



Rocky Reader

The Monthly Newsletter Of The
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**Memberships
Will expire
in September**

Please use the form on page 7 to renew your membership.

If you do not, renew, you will NOT receive the October/November

Rocky Reader.

What does it mean to be a Member?

As I have watched the refurbishing of the craft center, I ask myself why, with a membership in excess of 167, do I see the same people all the time? I know that every club has its core of dedicated people that make the club go, but does it have to be that way?? What would happen if everybody participated? What would a club like that be like?

That club, I imagine, would be delightful. Nobody would be tired or cranky because the amount of work would diminish by the number of hands to do it, while the rewards would increase by that same factor. Nobody would dread having to line up volunteers for this task or that. People would volunteer for things they were already good at and for some new things to learn new skills. That club would have more interaction between members because, while working side by side, people talk to each other and get to know each other. Presidents would have to give everybody an award!

The members of that club would have ownership. They would feel pride and a sense of accomplishment for what the club has done. They would develop friendships that transcend their individual interests. They would care about each other. Could our club be that club? Maybe ... it is all up to you.

Advance tickets for the club show: A Rainbow of Gems will be available at the August meeting.

Some of the club activities that we need help with include:

- **First Sunday Arts&Crafts in the Gardens.** (May - September, noon-4). Club volunteers help people make mosaics, boxes and other crafty items. Volunteer hours go toward our 100 hour commitment to TBG. Call Chet King to volunteer.
- **Arts in the Gardens** (Aug 13 11-5) Club volunteers help people to make gem trees in the Conference Center. Volunteer hours go toward our 100 hour commitment to TBG. Club members may request a free table/tent space for the sales of handcrafted items. Call Chet King to volunteer.
- **Gem & Mineral Show** (September 8-10 with setup on Sept 7). Club volunteers help set up the show, work in kids' games, kids' kits, scholarship raffle, ticket sales, silent auction, rocky roulette, demonstrate and submit displays (see June/July *Rocky Reader*). In return, volunteers get free admission to the show. Call Carla Burleson to volunteer..
- **Fossil Fest** (Sept 17). Club volunteers demonstrate metalcraft and gemcraft in the Sylvania Historical Village. Those who sell may request a booth for \$25.00. Call Chet King to volunteer.
- **November/May Open Houses** (Nov. 18&19; May 19&20, setup preceding evening). Club volunteers help with crafts in the Stable room (gem trees, beading, etc) or demonstrate in the Craft Center. Some volunteer hours go toward our 100 hour commitment to TBG. Those who sell may request a table from Carla Burleson at no cost.
- **Heralding the Holidays** (Dec 1-3). Club volunteers are needed to place/light luminaries, park cars and help with signage etc. Volunteer hours go toward our 100 hour commitment to TBG. Those who sell may request a table in the Craft Center by contacting Chet King (for Gemcrafter room) or Debby Hoffmaster (for Metalcraft room). There is a sellers' fee for this event.
- **Officers.** (One year minimum) Volunteers are needed to make the club go!! Volunteers get to use the microphone at club meetings! Talk to a current officer if you're interested.
- **Chairmen/women and Committee members** (one year minimum) are needed for our major fundraiser - the Gem and Mineral Show, Arts in the Gardens and Heralding the Holidays. Volunteers get to meet new people and travel to exotic lands! Talk to a current officer to volunteer.
- **TBG Plant sales** (May and September). Club members help with set-up, tear-down and sales. Volunteer hours go toward our 100 hour commitment to TBG. Register with TBG and let Debby Hoffmaster know when you worked.
- **Crosby Festival of the Arts** (4th weekend in June). Club volunteers help with set-up and booth sitting, Kids' crafts, etc. Volunteers receive free admission to the festival. Volunteer hours go toward our 100 hour commitment to TBG. Register with TBG and let Debby Hoffmaster know when you worked.
- **Lucas County Fair** (last week in July) - Club members volunteer to demonstrate and promote the club at the Lucas County Fair. Volunteers receive Free Fair Admission. Call Chet King to volunteer.

**Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2006**

An interesting slide program, obtained from the Midwest Federation Program Library, on safety while rock collecting, was presented by Jim Leslie and Ed Reynolds.

President Jim Leslie called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:45 pm. The secretary's minutes as submitted to the Rocky Reader, were approved.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Announcements: The **Craft Center** is under repair and coming along well. Thanks to Ed Reynolds, Chet King, Jim Laine, Linn Petersen, Deb Hoffmaster, Andy Leslie, Tonia Wallace and Steve Shimatski, who helped remove the equipment, benches and empty the center for the repairs.

Thank You notes were signed by board members to be sent to Janet Schroeder and Phil Page for their support to facilitate the repairs. Members took a tour, and noted that the insulation and plywood interior walls and ceiling are in. The craft center is scheduled to be ready to move back into this weekend. We are drawing up some changes to facilitate better use of the space. Metalcrafters have drawn up a new floor plan, and when the walls are completed, new benches and cabinets will be installed. The plan is for shallower benches and installation of overhead and corner cabinets. Cabinet donations are hoped for, as well as volunteer labor to do the installation.

TBG: Volunteers continue to be needed for the Festival of the Arts this weekend. We still need volunteers for Arts in the Garden, August 13. July first is the First Sunday of the month, and our group will make boxes for rocks. The Fair will have demonstrations by the club.

Beaders will resume their regular schedule when the craft center is ready. Membership: 2 juniors and 22 members signed in.

Metalcrafters and **gemcrafters** will return to work after the benches and equipment are returned and the work is finished. A silver bracelet class is scheduled for Saturday of the November Open House. It will be another solder-free, sterling silver, link bracelet in a Queen's Link/Box style. It is a heavy pattern with many links. Again, participants will need two pliers with no teeth. All other materials will be supplied. Last year's class was very popular, and filled up fast. Get your money (\$60) to Kathy Petersen to reserve your place.

Faceting seminar in August. There is a sign up sheet for participants. See Chetty's table for sign up information.

Sunshine: Doris Caldwell died. She was a RR editor at one time and her husband, Denny, was a show chairman. They were very active members. Jan Petok also recently died. She recently donated several rocks for club use. Jacque Martindale had a stroke and has been at Flower Rehab, and is now in regular rehab. She is doing well.

Field trip: Sept 26/ Oct 1 2006, to mines in Kentucky, Tennessee, No. Carolina. Another trip is scheduled to Northeast Michigan, Oct 19-22, 2006.

Show: No committee meeting next month (July). There will be one in August, at 6 pm, before the regular club meeting. Next month there will be a sign up list for general volunteers and participants. Flyers are printed, and need to be distributed to libraries and public places. Linda will be sending out raffle tickets. Ed is doing Kids Games.

Open House last month went well. We were busy on Saturday. Sales tables did well. Next open House is in November. Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. submitted by Kathy Petersen, club secretary

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes July 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order in the absence of Jim Leslie, President, by Linn Petersen, Treasurer, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Secretary's report will be in the Rocky Reader.

Treasurer's report was given and approved as reported.

Memorial to Florence Morgan was given to BGSU. A Thank You note was received from her family. There will be a memorial for her on 12 August, at the United Methodist Church in Sylvania.

Craft Center: Thanks to Chet King, Ed Reynolds, Deb Hoffmaster, Andy and Jim Leslie, and Jim Laine for all of their work. We may be able to move equipment back in this weekend. Still have additional painting to do. Benches are in place and bolted to the wall. Everything was salvaged that could be. Metalcrafter venting fans, benches are in. Contact Chet or Ed to help.

Announcements: TBG August 13 is Arts in the Gardens. We will set up in the back room of the conference center. We will need help making Gem Trees. Mike Burcewicz will be doing flint knapping. Members will be demonstrating at the Lucas County Fair. Fossil Fest is the weekend after our show in September. Demonstrators are needed.

Beaders will start in August if they can get into the craft center.



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Faceteers will meet at Don Ault's at the next meeting the second week in August.

Membership attendance: 22 members and 1 junior.

Metalcrafters will start up on their regular schedule, once the Craft Center building is done. Rocky Reader will come out in August.

Sunshine: Lucille Burgey's grand niece, her sister's granddaughter, died unexpectedly. Becky and Dan Knorek had their baby and it is a boy.

Field trip had 18 attendees at the last trip to Graymont. Trip upcoming to Kentucky and North Carolina, 9/26/06 to 10/1/06. Another trip will be 10/19-22/06 to Northeastern Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Call Harold Burleson. Sections of trips that go to quarries, need mine certification.

Final **show meeting** will be before the next club meeting at 6 pm in the conference center. Volunteers and food are needed and anyone who can help should contact Carla Burleson. As many members as possible should come to next month's meeting and take flyers to put in local library's, and other public areas.

Open House: November 18 and 19.

The next **board meeting** will be August 31st.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:35.

submitted by Kathy Petersen, club secretary

CLASSES

The following schedule is a listing of upcoming classes. To enroll, please **send the instructional fee to the instructor**. Fees must be received, at the latest, **TWO weeks prior to the class**.

Refunds will be issued only if cancellations are received seven days prior to the class.

November 18, 2006 10AM Queen's Link Bracelet. Instructor: Kathy Petersen. Fee \$60.00. The Queen's link, AKA Box link, is a solder free, open link, sterling silver bracelet This pattern uses many links, and is a sturdy, heavy bracelet. Due to the rising cost of silver, and the fact that this pattern requires so many jump rings, the cost of the class will be \$60 per person. You will need to bring two chain nose (no teeth) pliers. The sterling silver jump rings are provided. If you took the Byzantine class, you will love this one. Let Kathy know as soon as possible. Spots will ONLY be held for those who have paid their materials fee (\$60), and there is a limit of 6 openings, so send your check in if you want to be included in this class.

January 20, 2007 10AM. Fold Forming. Instructor: Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$20.00. Participants will learn the process of fold forming to produce fold-formed copper pieces.

February 24, 2007 10AM. Alloying and using Reticulation silver. Instructor: Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$20.00. Learn the entire reticulation process from to alloying your scrap silver with copper to create a sheet through the actual reticulation process. Participants will need to supply their own clean sterling silver scrap .

March 24, 2007 10AM. Keum-boo workshop. Instructor: Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$20.00. Participants will learn the Keum boo process. Participants must supply their own 24K gold Keum-boo foil and sterling silver. Keum-boo foil may be purchased from Allcraft (allcraftonline.com, 1-800-645-7124 or Rio Grande www.riogrande.com, 1-800-545-6566).

April 21, 2007 10AM. Black Onyx Gallery Ring. Instructor Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$45.00. Make Alan Revere's Gallery ring (*Professional Goldsmithing*, project 9) in sterling silver and black onyx.

May 19, 2007 Foxtail Chain Class...stay tuned

Thelma Postlewaite's Family News

August Birthdays

Jerri Heer	8-12
Rita Grove	8-16
Richard Bower	8-25
Bethany Foltz	8-25

Brenda Trietch 8-30

Juniors:

Sam Martin 8-15

September Birthdays:

Marie Bremer 9-3

Robert Klich 9-5
 Chester King III 9-7
 Clif Rose 9-10
 Chester King Jr. 9-14
 Marilyn Barrick 9-15
 Larry Barrick 9-16
 Joanna Toepfer 9-18
 Nancy Grove 9-19
 Edson Fast 9-24
 Pat Motter 9-29

Junior Members:

Tyler Neidlinger 9-15

Sara Martin 9-26

Corrections:

Sheri Haas' e-mail address is
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Help is needed for the Club Show in September. We need help before, after and during the show. Call Carla Burleson 419-533-7341 To sign up for a job

Former member Doris Caldwell passed away on June 3rd. Marge and Ken Jewsen celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 14th. Marge's brother, Howard Duffy, died on June 14th and Janice Petok passed away on June 16th. She was a member from 1980-2003.

Clubmember Florence Morgan passed away on June 27th. Memorial services will be held on August 12 at 11AM at the First United Methodist Church, 7000 Erie St., Sylvania, OH. Jacque Martindale, who suffered a paralyzing stroke in May, is improving better than expected. She is home now.

Submitted by Lucille Burgy, Sunshine

GARDEN NEWS

Hope you have plans to participate in "Arts in the Garden," which will be Sunday, August 13 from 11 A.M.-5 P.M. Art groups should hold an open house. Organizations without buildings can have space in the Conference Center. Horticultural groups might consider an "open garden." Organizations should have received information about "Art in the Garden" in their mailboxes. If you have never sold your work, but are considering it, this is an excellent time to start. There is no entry fee, two or three people may share a table, and your work will not be juried, so any RO members can participate. However, you must have been a member of one of the Resident Organizations for at least six months. Individuals who would like a table or booth should start planning what they will have for sale. Applications have been put in each organization's mailbox.

Garden Events

AUGUST SPECTRUM Front Gallery Show by Patricia Carroll - Wed.-Sun. Noon-4 P.M. Info: 419-531-7769.

AUG 3, 10, 17, 24 "JAZZ IN THE GARDEN" 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Evening parking for Resident Organizations events will be in the agricultural school parking lot these dates.

AUG 6 "OPEN ART SUNDAY" sponsored by **TBG** - all resident art groups are asked to have their houses open Noon - 4 P.M. - groups without houses might be able to have other space. Can you plan something to involve visitors?

AUG 9 MEETING OF RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS COUNCIL – CONFERENCE CENTER – NOON – ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED.

AUG 13 – "ARTS IN THE GARDEN" – 11-5 PM – Be sure that your organization registers either for space in the Conference Center or tables or booths outdoors, or if you have a building, you can plan for activities inside. If you are a horticultural group, set up a table by a garden. Free parking and admission. Some concession stands. Even if you are not selling anything, come and enjoy the day!

AUG 16 – SEPT. 10 SPECTRUM GALLERY "Abstract Only Show" Wed-Sun Noon-4 P.M. – Info: 419-531-7769,

AUG 16 – Mary Weaks, Master Gardener, will speak on "Make It, Take It", Small leaf design in cement, at the MAUMEE VALLEY HERB SOCIETY meeting, 9:30 A.M.–Noon. Info: 419-882-5118 or ntdurnford@aol.com

AUG 19 BLACK SWAMP HOSTA AND DAYLILY SOCIETY will host a **DAYLILY WORKSHOP** in the AHS National Display Garden of Award Winners from 9 A.M.-11:30 A.M. At 1:30 P.M. there will be a daylily dividing demo, and at 2 P.M. the daylily auction will begin. The public is invited to attend this event. Info: 419-874-8964.

AUG 19 WEAVERS GUILD will present an “**ROUND ROBIN WEAVING GROW ED**”, 10 AM-4 PM in TBG Children’s Ed Building. Call TBG to register: 419-936-2986.

AUG 21 “YOGA SESSIONS” begin. Gentle stretches with conscious breathing and relaxation techniques, one does not need a flexible body, just a flexible mind. For all ages in the Cottage Garden. Info and to register, call the TBG office: 419-936-2986.

SEPTEMBER SPECTRUM front gallery show by Buzz Meyers – Wed-Sun – Noon-4 P.M. Info: 419-531-7769.

SEPT 5 Annual Meeting of the **WEAVERS GUILD** – Conference Center Stables -Info: 419-242-7435

SEPT 13 – OCT 15 “AWARD WINNERS SHOW” presented by **SPECTRUM** – Noon-4 P.M – Info: 419-531-7769.

SEPT 9-10 TBG’s FALL PLANT SALE

SEPT 13 MEETING OF THE RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS COUNCIL – Conference Center – Noon-1:30 P.M. – **ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED**

SEPT 16 BLACK SWAMP HOSTA AND DAYLILY SOCIETY meeting-Conference Center 1 P.M. Jamie Gossard from “Heavenly Gardens” will speak on “**Hybridizing Spiders and UF’s**” daylilies. Open to public. Info: 419-874-8964.

FACETEERS

For information on Faceteers meetings, please contact Don Ault.

FIELD TRIPS

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 will begin regular meetings once the craft center is re-opened. The re-opening is tentatively scheduled for August 13th. Nancy Grove, Moderator

GEMCRAFTERS

Gemcrafters will begin regular meetings once the craft center is re-opened. The re-opening is tentatively scheduled for August 13th. Chet King, Jr., moderator

METALCRAFTERS

Metalcrafters will begin regular meetings once the craft center is re-opened. The re-opening is tentatively scheduled for August 13th. However, because we must paint and install the panavices and bench lights, we may not actually be able to work on that date. I will send an e-mail when we are completely ready to work. If you would like to help paint etc., call Chet King, Jr. Deb. Hoffmaster, moderator

Coming Events from Chetty King’s Flyer Table

August 5. UP Gem Show. Ishpeming Elks Club Hall, 597 Lake Shore Dr, Ishpeming, MI. Saturday 9:30-4:30 Free Admission.

September 23&24. Livingston Gem and Mineral Show. Hartlane Education Support Service Center. Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4. For information call Dennis Castagne - 248-685-8753.

October 13-15. 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. For information see www.Michmin.org

October 21&22 - Flint Rock&Gem Club Show. Carter Middle School, Rodgers Lodge Dr., Clio, MI Saturday 10-7, Sunday 10-5. Adults \$3.00, Children 6-18 \$1.50.

October 27-29. Central Michigan Rock and Gem Show. Ingham Co. Fairgrounds Main Area, 700 E Ash St, Mason, MI. Friday 6-9, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 11-5. Adults \$3.00, Teens \$1.00

November 11&12. Midwest Faceters Guild Show. Taylor Michigan Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Rd, between Eureka and Northline. Saturday 9-6, Sunday 11-4. Admission - \$3.00.

August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	Help is needed for the Club Show in September. We need help before, after and during the show. Call Carla Burleson 419-533-7341 To sign up for a job	
6 First Sunday Art - see Chet to volunteer	7	8	9	10		
13 Arts in the Garden 11-5. See Chet to volunteer	14	15	16 <i>Show meeting @ 6;</i> Club meeting @ 7PM	17		
20 Metalcraft @ 1:30 be prepared to paint	21 Beaders @6:30	22	23 Gemcraft @ 7PM	24 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

2005/2006 Membership Renewal Form

Individual: \$16.09 Family \$21.45

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Junior Members _____

Changes (if any) to directory information _____

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 Adrian, MI 49221

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 First Sunday Art - see Chet to volunteer Metalcrafters @ 1:30	4	5	6 Gemcraft @ 7PM	7 Club show - Set up	8 Club show 2-9PM	9 Club Show 10AM - 6PM
10 Club Show 10AM - 5PM	11	12	13 Gemcraft @ 7PM	14 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM	Help is needed for the Club Show. We need help before, after and during the show. Call Carla Burleson 419-533-7341 To sign up for a job	
17 Fossil Fest 11-4 See Chet to volunteer	18 Beaders @ 6:30	19	20 Club meeting @ 7PM	21 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM		
24	25	26	27 Gemcraft @ 7PM	28		

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