



# Rocky Reader

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## Letter from the Editor

*As the new editor, I'd like to start by first thanking Debby for her years of service as our past editor. Thanks to her dedication, we were always well informed of club news, events, and interesting articles.*

*Secondly, I would like to say that I am looking forward to the challenge... I mean, opportunity of creating our monthly club newsletter. Be forewarned that you may see some changes in the structure and content of the newsletter in the coming months as I become acclimated to my new position. I welcome comments and ideas and hope to display a more personal side of our club in our newsletter.*

*With that said, I would like to encourage ALL club members to submit stories, pictures, puzzles, articles, etc. for consideration in the newsletter. Please call me at 419-861-0147 (evenings/weekends) or email [editor@rockyreader.com](mailto:editor@rockyreader.com).*

*Thank you!*

*Suzanne Shimatzki, editor*

## Congratulations TG&RC!

Our club tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the 2008 MWF MICA Awards (Membership Increase Club Awards) for Class A clubs (over 100 members) by increasing overall membership by 18 members for our '07-'08 membership year!

## TG&RC MEETING MINUTES for September 17, 2008

**Meeting began** - Meeting was called to order by President Jim Leslie, with the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Jim reminded us that there is no comma between "one nation" and "under God."

**Treasurer's report** was given. Money is still coming in/going out for the show, and the final tab will be announced next month.

The **Open House fund raising raffle** was conducted. Volunteers for 8-10 small items are needed for upcoming months.

**Old Business** - Request was received from Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge for a display, which was set up by Chet and Ed.

The club was represented at **Sylvania's Fossil Fest**.

**New Business** - Jim is anticipating TBG meeting for Presidents of Resident Organizations in early October, with possible discussion of lease. It was suggested the parking lot lighting is another concern.

**Gemcrafters** are back on schedule.

**Beaders** have two more months of classes. This month they are working on Beaded Beads. Last month they experimented with wire jigs. Meeting is third Monday at 6:30 pm in craftcenter.

**Faceteers** continue to meet in members homes. Contact Don or Dick for location.

**Metalcrafters** are meeting on schedule. Persons interested in participating with the metalcraft group and using metalcraft equipment need to receive training on use of the equipment, through a basic skills class, the making of a cab bezel setting pendant. Training needs to be arranged through Deb Hoffmaster. Three sessions need to be scheduled, to complete the pendant.

**Rocky Reader** editorship has switched to Suzanne Shimatski. Contact her at [editor@rockyreader.com](mailto:editor@rockyreader.com). Deadline is next Tuesday, 23 Sept.

**Membership** - Deb has finished her stint as membership chairperson. All renewals after 15 September are to be sent to John and Sylvia Capuano, the new membership chairperson(s). Members are also encouraged to remember to sign in the membership book at each meeting, so an accurate count can be made of members attending meetings. Visitors are encouraged to sign in on the visitor page.

**Sunshine** - Tim Myles, a former member, passed away in August.

**Show Report** - A full report will be submitted in October or a very brief one in November. Linda Shearer is finishing up with getting winnings to the winners from the Scholarship Raffle. Members who took show signs are reminded to return them.

**Open House** - Jerri Heer has the sign up list for sales tables at the Open House (November 15 & 16).

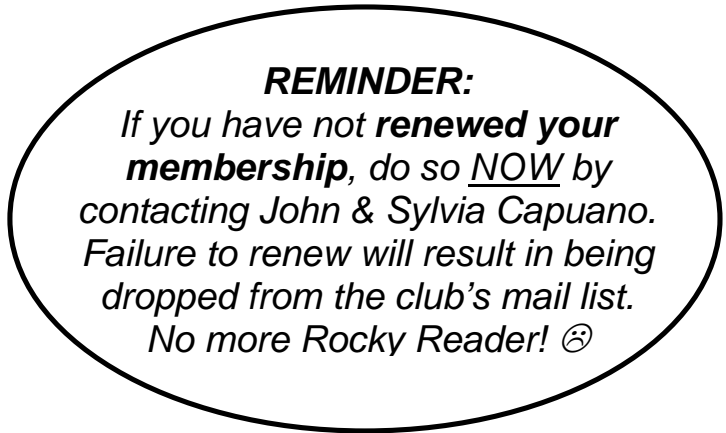
**Fieldtrip** - No Field Trips are scheduled at this time.

**Attendance** - 33 members and 8 visitors were at meeting. The 8 visitors introduced themselves and discussed their interests. They were taken on a tour of the Craft Center during the break.

**Program** - none

**Meeting adjourned**

Minutes provided by Kathy Petersen, in the absence of John and Sylvia



## CLASSES

**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. **THIS CLASS IS FULL.**

Interested in a **soapstone class** or a **gem tree class**?? Please contact Jerri Heer by calling 419-389-9204 or email [jheerx6@aol.com](mailto:jheerx6@aol.com).

## SHOW NEWS

Traditionally the Show Report is given during the October Club Meeting. However due to BOTH chairpersons being out of the continental United States that week, the detailed final Show Report will be postponed to November's meeting. For those who can't take the suspense, the Treasurer will be providing a brief financial summary of the show at the October meeting. Thank you for understanding.

Jerri & I would like to thank all those members who donated materials, prizes, and hospitality food, and to all those who volunteered their time to setup, teardown, demonstrate, and work the Show. We had excellent member participation this year! I'd also like to mention that some of our newer members were there volunteering for their first show not only 2 hours, but in some cases 2, 3, and all 4 days! **THANK YOU ALL** for a wonderful Show and hope to see you all again next fall!

Suzanne Shimatzki, Co-Chair

## FIELD TRIPS

**Graymont Inc. Quarry in Genoa, Ohio**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 2008**

9:00 AM prompt @ Quarry Parking lot (expect till 2pm)

Basic Safety Gear Required (**HARD HAT, SAFETY GLASSES or GOGGLES, STURDY SHOES/BOOTS, LONG PANTS, EARPLUGS, WORKGLOVES**)

Directions: OH RT 163 – approx. 1/2 mile west of OH RT 51 on south side (left) of road. Meet at office parking lot. For detailed maps & directions, visit [http://www.graymont.com/locations\\_ohio\\_driving.shtml](http://www.graymont.com/locations_ohio_driving.shtml)

Contact **Harold Burleson** (419-704-6662 or email [hburle@msn.com](mailto:hburle@msn.com)) by **10/2/08** to confirm.

**MSHA IS NOT REQUIRED!**

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## METALCRAFTERS

The metalcrafters meet monthly on the first and third Sundays at 1:30, and the second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30. In October, these meetings will be on the 5th, 9th, 19th and 23rd.

If you are new to the group, we ask that you please call or e-mail Debra Hoffmaster to schedule three meetings to make your beginning pendant. Thank you.

submitted by Debra Hoffmaster, Metalcraft 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.

Chet King, Jr., moderator

## FACETEERS

Faceteers meet on the second Thursday of the month at members' houses. Contact Don Ault or Dick Bower for more information.

## BEADERS

The beadars meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the craft center. This month we are working on Beaded Beads.

The Fall Open House is November 15 & 16 from 10-5. Anyone interested in selling should contact Carla Burleson at 419-533-7341.

## COMING EVENTS from Chetty King's Flyer Table

**October 10-12.** Michigan Mineralogical Society Show. Macomb Community College (South Campus) Expo Center, Bldg. P, 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd., Warren, MI. Fri. 9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5. Adults \$7, Seniors (62+) \$4, Children (5-17) \$3, Scouts in uniform \$2, 3-day pass \$10. [www.michmin.org](http://www.michmin.org)

**October 17-19.** Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society Show. Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd., Fort Wayne, IN. Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun 10-5. Adults \$3, Seniors (55+) \$2, Students \$1, Children under 12 and scouts in uniform FREE.

**October 24-26.** Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society Show. Ingham County Fairgrounds, Main Arena, 700 E. Ash St., Mason, MI. Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5. Friday is Children's Day! Adults \$3, Teens \$1, Children under 12 FREE with paying adult.

**October 25-26.** Gemboree. Emidio & Sons Expo Center, 48 E. Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-6. Adults \$4, Seniors (55+) \$3, Students \$3, Children (5 and under) FREE. [www.LapidaryClubofOhio.org](http://www.LapidaryClubofOhio.org)

**October 25-26.** Evansville Lapidary Society Show. Washington Square Mall, 5011 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN. Sat. 10-9, Sun. 12-5. FREE admission.

## LECTURE PROGRAMS

### presented by Toledo Society (Archaeological Institute of America)

*All lectures are illustrated, non-technical, free and open to the public.*

**7:30 pm, October 10 (Friday), 2008** Mette Moltesen, Ph.D., Curator of Ancient Art, Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek in Copenhagen, Denmark, and currently a Senior Fellow in residence at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, NY. *Lecture: "Agrippina the Younger: Sister, Wife, and Mother of Roman Emperors the Re-used Statue of a Roman Empress."* *Venue: Toledo Museum of Art, Little Theatre*

**7:30 pm, November 14 (Friday), 2008** Marcello Barbanera, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Università di Roma "La Sapienza" in Rome, Italy. *Lecture: "The Metamorphosis of Greek and Roman Ruins from Aesthetics to Archaeology."* *Venue: Toledo Museum of Art, Little Theatre*

**7:30 pm, December 12 (Friday), 2008** James A. Harrell, Ph.D., Professor of Geology at the University of Toledo in Toledo, OH; and President of the AIA-Toledo Society. *Lecture: "In Search of Ancient Egyptian Gemstones"*. *Venue: Toledo Museum of Art, Little Theatre*

For more information on the above lecture programs visit [http://www.eeescience.utoledo.edu/toledo\\_society/](http://www.eeescience.utoledo.edu/toledo_society/) or contact James A. Harrell, AIA-Toledo Society President, at 419-530-2193 or e-mail [james.harrell@utoledo.edu](mailto:james.harrell@utoledo.edu)

## Flint, Michigan Man Finds Diamond in Arkansas!

by Steve Shimatzki

I got excited after reading headlines about a 4.68ct diamond found by a Michigan man. For those that didn't catch the story from the associated press, I decided to call the retired school counselor that found the diamond, Mr. Richard Burke. Mr. Burke was kind enough to return my call and I took this verbal fieldtrip report while he waited to be interviewed by a local TV crew in flint.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Burke does NOT belong to a Rock Club. He has just always been interested in rocks, minerals and fossils. Two years ago he even made it up to Copper Country, MI to look for copper. Between lots of beautiful copper specimens retrieved from the dumps and the beautiful scenery, even Mrs. Burke enjoyed that rockhound trip.

With Copper Country setting the stage for rockhounding trips, the Burkes decided to visit their son in Colorado with a stop in Kansas, to look for arrowheads. While they didn't find any arrowheads, they did find some nice petrified wood and agate. After meeting up with their Son in Colorado, the Burkes then decided to look for some fossils. Mr. Burke stated that his son had inherited his love of treasures and exploring and they had a great time together.

When planning the return trip home, Mr. Burke decided they would dip down to Arkansas to stop at the Crater of Diamond Sate Park. It was at the park in an area known as "The Big Wash" in back of the park ravine that Mr. Burke found his whopping 4.68ct Diamond.

Working with nothing other than a hand trowel, he was moving some dirt in a side ditch to the ravine. Out popped a bright little pebble that he thought instantly was not the normal quartz that he was finding in the area. At first, he tried not to get excited and just put it into his goody bag. After about 15 minutes or so he decided he had to get it checked by the rangers. From his description, you can imagine Mr. Burke trying not to get his hopes up as he walked into the building to be told he was in the wrong area and that he needed go to the rental area to have them check it out. There he patiently waited while the first Park Ranger called over

another to double check what she thought Mr. Burke had found. While all the time, trying not to keep from getting too excited and at the same times fearful that his hopes would be dashed. Then they pronounced it was a diamond, only to have another park ranger ask if a scratch test had been done! Excitement turned to reservation as Mr. Burke waited for the scratch test to confirm the hardness of his stone. Finally it was confirmed and he was presented with the 612<sup>th</sup> diamond found at the park, this year.



It turns out that anything above 2ct gets to be named by the finder. This is about the point where Mr. Burke's wife finally walked into the station after the phone call that he had found a diamond. Seeing his wife Carol and knowing that their wedding song "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond plays as their cell phone ringers, crystallized the name for the diamond. There in Arkansas's Crater of Diamonds State Park was the "Sweet Caroline" given her name and "Good times never seemed so good" for the Burkes.

### Thelma Postlewaite's Family News

#### October Birthdays:

Jeff Heer	10-3
John Kalinoski	10-7
Thomas Marok	10-8
Sylvia Capuano	10-19
Debra Hoffmaster	10-24
Harold Burleson	10-24
Charley Drake	10-28
Jim Leslie	10-31

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Gemcraft 7:00p	2	3	4 Field Trip 9:00a Genoa, OH
5 Metalcraft 1:30p	6	7	8 Gemcraft 7:00p	9 Metalcraft 6:30p Faceteers 7:00p	10	11
12	13	14	15 Meeting 7:00p	16	17	18
19 Metalcraft 1:30p	20 Beaders 6:30p	21	22 Gemcraft 7:00p	23 Metalcraft 6:30p	24	25
26	27	28	29 Gemcraft 7:00p	30	31	

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