

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club



Letter from the President

Hello fellow rockhounds. It was standing room only at our June meeting. Everyone enjoyed our speaker Erik Rintamaki, the "Yooperlite Guy" telling his amazing and interesting stories about yooperlites and how he discovered them. We are pleased to inform everyone that Erik and his yooperlites will be at our show in September.

Preparations have begun for the show. More needs to be done. Now it is your turn. I need YOUR help. Join us on Saturday, July 13th. We will start at 9am until whenever we're finished. We will be cleaning the display cases and getting items ready to take to the show. Come when you are able, stay with us as long as you can.

A huge thank you to Mike, Joyce, Bill, Deb and Steve for sharing their rockhound knowledge and adventures with students at the Delta library and Sylvania's Historical Half-pints in June.

If you are donating items to TGRC, we would like to acknowledge your gift. Let a moderator know what you are donating or write a little note. Tell us who you are and if you want the club to use it or if it is for an auction.

Speaking of auctions, we will have an auction in August. This auction will benefit the club. Next month's Rocky Reader will have a preview of some of the items we will be auctioning. Make plans to join the fun.

Have a safe Fourth of July!

Diane Bieber
President

July Birthstones

Modern: Ruby,
Traditional: Ruby, Carnelian
Alternate: Turquoise
Ancient Hebrew: Onyx

If you would like a detailed breakdown, you can check out the following site:

<https://www.gia.edu/birthstones>



What's My Rock?

Rock identification booth

Bring your rock, fossil or mineral to be identified by our experts!

SEPTEMBER 6-8 2024

Bowling Green, OH



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Workshops

Make Your First Pendant Class

Sunday, Aug 4 from 11 am to 3 pm.

Students will learn how to cut metal, make a bezel and back plate, solder, polish and set a stone.



There are two parts to this class; the first three- hour session is scheduled by contacting instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before the above date.

Members pay \$45, non-members \$55. All materials provided to complete a small sterling silver pendant with a polished gemstone cabochon.

Piercing class

Sunday, July 28 - 12 to 3 pm.

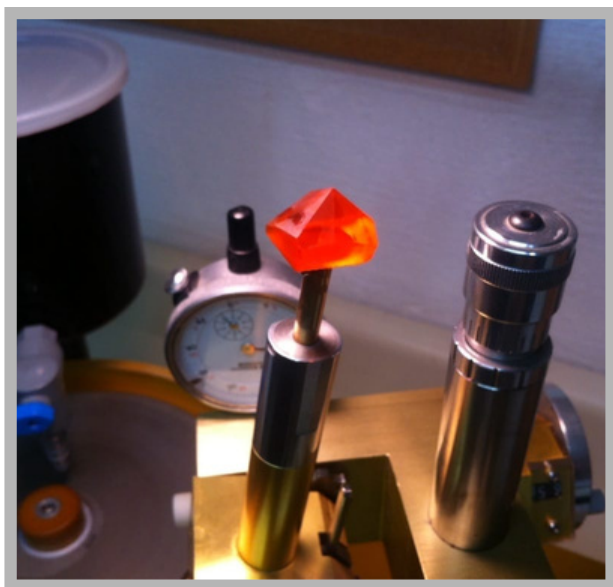
This session is for those with little or no experience with the jeweler's saw. You do not need previous metal crafting experience. We will cover the setup, care and use of the saw to cut thin metals such as copper sheet. Materials and tools will be provided. I can take up to 5 students.

If you want to sign up, email me (michael.cameron@utoledo.edu) or call (419 276-0280). Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Examples of some of my piercings are shown below.



Club News

In June, Erik Rintamaki otherwise known as the “Yooperlite Guy” came to our club and spoke with us about his finds pertaining to Yooperlites! We had a huge turnout! A special thank you to Erik for coming to our club again and speaking with us all!



Our club was invited to the Delta Public Library to share some stories and treasures with them! It was a huge success! Just look at those smiles! Thank you to the members that went and the Delta Library for having us



Congratulations and thank you, to our member Anthony Bishop Gregory II! The club sent him to William Hollands School Of Lapidary Arts to be trained in faceting! He will be the Moderator for the clubs faceting classes!

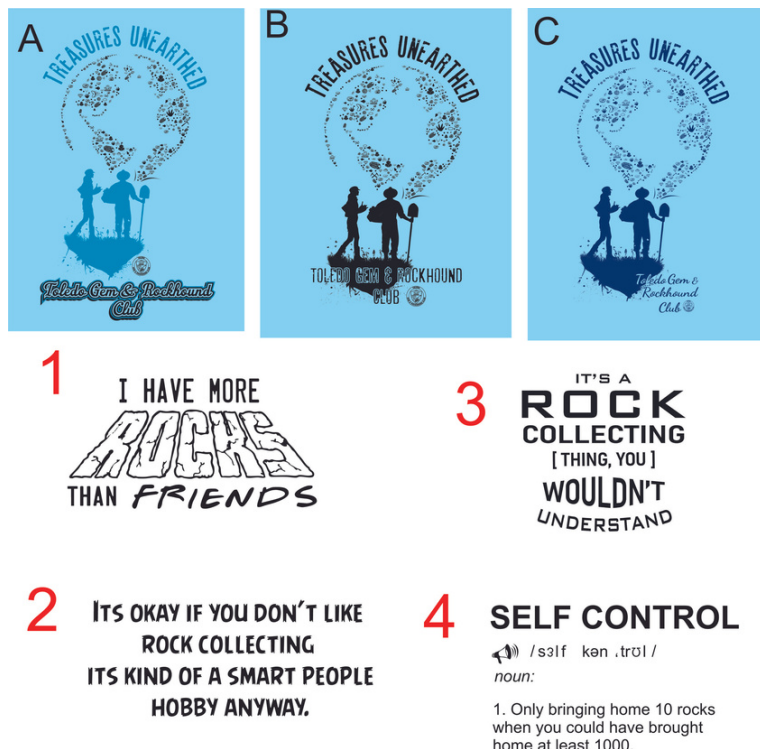


Club News

We are excited to present a selection of graphic options for the volunteer T-shirts for the upcoming show in September 6 - 8 2024 in Bowling Green. These designs have been thoughtfully created to reflect the spirit and enthusiasm of our volunteers, ensuring that they stand out and feel appreciated.

We highly value your input and encourage you to review the options provided below. Please take a moment to vote for your favorite design or reach out with any questions or suggestions you may have regarding the T-shirt designs. Kindly send your responses to teejjackson@gmail.com.

Your feedback is crucial in helping us choose the perfect design for our dedicated volunteers. Thank you for your participation!



Let's jazz things up a bit and give you all the need-to-know info!

Mark your calendars for our **Monthly Meeting**, coming up on the third **Wednesday, July 17th at 7:00 PM**. But that's not all - we've got an exciting **Show Meeting** lined up just before at **5:00 PM** on the same day.

We're also on the lookout for some enthusiastic volunteers to help us get prepped for the big show in September. Ready to roll up your sleeves? Join us for a fun-filled morning of cleaning the show cases on **Saturday, July 13th at 9:00 AM**.

Let's make this a team effort and have some fun along the way!

Several years ago, gemstone carver Naomi Sarna visited the tanzanite mines in Tanzania to select a piece of rough to carve for an international competition. At the time the Tanzanian government did not allow tanzanite larger than one gram to be exported. In fact, to get a large enough piece of rough tanzanite, Sarna had to start carving at the mine, working with a flashlight, in a rubble strewn room, finishing it when she returned to her studio. The result was L'Heure Bleu sculpture, which won a First-Place Spectrum Award for carving from the American Gem Trade Association

On Saturday, March 9, 2024 a Guinness World Records™ was set at the Museum by L'Heure Bleu. It was verified as the world's largest cut tanzanite – at 703.4 carats – by two independent witnesses and a Guinness adjudicator.

The expert witnesses, Jessie English of J.S. English Appraisals and Madeline Sanders of Oregon Estate Jewelry, weighed L'Heure Bleu on two separate scales. They then examined the tanzanite and performed tests to make sure it was not another material, such as glass. After these tasks were completed, the Guinness adjudicator verified and announced the results to the crowd that was present for the event.

Touched by the community and the poverty she witnessed while teaching the Maasai women how to make jewelry from tanzanite, Sarna announced that profits from the sale of the L'Heure Bleu carving would go to the Maasai to provide eye care for the community through the world recognized Casey Eye Institute of Portland, Oregon.

703-Carat Tanzanite Sets Guinness World Record



L'Heure Bleu

Carved by Naomi Sarna, the “L'Heure Bleu” is now the world's largest cut tanzanite. In a ceremony last month, Naomi Sarna's carved 703-carat “L'Heure Bleu” set a Guinness World Record as the world's largest cut tanzanite. Its sterling silver base is inspired by the winds of Tanzania's Great Rift Valley. Hillsboro, Ore.



Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies

Did you know that our club is part of the MWF?

History

The MWF was organized in the late 1940's. The Society is a member of the American Federation Of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) and was one of the original four founders of it. The Wisconsin Geological Society was one of the three clubs involved in the creation of the MWF in 1940. The MWF encompasses 12 states and has about 109 different clubs. Membership is open to both adult and junior societies located in the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, and parts of Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, plus a few clubs in Arkansas.

Events

**MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES
ANNUAL SHOW AND CONVENTION**

AUGUST 23-25, 2024

HOSTED BY THE PEORIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Eastside Centre
1 Eastside Drive
East Peoria, IL 61611



We want to
thank you!

We Wanted to say thank you to all members of the MWF!

Rock Shows

40th ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL, JEWELRY, & FOSSIL SHOW!

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Gemstones
Fossils
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10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (no entry after 4:30)
\$5 w/Flyer, Post Card, or Digital \$6 ADULTS/\$8 2-DAY PASS
Children under 12 FREE



Lakeland Gem Club- 7/12/2024

Start Date: 07/12/2024

End Date: 07/13/2024

Hours: Fri 10:00AM - 6:00PM

Sat 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Venue: Lakeland High School

Address: 9573 State Highway 70

Minocqua, WI 54548

Website: www.Lakeandgemclub.org

Types: Gems, Fossils, Equipment, Jewelry

**JEWELRY, GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL
SHOW & SALE 2024**

AUGUST 16, 17, & 18

- * JEWELRY & MINERAL DEALERS
- * DISPLAYS
- * LAPIDARY ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS
- * KIDS KORNER
- * DOOR PRIZES
- * SILENT AUCTION
- * EXHIBITS & MORE!



Friday 10 am to 7 pm
Saturday 10 am to 7 pm
Sunday 10 am to 5 pm
Admission - Adults/Kids 12 & up \$5.00
Parking - Free Kids under 12 - Free

For more information visit us at:
www.MichianaGMS.org
www.facebook.com/MichianaGemAndMineralSociety

New Venue-Same Location!

**St Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds
Commercial Building**
5117 South Ironwood Road
(Ironwood and Jackson Road) South
Bend, Indiana 46614



LIMAGS ANNUAL JULY MINERAL & GEM SHOW
- 07/27/2024

Start Date: 07/27/2024

End Date: 07/28/2024

Hours: 10:00AM - 5:00PM

Venue: Mattituck - Cutchoque Sr/Jr High School

Address: 15125 Main Rd

MATTITUCK, NY 11952

Website: <https://www.limineralandgeology.com/LiMags/Home.html>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

Lakeland Gem Club, Ltd. Presents the:

**55th Annual
Gem & Mineral
Show**

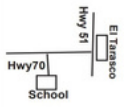
**Friday, July 12th, 10 a.m.-6p.m.
& Saturday, July 13th, 9a.m.-5p.m., 2024**

Lakeland High School, Minocqua, WI
9573 State Highway 70, Minocqua, WI

Gems
Beads
Minerals
Fossils
Jewelry
Kid stuff
Demonstrations
Silent Auction
Grab Bags



**Free
Admission**



**Go With The
Green**

For information please go to:
web site: Lakelandgemandmineralsclub.org

Michiana Gem and Mineral Society-
8/16/2024

Start Date: 08/16/2024

End Date: 08/18/2024

Hours: Fri 10:00AM - 7:00PM

Sat 10:00AM - 7:00PM

Sun 10:00AM - 5:00 PM

Venue: St Joseph County Fairgrounds

Address: 5117 South Ironwood Road

South Bend, IN 46614

Website: <https://www.michianagms.org/>

Types: Mineral Shows, Jewelry

**Please send any pictures, articles, or other relevant ideas to
editor.rockyreader@gmail.com for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.**

Rock Shows

Our yearly club show is coming up fast! We are calling for any volunteers that can help to please do so and sign up! By volunteering you will have free admission for that day and would be doing the club a great service!

If you are a member of the club and are interested please use the link below or email directly to trgcsowvolunteers@gmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAC2BABF4C52-50136971-2024>

53rd Annual Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Show

TREASURES UN-EARTHED

SEPTEMBER 6-8 2024

New Friday Hours

Fri. 10am -6pm

Sat. 10am-6pm

Sun. 11am-5pm

Pratt Pavillion
Wood County Fairgrounds
13800 W Poe Rd
Bowling Green, OH

\$1 off w/this coupon

\$6 Entry 3 Day pass \$12

Kids 12 and under FREE

Scouts in uniform FREE

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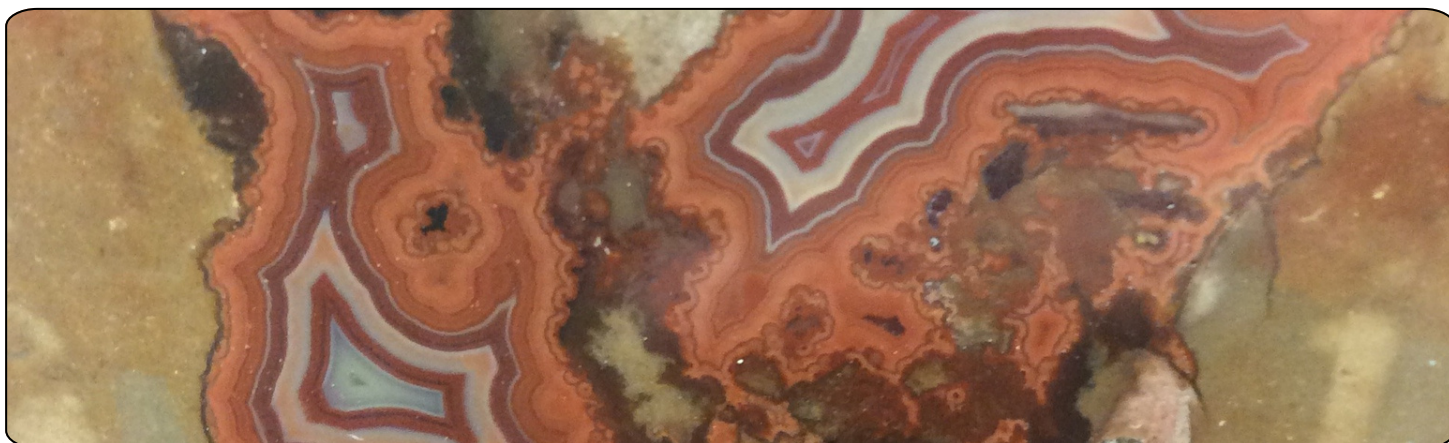
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Calendar

July 2024

- Rocky Reader
- GEM CRAFTERS
- EXTREME BEADERS
- METAL CRAFTERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 1:00PM Metal Crafters 1pm-4pm	2 10:00AM Extreme Beaders 10am-2pm	3	4	5	6
7 12:00PM Metal Crafters 12-3	8 1:00PM Metal Crafters 1pm-4pm	9 10:00AM Extreme Beaders 10am-2pm	10	11 11:00AM Gem Crafters 11-3 Mike 3:30PM Metal Crafters 3:30-6:30	12	13 9:00AM Show Display Cleaning come help 9 am
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21 12:00PM Metal Crafters 12-3	22 1:00PM Metal Crafters 1pm-4pm	23 10:00AM Extreme Beaders 10am-2pm	24	25 11:00AM Gem Crafters 11-3 Mike 3:30PM Metal Crafters 3:30-6:30	26	27
28 12:00PM Piercing Class Mike	29 1:00PM Metal Crafters 1pm-4pm	30 10:00AM Extreme Beaders 10am-2pm	31	1	2	3

Calendar

August 2024

- Rocky Reader
- GEM CRAFTERS
- EXTREME BEADERS
- METAL CRAFTERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 12:00PM Piercing Class Mike	29 1:00PM Metal Crafters 1pm-4pm	30 10:00AM Extreme Beaders 10am-2pm	31	1	2	3
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