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FEBRUARY IS THE METALCRAFTER SILENT AUCTION

This month's program is the **Metalcrafter silent auction**. If you have never attended a silent auction before, here is how you do it:

If you are donating: Place your donation on the auction table. **Then fill out** a silent auction slip for each donation. List your name as the donor, and **set a minimum price and minimum bid raise** (50¢ if the minimum bid is \$10 or less: \$1 if the minimum bid is over \$10). If the item does not sell, we will return it to you.

If you are bidding: Look at everything and **write your name and your monetary bid on the bid sheet**. If you really, really want something, **go back frequently** to up your bid OR **bid extravagantly** (remember, these monies benefit YOU). We will announce the end of bidding (7:45). If you have the highest bid, at the end, take your items to the Treasurer (Steve) and pay for them.

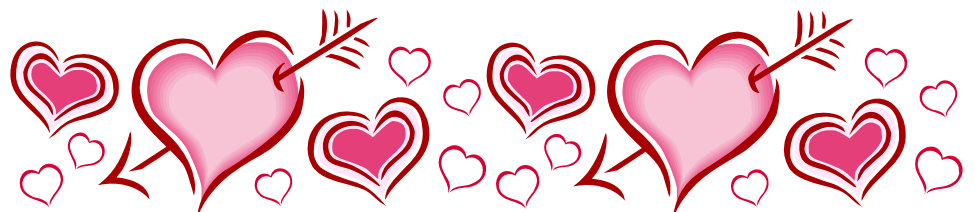
The metalcrafter auction finances our big ticket equipment purchases. If you have taken a class or made anything in our studio, this auction has benefited YOU!

NEW JUNIORS GROUP TO START!

Calling ALL Juniors! This includes all members ages 6 - 17. Starting Saturday, February 7th, at 10:00AM, there will be a Junior Group Meeting at the Craft Center. Parents are welcome to stay for the meeting. We will have a hands-on program on the first Saturday of each month to help our Junior members learn about our club and our hobby. Our first meeting will be to get acquainted and will have a discussion and exploration of Crystals. Each participant will receive samples to take home. Please RSVP to Jerri Heer: 419-344.9999 or jheerx6@aol.com.

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS

We will have our first quarterly Board Meeting on Monday, February 9th at 7PM. Discussion topics include the Annual Budget, the Show and more. Please RSVP: Jerri Heer, jheerx6@aol.com.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to everyone! I want to thank everyone for your confidence in me to perform my duties as your President. I would like to start my term by sending out a "President's Message" in the Rocky Reader, a practice I will try to maintain each month. I would also like to encourage you all to contact me if you have any concerns or interests that would support the growth of this fine organization. To that end, I would like to aim my first message at the reorganization of a group for Juniors.

When my family and I joined the club, some dozen or so years ago, there was an active Junior's group. My family's participation in that group, cemented our relationship with the club which continues today. Studies in group dynamics reveal that when someone joins a group, there is a relatively short period of time to establish a rapport and level of interest that will generate a long-term relationship. I was fortunate enough to have come along at the right time for this to happen. I found that many club members were more than willing to share their knowledge and love of the hobby to me and mine. I'd like to think that the club has benefited from the long-term relationship that developed because of that.

I believe that this willingness to share still exists. Every year at the Show, I meet families with one or more children who have a burning love of rocks and "things that sparkle". Those families come to us because of their desire to provide healthy experience in a hobby that their children enjoy. We have provided that in the past. We can do so again. I think that if we can somehow put those who have something to share, with those children who have a desire to learn, we can all benefit from the resulting growth in the club.

Here is what I propose: I will volunteer for at least one Saturday per month to moderate a beginning Junior's Group. I would like a few other members to back me up, to assist or be available to fill in if needed. I would like to ask all of you to think about what you could share about your love of the hobby: cutting, faceting, beading, fossils, artifacts, carving, mineral collecting etc. Contact me; and we will work out a schedule and program that can share your knowledge with eager students. I have always been a teacher at heart; trust me that I can develop a hands-on learning experience out of almost anything.

I am looking forward to a great year serving you all and the club. Help me to help you and all of the eager young people who enjoy our hobby and have the natural curiosity to learn.

Thank you!

Jerri A. Heer

PS: At this point, I'm looking at the first Saturday of each month. Therefore, the first meeting will be Saturday, February 7th at 10:00 AM – Noon.

Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients:

Leigha King (BGSU)

Rosie Nyland (BGSU)

Kathie Swan (UT)

Jared Hawkins (UT)

In addition to scholarship funds, they also become members of the TGRC this year!

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

We will hold our first Show Committee Meeting on Weds, February 18 at 6PM, prior to the regular club meeting. Committee members who served last year, please RSVP your intentions to serve or not for this year. We welcome new volunteers, there is always work to go around! If you would like to explore your capacity to help, please email or call Jerri Heer: 419-344-9999 or jheerx6@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

There's still time to submit updates for the 2008-2009 membership directory. Directories are expected to be sent with the March or April Rocky Reader. Please make sure the club has your current contact info (address, phone, email). Contact Suzanne Shimatzki to make updates. If you wish your contact info to remain private, we will only list your name, but you must contact Suzanne in WRITING before February 10th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN MARCH

We still have donated material at the Delano's Barn that has to be removed. Due to the deep snows, it will have to wait until March or so. Dan is leaving in March, but Merry Jo doesn't leave until May. We are asking members to keep this in mind, for when the time comes, we will need volunteers to help.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

In April, the metalcraft group is able to offer TG&RC club members a great opportunity to learn stone setting from a master. Gerry Lewy, "The Cyber-Setter" of Orchid fame, will be traveling to Toledo to offer a class in basic setting techniques (see classes). To keep fees low, this class is being underwritten by the metalcrafter group. Look around at similar classes and you will see what an incredible opportunity it is to take a class of this quality in our very own craft center. If enough students enroll (10), and we can cover the cost of the class, we will use the underwriting monies to bring in more outside instruction.

SHOW AND TELL

The March meeting program is Show and Tell night! Do you have the coolest rock? The Rarest fossil? U/V Rock? Radioactive Rocks? A strikingly beautiful piece of jewelry? Your most favorite cabochon? Maybe a funny story associated to your favorite rock/mineral/jewelry? This is your chance to share and shine at the first annual TG&RC Show and Tell night! We are looking for members that would like to Show and Tell their rocks/mineral/jewelry during the March meeting. You would be allocated between 5-10 minutes depending on number of participants. RSVP is not required but it would help Ruth plan the evening if you let her know in advance (419-381-0253). Hopefully this will be a great time for everyone and a nice way to learn something new about our fellow members.

MARCH KETUCKY FIELD TRIP

Are you available March 31st to April 5th? Looking for an exciting field trip? Joel Vicary never fails to find the most interesting places to pull off and hunt for fossils and Kentucky Agates and Geodes. Contact Harold (419-533-7341) to find out more information, what can be expected, and what to bring, etc. Hopefully another great hunt with some great friends.

STATE LINE EBAY AUCTION ITEMS

State Line Gem and Mineral Society is continuing the fourth year of the project to purchase and renovate the Morenchi Train Depot into their meeting location. In an effort to quickly raise funds to make up for a shortfall of an expected funding source, they have asked their members to donate items that will be sold on Ebay. As a fellow MWF Club, we wish them all the luck at meeting their goals and would like to pass the following information on to any member interested. The auctions are not running YET, but will be soon. You can use the following web address for their auctions: <http://myworld.ebay.com/statelinegemandmineralsociety> This may be a great opportunity to purchase some interesting items/rough and help out a fellow MWF club with a good cause. For those TG&RC members that may also be State Line members, word has gone out that the State Line Bricks fund raiser is still available and to contact Steve Nichols, President of the State Line Gem and Mineral Society & Building Chairperson at (517) 403-6722, if you are interested in purchasing an engraved brick to be in the Morenchi Train Depot wall.

COMING EVENTS

from Chetty King's Flyer Table

March 28, 10AM-5PM. 37th Annual Metro Rock Swap hosted by the Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society. Held at the Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Road, Taylor, Michigan. Swap, sell, or buy minerals, fossils, jewelry, beads, crystals, slabs, lapidary items, related books, etc. Open to the public. Free Admission. Free Parking. Refreshments available. Tables are \$15.00 per 8-foot table. For table reservations and information, call (734) 525-1684.

TG&RC MEETING MINUTES – January 21, 2009

The meeting began with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Program: Mike Mayer introduced Dr Sheila Roberts Chairman of Geology Department at BGSU who presented a program on “Geochemistry of the Ottawa River”

After the program and a break for refreshments, President Jerri Heer called the business meeting to order at 7:46pm.

The January meeting recognized the scholarship program and Mike Mayer presented a check to Dr. Roberts for BGSU’s scholarship endowment in the amount of \$513.50. The University of Toledo will also get a check for its scholarship endowment.

Secretary’s Report: the minutes were published in the January issue of the Rocky Reader. Deb Hoffmaster made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was properly seconded and was approved by the membership.

Treasurer’s Report: Steve Shimatzki gave a brief report on the club’s finances. John Kalinoski made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was properly seconded and was approved by the membership.

Announcements:

President Jerri Heer announced that there were several flyers on the back table for upcoming shows. She also stated that the club has received a directory of TBG staff members for reference.

She thanked Lisa Keefer for providing refreshments for the meeting.

New Business:

The March program will be a show and tell from club members. People should let Ruth Jacobs know about specimens or trips they’d like to talk about.

The President talked briefly about the juniors program and its importance. As mentioned in the January Rocky Reader, the juniors program needs a moderator. Currently there are 9 junior members. Last year there were 13 junior members. There was some discussion on the importance of attracting juniors and the club will try to find a moderator.

Group Reports:

TBG: Chet King reported that the May flower sale gives us a lot of volunteer hours with the garden and we will need volunteers. Dates for the flower sale are May 9-10. There will be a teachers’ program June 16.

Gemcrafters: Chet King reported that the Gemcrafters’ Auction will be in April and there will be some equipment for sale. He is looking at setting up some classes in the future.

Beaders: Nancy Grove reported that the Beaders would not be meeting again until March.

Faceteers: no report.

Rocky Reader: The deadline for submission for the February issue is January 26th.

Membership: John Capuano reported 33 members present.

Metalcrafters: Deb Hoffmaster reminded everyone to check their email before venturing out in the cold in case things were canceled. The Metalcrafters will hold a silent auction at the February meeting. In April (24th-26th) the Metalcrafters will host a setting class with Gerry Lewy of Canada. There is only one fee for the class and no separate fee for materials. The class will be open only to TGRC members through the end of the February. At that time, if it hasn’t filled it will be opened to the general public on a first come basis.

Thelma Postlewaite’s Family News

February Birthdays:

Tonia Wallace	2-1
Peter Eckel	2-9
Ronald Toneff	2-9
Ed Reynolds	2-10
Robert Thomas	2-18
Bonnie Jo Wheeler	2-18
John Kosakowski	2-25
Donald Ault	2-26
Peggy Jones	2-26

Our sincere prayers are with the family of former member Mildred Murray who passed away on Jan 14th at age 94.

Sunshine: Lucille Burgy reported that former member Mildred Murray passed away on January 14th. She was 94 years old.

Field Trips: Harold Burleson said Joel Vickers has an upcoming trip to Kentucky the end of March to early April and a trip to Alpena, Michigan in May. Harold said he needs 8 people for a certification class that is required by law for most mine trips.

Sept Show: Show Co-Chair Jerri Heer said she needed to confirm committee chair assignments with some people yet.

Open House: Carla Burleson reported that the Open House would be May 16-17th. There will be a stand by list for table space in case someone pulls out at the last minute. Members will have only 2 hours on Friday night to set up for the Open House. Tables are free for members.

After the raffle drawing, John Kalinoski made a motion to adjourn. The motion being approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Lyn Kalinoski, Secretary

CLASSES

The following schedule is a listing of upcoming classes. To enroll, please **send all fees to the instructor**. Fees must be received, at the latest, **three weeks prior to the class** however, many classes fill up well in advance of this deadline.

February 22, 10AM. Hydraulic press workshop. Instructor, Debra Hoffmaster. **CLASS IS FULL.**

March 14, 10AM. Colored copper jewelry. Instructor Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$20.00. Learn to use colored pencils on copper to dress up your jewelry.

April 24, 25, 26. Friday 6-9PM, Saturday 9-5PM, and Sunday 9-5PM. Basic setting. Instructor Gerry Lewy. Fee \$150.00 - 4 places remaining. (please send fee payment to Debra Hoffmaster to register). This class will introduce students to basic principles of setting faceted stones. The topics covered will include: 4 & 6- prong round brilliant settings, Bezel setting, Gypsy or Flush setting, Princess setting &, time permitting, Channel setting. For a complete course syllabus and Gerry Lewy's resume, contact Debra Hoffmaster at dhoffmaster1@verizon.net or 517-265-6284. In March, if the class is not yet full, it will be opened to non-club members, so, to preserve your place, register early. Class fees include sterling silver practice rings.

May 16, 2008. 10AM. Celtic Visions bracelet. Instructor Kathy Petersen. Fee \$70.00. This is a modified Helm pattern and a good starting point for a number of other patterns.

METALCRAFTERS

February is the metalcrafter auction. Please donate. If you make jewelry, have tools, or jewelry components, please consider donating them to our auction. Many of us like to have other members' work. If you do something unique, or have extras of equipment or components please consider giving to this auction. Unlike live auctions, YOU set the minimum price and, if it is not met, YOU GET THE DONATION BACK.

The February issue of BEAD & BUTTON has an article written by Kathy Petersen and Susan Matych-Hager entitled Perfect Paring. Congratulations Kathy!

Make sure to **note the BASIC SETTING class** being offered in April by master setter Gerry Lewy. This is an unparalleled opportunity to improve your abilities and to learn a marketable skill from a real master.

The metalcrafters meet on the first and third Sunday at 1:30 and the second and fourth Thursday at 6:30. Please check e-mail for cancellation notification one hour prior to the meeting if the weather is bad. We ask that **those members who have never attended**, please call or e-mail Debby to schedule a three meeting slot to complete their instructional pendant. When you do so, **please leave your full name and contact information.**

Deb Hoffmaster, moderator

GEMCRAFTERS

The gemcrafters meet on Wednesdays (except the third) at 7PM in the craft center. Chet can give classes on any lapidary topic. If there is something that you are interested in learning, contact him.

FACETEERS


The faceters will meet on the second **Wednesday** of the month. Contact Don Ault or Dick Bower for more information.

BEADERS

The beaders will take a break during winter and return to their regularly scheduled meetings in March.

ROCKY READER

Submissions for the March Rocky Reader must be received by noon on Monday, **February 23rd**. All groups should be submitting monthly updates unless prior arrangements have been made directly with Suzanne. Submissions may be given **in writing** to Suzanne Shimatzki (or Steve) during the monthly meeting, emailed to editor@rockyreader.com, or via phone message at 419-861-0147. Thanks to everyone who has been submitting announcements, articles, and pictures!



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YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

The Summit Lapidary Club in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio is sponsoring their Second Annual Youth Poster Contest. This year's theme is "Gemstones of the World". Entrants are to create a poster illustrating one or more gemstones or minerals that interest you, from anywhere in the world.

Contest Rules:

-  Open to all kids across the country in grades 1-8.
-  All entries must be on 12" x 18" paper.
-  Include name, address, age, and school grade of participant on back of Entry.
-  Artwork can be pen, ink, crayons, magic marker, paint, or any other artists' medium.
-  No three-dimensional posters accepted.
-  The title may be on the front or the back.
-  List names of the gems and/or minerals and why you chose them.
-  All entries become the property of the Summit Lapidary Club.
-  Points will be awarded based on the following: Originality of Artwork (30), Design (25), Title (25), Listing of gems and/or minerals and reason (20).
-  Each grade will have a winner. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th place. The 1st place winners also receive a prize.
-  Winners to be displayed and prizes/ribbons awarded at the Summit Lapidary Club's Spring Gemboree on April 25, 2009.

Entries must be postmarked by **April 1, 2009**. Send to: David Rich
1166 Broadview Road
Tallmadge, OH 44278.

If you have questions, contact Contest Chairman David Rich at (330) 630-9625 or email DRICH@lapidaryclubofohio.org.

How Did They Do That? Ancient Jewelry Techniques

The Archaeological Institute of America - Toledo Society and the Toledo Museum of Art offered a lecture on January 9, 2009. Presenters: Suzanne Hargrove, M.A., Chief Conservator, and Sandra Knudsen, Ph.D. Associate Curator of Ancient Art and Trustee of the, both at the Toledo Museum of Art in Toledo. The presenters knew their subject & made the lecture very interesting. They had slides of some ancient jewelry, including some owned by our museum.

Some of the first jewelry was fabricated with gold which was pounded into thin sheets. Many of these sheets were forced into dies to form ornamental objects. Tools of metal, stone, or even wood were used to work the gold into desired shapes. Wire was made by cutting strips of gold sheets and twisting and folding the strips.

Mechanical processes were chasing: objects formed by hammering the front of the piece, and repoussé: shaped by hammering from the reverse side. At first, cold connections were used to attach pieces together. Later, heated processes were invented, such as granulation, soldering, and enameling.

Some of the first pieces of jewelry were wreaths and diadems for the head. Fibulas (cloak pins) were made with a rod of gold that was punched and chased to form ornamentation. Earrings, necklaces, & bracelets were designed. It was quite remarkable to see how the pieces were put together.

Due to a winter storm, only a handful of TGRC members were in the audience. I know more wanted to attend.

-Shirley Stieb, Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club member

How to Clean your Rock Saw Oil in Winter

Recent thoughts of Ice / Snow / Water / Cold got me to thinking about reminding everyone with a rock saw of a simple way to clean out the sludge from the used saw oil in the winter.

I guess the general idea is to pour your contaminated oil into a bucket that has ample room and some excess. Add about 2 gallons of water. Warm that concoction near a vent so that the sludge and rock gunk settles out of the oil and into the water. After a few days, Cover it and put it out in the snow for a few days to freeze the water. The principal is that the oil would be lighter than the water and the water would freeze below the oil. You could then Drain the oil back into your (cleaned up) saw or storage containers but the water and rock sludge would be trapped in the ICE if it froze completely through. Remove the ICE to a separate container to dispose of properly when it melts.

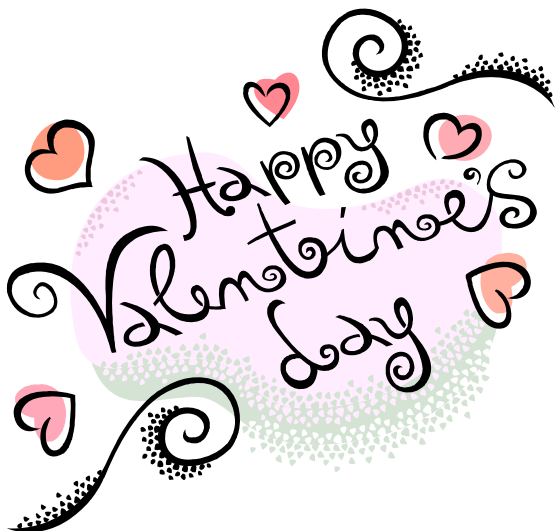
Now, I don't remember where I first read it, I'm sure it was 60's or 70's Lapidary Journal and I think it was a hint from someone in Minnesota. But It should work for us here in Toledo. A word of warning, you may want to make sure your saw oil is the right type and that it is indeed lighter than the water BEFORE attempting this.

The Summer version of this is to skip the water and pure the oil from one bucket to another while using a brown paper bag as a filter.

-Steve Shimatzki

POPULAR MINERALOGY

This month's issue of Popular Mineralogy will be held back due to the overwhelming number of submissions received this month. I think it's wonderful to have this much club news and member participation! For those of you working the crossword every month, don't worry, you can find it on page 9!



Heralding the Holidays

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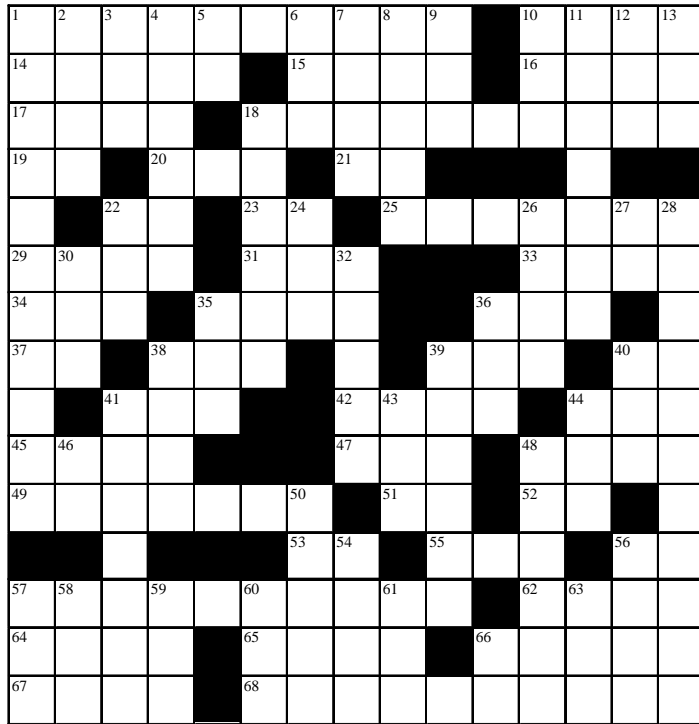


Special thanks to Philip Page, TBG, for sending us these great pictures!!

Some Fossils

ACROSS

- 1 extinct three-lobed arthropod
- 10 shape of horn coral fossil
- 14 springs in desert regions
- 15 ___ Linda
- 16 chocolate cake dessert
- 17 multi-hulled boat
- 18 common shell fossils
- 19 original equipment (ab)
- 20 the way
- 21 dysprosium
- 22 you and I
- 23 state of Ruggles Mine
- 25 layer containing fossils
- 29 related to fossil sharks
- 31 rotate about vertical axis
- 33 not quite micro
- 34 Much ___ About Nothing
- 35 state with lots of fossils
- 36 who Bugs always talks to
- 37 type of sandwich
- 38 girl's name
- 39 great bird
- 40 where Songo Pond is
- 41 ___ you dad
- 42 to close a mine shaft
- 44 Green River fossil fish
- 45 excited atoms
- 47 ___ Sack
- 48 Greek Earth goddess
- 49 fossil sea lily
- 51 halogen from sea
- 52 big coal state
- 53 optometrist's right eye
- 55 period of geologic time
- 56 drink with jam and bread
- 57 our current era
- 62 short Kristofer, Kristine
- 64 ___ as a bug
- 65 more time periods
- 66 layered quartz
- 67 what Charlie Chan says
- 68 two-shelled mollusk

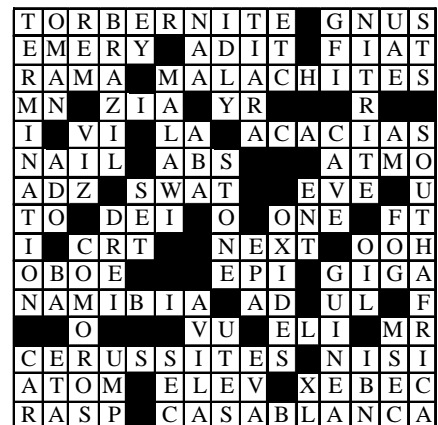


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- 1 map used for fossil hunts
- 2 what Archaeopteryx is
- 3 on film
- 4 fossils from trees
- 5 osmium
- 6 not at all well
- 7 we thought you was a ___
- 8 TV awards
- 9 Special Air Service
- 10 ___ Guevara
- 11 not fossil eggs
- 12 hockey league
- 13 Titan of the dawn
- 18 grand ditch
- 22 yellow stone state
- 24 what donkey says
- 26 to run crazy
- 27 international group
- 28 turned to stone (British)
- 30 adjust (ab)
- 32 thin waisted insects
- 35 what squid makes
- 36 how fossil was found
- 38 association
- 39 ___ Hepburn
- 40 ___ West – a lifejacket

- 41 can be found a fossils
- 43 where the scientists are
- 44 not a guy
- 46 upper left state
- 48 ancient fossil tree
- 50 gives fossil to museum
- 54 famous mineralogist
- 56 Yugo despot
- 57 sine ___ non
- 58 cavemen say this
- 59 Tokyo airport code
- 60 Confederate
- 61 Royal Shakespeare Co.
- 63 knock 66 art. intelligence

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION: Africa



February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Metalcraft 1:30p	2	3	4 Gemcraft 7:00p	5	6	7 Juniors 10:00a
8	9 Board Mtg 7:00p	10	11 Gemcraft 7:00p Faceteers 7:00p	12 Metalcraft 6:30p	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!
15 Metalcraft 1:30p	16	17	18 Show Mtg 6:00p Club Mtg 7:00p	19	20	21
22 Hydraulic Forming 10:00a	23	24	25	26 Metalcraft 6:30p	27	28

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