



# Rocky Reader

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**Toledo Gem And Rockhound Club**

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Many MANY thanks to all who worked to make the Club show a success. We could NOT have done it without YOU!

## Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2007

**Program** – Steve Shimatzki on MAGMA collecting trip in S Carolina

**Meeting began** at 7:45 with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Treasurer's report** – Memberships are coming in

Marge Jewson agreed to bring **refreshments** in September.

**Old Business** - The back-to-school event at the Mall was going to cost us \$100-\$600 for a table, so we did not participate. After more than 7 weeks, we finally have a response from TBG regarding our request for one free open house. In her response, Mimi Creutz, TBG board president, gave an implied no.

**MWF** - Steve reported that the meeting went well. The current president has health problems. There is some concern about the aging rockhound population. Steve was happy to meet other VP's and learn more about the program exchange. These may be borrowed by any club member to present to any group. Apparently the program, "Rocks and Minerals of the Bible" is particularly popular. Finally, Steve suggested that more money should be allocated for the MWF representative.

**TBG** - Chet reported we have 500+ hours to TBG and will not have to pay the ROC dues. The fall plant sale is in September and Heralding is coming in December (Debby H is chairman of that event)

**Gemcraft** – is open on Wednesday's. No classes are scheduled.

**Beaders** - Will meet on the third Mondays until November.

**Membership** – Thirty-three members present, and four juniors. Two new members joined during the meeting.

**Metalcraft** – Will have a picnic on August 18. Meet at the craft center at noon, we will then go to one of the metro-parks. Metalcrafter meetings are published in the RR. We still need demonstrators for the show.

**Sunshine** – Jim Jarecki had surgery for skin cancer. Shirley Muszynski fell, but is OK now. John Maiani was hospitalized with kidney stones.

**Fieldtrips** – There is a trip to Greymont on Saturday September 15 and one to Bancroft Ontario on September 26-30. Contact Harold Burleson for more information.

**Show** – is coming up fast. It is September 7-9 and volunteers are needed for all jobs. We also need donations for the Scholarship raffle, silent auction and Rocky Roulette. This year all club activities are in the lobby and the silent auction is in the front room. The main floor is now only dealers. Displays were put in 7 local libraries.

Carla is planning the **November Open House**. Please see her if you want a **FREE** table for this event.

**Open House** - is November 17 & 18. Setup is Friday evening, the 16th. Carla is taking requests for tables.

**New Business** – The craft center was not on the map for ARTS, nor was TG&RC listed on the map as an RO. When asked, Melissa, the TBG Events & Marketing Manager, said that this was a new map created just for the event and that Jim Larrow, ARTS chair had approved it. Nonetheless, the “new” map is remarkably similar to the one we have complained about in the past and were assured “would not be used again.” Club member, Jim Larrow has indicated that he only saw the map 48 hours before the event. (See Garden News for copies of e-mails)

In response to our query about the invoice we received in July for the \$120 ROC association fee, Patty Toneff, TBG Programs and Services Manager, indicated that we have met the required 200 hours to waive the fee but suggested that we might want to pay it as a donation to TBG. A motion to this extent was proposed by Debby Hoffmaster and seconded by Andrew Leslie. The motion failed. (See Garden News for copies of e-mails)

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:35 and distribution of open house raffle prizes followed

Submitted by Debra Hoffmaster

## Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2007

**Meeting began** at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Secretary report**- reported to group, thank-you letters for scholarships.

**Treasurer's report** – Current money reported

**Announcement**-Jerri Heer volunteered for next year's open house. Carmen Eiche volunteered to provide treats for October meeting.

**TBG**- Heralding is Nov. 30-Dec.2. Looking for volunteers to help in the parking area.

**Gemcraft**-Open cutting on Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. No classes are scheduled.

**Beaders**-There will be two more classes, October and November.

Heralding the Holidays is November 30, December 1 & 2. If you wish to sell at this event, contact Debby Hoffmaster for space in the Metalcrafter area, or see Chet for space in the Gemcrafter area.

Third Monday at 6:30 p.m.

**Faceteers**-Next meeting at Don Ault's home. If there is enough interest, could have class on Saturday. Contact Don Ault for more information.

**Metalcraft**-Meets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Classes will be starting up.

**Sunshine**- Helen Depinet passed away. John Kolsakowski fell on his back and will be laid up for about 2 months.

**Fieldtrip**-Bancroft Canada is September 26-30. Greymont on September 29.

**Show**-was a good show, attendance was good. Thank-you to everyone who helped.

**Open house** -November 17 & 18. Set-up is on November 16. Carla has sign-up sheet.

**Old Business** -We will ignore the invoice for \$120.

**New Business** -Officers nominate in November. Installed in December. Mike Mayers will head the nomination committee.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Submitted by John Capuano, Club Secretary

## CLASSES

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

**November 17, 2007 10AM. CLOSED.** Japanese Chain Mail Bracelet. Instructor Kathy Petersen. Fee \$60.00. To be put on a waiting list, call Kathy.

**January 26, 2008. 10AM.** Colored copper jewelry. Instructor Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$20.00. Learn to use colored pencils on copper to dress up your jewelry.

**February 23, 2008. 10AM.** PMC bottles. Instructor Tonia Wallace. Fee \$80.00. Learn to make small, hollow bottles from metal clay. Limit 8.

**March 29, 2008. 10AM.** Silver spoon jewelry. Instructor Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$20.00. Learn to make jewelry from old spoons. Limit 6.

**April 26 & 27. 10AM.** Wire wrapping. Instructor Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$40.00. Learn the art of wire wrapping with four beginning projects: earrings, a cross, a bracelet and a cabochon pendant.

**May 17, 2008. 10AM.** Beez to Butterflies bracelet. Instructor Kathy Petersen. Fee \$60.00. This is a chain maille bracelet, that looks like side to side Byzantine links but is a much less complicated pattern than byzantine. Fees deadline is three weeks before class, but these classes have been

selling out 6 MONTHS in advance, so get your money to Kathy, as soon as you know that you want in!

**November 15, 2008. 10AM.** Vertebrae bracelet. Instructor Kathy Petersen. Fee \$60.00. This is a modified 4 in 1 chain maille bracelet, with an inner ring, also called vertebrae pattern.

## Thelma Postlewaite's Family News

### October Birthdays:

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Jeff Heer        | 10-3  |
| John Kalinoski   | 10-7  |
| Rose McKimm      | 10-9  |
| Jesse Tapia      | 10-15 |
| Victoria Holmes  | 10-18 |
| Sylvia Capuano   | 10-19 |
| Andy Leslie      | 10-21 |
| Debra Hoffmaster | 10-24 |
| Harold Burleson  | 10-24 |
| Charley Drake    | 10-28 |
| Jim Leslie       | 10-31 |
| Vicki Jueng      | 10-31 |

### November Birthdays:

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Gretchen Durivage   | 11-4  |
| Larry Dion          | 11-5  |
| Jackie Stahl        | 11-13 |
| Thom Frushour       | 11-15 |
| Edward Bond         | 11-18 |
| Patrick O'Riordon   | 11-18 |
| Karen Snodgrass     | 11-22 |
| Miriam Leeper-Kende | 11-27 |
| Lynnette Common     | 11-28 |
| Katherine Petersen  | 11-29 |
| James Laine         | 11-30 |

### Junior Members:

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Dean Scheuer | 11-18 |
|--------------|-------|

In August, Jim Jarecki had surgery for skin cancer, Shirley Muszynski fell, and John Maiani was hospitalized with kidney stones. Helen Depinet, 95 years young, passed away on September 9. John Kolsakowski fell from a ladder while trimming trees. He is in a cast with severe injuries.

Submitted by Lucille Burgy, Sunshine

## GARDEN NEWS

After Arts in the Gardens, Jim attempted to meet with Janet Schroeder to discuss TG&RC's omission from the TBG map and the issue of whether we had sufficient volunteer hours (200) to avoid paying the \$120 resident organization fee (we had been sent a bill in July). Janet was not in the office so he left a detailed message. Here are the responses.

From: Janet Schroeder

To: Jim Leslie

Cc: Melissa Shaner ; Patty Toneff ; Margaret Creutz

Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2007 3:38 PM

Subject: your note

Thanks for the note, Jim-- As I have been in intensive master site planning activity for the past three days, and have been unavailable to respond to many voicemails, emails and such. I do not have a great deal of time to address these issues at this time, and have forwarded your note to Melissa Shaner to address the map issue, which I understand Arts in the Garden Chairman Jim Larrow did approve. Regarding cumulative volunteer hours, I think we all know that we do not currently have a Volunteer coordinator and yet, Patty Toneff can provide the status of group hours. I have copied her on this message to inform her that you would like an update. As she continues to serve as the RO Liaison, she

is always pleased to answer such questions. Thank you, Janet

----- Original Message -----

From: Patty

To: jleslie@adrian.edu

Cc: Director

Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2007 4:40 PM

Subject: volunteer hours

Hi Jim

Below are the reported hours from Gem and Rockhounds to TBG.

The reported hours maybe different then what qualifies as TBG volunteer hours, but this should give you some idea of where you stand. A quick review suggests that you have met your required 200 hours to avoid the \$120 fee. You may also be interested in knowing that at least one other organization which provides hundreds of volunteer hours per year provides the \$120 fee as a donation to TBG.

If you would like to verify these hours against the data we have on file please call.

Gem and Rockhounds Total  
(4th - 06) 17, (1st -07) 13, (2nd -07) 540.75  
Total hours reported 558.75  
Please feel free to contact me with questions as I am here to help.  
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----- Original Message -----  
From: Melissa Shaner  
To: Jim Leslie  
Cc: Patty Toneff ; Janet Schroeder  
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2007 1:23 PM  
Subject: Re: your note

Hi Jim  
Thank you so much for your help with Arts in the Garden last Sunday. You were a great traffic director. I don't know what we would have done without you. I apologize that the Gem & Rockhounds building was not on the map. That map is new, created just this summer for use with Open Art Days. I was very cautious in having Jim Larrow review the map prior to making copies. Please be assured I will add the building for future events when it is open for the public. Also, (if Patty hasn't already replied to you) we have been keeping a tally of the volunteer hours and that information is up-to-date and available. We will get it to you as soon as possible if you haven't already received it.  
Thanks again for your help!  
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### **FACETEERS**

The Faceteers had their August meeting at the home of Dick and Arline Bower. The attendance was down some as Grace Hessler is fighting cancer and Rick Hensley is recovering from a bad car accident. Right after the meeting Sharon Compliment fell and is on crutches and Dick Bower goes in for gall bladder surgery Sept.4th. Hope everyone is better by the October meeting.

Submitted by Arline Bower

### **FIELD TRIPS**

There will be a field trip to Bancroft Ontario, Canada on September 26-30. Contact Harold Burleson for details about this great collecting opportunity or to be informed of future field trips. Many quarries now require up to date Mine Safety training for admission.

### **BEADERS**

After meeting in October, the Beaders will take off for the winter months Nancy Grove, Moderator

### **GEMCRAFTERS**

Gemcrafters meet on Wednesdays (except the third) at 7PM. Join us for free cutting during the Open House. If anyone wants a class on a specific technique, see Chet.

Chet King, Jr., moderator

### **METALCRAFTERS**

During the **Open House** we have several opportunities for enrichment. Come and observe the **chaining class on November 17**. Or, bring a sheet of 18-20 gage copper with you on November 18. We will have a **FREE Workshop on raising bowls**. The technique taught does not require many tools and will produce serviceable results. Those who have completed their introductory pendant may work in the shop free of fees during the Open House weekend. Also, we are **now taking reservations for tables for Heralding**. Sign up now to sell at this event, Nov 30, Dec 1 & 2..

Deb Hoffmaster, moderator

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

**November 9-11.** St. Lewis Rock & Mineral Show. Stratford Inn, 800 S Highway Dr., Fenton, St. Lewis County, MO. Friday 4-8, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 10-5. Adults \$2, Students \$1.

**July 10 - July 13, 2008.** Agate Conference - the largest agates only event ever held in the US. Weis Earth Science Museum, The University of Wisconsin - Fox Valley, Menasha, Wisconsin Friday -Sunday 10-6; Monday 10-5. Adults \$3.00, children 21 & under Free. For more information see [www.weismuseum.org](http://www.weismuseum.org) or e-mail [fox-wesm@uwc.edu](mailto:fox-wesm@uwc.edu) 920-832-2925.

### **2007/2008 Public Lecture Series for the Toledo Chapter of the American Archeological Society.**

- 1. 3:00 pm, October 21 (Sunday), 2007.** Thomas Riley, Ph.D. Prof. of Anthropology and Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND. **"Pigs, Rats and People: Puzzles of a Pacific Paradise."** Toledo Museum of Art, Little Theatre , 2445 Monroe St. , Toledo.
- 2. 3:00 pm, November 11 (Sunday), 2007.** Geoff Emberling, Ph.D., Director of the Oriental Institute Museum and Associate Professor of Archaeology at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL **"Khorsabad, Capital of Ancient Assyria."** Toledo Museum of Art, Little Theatre , 2445 Monroe St., Toledo.
- 3. 3:00 pm, December 16 (Sunday), 2007.** Jarrod Burks, Ph.D., Director of Geophysical Surveys and Research at Ohio Valley Archaeological Consultants Ltd., Columbus, OH. **"Hopewell Earthworks and Settlements in Southern Ohio Rediscovering the Past with High-Tech Equipment."** Toledo Museum of Art, Little Theatre , 2445 Monroe St., Toledo.
- 4. January 2008** There may be a lecture at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH sometime during January. If and when this event is arranged, the information will be posted at [www.eeescience.utoledo.edu/toledo\\_society/](http://www.eeescience.utoledo.edu/toledo_society/).
- 5. 7:30 pm, February 8 (Friday), 2008.** Regine Schulz, Ph.D., Curator of Ancient Art at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, MD. **"Kerma, Kush and Meroe The Kingdoms of Ancient Nubia."** Toledo Museum of Art, Little Theatre, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo.
- 6. 3:00 pm, March 9 (Sunday), 2008.** Stephen Lekson, Ph.D., Curator and Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO. **"Mesa Verde's World."** Toledo Museum of Art, Little Theatre , 2445 Monroe St., Toledo
- 7. April** (date and time to be determined), 2008. Susan D'Auria, Ph.D., Former Curator of Ancient Egyptian Art at the Boston Museum of Art in Boston, MA and now an Independent Scholar from Cincinnati, OH. **"Lives in Ruins: A History of Egyptian Archaeology."** Venue to be determined.
- 8. 7:30 pm May 9 (Friday), 2008.** Joan Mertens, Ph.D., Curator of Ancient Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, NY. **"The New Greek and Roman Galleries at The Metropolitan Museum of Art An Array of Challenges."** Toledo Museum of Art, Little Theatre, 2445 Monroe St.

For more information contact: James A. Harrell, AIA-Toledo Society President, (phone: 419-530-2193; e-mail: [james.harrell@utoledo.edu](mailto:james.harrell@utoledo.edu)). For synopses of these lectures, see: [www.eeescience.utoledo.edu/toledo\\_society/](http://www.eeescience.utoledo.edu/toledo_society/)

## **Diamonds in Canada (continued from last issue)**

**Canadian Diamond Industry:** Canada's diamond industry has now become an industry worth more than \$2.0 billion with all indicators pointing to potential for future growth. Canadian diamond production in 2003 was about 11.6 million carats and in 2004 was 12.6 million carats.

**Diavik,** Canada's second diamond mine, began production in January 2003. During its projected 20-year life, average diamond production from this mine is expected to peak at six to eight million carats a year — about five percent of the world's total supply. Ekati's average production over its projected 20-year life is expected to peak at three to five million carats a year — four percent of world production by volume.

Another three mines are scheduled to be opened: one at Snap Lake, about 220 kilometres northeast of Yellowknife, N.W.T.; Victor, near James Bay in Ontario; and Jericho in Nunavut. These mines will consolidate Canada's position in world diamond production by value, third after Botswana and Russia.

### **Cutting and Polishing**

Although there have been diamond polishing facilities in Canada for many years, the new mines triggered the construction of a number of factories in the Northwest Territories that now employ close to 100 people. One facility is majority-owned by the Yellowknife Dene First Nation. The largest of these facilities has an output of 2500 carats a month. There are cutting and polishing facilities in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montréal and Matane.

**Employment:** The Canadian diamond industry employs about 1200 people in mine operations and over 1000 more in support industries for exploration and mining. In total, the Canadian industry provides some 4000 direct and indirect jobs. Aboriginal persons comprise 30 to 40 percent of the work forces at Ekati and Diavik.

**Kimberley Process for Rough Diamonds:** The Kimberley Process was initiated by South Africa in May 2000 to develop an international certification scheme for rough diamonds in order to help prevent conflict diamonds from entering legitimate markets. Conflict diamonds originate in areas controlled by rebel groups and are often used to fund military action that targets governments.

Canada has been a leader in the process to control the conflict diamond trade. It has supported the United Nations in this initiative and, in June 2002, in Kananaskis, Alberta, this country and other G8 leaders pledged support for an international effort. Canada has now passed legislation to control the import, export and transit of rough diamonds in Canada. By participating in the Kimberley Process, Canada is doing its part to halt the devastating impact that trade in conflict diamonds is having on peace, security and sustainable development in affected countries.

### **Diamonds and Sustainable Development**

Canada's diamond industry is part of a minerals and metals industry that is one of the world's largest producers and exporters. This highly productive and technologically advanced industry provides a source of stable, high income for northern, remote and Aboriginal communities.

Canadian mining companies are also leading the way in integrating sustainable development into their activities in Canada and abroad. The Canadian mining industry was the first in the world to develop and adopt a national environmental policy. On the international front, some of Canada's major mining companies are involved in projects ranging from delivering health, water and electricity services to reintegrating workers into their communities.

Natural Resources Canada advances the Government of Canada's commitment to the sustainable development of our natural resources — contributing to their economic importance and to a strong society and communities through knowledge, innovation, technology and international leadership.

By integrating our economic, social and environmental goals, we can ensure our quality of life and build the Canada we want, for ourselves and for future generations. From:  
[http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/ms/diam/index\\_e.htm](http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/ms/diam/index_e.htm); Natural Resources Canada, 2007-01-10

### Polar Bear Diamonds

When you select a Polar Bear diamond™, you can be certain that it was mined responsibly. The companies that mine diamonds in the Northwest Territories must observe strong Canadian laws that protect the Arctic environment and the mine workers. Before diamond companies can build mines in Canada's Arctic, they are required to make a careful assessment of the environment. Under the permitting process, mining companies must demonstrate that impacts on vegetation, air and water quality, and wildlife populations are sustainable. In addition, social and economic impacts on northern communities are carefully examined. From:

<http://www.polarbeardiamond.com/pages/faq.asp>; Polar Bear Faq © 2006 Polar Bear Diamond.

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**October**

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| Sunday               | Monday            | Tuesday | Wednesday                  | Thursday                                | Friday | Saturday |
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| 7 Metalcraft @ 1:30  | 8                 | 9       | 10 Gemcraft @ 7PM          | 11 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM<br>Faceteers @ 7 | 12     | 13       |
| 14                   | 15                | 16      | 17 <b>Club meeting @ 7</b> | 18                                      | 19     | 20       |
| 21 Metalcraft @ 1:30 | 22 Beaders @ 6:30 | 23      | 24 Gemcraft @ 7PM          | 25 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM                  | 26     | 27       |
| 28                   | 29                | 30      | 31 Gemcraft @ 7PM          |   |        |          |

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| 4 Metalcraft @ 1:30     | 5      | 6       | 7 Gemcraft @ 7PM      | 8 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM<br>Faceteers @ 7 | 9      | 10  |
| 11                      | 12     | 13      | 14 Gemcraft @ 7PM     | 15                                     | 16     | 17 Chaining class 10AM<br><b>Club Open House 10-5</b> |
| 18 Club Open House 10-5 | 19     | 20      | 21 Club meeting @ 7PM | 22 Thanks giving -NO Metalcraft        | 23     | 24  |
| 25                      | 26     | 27      | 28 Gemcraft @ 7PM     | 29                                     | 30     | 31 Heralding  |

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