

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club

May 2025



Letter from the President

Hello Fellow Rockhounds

The craft center is clean. Thank you to the amazing members that pitched in to clean the craft center. Thank you to those who donated refreshments. You gave us energy to get the job done in one day.

The Open House on May the 4th will be an exciting event for us. We are ready to show everyone what we can do in our fantastic facility. We need YOUR help. We need members to guide visitors around and explain what our groups can do. We need help at the club tables. And please don't make Tricia do parking lot duty all by herself. Arrive at the craft center at 10:30 in the morning. Will has the list of jobs that need to be filled.

Are you on Facebook? If so check out our Facebook page. Be sure to like us and tell your friends to like us too. There is a lot of good information about the club and our members.

See you at the Open House and have a safe Memorial Day

Diane Bieber
President

Birthstones

Modern: **Emerald**

Traditional: **Emerald**

Alternate: **Chrysoprase**

Ancient Hebrew: **Agate**

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 May 24 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. To register, contact instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before the above date. Class is limited to 4 students. Members pay \$45, non-members \$55. All materials provided to complete a small sterling silver pendant with a polished gemstone cabochon.

Make an Inlaid Ring Class -

Saturday June 28 or July 12 from noon to 3 pm. You'll need to register by May 5, 2025 for this class so the correct ring band size can be ordered.

Participants will learn how to inlay crushed turquoise and bronze into a stainless steel ring. This involves using CA glue and crushed turquoise (courtesy of Diane Bieber). You will hand file the inlay till smooth and then sand/ grind to a high polish. To register, contact instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com by May 5 and specify the date you will attend. Each class is limited to 5 students. Members pay \$30, non-members \$45. All materials are provided to complete a stainless steel and turquoise inlay band.



Attention All Moderators

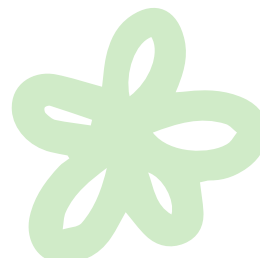
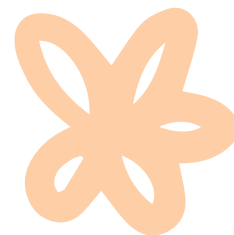
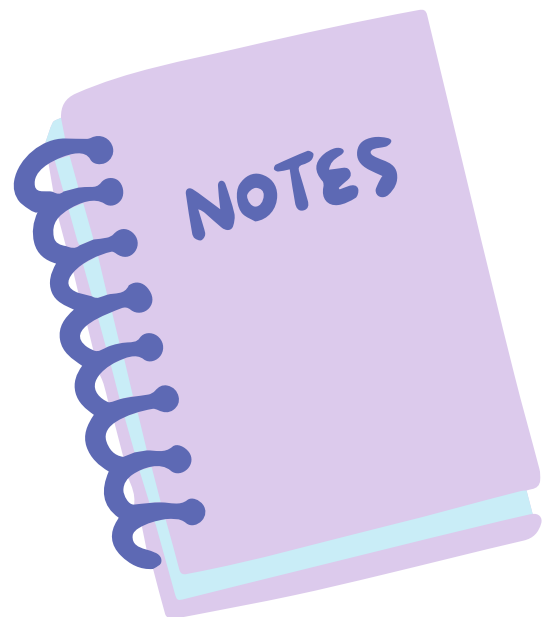
Before leaving the craft center after your session, make sure that the thermostat is set for the appropriate temperature, all indoor lights are turned off, all doors are locked, the restroom door is locked and the key is on the hook, and the exterior door including the deadbolt is locked. It has been 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.

Collection and ID Classes

May 12th- Fix that Fossil!

Those Who have found fossils in the Sylvania area or at all may not know how to clean, fix, or maintain. During this class we will go over some examples of the do's and don'ts in repairing and maintaining your fossil specimens with a focus on lime stone fossil specimens. If you are interested in attending the time is 6PM-8PM on Monday May 12th. Please bring \$4 for club fees.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!!!!

ARTIST: Kent Snyder
DESCRIPTION: Engraving

At first glance, you'll see detail and design that are remarkable. What's even more astonishing about TGRC member Kent Snyder's engravings is that they are done by hand with precise but simple graving tools. No computers involved. No "undo" function if you slip.

When he started engraving, Snyder went in lock, stock & barrel.... literally. He wanted to build an authentic, 18th-century muzzle-loading, black powder rifle: "I noticed that the original German rifles from back then were beautifully decorated. The large expanses of plain metal on my rifle just looked like a desert." As an obscure, nearly lost art, learning how to hand-engage was not easy, but Kent persisted and eventually picked up the skill. He started with hammer and chisel techniques, then added hand-engraving capabilities.

Kent's wife was impressed with his engraving and asked him to make some jewelry for her. With no background in making jewelry, he bought an earring kit and made an engraved pair. Soon he was making and selling more earrings. The next step was adding gemstones to his metal-crafting skills and that led him to the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club.

"Practice, practice, practice," is Kent's advice to anyone interested in learning to engrave. "And you must learn how to draw." That's how Kent recommends you start your design on the surface to be engraved. Another critical point, though, is that "you have to expect to make some mistakes. Sometimes you can fix them, but that's just part of learning how to engrave."

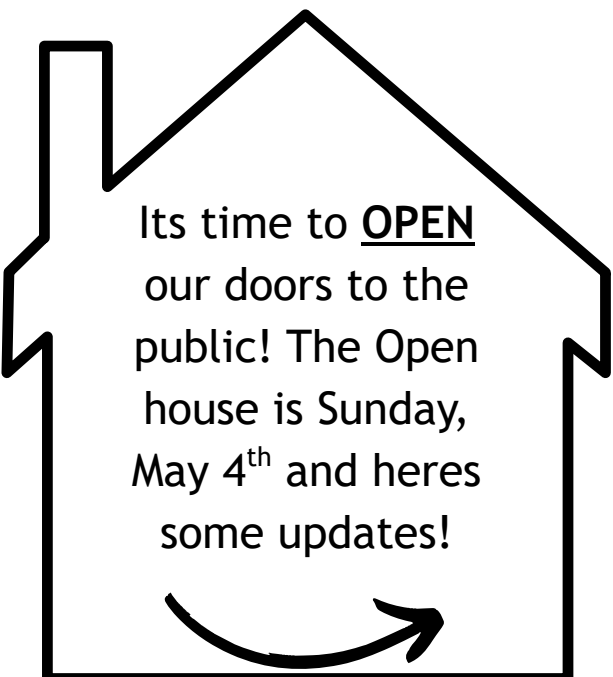
Creativity has been an integral part of Kent's life. His mother painted watercolors and growing up, he regularly received art supplies as gifts. He continues to impressively paint, draw, create jewelry and engrave.

Kent recently led an engraving class at TGRC. His initial advice is to "Start out simple. Learn your tools and keep them sharpened."

"Nothing is a secret," says Snyder regarding his knowledge of metal and jewelry crafting. He welcomes any chance to pass along his expertise to fellow TGRC members. Knowing Kent, that's a promise engraved in gold!

-Story & photos by Jim Nowak





Its time to OPEN
our doors to the
public! The Open
house is Sunday,
May 4th and heres
some updates!

The Doors open to the public at 12:00PM, but we are asking that vendors show up at 10:30AM. That way we can get them set up at their tables and everyone has time to unload then set up. We also are asking all Volunteers to show up around 11:00AM. We want to get everyone on the same page, and answer any questions one may have about the position they signed up for! Also the parking situation, and what we have planned! We are hoping for a great turnout! Lets have fun and show them what makes us a great club to be apart of. See you all there! If you have any questions before then, Email editor.rockyreader@gmail.com

A number of members showed up and cleaned house for our cleaning day that was held in late April. We really appreciate everyones help to make the place look the best that it can for the open house.

Huge thank you to Raymond and Anthony our moderators from the faceting class. We were down a machine and it was quickly mended by requesting a new machine being obtained. Faceting gemstones is another fun and great activity that we offer at our club! The machine pictured beside this is the one that we got! Now more members can get into class!



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MAY 2025

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JUNE 2025

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