



Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club



Boo!



Letter from the President

We did it again. Another successful show made possible by all of our members. Thank you to everyone for all your help accomplishing this feat. It's hard to acknowledge all those who helped as I don't want to leave anyone out. I will give a special thank you to Jim and Jerri, the show co-chairs. They did an outstanding job of coordinating the volunteers and vendors into making this a magnificent show. Also, a huge thank you to Mary, Michelle, Sherm and Jerri for donating their beautiful prizes to our scholarship raffle. The chance of winning a hand-crafted item by one of our members was a motivation for many visitors to purchase a raffle ticket.

Steve will give a report on the show at the October meeting. There will be an auction at the November meeting. The auction will benefit the gem crafters. Some of the items that will be up for bid are various Early American artifacts and a gorgeous fluorite mineral specimen.

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the flint knapping class on November 17th. We have reached our maximum number of participants. The class is full.

Happy Halloween!

Diane Bieber
President

Birthstones

Modern: Opal

Traditional: Opal

Alternate: Tourmaline

Ancient Hebrew: Beryl/Auqamarine

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.



Attention All Moderators

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.

"Treasures Unearthed" 2024 Was A Real Gem!

One thing we learned: The enthusiasm and energy of "Treasures Unearthed," Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club's (TGRC) 53rd annual show, comes from the dedication of the Club volunteers who made it all happen. Thank you all! We're still finalizing the show statistics, but initial results look very good.

Nearly 1,500 visitors came through the doors at the Wood County Fairground's Pratt Pavilion. They were met with dazzling displays of earthly delights from around the globe.

This year's new entry path worked well. Visitors walked directly into a showplace of TGRC attractions. Rows of display cases highlighting Club members' creations brought admiration for the designs and quality. The expanded Youth & Family Activities area introduced younger visitors to hands-on gem tree and rock-related activities. The new "Cave of Secrets" UV light display tent was visited by children of all ages, (including some in their 60's and 70's.) Club merchandise, door prizes and scholarship raffle prizes created great interest in TGRC.

Best of all, we had new members sign up to join TGRC. Demonstrations were reintroduced this year. TGRC "Extreme Beaders" showed their skills, Mike Cameron made finely detailed chains and guest vendor Steve Laut knapped flint arrowheads and knives. All undoubtedly inspired show visitors to try some new techniques.

About 30 vendors displayed and sold their wares and were pleased with the turnout. We did hear some "complaints" from customers: Some said they just couldn't resist the outstanding merchandise offered and ended up spending more than they had expected. (That's one problem we hope gets worse!)

As our annual show, "Treasures Unearthed" is our biggest fundraiser and it sustains our club. Thanks to everyone for their support & patronage, with extra appreciation for those who volunteered their time and talents. More show details will be in upcoming editions of Rocky Reader.

Submitted by:
Jim Nowak
"Treasures Unearthed" co-chair



Rock Shows

Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary

Society Rock Swap

Start Date: 10/5/2024

Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Venue: Wayne County Fairgrounds &
RV Park

Address: 10871 Quirk Rd, Belleville,
MI 48111, USA

Website: www.mmls.us

Types: Minerals, Rocks, Lapidary.



Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Show

Start Date: 10/11/2024

End Date: 10/13/2024

Hours: Fri/Sat, Sun 9:00 am- 6:00 pm

Venue: Macomb Sports & Expo Center,

Bldg P Address: 14500 E 12 Mile Rd.,
Warren, MI

Website: www.michmin.org/show-info

Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society Annual Show

Start Date: Fri, October 18, 1pm - 7pm

End Date:

Hours: 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Venue: Ingham County Fairgrounds

Address: 700 E Ash St, Mason, MI 48854,
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Website: www.michrocks.org

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October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  10:00 AM Extream Beaders 1:00 PM Metal Crafters 1-4 Michelle	2	3	4	5  10:00 AM Gem Crafters 10-3 Sherm  12:00 PM Metal Crafters 12-3 Michelle
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13	14	15  10:00 AM Extream Beaders	16  7:00 PM Monthly Club Meeting	17	18	19  12:00 PM Metal Crafters 12-3 Michelle
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November 2024

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