



Rocky Reader

The Monthly Newsletter Of The
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President's message

How important is this club to you? The meetings' average attendance (the low thirties) suggests only a few members actually care about the third Wednesday meeting. Last Wednesday, most of you missed a great program by Kathy Petersen on collecting fossil fish in Wyoming. Carla Burleson missed her first meeting in as long as I can remember, yet she still made sure there was coffee, soda and something to eat for the meeting. Club elections are in November. In preparation, Larry Barrick is trying to get a slate of people to run for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, one board seat and Sgt at Arms. According to our By-Laws, the occupants for all but the first and last positions in that list are supposed to step down this year. Actually, Linn Petersen has served two extra years as treasurer because no one was even willing to run for the office.

How important is this club to you? Gayle and Carla have run the last five shows. Jerri Heer ran the five shows before them. It is time for someone to step forward to run the NEXT show. Gayle, Carla and Jerri will be happy to give you some suggestions (I bet Jerri would even be willing to handle the dealers for you). We have relied on the show to provide the funds needed to hold our dues to the current level. Without that \$3000, we will be forced to seek money another way. The craft center does cost us money beyond the worknight fees charged by the Gemcrafters and Metalcrafters. No show means the dues will likely rise (we can tighten the financial belt only so far).

How important is this club to you? What we need is someone to step forward and coordinate the tasks that need to be accomplished across the months preceding the show. The show IS a lot of work, but there are many people who "routinely" help to make it happen. Since the show chair becomes a board member after being appointed, as show chair you would have a significant say in the

The **Club Auction** is during the November meeting. Come, vote, donate and buy things to support the club.

business of the club, to say nothing of doing a tremendous service to the club. We will need to sign a contract for next September in the not too distant future. That contract will commit the club to having a show. Unless there is someone to coordinate the planning, there will be no signing (at least while I have a say as President). There is no truth to the rumor that the board is obligated to run a show if no individual volunteers to serve as show chair. Canceling the second show in four years would probably end any chance of reviving one in the near future, our vendors can only afford to cut us a limited number of breaks.

How important is this club to you? It is time for you to step forward and help the club.

Submitted by Jim Leslie, club president

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Board Meeting Minutes July, 31, 2006

Present: Jim Leslie, Mike Burcwicz, Linn Petersen, Marshall Waters, Harold Burlison, Carla Burlison, Mike Mayer, Kathy Petersen, Gayle O'Reardon. Absent: Larry Barrick, Joe Motter.

Business: Jim distributed copies of the TBG 2006 Charter, which starts in January, as well as the new lease agreement. The charter was discussed. The fees remain the same for this year. Two of the orgs are paying \$450 for the annual lease, ours has been and continues to be \$495. There will be an increase for all RO's next year.

Insurance has changed. The package from the insurance company is being finalized, and we are waiting for a final response from the insurance company. Janet will need to settle our insurance issues with the Herb Society, who share our Craft Center. Currently we insure our Craft Center contents. Some other RO's have their electricity paid by the gardens. We pay our own. This will be investigated. We also need to be sure that the garage is included in our property assessment with the gardens and the city. The garage was not included on the lease property description. This needs to be corrected. We are not shown on both of the garden maps. We are on one, but not both.

The gardens noted that we can have our two open houses without charge. We have 24 hrs allotted in the conference center. If we have 12 meetings, we are covered, but the additional time for our meals twice a year, would not be included. An additional charge is given per hour, but it is a minimal charge, and the board planned for the club to pay the extra amounts, as the dinners are popular with members.

Our 200 hours of **volunteer time** needs to be documented by October 15, to be counted October through the end of September, or we have to pay the \$120 organization fee. We are not in a position to sign, yet, because we are waiting on the insurance company's reply.

Jim will be checking on the inclusion of the garage in our property description. Jim will check to see if we are able to include last year's November and December volunteer hours in this year. Jim will also check on the electricity issue. It was unanimously voted that, assuming all information is satisfactory, Jim will sign the Lease and the Charter.

We need to renew our statement of **Not for Profit status**, with the State of Ohio, which is due every five years. Jim to take care of this.

Craft Center: cables, electricity, roof completed. Metalcraft room painted. We did incur some additional costs of \$410 including the new benches. The city had agreed to pay for the replacement the walls and roof. The Gardens (deletion) have not removed the leaves that Debby and Ed raked from behind the craft center, though Chet was assured that if we raked, they would remove them. Ed Reynolds has been heading the repairs. Ed, Chet, Jim, Jim Laine, Pete, Debby and Andy have worked on the repairs.

Detailed **treasurer's report** was given with updates on show expenses and cash available to pay bills.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Petersen, club secretary

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes August 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jim Leslie at 7:00 with the pledge of allegiance.

There was a moment of silence for Bob Stutz, club member, who recently died.

The Secretary's minutes were approved as submitted to the Rocky Reader.

Treasurer's report was given and approved.

Craft Center repairs are in progress. Painting will start at 10 AM Sunday, the 20th, for the metalcrafter and gemcrafter rooms on the benches and under the saws.

Show Chair Person(s) still needed for next year. Carla and Gayle have done five years.

Executive Board met in August. Jim was able to receive the needed information and did sign the TBG charter and lease.

TBG: Gem tree making and bracelets were some of the club demonstrations at the Arts in the Gardens, on August 13th. The Gardens plant sale is the same weekend as the show. Volunteers to work the plant sale are needed to continue our ongoing need to gain the hours required to pay for the club's conference center usage.

Fossil Fest in Sylvania, is the weekend after our show.

Demonstrators will be needed, as in previous years.

Gemcrafters will probably return to their regular schedule after the show, when painting is completed, and saws are returned to the benches.

Thanks to the volunteers who worked at the Fair. We had twice as many visitors as last year.

Beaders will start meeting again this month.

Faceteers met last week at Don Ault's. Next meeting is the second Thursday, in October at Decks.

Membership: 2 juniors, 34 members in attendance.

Rocky Reader to come out for October and November.

Metalcrafters will start up when the work is done in the craft center.

Sunshine: Fran Jerecki had cataracts removed and is feeling fine. Jacque Martindale is still recuperating. She is not driving yet.

Field trips remain as previously printed in the RR.

Show: Press releases have been sent out. What is highlighted by the media is their decision, based on their idea of what is interesting for their programs.

Hospitality room will be open on Thursday. Food needs to be available for workers and vendors. Thursday AM will be the loading time. Volunteers are needed to help load.

Linda is seeking donations for the raffle table. Donations are also needed for Rocky Roulette.

Open House is November 18 and 19. For tables, see Carla.

Toledo Parent News is running a back to school event the first weekend of August next year, and have asked if we are interested in having a booth. It is a publicity event at Westfield Franklin Park Mall, that would give us an opportunity to promote the club. We could demonstrate, hand out fliers, but not sell. We will commit to this, and will need demonstrators at the time.

Business: The statutory agent for the club will be Mike Mayers. He will take care of updating our status as "Not for Profit."

Program for September will be on Fossil Fish collecting in Wyoming, by Kathy Petersen.

submitted by Kathy Petersen, club secretary

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Board Minutes

September 20, 2006

Members present: Marshall Watters, Jim Leslie, Pete Petersen, Kathy Petersen, Mike Mayers, Larry Barrick, Gayle O'Riordon, Harold Burleson, Mike Burcewicz.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Leslie, President.

New Business: Mike Mayers presented the information on the current scholarship endowment facts, payment award methods and proposal regarding adopting the standard scholarship methods used by 98% of University of Toledo Endowments funds. Mike has met with university people to get their input. The new method will make predicting scholarship funds possible for the university, make awards available in financially good and bad years, and show better long term growth of the fund. The board voted to accept the proposal and adopt the new distribution plan.

A committee (Larry Barrick) was appointed to seek nominees for offices of president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant at arms, and one three year board position, which are available. A show chairman is still needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

submitted by Kathy Petersen, club secretary

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2006



Carmen comes to the show in style. Photo by Arline Bower

A **program** was presented on collecting fossil fish in Wyoming, by Kathy Petersen.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Leslie, at 8:00, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept, and members voted to approve the report. Craft center repairs are mostly done, and groups will be resuming their regular schedule.

Show Report: We still need a show chairman. We can not sign the lease at the Stranahan for next year, without a chairperson. Without a chairperson, a show can not be held. Dues will increase significantly, and the entire operation and existence of the club may be in jeopardy.

Gemcrafters will start up next Wednesday night.

Open House is Nov 18 and 19. These are free cutting and work days in the craft center. Workers need to talk to visitors and explain Club functions. Space for sellers in the conference center, should be sought from Jim, who will get the information to Carla.

We have paid for **Heralding the Holidays**. Sellers need to contact Chet for table arrangements..

Beaders meet the third Monday in the Craft Center. Contact Nancy Grove to confirm that you are coming and that she will be there.

Faceteers: Oct 12 at Bower's house. Classes in faceting can be taught by Chet at the Craft Center. Contact Chet if interested in learning how to facet.

Membership: 30 members present and one guest.

Rocky Reader: Will come out this month. It will be sent out on paper this month to notify members that September renewals are due.

Metalcrafters: Deb will moderate on Sundays, but due to her work schedules, she will not be able to attend on Thursday evenings. Kathy Petersen will open the center at 6:30 on the second and fourth Thursdays. If no one has arrived by 6:45, the center will be closed. Please contact Kathy to let her know if you are coming or will be late, on Thursday nights.

Sunshine: Linda and John Mianotti had a new granddaughter. Mike Gogle is doing fine. He was at the show. Ed Reynolds is a proud grandfather again, of a granddaughter.

Field trips: Trip to Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina still on. NE Lower Michigan trip still on for October 19-22.

Nominating committee is seeking nominees for open positions. Larry has agreed to seek volunteers for positions.

Please contact Larry to volunteer. We need people who are willing to be involved. It takes everyone working together to keep the club running. It is OK to learn as you go. **Show Chairman is a critical need.** Carla and Gayle are willing to help guide the person taking charge.

Scholarship endowment: The board voted to modify the club scholarship program to get it in line with other endowment programs at UT, to regulate and make scholarship amounts predictable. The new method will make predicting scholarship funds possible for the university, make awards available in financially good and bad years, and show better long term growth of the fund. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposal, and voted positively to accept.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

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

October Birthdays:

Jeff Heer	10-3
Annette Bussell	10-4
Steve Toth	10-5
Kathy Skaff	10-6
Margaret Mossing	10-17
Sylvia Capuano	10-19
Debra Hoffmaster	10-24
Harold Burleson	10-24
Cheryl Densmore	10-27
Jim Leslie	10-31

Juniors:

Andy Leslie	10-21
Robert Reynolds	10-28

November Birthdays:

Jamie Neidlinger	11-5
Deirdre Foltz	11-6
Amy Schweyer	11-6
Glen Toepfer	11-11
Thom Frushour	11-15
Edward Bond	11-18
Patrick O’Riordon	11-18
Dave Dilworth	11-22
Karen Snodgrass	11-22
Lynnette Common	11-28
Katherine Petersen	11-29
James Laine	11-30
Junior Members:	
AJ Call	11-13



Finally, a picture of Becky Knorek’s son, Andrew Owen Knorek,

Linda and John Maiani are the proud grandparents of their granddaughter, Megan Talle, born June 3, 2006. She weighed 7lbs, 4oz and was 20.5in long. We are happy to report that Mike Gogel is doing OK after a session in the hospital. In face, he was at our show to help us. Also, Ed Reynolds is a proud grandfather. His daughter, Tiffanie had a very beautiful baby girl on September 16, 2006, on her birthday. So she got the best present of all.

We have news that Sue Farnham’s mother passed away recently. Also Carla Burleson’s mother had surgery. Submitted by Lucille Burgy, Sunshine

GARDEN NEWS

Glass City Miniatures Guild received "Club of the Year for 2006" from Region A-3 of the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts. Clubmember Sharon Larrow is the Glass City Miniatures Guild president. Congratulations Sharon!

Garden Events

OCT 11 MEETING OF THE RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS COUNCIL – Conference Center – Noon-1:30 P.M. – ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED

OCT 14 The **WEAVERS GUILD** will have a **GUEST ARTIST** – Info: 419-242-7435

OCT 18 – NOV. 19 “FALL SHOW” presented by **SPECTRUM** – Wed-Sun, Noon-4 P.M – Info: 419-531-7769.

OCT 20 GARDEN CLUB FORUM presents “**Floral Treasures in an Heirloom**” by Jackie Monasmith. Meeting begins at 10 AM at Conference Center. Bountiful buffet and beverage at all meetings courtesy of member Garden Clubs. For more info contact Rosalie Ovenden 419-842-8046.

OCT 21 BLACK SWAMP HOSTA AND DAYLILY SOCIETY meeting-Conference Center 1 P.M. C H. Falstad, from Walters Gardens in Michigan and past president of the American Hosta Society, will speak on “**HOSTA DISEASES AND PESTS**”. Open to public. Call Charlene for additional info: 419-874-8964.

OCT 24 TOLEDO ROSE SOCIETY will meet at 7:30 PM in the Conference Center. A highly educational lecture on soil will be given by Steve Pyrak. Meeting is free and open to the public. Call Rebecca for additional info: 419-825-2285.

NOVEMBER

NOV 8 MEETING OF THE RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS COUNCIL – Conference Center – Noon-1:30 P.M. – ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED

NOV 17 GARDEN FORUM presents “**Friendly Fall Flower Workshop**” at 10 AM in the Conference Center. Cost is \$5 per person, and you need to bring a container and your own tools. Bountiful buffet and beverage at all meetings courtesy of member Garden Clubs. Call Rosalie Ovenden Tele: 419-842-8046 to reserve.

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 meet the third Monday in the Craft Center. Contact Nancy Grove to confirm that you are coming and that she will be there. Nancy Grove, Moderator

GEMCRAFTERS

Gemcrafter meetings have resumed. Gemcrafters will meet every Wednesday except the third, at 7PM in the Craft Center. **Heralding:** Members who wish to have a sales table in the Gemcrafter area should contact me soon.

The Club auction is in November. Donate, buy and help the club. Chet King, Jr., moderator

METALCRAFTERS

Meetings: The “regular” metalcrafter meetings (1st and 3rd Sunday at 1:30; 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:30) resumed on September 28th. Please feel free to come visit and view the renovations. They are pretty sweet. Many thanks to Chet King, Ed Reynolds and the painting crew that made all things possible.

Due to changes in my schedule, Kathy Petersen will be opening the building for the Thursday meetings. If you are new and planning on attending Thursday, please call or e-mail her to let her know that you will be there. If you have been attending on Thursdays but find that you will be late or unable to attend, please call or e-mail her with that information also. Kathy is the club secretary so her contact information may be found on the front page of the Rocky Reader or in the directory.

Heralding: Heralding the Holidays, the premier ROC pre-Christmas shopping event is coming. We have already rented two of the benches in the metalcraft area. One is left: The North bench rents for \$40.00 for the three day event. Participation requires that you pay the fee and help with the sign and luminary setup on Friday or tear-down on Saturday & Sunday. Heralding begins at 5 on Friday and ends at 5 on Sunday. To participate, contact Chet King or me. Deb Hoffmaster, moderator



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Coming Events from Chetty King’s Flyer Table

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

October 28&29. Gemboree. Emidio & Sons Expo Center, 48 E Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Saturday 10-7, Sunday 10-6. Adults \$4.00, Seniors & students \$3.00, Children 6-14 + Adult \$1.00, Children under 5 free.

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.

For the Mathematically Inclined:

There were three Medieval kingdoms on the shores of a lake. There was an island in the middle of the lake, which the kingdoms had been fighting over for years. Finally, the three kings decided that they would send their knights out to do battle, and the winner would take the island.

The night before the battle, the knights and their squires pitched camp and readied themselves for the fight. The first kingdom had 12 knights, and each knight had 5 squires, all of whom were busily polishing armor, brushing horses, and cooking food. The second kingdom had 20 knights, and each knight had 10 squires. Everyone at that camp was also busy preparing for battle. At the camp of the third kingdom, there was only one knight, with his squire.

This squire took a large pot and hung it from a looped rope in a tall tree. He busied himself preparing the meal, while the knight polished his own armor. When the hour of the battle came, the three kingdoms sent their squires out to fight (this was too trivial a matter for the knights to join in).

The battle raged, and when the dust cleared, the only person left was the lone squire from the third kingdom, having defeated the squires from the other two kingdoms.

I guess this just proves that the squire of the high pot and noose is equal to the sum of the squires of the other two sides.

October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Metalcraft @ 1:30	2	3	4 Gemcraft @ 7PM	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Gemcraft @ 7PM	12 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM	13	14
15 Metalcraft @ 1:30	16 Beaders @6:30	17	18 Club meeting @ 7PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Gemcraft @ 7PM	26 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM	27	28
29	30	31				

November

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			1 Gemcraft @7PM	2	3	4
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19 Metalcraft @1:30	20 Beaders @6:30	21	22 Gemcraft @ 7PM	23 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM	24	25
26	27	28	29 Gemcraft @ 7PM	30		

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