

# Rocky Reader

The Monthly Newsletter Of The  
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## April is the GemCrafter Auction

April is the month for the GemCrafter auction. Know it seems we are always asking you for both donation items and then turning around and asking you to buy them back. BUT BUT BUT by doing things like this, we are able to keep our whole club cost down.

In the past few years, we have replaced the old furnace. This has lowered our fuel costs. We have repainted the craft center. A lot of this material was donated by metal and gem craft members. We replaced lights, our large saw, and added a number of diamond wheels to our existing machines. We are also setting money aside to replace equipment as it wears out.

So, once again with a mouth full of *Giveme* but also with a hand full of *look what you have helped us to do*. Submitted by Chet King Jr.



The **May** meeting begins at **6PM with a Potluck**. Please remember to bring **your own table service PLUS:**

A **meat dish** if your name begins with I-Q

A **vegetable dish** if your name begins with R-Z

A **dessert** if your name begins with A-H



## CONTEST RULES

1. Contestants must be paid up members.
2. Each member may enter up to 5 cabochons.
3. Cabs may be either freeformed or formed. Cabs cannot be mounted.
4. Judges will consider design, quality, material, originality, and natural beauty of cab.
5. Contestants will place cabs on individual plates for each contestant, with their name written on the bottom of their plate, so

there may be no question as to favoritism in judging. Judges may not see contestants or cabs until cabs are placed on judging table.

6. Contest will be June 15, before the meeting.

7. Awards will be ribbons. Blue first prize, red second, yellow third, white fourth.

8. All winners will display their cabs at the gem show in September. Winners may choose to donate their cabs for a separate auction at the September show. Proceeds from sales of cabs will be divided; 50% to the owner, and 50% to the club. The club will use the profits for our scholarship fund.

9. Judges will be chosen at the April meeting. Judges may not be contestants.

Submitted by Larry Barrick, President

## Minutes of the Club Meeting February 16, 2005

Prior to the meeting, members reviewed and bid on donated items for the metal craft silent auction. Auction earned \$652.50.

Meeting called to order by Vice President, Jim Leslie at 7:45.

Deb motioned, Harold seconded to accept last month's minutes as printed in the RR

**Treasurer's report** by Linn Petersen given and approved. We saw \$50 to \$70 month savings from email Rocky Reader. We are in good shape fuel-wise thanks to the new furnace savings.

Report on the audit by Jim Leslie. The club lost money from the expenditure of the garage and the Stranahan deposit, which will be recouped, this year by the show. \$1800 dollars loss, which was good, given that there was no show. Audit agreed with the Treasurer's reporting.

**TBG list of activities:** Chet presented the list of needed volunteer activities. Plant sale in May, will need volunteers to help move plants out and help customers. Festival of Arts is the last weekend in June. We need more TG & R volunteers involved. Club open house is the second weekend of May. We will need volunteers. 21st of May is Spring Fling, a new Garden activity. The club will make gem trees and metal craft will have activities. We did get credit for our hours spent building the garage. Hours records are maintained on the craft center calendar

**Gemcrafters:** Rock shows are coming up. First Weds of March will be a safety review. The rest of the meetings will be open cutting.

**Attendance:** 39 members, 2 guests, 2 juniors.

**MetalCraft:** New rolling mill has been purchased, and will be installed once the craft center work is completed. Want to buy a stand for the mill and a bench shear with the auction proceeds.

**Rocky Reader:** will come out next month.

**Beaders:** Will start new year March 21, at 6:30 pm, with introductory class for beading.

**Sunshine:** Peter Jayck (Lucille), a prior member, died on Sunday. He was a former member. Jim and Louise Bank were prior members, and Jim has died.

**Field trips:** March 29 to April 3 Joel Vickery field trip to Kentucky. Attendees can do road cuts and quarries. Fossils, fluorites, dolomites, quartz crystals, geodes, Kentucky agate, and septarian are possibilities. Attendees will go in a motorcade. Meet in Georgetown Kentucky and go caravan. Attendees need to make their own reservations. Good trip. Need mine safety class. The next one will be in June at Stateline club show.

**Show report:** Need three chairman. 1) Case Chairmen. Need to send letters to dealers, announce to club members 2) Raffle chairman. Will be for scholarship raffles. Needs to send out 12 tickets to each member for pre-purchase.. Deb runs pre-addressed envelopes. Also sell tickets at the show and coordinate booth attendants. Mike has agreed to help the chairman. 3) Kid Games. Margy will help the chairman. Prizes already bought. We will need to man the yard display all weekend. We will need people to be there for the early set up on Thurs, to be open by 11 for field trips. We are targeting Science classes, grades 5 through 7, in the area. Still not sure if the dealers will all be able to come early. Some dealers want to close earlier on Sat. night. Sept 9, 20, 11 (the first



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weekend after Labor Day). We have a contract signed with the Stranahan for this year and next.

**Faceteers:** Working to get a monthly meeting in the craft center, probably on a Thursday night

Carla thanked the snack providers. Voted to adjourn at 8:20.

Submitted by Kathy Petersen, club Secretary

### Minutes of the Club Meeting

March 16, 2005

Thanks to Jim Leslie for an interesting program on Devonian silica (Sylvania, Ohio) marine fossils. Now we all know what to look for at Fossil Park this summer.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Barrick, at 7:45 pm.

**Treasurer's report** was approved. Pete will be looking for good interest locations for the CD account.

**Old business:** Nothing current on the shed. Waiting for better weather to begin moving things to the new garage. Still needs siding to be put on. Hoping for better weather in April. Need to get the cases out of the old shed, as they may be getting water damage. Chet to add some tar to roof. Want to get into the garage and build shelves before moving anything into the garage from the old shed.

**Open House** on May 14 and 15. Carla taking reservations for tables. Sign up sheet available.

**May is the Pot Luck.** See RR for food assignments.

Thanks to Sue, Marilyn, Nancy and Rita for bringing in snacks.

**No show meeting until June.** Have individual Chairmen except Hospitality. Ed Bond to carve some rock plaques for the display at the show. He will do a carved ongoing title club rock with founding dates. Still not sure of the school field trip times or if dealers can be available the extra day, so can't print up flyers or pass them out. A nice flyer is ready except for the dates/times, and hopefully will have it ready to go in April. Still working on buying pre-packaged foods, which is all the Stranahan will allow us to sell. Thinking of making coffee that would be gratis. Stranahan gets 10% of all food earnings. When we hand food to the customer, it cannot have been touched, so needs to be all prepackaged. Can not ask for freewill offerings either. Need volunteer chairman for the hospitality room. Rita and Nancy will help coordinate exhibits. Raffle: Linda Scherer; Auction: Harold Burleson; Kid games: Mike Meyer; Kids kits: Ed Reynolds; Rocky Roulette: Marge Jewson; Touch/feel: Lucille Burgy; Dealers: Jeri Heer; Publicity: Deb Hoffmaster. Call the chairman if you can volunteer to help.

**Cabochon contest in June.** Larry to bring in list of rules. Can enter up to five cabs, expect about five winners. Will then donate to the gem show, auction them off and contribute the money to the scholarship raffle. Larry will bring a sign up sheet for the contest which will be in June. Will put cabs on paper plates with names underneath and names not available to bias the judges.

**TBG:** April is a Thank You for volunteers. Club to be given 6-7 tickets, April 8 at five. May: first weekend is plant sale, need volunteers to help customers with finding and moving plants; second weekend is Club Open House. Spring Fling is the 21<sup>st</sup>. Need volunteers to help teach people to make gem trees.

The Show Committee will not meet again until June

**Gem crafters** have their money making Auction at the April meeting. These monies pay for a number of things. The new furnace was primarily paid for by gemcrafters and metalcrafters. Money has gone to painting, diamond grinding equipment, new lighting, replacement of a saw. Important to bring donations to sell and money to buy.

Craft center repair needs temperatures to stay around 60 degrees. Once roof is finished, the contractor will do inside repairs. Let Chet know if members want any specific gemcrafter classes.

**Faceteers** met last Thursday to show a Demo tape. Faceteers will continue to meet regularly on the Second Thursday of the month at the Craft center. If members want to join faceteers, come on second Thursday night at 7pm

Regular **metalcraft** meetings in April

**Attendance:** 32 members, 2 juniors

Membership Directory will be included with Rocky Reader.

**Sunshine:** Earnest Schlosser( Laverne) passed away the 11th of March. He owned a Marina in Michigan.

**Field trip:** Coming up to Southern Ohio March 29 to April 3 with Joel Vickery. Mine safety class April 16. Call Harold or Ed Reynolds. Most mines/quarries require training, so this is needed unless you are working road cuts.

Meeting ended at 8:35 pm

Submitted by Kathy Petersen

### Thelma Postlewaite's Family News

<b>April birthdays:</b>		Dan Neidlinger	4-14	Rebecca Knorek	4-29
Cheryl Breece	4-3	David Farnham	4-14	Catherine VanOften	4-29
Patty Stutz	4-9	Connie Shaw	4-19	<b>Junior Members:</b>	
Linda Scharer	4-12	Martha Bielski	4-20	Molly O'Riordon	4-2

Jody Lynn Meyer	4-	<b>May Birthdays:</b>	
	2	James Maxwell	5-3
	3	Laurie Garman	5-5
Nicholas Hartle	4-	George Burns	5-9
	2	Gayle O'Riordon	5-10
	8	Marty Rine	5-14
		Bill Newell	5-17

Therr former members have died: Peter Jacyk on February 13, 2005; Ernest Schlosser on March 11, 2005 and James Bankey on Feb 5, 2005. Submitted by Lucille Burgy

### GARDEN NEWS

In April, TBG will have a thank you for volunteers. The club will be sent several tickets to be given to people who have worked for the gardens in the last several months. It will be a dinner and fun night in the Conference Center.

**May is a BIG month at the Gardens. The first weekend is the Spring Plant Sale.** This sale makes a lot of money for the gardens and they can use all the help we can give them during this time. They need help on Wednesday and Thursday to move plants from the greenhouses to the front of the park. On Friday - Sunday volunteers are needed to help people find the plants they want and to get plants to cars. It is a fun time, you get to meet a lot of people and even learn about some plants. If you are still in the mood to help, on Monday, they put all the unsold plants back. This is a good chance to build up the club's hours for 2005.

**The second weekend of May is our Open house.** This is a chance to show everyone what the club is about. Sign up for a table, demonstrate in the craft center or help in the kitchen or back room. Call Carla Burleson to see what you can do.

**The third weekend of May is Spring Fling** on Saturday from 9-2. This is an ROC-sponsored event. The club will be showing people how to make gem trees in the craftcenter. We have told the Gardens that we can handle about 10 people/hour with a new class beginning each hour. We will need your help for this event.

### Garden Events

**April 2** – All-day **workshop on photography** will be presented by the **PHOTO ARTS CLUB** – Conference Center - 9 A.M.-5 P.M. For more info: call 419-936-2986 or 419-536-8422 or [www.toledophotoarts.150m.com](http://www.toledophotoarts.150m.com)

**April 7** – The **GARDEN CLUB FORUM** presents “**Scintilla**” – a fashion gourmet luncheon at the Stranahan complex – 11 A.M.

**April 13 - RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS COUNCIL meeting. Conference Center Noon-1 P.M. All resident organizations should be represented.**

**April 27-May 22** – The “**SPRING SHOW**” will be held at **SPECTRUM** Gallery Hours Wednesday-Sunday Noon-4 P.M.  
Take Ins: April 20-24.

**April 29 – May 26** The **TOLEDO ARTISTS' CLUB** will present an “**ABSTRACT SHOW**”. Tuesday-Friday 1-5 P.M., Saturday 1-4 P.M.

May 5-8 - TBG presents its **SPRING PLANT SALE** Info: 419-936-2986



The Fossil Bogg is moving to Florida. There will be a moving sale. For more information, contact Chuck

Warren at 517-439-5632

**May 11 – RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS COUNCIL meeting. Conference Center noon – 1 P.M. All Resident Organizations should be represented.**

**May 14 -15 - TOLEDO GEM AND ROCKHOUNDS' OPEN HOUSE.** Conference Center 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

**May 19** – Deadline for the July-September issue of **CULTIVATION** magazine.

**May 20** – TBG presents the **CROSBY AWARDS LUNCHEON.**

**May 21 – BLACK SWAMP HOSTA AND DAYLILY SOCIETY'S 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Perennial Plant** at Farmer Jack's Supermarket, S. R. 25-Dixie Highway, Perrysburg. 8 A.M. until sold out. Rain or shine!!

**May 20** – The **GARDEN CLUB FORUM** will have a **TRIP AND LUNCH ON THE SANDPIPER** to view the new bridge from the water.

**May 25 – June 19** - The “**NATURE SHOW & RED SHOW**” will be shown at **SPECTRUM**. Gallery hours Wed-Sun Noon-4 P.M. Take ins May 18-22

**May 25 – June 23** The **TOLEDO ARTISTS' CLUB** presents their “**GOLD MEDAL SHOW**”. Tuesday-Friday 1-5 P.M., Saturday 1-4 P.M.

### **FACETEERS**

The Faceeters will be meeting on the **second** Thursday of each month at the Craft Center. For more information on Faceteers, please contact Don Ault.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

A Mine Safety Class will be offered on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Sherry Haas' house. Call Ed Reynolds to join this important class. To be informed of future field trips, please contact Harold Burleson. Please be aware that many quarries now require up to date Mine Safety training for admission.

### **BEADERS**

Beaders meet the third Monday of the month at 6:30 in the craft center. In **April** you will learn all about "right-angle" weaving. This stitch can be used in making everything from jewelry to placemats.. Knitting and crocheting have made a comeback. In **May**, you can see how to integrate beads into your work. Patterns for necklaces, bracelets and purses will be available. In **June**, you can learn to use a loom. This technique is not just for necklaces and bracelets. Come on in and see what else you can do. As always, beads, thread, and needles are available for your use. I'll see you there.

Nancy Grove, Moderator

### **GEMCRAFTERS**

The Gemcrafters will be open every Wednesday except the third. We are also open on the first and third Sundays of the month. At this time, no class has been planned for April, if anyone has a subject they want more information on, please let me know.

Submitted by Chet King Jr.

### **METALCRAFTERS**

The Metalcrafters meet on the first and third Sundays of the month and the second and fourth Thursdays. Beginners are always welcome.

Deb Hoffmaster, moderator

## **Coming Events from Chetty King's Flyer Table**

**April 22-24** - Mt Clemens/Macomb Co. Gem & Mineral Show. Roseville Recreation Dpt., 18185 Sycamore, Roseville, MI. Friday 10-7, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 11-5. Admission: Family - \$6, Adults - \$3, 7-17 - \$1, three Day Adult Pass - \$6, Police, Fire and Military Personnel - free w/ uniform or ID.

**April 29-May 1.** Kalamazoo Gem and Mineral Show. Kalamazoo Co. Center Bldg. (Fairgrounds), 2900 Lake St. Friday 4-8, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-5 Rd.). Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-5. Donation \$3.00.

**June 3-5.** State Line Rock Show. Junior Fair Building, Fulton Co. Fairgrounds, on Rt. 108 at US 80/90, Wauseon, OH. Friday 12-7, Saturday 10-7, Sunday, 11-4. Admission free.

**October 14-16.** Greater Detroit Show. South Macomb Community College Expo Center, Building P, 12 Mile and Hayes, Warren MI. Friday 9-7, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 11-5.

**Fluorescent Rocks**

by Fran Jarecki, clubmember


Many of you do not know that these rocks were formed millions of years ago found only along the Jersey coastline and a little further north. There was an eruption of a volcano under the Atlantic ocean which no doubt caused a huge tidal wave (tsunami). Water covered the whole East coast. As the water receded, these igneous rocks mingled with other minerals in the sand and gave us fluorescent rocks.

These rocks appear to be “nothing” on the surface, but, under a black light, they show colors of red, green, yellow and violet, sometimes called Christmas rocks. They are mainly made up of manganese, zinc and Franklynite. Franklyn, New Jersey, Ogden, NJ, and surrounding territory is noted for its mines and displays of fluorescent rocks.

**New Safety Equipment Released**

**April**

**2005**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 	2
3 Metalcraft @ 1:30	4	5	6 Gemcraft @ 7PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Gemcraft @7PM	14 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM Faceteers @ 7	15	16 Mine Safety Class
17 Metalcraft @ 1:30	18	19	20 Club meeting @ 7PM & Gemcraft Auction	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Metalcraft @ 6:30	29	30

In a joint release today (1 April, 2005) Graves, the manufacturer of lapidary equipment and NASA, the US Space Agency announced the development of the Quarry Vest™. The Quarry Vest™, intended for use by both quarry workers and rockhounds, is a 10lb vest studded with positional sensors. Using sophisticated electronics, the vest senses when the wearer is falling. In falls of greater than 10m, the vest deploys a series of air bags that cushion the wearer from impact. In preliminary trials, the air bags prevented serious injury/death in 95% of all cases. Side effects such as bruising, nausea and religious conversion were uncommon. Graves expects to market the vest for \$350.00. In falls of less than 10m, the vest can be programmed to respond with one of several pithy sayings.



The Quarry Vest deployed.



# May

# 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Metalcraft @ 1:30	2	3	4 Gemcraft @7PM Plant sale set up	5 Plant sale set up	6 TBG Plant Sale	7 TBG Plant Sale
8 TBG Plant Sale	9 Plant Sale clean up	10	11 Gemcraft @ 7PM	12 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM Faceteers @ 7	13	14 Club open House 10-5
15 Club Open House 10-5 Metalcraft @ 1:30	16	17	18 Potluck @ 6 & Club meeting @ 7PM	19	20	21 Spring Fling 9-2
22	23	24	25 Gemcraft @7PM	26 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM	27	28
29	30	31				

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