

# Rocky Reader

The Monthly Newsletter Of The  
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## *April is the Gemcrafter auction*

And we have found some more Avina material to sell!! There are quite a few small cabochons in a variety of colors, slabs and machines, wire and findings remaining from the metalcrafter auction and, of course, the goodies that YOU bring to sell. So, once again, load up your car and your wallet and come by to help the gemcrafters.

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THE CLUB OPEN HOUSE IS MAY 20 & 21. PLEASE NOTIFY CARLA BURLESON IF YOU WANT A TABLE .

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## Minutes of the Club Meeting

February 15, 2006

The **metalcrafter silent auction** was conducted, after which, President Jim Leslie called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Secretary's Minutes** were approved as printed in the Rocky Reader.

**Treasurer's report** was submitted and approved. Gayle O'Riordon audited the treasurer's books, and found no errors. The club accepted her findings and the audit as completed.

**Craft center:** the city has agreed to pay for the repairs  
BG and UT accepted their **scholarship donations**.

**TBG:** Volunteers now being taken for Crosby Festival of the Arts

First Sunday of the month is a open Gardens day, and like to have the ROG open for visitors and like to have activities for garden visitor. We get volunteer credit for hours open. Plant sale in May will need volunteers to help get the plants out, carry them to buyer's cars. Invitation received from Fair Grounds to have demonstration and exhibit. We would be volunteering and exhibiting, not selling. Need one person there, and open for seven days. July 25-30<sup>th</sup> need to respond by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Gemcrafters:** Lapidary items are for sale by a member. Grinders, plastic spool grinders. Contact Chet. Oil has been changed in the saw, and no dirty items allowed for awhile. Many materials still in the craft center from a recent donation of rocks from Jan Petok. They are still sorting these. Some to go to silent auction at the show, and some to sell at the gemcrafter auction.

**Beaders:** start season next month.

**Faceteers:** March 9 at Don Alt's home, and April will be back at the Bowers.

**Membership:** New member Sue Liemkuehler, was in attendance.

**Rocky Reader** mailings by email have had difficulty due to Debby's Verizon server. She needs to hear from people, as to whether they are getting their Rocky Reader if by email..

**Sunshine:** Florence Morgan is not doing well.

**Field Trips:** Ohio and Kentucky trip March 28 to Apr 2, Participants will need Mine MSHA training. Class is forming \$20, includes a work book

**Show:** Rainbow of Gems is the theme. Flyers to be printed on bright colors. Next show meeting in April, before the monthly meeting. They have Chairmen for everything except Exhibits. Call Carla or Gayle to volunteer or come to the meeting which is right before the April meeting.

We have an opportunity to film a **TV spot** to highlight the Rock Club. They will film it March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and it will run on channel 13 as one of the What's Happening in the Garden spots. Chet to contact Phil to accept.

Moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

## Minutes of the Club Meeting

March 15, 2006

**Program:** An interesting and informative program was presented by Mike Burcewicz, on Ohio American Indian artifacts and stone tools. He had many interesting artifacts that he had collected and replicas that he had acquired or made himself, and many insights into what they were used for and how they were probably used.

**Meeting:** President Jim Leslie called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Treasurer's report** was given and approved. \$1116.00 was earned from the metalcrafter's auction. Income from fixed price, donated material was divided between gemcrafters and metalcrafters, Gemcrafter auction is at next month's meeting. Bring materials to auction and money to buy. There will be additional fixed price metal material and jewelry making supplies available, as well as more materials from the Avina donations.

**Gemcrafters:** Members attending Gemcrafter meetings on Wednesday nights (except for the club meeting night) will be taught skills to cut and form stones, faceting, and any other related lapidary skill that is requested from Chet.

**Faceteers:** Meet second Thursday of every month. If anyone wants to learn faceting, they should contact Don Ault. Meetings continue to be held at members' homes.

**Rocky Reader:** Rocky Reader will come out next week. Let Debby know if you are not getting the Rocky Reader.

**Membership:** 26 members, 2 juniors, no new members, 1 visitor, who was a childhood member, and will be joining.

**TBG:** Volunteers needed for the Garden's Arts in the Gardens. First planning meeting will be Friday. Volunteers will also be needed for the flower sales the second weekend in May. We need to have club volunteers to build up our required hours. TBG will be getting new carpet in the conference center, and meeting participants will need to be careful not to spill. programs.org is the TBG website.

**Sunshine:** Club member Jack Lahr died in February. He often demonstrated chain making and faceting at the September show.

**Field trip:** Mar 28 to Apr.2 to southern Ohio and Kentucky. MSHA certification required.

**Show Report:** Still need a 2007 Chairperson. Proposing a letter to the Sheriff's auxiliary to modify the existing security plan. The Stranahan has a sophisticated alarm and video system. Many of the officers were noted to be simply standing around with each other, and were not mingling around the sales areas. Publicity will not use the hanging banner this year. The cost of patching the date, renting the cables, is getting prohibitive, and Edison is eliminating many banner sites, especially around Franklin Park, where the banner has historically been hung. Next year's show has been booked to hold the date at the Stranahan.

**Old Business:** The TV 'garden spot' will run at 7:45 AM on Channel 13, with the Garden news on Sundays. Four of the Resident Organizations agreed to participate in taping individual spots. Deb, Chet and Tonia participated in the taped demonstrations.

**Craft Center:** The city has decided to repair the damage to the craft center, but there has not been any activity on this so far. They have removed two sections of the inside of the ceiling, to assess damage, but repairs have not begun.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:35pm

submitted by Kathy Petersen, club secretary



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## 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.

**April 22, 2006 10AM.** Holey bead class. Instructor: Debra Hoffmaster (see directory listing for James Leslie). Fee \$20.00. Learn all about drilling, dapping and soldering as you make a sterling silver bead with many holes. Requires cutting and soldering skills.

## Thelma Postlewaite's Family News

### April birthdays:

Cheryl Breece 4-3  
Linda Scharer 4-12  
Dan Neidlinger 4-14  
David Farnham 4-14  
Martha Bielski 4-20  
Kay Sellers 4-22  
Stephen Rupert 4-26  
Rebecca Knorek 4-29

### Junior Members:

Brittan Tolford 4-17  
Jody Lynn Meyer 4-23

### May Birthdays:

James Maxwell 5-3  
Deneen Dilworth 5-4  
Laurie Garman 5-5  
John Hull 5-8  
George Burns 5-9  
Gayle O'Riordon 5-10  
Jane Simon 5-16  
Bill Newell 5-17

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Club member Jack Lahr died on February ninth of this year. Jack was the inventor of the Lap-Lap hand faceting machine. He often demonstrated at the September show. Submitted by Lucille Burgy

## GARDEN NEWS

The Gardens needs help from Wed thru Sunday for the plant sale on Mother's day weekend. Help is needed to get plants out and to help customers find plants or move them to their cars. It is a lot of fun and you meet a great bunch of people. The Crosby arts festival is at the end of June. This is another opportunity to build hours for the club. We need 200 vol hours this year. TBG will need festival help from about two days before the event (getting artists to the right spot, etc.), during the event and, finally, getting things picked up on Sun when it is over. There are lots of opportunities to help even if you are not mobile (booth sitters are needed to give the artists a break) Some of the ways to get volunteer hours at the Crosby Festival include: admissions, Artist Dinner, Artist Registration, Artist Booth Parking, Artist Services, Beer Garden, Children's Area, Festival Greeter, Parking Attendant, Membership, Receptionist, Extra Floater, Programs and Services Booth, Pioneer Cabin Children's Education Assistant, Water Distribution, and Volunteer Booth. To get further information about these, or to register, phone Karen O'Leary at 419-936-2986 or e-mail her at <receptionist@toledogarden.org>. The earlier you register, the better choice you have of hours and specific assignments.

Volunteers will also be needed to help with the Festival Setup on Thursday, June 22. You will need a truck and be able to do some lifting. Take part and meet other artists.

If you volunteer at either of these events, please tell Debby Hoffmaster so she can report your hours.

**Garden Events:**

**APRIL 1–MAY 20** Paul Brand will teach “ALL MEDIA PAINTING CLASS” for **SPECTRUM** Cost: \$15 per session, come when you can – Info: 419-531-7769

**APRIL 4** “**PREPARATION FOR THE BEGINNING WEAVING WORKSHOP**” – presented by the **WEAVERS GUILD** - Conference Center – 7 P.M. Info: 419-242-7436

**April 8 Spring Garden Clinic** 9 A.M. - Noon. Vegetable Gardening - Lecture and seed starting project. Each participant will start seeds to take home. Behind the Scenes: Philip Page, Director of Operations at TBG will take you through the steps of our vegetable garden, which features the French Intensive Wide Bed Method. Representatives from our six Horticultural Societies, Anthony Wayne Garden Club, Garden Club Forum, Dahlia Society, Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society, Maumee Valley Herb Society, Toledo Rose Society and the Ohio State University Extension Office will also be on hand. A chance to talk with experts to make the most of your gardens and what to expect in ours.

Cost: \$20 TBG Members, \$25 all others Reservation Deadline: April 3 Tele: 419-936- 2986

**APRIL 12 MEETING OF RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS COUNCIL – CONFERENCE CENTER – NOON – ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED**

**APRIL 22 PHOTO SEMINAR** – presented by the **PHOTO ARTS CLUB** – Conference Center – 9 A.M. – 4 P.M. Registration starts at 8:30 A.M. Cost: \$30 for TBG, PAC or Metropark members, general public \$40 - Info: 419-536-8422

**APRIL 24** Program of “**NATURE SLIDES**” by **TOLEDO CAMERA CLUB** in Conference Center beginning at 7:30 P.M. Info: [www.toledocameraclub.com](http://www.toledocameraclub.com) or e-mail [members@toledocameraclub.com](mailto:members@toledocameraclub.com)

**APRIL 29 “BEGINNING WEAVING WORKSHOP” - GROW ED – WEAVERS GUILD** Conference Center – 10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Pre-registration required, phone TBG or 419-242-7435

**APRIL 29 BLACK SWAMP HOSTA AND DAYLILY SOCIETY** meeting-Conference Center-1 P.M. **CHRIS GAJEWICZ** will present a program on “**OHIO’S NATIVE PLANTS**”. Info: Vicki Dillon 419-885-2438

**MAY 2 WEAVERS GUILD “LIBRARY NIGHT”** at a member’s home. Info: 419-242-7435

**MAY 10 MEETING OF RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS COUNCIL – CONFERENCE CENTER – NOON – ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED**

**MAY 19 “WHAT AM I DOING?”** a design program presented by Judy Monnot, Master Judge, National Garden Club for **GARDEN CLUB FORUM** in the Conference Center at 10 A.M. Info: 419-874-6186.

**MAY 20 BLACK SWAMP HOSTA AND DAYLILY SOCIETY’s Annual Perennial Plant Sale “From Our Garden To Yours”** at Bassett’s Supermarket, S. R. 25, Perrysburg, beginning at 8 A.M.

**FIRST SUNDAYS OPEN ART DAY TBG Artists Village Sunday - May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6** Noon – 4 P.M. Open Art Days is a chance for the visitor to be an artist. Visitors will be encouraged to be creative (drawing, painting or photography). Volunteers (resident organization art society members) will be on hand to assist visitors "be creative".

**THE TOLEDO POTTERS GUILD** offers wheel throwing and hand-building pottery classes to adults and children. Four class sessions, each ten weeks, are offered per year. Adult classes are \$175. Children’s classes are \$125. Please visit their website, [www.toledopottersguild.org](http://www.toledopottersguild.org) for class information, or phone the Guild at 419-535-6937.

**FACETEERS**

The Faceteers will be meeting on the **second** Thursday of each month. Meeting locations may vary from month-to-month. For directions or more information on Faceteers, please contact Don Ault.

**FIELD TRIPS**

A field trip is being planned for March 28 to April 2. Participants will visit river beds, quarries and road cuts in Ohio and Kentucky and **will need mine safety training**. Harold hopes to offer a training program before then for interested members and field trip participants. To be informed of future field trips and mine safety classes, please contact Harold Burleson. Many quarries now require up to date Mine Safety training for admission.

**BEADERS**

Beaders will meet on Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Nancy Grove, Moderator

**GEMCRAFTERS**

The April club meeting will be the Gemcrafters Auction. We will have some silver and other things left from the Metalcraft auction; this money will be split between the two groups as was the income from the February auction. We have other material that has not been out yet. And, as always we invite you to bring in anything that we don't have, for us to auction off. Most important come to the meeting and join in the bidding for stuff. **MORE IMPORTANT, COME TO THE MEETING AND ENJOY MEETING WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS.**

We will take part in the Open House in May, The shop will be open Sat and Sun, and there will be no charge for using equipment. You only have to tell and show visitors what we do here.

In Aug we will be open for Arts in the Gardens (13 Aug) and the same rules apply.

The first Wed in April, we will take little time to go over the safety rules in the shop. We have not done this for some time and there are a lot of new members that have not been told about this.

Some time in the next few months we are hoping that the city will repair the walls and ceiling of the craft center. When this happens we will most likely shut down for a few weeks, while we move equipment out and then reinstall it.

If you want a class on something let us know we'll see if it can be done. Chet King Jr., moderator

### METALCRAFTERS

Many THANKS to all who contributed and bid at the Metalcrafter auction. Thanks also to Gene Wallace who machined a plate so that the Durstan rolling mill can go directly onto the stand for the older mill. Thanks to Chet and Pete, the hydraulic press has arrived and was installed. May is the Club Open House and the Metalcrafters will have several activities going. Stop by and see what we're up to.

Deb Hoffmaster, moderator

The Metalcrafters  
THANK YOU for the  
success of our silent  
Auction in February.  
Thanks to YOU, we  
have purchased and  
installed a 20-ton deep  
draw hydraulic press in  
the craft center.

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

**April 21-23** - Mt. Clemens Gem Show. Roseville Recreation

Department, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville, MI. Friday 3-7, Saturday

10-7, Sunday 11-5. Family \$6.00, Adults \$3.00, Students (13-17) \$1.00. Under 12, Free with adult.

**May 19-21** - Southeastern MI Gem Show. Southgate Arena, 14700 Reaume Pkwy, Southgate, MI  
Friday 4-8, Saturday 10-6:30 Sunday 11-5.

**May 26-28** - Memorial Day Rock Swap. Hidden Hill Campground, 3246 Loper Rd., Newark, OH  
Camping, Field trips, Craft Classes, Tail Gating. For more information contact Jay Ross, 15886  
Flint Ridge Rd, Newark, OH 43056, phone# 740-787-2503.

**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.

### Ohio Giant Sloths Were Tool Users

A recent excavation in Southwest Ohio has uncovered a group of Giant Sloth skeletons associated with simple flint-knapped tools. Among these were the lever, the pulley and the internal combustion engine (ran on methane). Researchers speculate that the sloths drove primitive carts to the locations of large fruit trees that they watered through a complex series of irrigation canals



and water wheels. Competition from Glyptodonts in the area is speculated to have driven these evolutionary advances. In states without Glyptodonts, sloths did not develop these adaptations. Dr. Jess Tur of the University of Toledo is currently examining sloth DNA in search of the *car* gene. When asked about these discoveries, club member Mike Burcewicz commented “this completely discredits our preconceived notions of sloths as only benefitting from the agricultural revolution, when, in fact, they may have begun it. These discoveries allow us to expand the list of advanced civilizations destroyed by man - the dodo, the dugong and now, the sloth.”

**YOU can make Breccia**


Have you ever wondered what to do with those little scraps of stone left over after you have trimmed your cabochon? Well, recently club member Chet King was mulching his Blackberry™ when he uncovered an old glass bottle with a slip of paper inside. After much effort, Chet extracted the paper and discovered....a recipe for breccia (While this is not the first discovery to appear in this manner, it is the most noteworthy).



Breccia: Forsooth taketh thee thine fragments of gems recovered from the dragon’s lair and placeth them into thine shoe. Addeth to them thine epoxy 220 (obtaineth from King S. Lee of the North) and mixeth. Alloweth to setteth completely and throweth into thine rock pile to confuseth the sages of the stones at BG. Passeth from the emperor Charlemagne to the King of the North

**April**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur day
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2 Metalcraft @ 1:30	3	4	5 Gemcraft @ 7PM	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Gemcraft @ 7PM	13 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM Faceteers @ 7	14	15
16 Metalcraft @ 1:30	17 Beaders @ 6:30	18	19 Club meeting - Gemcrafter Auction	20	21	22 Holey bead class @10AM
23	24	25	26 Gemcraft @ 7PM	27 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM	28	29
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**May**

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

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