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The Monthly Newsletter Of The
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Rocky Reader Update As many of you know, the printing costs for the *Rocky Reader* have tripled with the closing of Office Plus in Adrian. To offset these costs, the executive board has decided to ask everyone with e-mail to accept the *Rocky Reader* through e-mail as a .pdf file. PDF files may be read using the Adobe Reader, a program that may be downloaded for free from www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html

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Debby

Metalcrafter Auction At present we have quite a bit of metal (silver sheet and wire mostly) that was donated to us by Lucille Burgy. We also have some tools, slabs, gemstones and finished jewelry. Thanks to last year's auction and the proceeds of classes, we were able to get a second rolling mill for the craft center. Everyone will be happy to learn that this one has a 6:1 reduction gear and 130mm of roller (80 flat and 50 wire). With the proceeds of this auction, we would like to purchase a stand for the mill and, possibly, some other equipment.

The proceeds of this February auction benefit the Metalcrafters and put new equipment in the Craft Center. Please donate and purchase generously.

Cabochon Contest Our esteemed President, Larry Barrick, has announced a cabochon contest for the June meeting with the entrants to be displayed at the September show. In commenting on the need for such a contest, he said, "we have so many talented artists, that this will be a great example of our talents." All cabochons are permissible; both calibrated, and free-form. Judges will be selected by the board, from

group members. Judging criteria will be printed in the April/May *Rocky Reader* or you can pick them up at a meeting.

Minutes of the Club Meeting December 15, 2004

Meeting started at 7PM

The potluck was enjoyed by the members with some great food.
Secretary minutes were approved.

Finances were presented for October and were approved by Carla Burleson and Connie Shaw.

Installation of Board Members

President – Larry Barrick

Vice President – Jim Leslie

Treasurer – Pete Peterson

Secretary – Kathy Peterson

Sergeant of Arms – Ed Bond

Board positions – Harold Burleson and Mike Mayers

Rocky Reader – Will continue to be published every other month.

Special thanks to Deb Hoffmaster for continuing to publish the newsletter.

Readers – No meetings planned during the winter months.

Faceters – no report

Gemcrafters – Class tentatively planned on 1st Wed. in February by Ed Bond on making glass beads. Other meetings on normal dates.

TBG – Recycling dumpsters are available – please flatten boxes and make sure to note contents of each.

Metalcraft – Normal schedule planned on 2nd and 4th Thursday and 1st and 3rd Sundays unless it falls on a holiday.

Building Update – Shingles were installed along with the entry and overhead doors. Siding and shelving remain to be completed. Harold expressed appreciation to members who have worked on the project who include:

Concrete - Pat O'Riordon, Ken Jewson, Ed Reynolds and Chet King.

Building construction – Pete Peterson, Ken Jewson, Ron Toneff, Jim Leslie, John Copuano, Chet King, Bill Burleson, Mike Mayers.

Special thanks to Harold for all his help with the projects. He has dealt with the planning and Carter Lumber and has been on site each day. Ken Jewson didn't miss a day either. The club will have a great storage area for many years to come.

Refreshments – Carla has been handling for several years. We are looking someone to volunteer to take over. Primarily it requires getting to the meeting a little early to get the coffee going and set out items members donate. A list will be passed asking members to choose a meeting to bring in something for the table. Please consider helping out.

Membership – 30 members 2 juniors and 3 guests

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

submitted by Mike Mayers

Minutes of the Board Meeting January 18, 2005

Members Present: Larry Barrick, Chet King, Linn Petersen, Harold Burleson, Carla Burleson, Jim Leslie, Deb Hoffmaster, Kathy Petersen, Gayle O'Reardon, Mike Meyers

Meeting was called to order by President Larry Barrick at 7:00

Chet King presented the Garden Cultivation Magazine Deadlines and 2005 Event dates.

New refrigerator will be installed Friday at the craft center to replace the current one which is not working.

Treasurer Report: Linn Petersen presented the end of year report and 2005 proposed budget. Jim Leslie to audit the books. Summary of budgets from 2001. Costs of printing RR increased. Saved money last year on insurance. Have



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cut back on several expenditures. Also have cut out listings for expenditures never used, so the club has not suffered significantly. Moved and seconded, voted and approved the report.

Craft Center: Discussed the significant water damage from the improper tarping of the roof by the roofer. City changed the contract order and conditions he could work under. Is fully licensed for remodeling and will fix the damage. The city has viewed the damage. The openings have been sealed until the contractor can work according to the contract temperatures. Phil will work with Pete about the repairs. They are aware of the damages and the center needs to dry out from the inside, If anymore leakage from what is frozen, will be apparent and the contractor will come back. Contractor to pay for repairs. Poor planning of time and did not tarp correctly so he is liable. The new administrator will be made aware of the concerns . As long as Craft Center stays dry, we can work in the center. Will be status quo until the contractor can repair it. There is a lot of sag and concern about dry rot, mold, damage over time. Metalcrafters had concerns about whether to move some of the more susceptible equipment, such as the kilns and rolling mill that would be damaged by further water. Better off to keep in center rather than put on cement floor in the garage. Still damp in the walls. Water ran down walls. Peak was adequately tarped, but water backed up along the walls. Need roof repaired before fix the inside.

Show Report: Still "Rock Your Garden". Deposits paid to Stranahan. Deb to help with flyers. Major display to be set up by Wardells, Dutch Road, Waterville. If he can not man the display, the club will need to monitor to be sure it is supervised at all times. He is a small business operator and may not be able to man the display continuously through the weekend. There will be trees and yard rocks. Gayle to talk to him by first of Feb. Deb to send notices to Lapidary Journal, Rock and Gem Magazine. Budget same as always. Banner spot needs to be reserved. Will go up for thirty days. Show dates Sept 9, 10, 11. Usually get 5000 tricut flyers and 2000 larger flyers. Large cost due to the paper chosen. Can cut the cost significantly by using less expensive paper. Discussed need to get a letter written for schools to open on Friday for attendance by school children. They could bring the parents back during the weekend. Will depend on whether dealers could be set up by Friday. Planning to do food court again. Need a kids games chairman. Need more people who will organize the activities. Discussion about moving rocks from old building to garage. Garage still needs to be sided. Concern about damage to cases stored in the shed Will need to check condition early.

Rocky Reader: No negative responses from the reduced frequency of printing of the RR. Looking for cheaper copying in Toledo and Adrian, though costs prohibitive. Question of whether anyone reads the extra copies sent to the gardens (20). Will cut down to 10 so the executive members will still get one. Can cut the Exchange, UT, and BG recipients. Several have made no response, so will be removed except the College Program chairs. Can post on web or send by email. Debby to try to develop the email mailings. Calendar is used to update the web site. May need to purchase adobe program to convert word perfect files.

Open House: Deb to run up flyers for the May 13, 14, 15 OH, and will bring to a meeting and Larry will have printed up. There are a number of rocks in storage at Delanos. Will dedicate two tables for rocks at the open house. Approval of budget given to Gayle.

Motion to adjourn and seconded, at 8:10.

submitted by Kathy Petersen

Minutes of the Club Meeting January 19, 2005

Interesting program on metalsmithing and raising vessels from one piece of metal, by guest speaker, Danielle Chrissman, metals teacher at the Toledo Museum of Art

Meeting called to order by President Larry Barrick, at 7:50 pm

Larry reviewed the information from the board meeting on 1/18/05. Of significant concern at the board meeting was the condition of the craft center interior and roof, which were severely damaged by water after the city ordered a new roof to be installed, and the contractor did not properly tarp the roof, causing much leakage during the heavy Christmas snow and rains following. There is significant damage to the walls and ceiling, but no equipment was damaged.

Treasurer Linn Petersen reviewed the treasurer's report and budget for the 2005 year. The new furnace is very efficient and has saved more money than expected. Deposits have been paid for the Sept show. The report was accepted by favorable vote.

Carla Bureson presented the show report. The first show meeting will be at six o'clock, before the next general meeting in February. A chairman for the kid's games is needed. Budget will stay the same. The budget was approved by the board at the board meeting. Show title will be Rock Your Gardens. Carla discussed the possibility of starting the show on Friday earlier to allow opportunity for student field trips. A letter will need to be sent to schools and an attendance schedule may need to be developed. Also the dealers will need to agree to be open earlier. Larry and Jim will work on getting the letter ready. Having proper security will also be necessary. Other shows doing this have greatly increased their attendance, and often the children will bring their parents back the next day. Having a given educational program or presentation might be needed to get schools to approve the field trip. Science classes will be targeted. Snack offerings will be different. We will get the food at Gordon's or Sam's, as we will save time and money. We really did not gain much by going though Jerri's school to order last time. It was also suggested to make up school sample kits ahead of time. Publicity was discussed. There was a lot of advertisement last time. The banner has been ordered for this show.

Larry pointed out that all members are artist's, and have a wealth of experience. He challenged members to a calibrated or freeform cabochon making contest, with finished cabs to be displayed at the Gem Show. Cabs to be brought to the June meeting and judged and then could be displayed and sold if so desired by the maker. Carla to take care of award ribbons. Larry to get impartial judges.

Larry read an article and made tribute to members who have helped teach others and give of their time and talents to help others.

Gemcrafters: First Weds. of Feb., will be a class given by Ed Bond on glass bead making. New refrigerator will be in by Friday. The saw has been cleaned so no more really dirty cutting for awhile. The center is usable during the roof and wall repairs.

Gardens: New Gardens director, Janet Schroeder. The Gardens plant sale is coming up in May. We need to continue to volunteer our hours. In March, there will be rock shows and rock swaps to look forward to. Gemcrafter auction is at the April meeting.

Membership: Tonight 30 members, 5 guests, 1 junior.

Metalcrafters: Remember to check your emails before meetings if weather is questionable, to be sure the meeting is on. Metalcrafter silent auction is at the Feb. meeting. Bring your donations and money to spend.

Rocky Reader: Costs are increasing significantly. If members have email, Deb can send the RR via email and the costs will go from \$166 to \$93. Please send her your current email address if you can receive the emailed RR.

Sunshine: Jim Laine had a hip replacement. Mark Scharer had surgery.

No fieldtrips or beaders until Spring.

Submitted by Kathy Petersen

Thelma Postlewaite's Family News

February Birthdays:

Tonia Pochay 2-1
Ronald Breece 2-4
Peggy Collins 2-4
Kelly Norwood 2-5
Florence Morgan 2-6
Diane Klich 2-6
Bruce Lulfs 2-6
Ronald Toneff 2-9
Ed Reynolds 2-10
Marshall Waters 2-14
Scheran Newell 2-16
Mark Scharer 2-17
Peggy Jones 2-26
Don Ault 2-26
Ken Jewson 2-27

March Birthdays:

Scott Vergiels 3-3
Miriam Waters 3-8
Collette Fortin 3-9
Edwin Gehring 3-11
Frank McQueary 3-13
Regina Wallace 3-13
Lester Woodyard 3-24
Emil Stender 3-31

Juniors:

Jennifer Heer 3-16

Attendance:

December - 30 members, 2 juniors, 3 guests
January - 30 members, 1 junior, 5 guests

New Members:

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Jim Laine had a hip replacement on Jan 13. Mark Scharer had surgery on Jan 15.

Submitted by Lucille Burgy

GARDEN NEWS

In 2004 we contributed 500.25 volunteer hours to the Toledo Botanical Gardens. Of these, 344.25 were from open houses, 36 from having the Craft Center open on the first Sunday of the month, 47 from the Plant Sale, 32 from the Crosby Festival and 41 from TBG associated meetings.

Our monthly club meetings used the Terrace Room of the Conference Center 12 times in 2004 for a total of 21 hours. Attendance at these meetings averaged 36 people. We used the entire Conference Center for both of our open houses for a total of 36 hours. Attendance at our open houses averaged 83 people/open house and used the services of 34 members. We participated in both ROC-sponsored events: Arts in the Gardens (69.5hrs; 12 members.) and Heralding the Holidays (111hrs; 11 members). The removal and replacement of the garage took 518 hours from 25 members.

The three working groups accounted for 210.5 hours in 85 meetings. Of these, Gemcrafters saw the highest average attendance with 10 members at 3.5 meetings each month. Metalcrafters had an average of 6 members at 2.75 meetings each month and Beaders three members attending 0.75 meetings per month. We offered 9 special classes in 2004: repoussé bail construction, ring fabrication, Keum-boo, engraving, woven bead construction, sphere making, box clasp fabrication, origami PMC and beginning faceting. These classes accounted for 51 hours of Craft center use over 11 days and serviced an average of 5 students per class. From the 2004 TBG report, prepared by Deb Hoffmaster

TBG has hired a a new Director - Janet Schroeder.

Submitted by Chet King Jr.

Garden Events

February 3 – Steve Miller will present a program on “Helpful Techniques for Printing Photographs on a Computer” for the **PHOTO ARTS CLUB**. Conference Center – 7:30 P.M. Info: 419-536-8422.

February 9 - Resident Organizations Council Meeting – Conference Center – Noon - 1 P.m. All organizations should have a representative attend.

February 19 – Amy Stone, OSU Extension Agent, Lucas Country, will speak on “The Emerald Ash Borer” for the **BLACK SWAMP HOSTA AND DAYLILY SOCIETY**. Public welcome – Conference Center – 1 P.M. Info: Vicki Dillon Tele: 419-885-2438.

February 19 – Deadline to enter the “Annual Amateur Photography Contest” sponsored by the **PHOTO ARTS CLUB**. Open to all amateur photographers. Details at various photography stores or call 419-536-8422.

February 15-27 - The photographs which have been entered in the “Annual Amateur Photography Contest” sponsored by the **PHOTO ARTS CLUB** will be on display at the National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark – Information: 419-536-8422

February 25 – March 24 “All Creatures Great and Small” will be shown in the clubhouse of the

March - TOLEDO ARTISTS’ CLUB – Tuesday-Friday 1-5 P.M., Saturday 1-4 P.M

March 19 – The **Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society** will meet at the Conference Center – 1 P.M. Doug Beilstein will be our guest speaker. Visitors welcome. Info: Vicki Dillon Tele: 419-885-2438.

March 25 – April 28 – The **TOLEDO ARTISTS' CLUB** will present a collection of paintings from the "Toledo Women's Art League" – Tuesday-Friday 1-5 P.M., Saturday 1-4 P.M

May 5-8 - Spring Plant Sale

May 20 - Crosby Award Luncheon

June 23-25 - Crosby Festival of the Arts

July 8-22 - Friday Noon Tunes

July 7 - August 18 - Thursday Evening Jazz

Aug 14 - Art in the Garden

Sept 10 & 11 - Fall Plant Sale

Dec 2-4 - Heralding the Holidays

FACETEERS

For information on Faceteers meetings, please contact Don Ault.

FIELD TRIPS

To be informed of future field trips, please contact Harold Burluson. Please be aware that many quarries now require up to date Mine Safety training for admission.

BEADERS

A new year of beading kicks off on Monday March 21st at 6:30 in the craft center. The session will cover beading basics. Information on brick and peyote stitches and how to use a loom will be available. Needles, beads and looms will be available for you to use. On April the 18th, Right Angle Weaving will be covered. This is a fast and easy method that can be used for a wide variety of items.

Nancy Grove, Moderator

GEMCRAFTERS

Class tentatively planned on 1st Wed. in February by Ed Bond on making glass beads. Other meetings on normal dates.

Submitted by Chet King Jr.

METALCRAFTERS

As the old adage goes...there is good news and bad news. The good news...Thanks to last year's auction, class and new member fees, and a sale by Rio Grande, we now own a 130mm Durston Combination rolling mill (you can see it at the bottom of pg 249 in the latest Rio Grande catalog). It arrived last week and is in storage until the problems with the Craft Center are fixed.

The craft center was damaged when the roofer failed to tarp properly after Christmas. A lot of the visible damage is in the Metalcrafter area where the entire West wall is bowed and flaking and about half of the ceiling is stained and sagging. At one point we had water pouring in over the west wall, across the bench and onto the floor! We have moved and covered our equipment to prevent water damage. I am told that the roofer has fixed the roof leaks and that he will fix the damage, but, as the west benches will probably need to be removed to gain access to the wall, we may be affected for a long time.

In the meantime, we will continue with regular meetings (see calendar) unless there is a lot of snow. If I have to cancel, I will do so at least 1 hour before the meeting by e-mail. If you are not sure about a meeting, check your e-mail before coming or call - I am in the directory.

I have not scheduled any classes because I am unsure of the state of the Craft Center. If you would like to offer a class, or if there is a class you would like to have offered, contact me and we'll see what can be arranged.

Finally, the metalcrafter auction is in February. This is the main way we pay for the equipment in the craft center. So, please **BE GENEROUS** - both in donating and buying. It is a silent auction and we accept donations of all sorts: food, finished jewelry, jewelry components, tools, slabs, metal, etc. All I ask is that you fill out an auction slip for the items you bring. Only you can place a minimum bid on your items. If anything is not sold, it is returned to the donor. This year we are looking to buy a stand for the new mill and ...? If you have suggestions for items we need, please let me know.

Deb Hoffmaster, moderator

Coming Events from Chetty King's Flyer Table

- March 4-6** - Eastern Indiana Rock and Gem Show and Sale. Wayne Co. Fairgrounds, North Salisbury Rd, Richmond, Indiana. Friday 9-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 11-4. Admission: Adults - \$3, 60+ - \$2.00, 7-17 - \$1.00.
- March 5 & 6** - Roamin Club Special Auction. Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Rd. Livonia, MI. Saturday 11-6, Sunday noon-6. Admission & parking free.
- March 26** - Metro Rock Swap. Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd., Taylor, MI. Saturday 10-5. For information and table reservations, call 313-278-5063.
- 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.

February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Gemcraft @ 7PM	3	4	5
6 Metalcraft @ 1:30	7	8	9 Gemcraft @ 7PM	10 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM	11	12
13	14	15	16 Show meeting @ 6; Club meeting @ 7PM	17	18	19
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