family membership will increase to \$50 + tax for a total of \$53.63.

Membership can be renewed at the September club meeting or they can be mailed to: Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club P.O.Box 13268 Toledo, OH 43613



IMPORTANT DATES

- Monthly Club Meeting September 16th 7pm. Common Space 1700 N. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43615.
- New Craft Center Soft Opening (club members only) October 4th. 1pm to 6pm.
- Juniors Program Saturday September 26th from 1pm to 3pm at the new Facility.
- Membership Renewal is this month. We will be accepting renewals at the club meeting or you can mail to the club's P.O. Box: Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club P.O.Box 13268 Toledo, OH 43613
- Club Work Sessions:
 - Monday the 14th, 21st, & 28th from 6pm to 8:30pm
 - Wednesday the 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th from 2pm to 6pm
 - Saturday the 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th from 10am to 2pm
- Please keep an eye on our Facebook page as updates will be posted there throughout the month as things change with COVID changes.

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