



Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

November 2024



Letter from the President

Hello my fellow rockhounds. This will be a busy month for us. We have three different "Make and Take" classes. The flint knapping class is full but we have two other classes that you may be interested in. The first is the stained glass Sun Catcher. Steve will once again be the instructor for this endeavor. Sherm will show us how to wire wrap a cabochon. There are further details about these classes, costs and dates in this issue of the Rocky Reader. Class size is limited. Don't wait too long to make your reservation.

Going, going, gone! Those are the words you will hear at the auction after our November meeting. We will have many fantastic items up for bid including some Native American artifacts, jewelry made by our members and a beautiful fluorite specimen that had been in Chet King's collection. We will also have elections for officers during the business portion of the meeting.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2025.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Birthstones

Modern: Citrine

Traditional: Topaz

Alternate: Beryl

Ancient Hebrew: Topaz

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

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

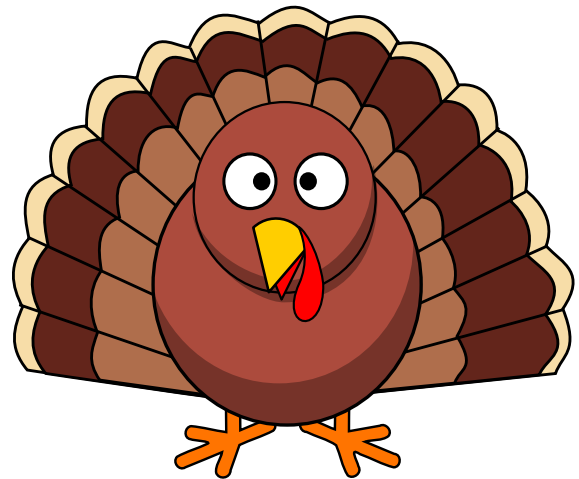


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Workshops

Make Your First Pendant Class

Saturday, Nov 2 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.

Register by contacting instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before the above date.

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

Flint Knapping Class

Sunday, Nov 17 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Steve Laut, widely acclaimed flint knapper, will teach a flint knapping class on Sunday, November 17th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Class size is limited to 6 people. \$50 for members, \$60 for non members.
2453 Tremainsville Rd, Toledo, OH

Contact Diane at quartz1tgrc@gmail.com to reserve your spot.



Before leaving the craft center after your session, make sure that the thermostat is set for the appropriate temperature, all indoor lights are turned off, all doors are locked, the restroom door is locked and the key is on the hook, and the exterior door including the deadbolt is locked. It has been brought to my attention that occasionally some of these things have not been done properly. For everyone's safety and security you must review your checklist before leaving the premises.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Stained Glass Class

Sunday, Nov 24 from 1 Pm to 5 pm.

Students will learn how to Create a stained glass sun-catcher.

Register by contacting instructor Steve Stalker at sstalker@bex.net at least a week before the above date.

There is a limit of six students. Members pay \$30, non-members \$40. All materials provided.

Wire Wrap Class

Sunday, Nov 24 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Students will learn how to wire wrap a cabochon. All tools and materials will be provided.

Register by contacting instructor Sherman Kardatzke at notjustrocks2017@gmail.com at least a week before the above date.

Members pay \$45 non-members \$55. All materials provided to complete a small wire wrap pendant.





2025 Elections

Voting for the 2025 election will be taking place at the November meeting. The newly elected officials will be sworn during December.

The nominations for 2025 are as follows

President- Diane Bieber- incumbent (permission to run for 3rd year was approved)

Vice President- Teej Jackson- incumbent

Secretary - Deb Oswald

Treasurer- Steve Stalker- incumbent

Sergeant-of-arms - Bill Oswald- incumbent

Board Member - William Miniard

Thanks to all who agreed to run.

Nomination committee: Michelle Grigore, Mike Cameron, and Shirley Stieb

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Auction

At Novembers club meeting, we will be holding an another auction. Lots of great items including Jewelry, Minerals, and Artifacts. You dont want to miss it! Nov 20th at 7:00PM.



Club News

Hey everyone! One of our group members has been working on another fun activity for members to participate in. Max has written about it explaining what he has planned!

Thank you Max!

Hello TGRC! For those interested, I am revitalizing an older aspect of the club. The Collectors will be a new/old group within the club, using the original ideas of the Mineral Collectors group and expanding upon what Collecting means as a whole in our community. What is a Rock Hound? This group will work to answer that question and more. In this group, my goal will be to explore and educate. Concerning the education side of things, we will be focusing on the classic who, what, where, when, why, and how.

Who can you speak to about collecting in our community?

Who can you speak to about accessing private property to find new and exciting collecting sites?

What tools do you need to collect certain materials? What sort of resources should you have while collecting?

Where can you collect it? Where can you find information regarding certain materials that are reliable and consistent?

When is the best time to go beachcombing versus digging? When should you begin stabilizing material or cleaning your fossils after collecting them?

Why you should collect? Why do certain materials need more attention and care than others? Why you need to care about how you treat what you collect.

How do you safely transport, prepare, and stabilize materials so you can use them or display them? How do I identify what I find in the field and at home?

Once the colder weather passes a bit I will be putting together outings and trips to go collecting. But that will be something to discuss during 2025.

Meetings will be on the third Monday of every month from 6 pm to 8 pm. I will try to be in the shop itself on Mondays at said time to be available for questions or concerns. I will be there working on materials or identifying specimens as best I can.

Rock Shows

International Gem & Jewelry Show -

Start Date: 11/01/2024

End Date: 11/03/2024

Hours: Fri 12:00-6:00 Sat 10:00-6:00 Sun
11:00-5:00

Venue: Ohio Expo Center & State Fair

Address: 717 E 17th Ave

Ohio Expo Center & State Fair

Columbus, OH 43211

Website: <https://www.intergem.com/>

Types: Jewelry & Lapidary Shows

Mid Michigan Rock Club Annual Show

Start date: 11/02/2024

End date: 11/03/2024

Hours: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: Chippewa Nature Center

Address: 400 S Badour Rd, Midland, MI
48640, USA

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Contact: Laura Foster, (989) 513-7259;
pop345corn@sbcglobal.net

Miami County Gem & Mineral Club Holiday Sale-

Start Date: 11/13/2024

End date: 11/13/2024

Hours: 7:00 - 9:00pm

Venue: Troy View Church of God

Address: 1770 N County Rd 25A, Troy, OH
45373, USA

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Mary Manning, (937) 552-4705;

manningsrockshop@live.com www.mcgamc.org

North West Ohio Rockhound Club Annual Show-

Start date: 11/23/2024

End date: 11/24/2024

Hours: Saturday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: St James Lutheran Church

Address: 4727 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH
43623, USA

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Contact: Suzanne Shimatzki, (419) 376-2650;
sshimatzki@gmail.com

St. Louis Mineral & Gem Society Annual Show-

Start date: 11/22/2024

End date: 11/23/2024

Hours: Friday, 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Saturday, 10:00am - 7:00pm

Venue: Affton Community Center

Address: 9801 MacKenzie Rd, Affton, MO 63123, USA

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 Gem Crafters
 Extream Beaders
 Metal Crafters

November 2024

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10 1:00 PM Gem Crafters 1-4 Erika	11	12 10:00 AM Extream Beaders 1:00 PM Metal Crafters 1-4 Michelle	13	14 11:00 AM Gem Crafters 11-3 Mike	15	16 10:00 AM Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm 12:00 PM Metal Crafters 12-3 Michelle
17	18	19 10:00 AM Extream Beaders 1:00 PM Metal Crafters 1-4 Michelle	20 7:00 PM Monthly Club Meeting 7:00 PM Club Auction	21 11:00 AM Gem Crafters 11-3 Steve	22	23
24 1:00 PM Stained Glass Class Steve 10:00 AM Wire Wrap Class Sherm	25	26 10:00 AM Extream Beaders	27	28 Thanksgiving No Work Session	29	30 10:00 AM Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm

December 2024

- Rocky Reader
- Gem Crafters
- Extream Beaders
- Metal Crafters

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