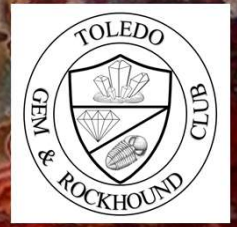


THE ROCKY READER



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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Club Members -

Hope everyone is doing well!
Our club house is officially open and crafter sessions have begun.

So exciting to see people crafting again.

Holly Smith

TIME TO VOTE

It's that time of year where we vote for board positions. Below are the open board positions being voted on and the individuals nominated by the Nominating Committee.

President: Holly Smith

Vice President: Kealy Goodale

Treasurer: Glen Toepfer

Secretary: Jerri Heer

Sergeant at Arms: Todd Goodale

Board Position 3 year term: Steve Stalker

Voting will take place at the November Club Meeting!

CALL FOR CONTENT

This is a call for content for the Rocky Reader. The sincere hope is that the Rocky Reader becomes more than just a club update newsletter. If you are knowledgeable about a certain aspect of Rock Hounding like fossils, rock identification, gem cutting, metal smithing, beading, or anything rock related then write an article and submit it to the Rocky Reader editor.

Let's spotlight our club members and share our knowledge with each other. Send articles from a quarter page up to a full page for inclusion in the rocky reader. Know a great rock hounding spot then send a snippet about it. The Rocky Reader should be a place for our members to share their knowledge with each other. Where we can grow together as a community by sharing our experiences.

Anyone interested can send their article, story, or snippet to Holly Smith at presidenttgrc@gmail.com.

Looking forward to learning new things about rocks and rockhounding from our wonderful members.

OPEN POSITIONS

- Open House – Chairperson to take over the open houses.
- 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.

VOTING TIME

Just a reminder to come to the November club meeting and vote for your board.

Please remember you must have a current membership to be able to vote.

Masks must be worn at the meeting.

November meeting will be held at the Common Space in the Cafeteria.

CLUB UPDATES

- October Club Meeting was a nice time to talk with members and see people we haven't seen most of the year. We had about 10 members (not including board members) attend. It was lovely to see our members again.
- November Club meeting will be held at the Common Space 1700 N. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43615. Look forward to seeing even more club members. The meeting will start at 7pm.
- William Miniard is selling his lapidary equipment and rocks. He has saws, grinders, flatlap, rough rocks, slabs, and tons of other lapidary items. He also has large quantity of jewelry equipment like flexshaft, kiln, spin caster and more. If you are interested, please email William at william_j@live.com.
- Calling all Moderators or those who would like to be moderators. In opening the new facility we need all current moderators to please contact Holly Smith at presidenttgrc@gmail.com with dates and times you are willing to moderator sessions. If you are not currently a moderator but you are interested in being a moderator, please contact the current moderator for your crafting group. Here are the current moderators:
 - Metal Smithing – Michelle Grigore
 - Gem Crafting – Joanna Toepfer & Michelle Grigore
 - Faceting – Elie Ghanime
 - Beaders – Nancy Grove
 - Extreme Beaders – Kathy Petersen

CRAFTER SESSIONS

Gem crafting open work sessions: The fee has increased to \$2/hour. We need to keep everyone healthy so masks must be worn properly (over the nose and mouth) and hand sanitizer used. No one will be able to stay if they exhibit signs of infection. Social distancing may not be possible in certain areas of the new shop. All participants are expected to disinfect their work surfaces at the beginning and completion of machine, saw or table use.

Tuesdays 10 am to 3 pm: October 6, 13, 20 and 27

Sundays 11 am to 4 pm: October 11, 18 and 25

Please be aware that not all of our equipment is available until a water system is installed in the back room. And equipment is subject to being taken offline as repairs are needed. If you'd like to learn how to maintain our gem crafting equipment, please contact Michelle Grigore (text 419-270-7507 or email mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com).

Metal crafter open work sessions: The fee has increased to \$2/hour. We need to keep everyone healthy so masks must be worn properly (over the nose and mouth) and hand sanitizer used. No one can stay if they exhibit signs of infection. Social distancing will be difficult in the two metal crafter rooms if we have several people working. All participants are expected to disinfect their work surfaces at the beginning and completion of machine, tool, saw or bench/table use.

Wednesdays 10 am to 3 pm: October 7, 14, 21 and 28

Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm: October 10, 17, 24 and 31

Are you interested in jewelry making?

If you are new to metal crafting, please contact Michelle Grigore (text 419-270-7507 or email mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com) to schedule a lesson in making your first pendant. Students will learn to use jewelry hand tools, shop tools, the soldering station, setting tools and finishing equipment. Be prepared to spend 3 to 5 hours making your first pendant, which is usually spread over two days. Once you've been cleared on the use of club equipment, you can begin to work on your own projects during one of the open work sessions. The initial class is just \$25 and includes materials and a cabochon for a small sterling silver pendant.

Beaders it's time to craft again. Shirley Stieb has offered to run a beaders crafting session on Tuesday's at the new facility. For November she will run sessions on the 10th and 24th from 10am to 3pm. If you are interested, please RSVP by texting Shirley at 419.279.5767 so she will know who to expect.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year everyone, membership renewals. It is amazing how much has changed from one year 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 November club meeting or they can be mailed to: Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club P.O.Box 13268 Toledo, OH 43613



IMPORTANT DATES

- Monthly Club Meeting November 18th at 7pm. Common Space 1700 N. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43615.
- Juniors Program Saturday November 27th from 1pm to 3pm at the new Facility.
- Membership Renewal. 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
- Crafter Sessions:
 - Gem Crafters: Tuesdays 10 am to 3 pm: November 10, 17, and 24
Sundays 11 am to 4 pm: November 8, 15, 22, and 29
 - Metal Crafters: Wednesdays 10 am to 3 pm: November 11, 18, and 25
Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm: November 7, 14, 21, and 28th
 - Beaders: Tuesdays 10am to 3pm: November 10 and 24 RSVP with Shirley Stieb

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