

Rocky Reader

The Monthly Newsletter Of The
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Please Write

Approximately a year and a half ago, a city contractor removed the roof of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Craft Center in the Toledo Botanical Gardens. He tarped the unshingled portions of the roof, but never returned to replace the shingles. After considerable complaining, and about six months of time, the roof was finally replaced by another contractor. In the interim, the first contractor's inadequate tarping allowed torrents of water to enter the building. The water destroyed what was once a nicely painted interior and resulted in warped, stained and unpainted walls and ceilings as well as mold growth in the insulation. TBG and the City of Toledo are responsible for the damage, but, to date no repairs have been done. While TBG and the City have been playing ball with our building, TBG became part of the Metroparks and still no repairs have been done.

So, I am asking all club members to make a flood of our own. Let's **FLOOD** TBG, the City of Toledo and the Metroparks with letters of complaint about the state of the craft center. You may write, or call or even better, write and then follow up with a call. Feel free to copy your letter to each of the addresses PLUS any public complaint outlets in your area. If you don't know what to write, copy the preceding paragraph and add a few lines of your own. Send your letters to:

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Minutes of the Club Meeting

April 19, 2006

President Jim Leslie called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
The last two months of **minutes** were accepted as printed in the Rocky Reader.

Financial report was presented by the treasurer, Pete Petersen. Moved and seconded to accept.

Announcements: TV spot appeared on Mar 19, one week earlier than expected.

Pot luck in May at 6 pm. All members to bring a meat, dessert if last name begins with A-J, vegetable for k-z. Don't forget your place setting.

Happy Birthday to Connie Shaw.

TBG: Need volunteers for the Gardens plant sale in May. It is Mother's Day weekend, May 12,13 and 14. April 28 is Arts in the Gardens planning meeting for Arts in the Gardens, which is Sunday the 12th of August. The club will pay a club fee of 25.00, which covers any member who wants to sell.

August has the **Lucas Co Fair**, with demonstrators from the club.

First Sundays of the month in summer, May, June, July and August, are requested by TBG to be Open Houses for all ROC. We are asked to demonstrate and have an activity for visitors. Chet has planned an activity of teaching small flower making.

Chetty's Show table has flyers for upcoming shows. Midwest Federation will be in Southfield, Michigan this year.

Dealers will be present. It is the same weekend as the Rock Club Open House in May (20, 21).

Beader's meet third Monday of the month at 6:30, through Fall.

Facetteers met at Bowers, The next meeting will be in June. Dick Bower is the newly elected moderator. His first action was to cancel next month's (May)meeting.

Membership: 31 members, 2 juniors attending.

Rocky Reader to go out next month.

Metalcraft meetings as published in the Rocky Reader.

Sunshine: Member Margaret Mossing's mother died at 108 years of age. Former member, Vivian DeGroff's husband died. Steve Shimatski and his wife expect their second child in April. Florence Morgan is not doing well. She is currently at Spring Meadows. Ron Jaquay twisted his other knee and is still off work. Sympathy expressed to Merry Jo and Dan Delano on the recent death of their son, Daniel Delano.

No additional **field trips** upcoming.

Open House table reservations are being taken.

Next Show meeting at six before the June meeting.

No New Business.

The annual Gemcrafter Auction was held after the meeting. Receipts totaled \$1101.00.

submitted by Kathy Petersen, club secretary

Minutes of the Club Meeting

May 17, 2006

Members enjoyed the annual May Potluck Dinner.

The meeting was **called to order** by president Jim Leslie at 7 PM, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Treasurer's report was given. It was moved and seconded to approve the report. The report was approved by voice vote.

Two **thank you notes** were received from BGSU students receiving scholarship money.

Southeastern Gem and Mineral Show, in combination with the **Midwest Federation Show**, is in Southgate, Michigan. It is the same weekend as our Open House, in May. This is the first time the Federation show has been this close.

TBG: Need for volunteers for Arts in the Gardens, August 13, 2006. Duties will be assigned by the gardens. Names are needed, and Jim will turn in the names to the gardens (Ed note: Lafon Kortman and Steve Toth have volunteered for this duty...Thank you). Volunteers are also needed for the Crosby Arts Festival, the last weekend in June. First Sunday Art openings continue through the summer. We made rock mosaics at the May open Sunday, and had some visitors participating. Volunteers for the Lucas County Fair, in August, will also be needed. If anyone volunteers for activities, and serves for a time, be sure Deb knows how many hours you put in with the activity, so we can get credit with the gardens.

Gemcrafters will be closed the week of the Fair, in August.

Beader's meeting at regular day and time. Second Thursday of June

Membership: 22 members, 3 juniors attending. Only those who signed in are counted.

Rocky Reader comes out this month.

Metalcrafters meet as usual except for the week of the fair and the Festival of the Arts.

Sunshine: Steve Shimatski and his wife had their baby. Margie Jewson was in the hospital having tests at the last meeting, but is feeling better and was happy to get the card from Lucille. Katie Sturtz died. Gayle O'Riordon was hurt while gardening.

Field trip: Friday, May 26 to Quarries in Michigan and Petoskey. They will renew any expiring mine certifications at the Field trip. There will be the mine training class June 3 at 10 at the Stateline Club Swap Meet.

Show Report: Carla will hand out volunteer sign up sheets at the upcoming meetings. Volunteers will also be needed to set up and tear down. 12 of 16 dealers renewed. 2 have declined. There are some other dealers being approached by Jerri. Next show meeting is in June, at 6, before the club meeting.

Craft Center: Phil Page, Garden Facilities Mgr talked with Pete and a bid package is being prepared for the repairs. There is a suggestion that members write letters to the Gardens, Metroparks, and the Mayor, to voice our concerns and dissatisfaction with the extended time it is taking to complete the repairs.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:25 PM.

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.

A **faceting class** will be offered by the Lakeland Gem Club, Minocqua, WI on July 17 - 20. Cost is \$125 includes rough and the use of a machine. For more information call Kathy Peterson at 715-272-1619. Spaces are filling fast.

Classes in all aspects of **lapidary, jewelry, minerals** and **fossils** will be presented June 10&11 at the 32nd Annual MGAGS Rockhound Seminar. This year's seminar will be held at Carrollton Middle School, 3211 Carla Dr. Carrollton, MI 48724 Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4. Tickets are \$15/day or \$25 for both days. Schedule information and discounted advance tickets available from Bill Hapiuk, 26099 Dover St, Redford, MI 48239 313-937-3228.

Classes in **MSHA Mine Safety, Silver Art Clay** and **Soap Stone Carving** will be presented at the State Line Show, June 2-4. For more information or to register, contact Doris Brzezicki at 517-263-1669.

Thelma Postlewaite's Family News

June Birthdays:

Fran Jarecki 6-6
Linn Petersen 6-7
Arline Bower 6-19
Gene Wallace 6-25
Arna Burns 6-27

July Birthdays:

Joe Motter 7-3
Sharon Larrow 7-3
John Capuano 7-10
Caroline Tomanski 7-10
Jim Jarecki 7-13
Sue Leimkuehler 7-15

Kathy Martin 7-23

Jacque Martindale 7-30

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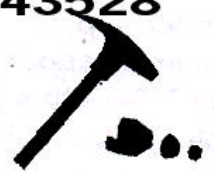


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A new club member arrives

A new rockhound has arrived! Serenity Shimatzki (shown right with her mom) arrived April 23rd @ 6:59PM. She was 7lb, 7 oz - & 21.5 inches long. She is the daughter of club member Steve Shimatzki and his wife Suzanne. Also, we have heard that Jacque Martindale has suffered a stroke. She is totally paralyzed on the right side but will be in therapy soon. Her determination to fight this will get her through it.

On Friday the 14th of April, the son, Daniel, of Merry Jo and Dan Delano passed away. The mother of Margaret Mossing died on March 26th. She was 108 years old. Former member Vivian DeGroff lost her husband, Harvey, on the 5th of April. Marge Jewsen was hospitalized. She is better now. She has officially retired. From Traverse City, MI, we got word that former member, Kathleen Sturtz, the wife of deceased Carl, passed away on May 10th.

Submitted by Lucille Burgy

GARDEN NEWS

We need to have people to help TBG during the setting up and while the Festival is going on. We will receive hours for this and the work can be as easy as setting in a booth while a dealer takes a break.

The setting up is mostly helping the dealers get to the right spot, be passing them from one person to another.

In August plan to take part in the Arts in the Garden Sunday. We are part of the groups that are involved in this. The shop will be open for a free cutting day, or you can set up and show people what you do.

JUNE SPECTRUM - Front Gallery Show – Wed.-Sat. Noon-4 P.M. Info: 419-531-7769

JUNE 4 "First Sunday Open Art Day" sponsored by **TBG**. All resident art groups are asked to have their houses open – groups without houses may be able to use the Conference Center – can you plan something to involve visitors?

JUNE 6 WEAVERS GUILD - "FELTED VESSELS" - Fiberworks Yarn Shop

JUNE 14 MEETING OF RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS COUNCIL – CONFERENCE CENTER – NOON – ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED

JUNE 16 MEETING TO PREPARE FOR "ARTS IN THE GARDEN" – CONFERENCE CENTER – NOON – ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED

JUNE 16 GARDEN FORUM will tour **SCHEDL GARDEN**. Lunch in Trellis Room. Cost: \$20, Golf carts \$4 additional. Info: 419-874-6186

JUNE 21-JULY 9 "SUMMER BOUTIQUE" SPECTRUM Front Gallery Show Wed.-Sat. Noon-4 P.M. Info: 419-531-7769

JUNE 23 Toledo Botanical Garden will be **CLOSED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC** to set up for the Crosby Festival.

JUNE 23 "PREVIEW PARTY" for the **CROSBY FESTIVAL** 6 - 9 P.M.

JUNE 24 - 25 "CROSBY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS" SAT. 10 A.M. – 7 P.M. & SUN. 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

JULY 2 "First Sunday Open Art Day" sponsored by **TBG** - all resident art groups are asked to have their houses open - groups without houses might be able to have other space. Can you plan something to involve visitors?

JULY 6, 13, 20, 27 "JAZZ IN THE GARDEN" 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Season tickets available this year. Info: 419-936-2986. Evening parking for Resident Organizations events will be in the agricultural school parking lot these dates.

JULY 10 Start of "YOGA SESSIONS" - Gentle stretches with conscious breathing and relaxation techniques-one does not need a flexible body, just a flexible mind - for all ages - Cottage Garden. Information and registration, call the TBG office: 419-936-2986

JULY 11 "PICNIC AND CONVERGENCE REVIEW" sponsored by the **WEAVERS GUILD** Info: 419-242-7435

JULY 12 MEETING OF RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS COUNCIL - CONFERENCE CENTER - NOON - ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED

JULY 12 AUG 13 "SUMMER AND 3-D ONLY SHOWS" presented at **SPECTRUM**. Info: 419-531-7769

JULY 16 "DAYLILY EXPO – EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT DAYLILIES" Conference Center 1 P.M. – 4 P.M. Open to the public. Daylily displays, floral arranging, hybridizer displays, daylily garden tours, and much more!! Info: 419-874-8964

JULY 19 MAUMEE VALLEY HERB SOCIETY - BUS TRIP – Info: 419-882-5118 or ntdurnford@aol.com

JULY 21 MEETING TO PLAN "ARTS IN THE GARDEN" - NOON - CONFERENCE CENTER - ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED

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

To be informed of future field trips and mine safety classes, please contact Harold Burlison. Many quarries now require up to date Mine Safety training for admission.

BEADERS

Beaders will meet on the third Monday of June and July at 6:30PM.

Nancy Grove, Moderator

GEMCRAFTERS

For the next couple of months we will have open shop on the normal nights. We will close the shop during the County Fair as several of us will be doing demos at the Fair.

If you have any type of class you would like to have done, let me know and I will either set on up or find someone that knows how to do it.

We still have not heard from the city about fixing the ceiling in the Craft center, so I cannot tell you when the shop will be closed for that and or if we will need help in moving equipment out.

Chet King Jr., moderator

METALCRAFTERS

Metalcrafters will meet as noted in the calendar. Please support the club by demonstrating at the Lucas Co. Fair. Also, please note that July is the beginning of TBG's Jazz series on Thursday nights. This is a paid admission event so you will need to show your club card to gain admission or park in the Ag school lot and walk over.

Deb Hoffmaster, moderator

Coming Events from Chetty King's Flyer Table

- June 2-4.** State Line Show. Junior Fair Building, Fulton Co. Fairgrounds, Wauseon, OH. Friday 12-7PM, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 11-4. Free Admission.
- June 10&11** - Rockhound Seminar. Classes in all aspects of lapidary, jewelry, minerals and fossils. Carrollton Middle School, 3211 Carla Dr. Carrollton, MI 48724 Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4. Tickets \$15/day or \$25 for both days. Schedule information and discounted advance tickets available from Bill Hapiuk, 26099 Dover St, Redford, MI 48239 313-937-3228.
- June 10** - Mineral & Rock Auction at the Old Barn Auction, Findlay Ohio. For more information, call 419-422-8531.
- June 17.** Doc Taylor Estate Sale #2. 807 Moran, Lincoln Park, MI. Information: George Judd 313-928-5660
- July 22&23.** Lakeland Gem Show. Lakeland High School, Minocqua, WI.
- August 5.** UP Gem Show. Ishpeming Elks Club Hall, 597 Lake Shore Dr, Ishpeming, MI. Saturday 9:30-4:30 Free Admission.
- September 23&24.** Livingston Gem and Mineral Show. Hartlane Deucation Support Service Center. Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4. For information call Dennis Castagne - 248-685-8753.
- 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
- 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.

Rockhound State Park - Travel Log

By: clubmember Mark A. LaPlante

Author's Note: For those who say Rockhound State Park has been picked clean, I say "humbug." I found material that I can cab and several nice specimens. The following is my experience at Rockhound State Park.

Day 1 The weather was ideal to warm on April 4, 2006. I just missed dust storms that shut off the route from El Paso to Deming.

I went straight away to the Red Roof Rock Shop and took a couple of pictures. The owner asked if I wanted to buy the place. There was a good selection of material though I only found one piece of Rhyolite that I liked (looks like it is what is sold as Deming Jasper). I was really looking for what was sold as Deming Jasper. Needless to say there is nothing in the state park (chip sniffing) that was remotely like it.

"Chip sniffing" is my Rockhound term for finding the trail of what I am looking for, or just getting hot on the trail of something interesting and then looking for the source.

I got to Rockhound State Park and they really are mountains - something that is not stressed on all the articles that I have read. This (for the last 15 years) "Armchair Rockhound" took a big gulp and decided I was here now and me and that big mountain had a date.

I preplanned several routes and had a compass in case I really got on the trail of something good. (I'm not too fond of a GPS that will pick point A to point B and miss the rocky butte that is smack in the middle of the two points. And I am not too fond of backtracking a route as my only option out of place that is *By Frank's Emporium* (BFE) in the middle of nowhere.

Needless to say not knowing my capabilities I took the kiddy "Green Route." It was not my first choice but I figured if I have a heart attack I could at least roll to a place someone would find me. I found by slow "chip sniffing" it was not all that bad. I didn't push it and gave myself plenty of time to get to the "ant hill" to the southeast of the visitor center. On the way up there I found many little chips of an orange (what looks like Jasper). On the way I found many holes dug but there were not any chips in the area to say what the other rockhounds were digging for. My only guess is "leaverite": leave her right where you found it.

So on to the top of mount "ant hill" I went the one right next to the visitor center (you can't miss it). Kind of weasel your way around to the side that has the center on it and don't go through the big crack in the rock it smells like it has been used for a toilet for some time, but the Orange Jasper is found on the other side. You can see the veins and surface veins. I climbed up one of the rock faces and chiseled off some 3/8 inch pieces, good for small cabs. Do not follow this route exactly but use your judgment to weasel around the steep places. Remember, "Safety first!"

Just from the top of the "ant hill" heading southeast I noticed that I lost my lighter and just quit smoking. Because there are a lot of cracks and crevices that I could loose my cell phone into I hurriedly put it deep into my pocket. There is also a trick to hold the chisel, hammer and keep the Jasper from falling where I could not reach. Hold the chisel between the thumb and forefinger and cup the Jasper to catch it once it's free from the rock. I use the chisel with the big rubber guard on it with good leather gloves, bought from Home Depot (r).

Then I had a thought. I wondered just how long the plants live there before they died. Okay, this isn't a good for scorpions and the like, but I had some experience from my days in the service in the jungles of Panama. I tapped on the dead vegetation and moved it away from my body slowly so I wouldn't fling a bouncing scorpion in my direction. (I repeated this process over the day and never found one scorpion).

I found a nice piece of Jasper under the first dead thing I turned over, about a pound and a half from an old vein. Then right before I got to the south flank of the "ant hill" I found a real nice four pound piece of that layered Jasper they have in the welcome center. Mine is better. You guessed it: I found it under another dead thing. I collected about 15 pounds of not too bad Layered Jasper and there is more in this area.

I marked this south flank as significant as I found a piece of Blue Chalcedony there without any chips or veins in the outcropping. I think I found the same fate as my lighter and this piece fell out of someone's pocket while "pick'n up a looker." My best guess is that it came from further around the face but the matches and water were back in my car so I headed back.

After calming my nicotine fit, drinking some water, and chowing down on some trail mix I was ready to head out again. Heading out on the "Blue Route" that crosses the Thunder Egg Trail I made a slow chip sniffing bee line for the ridge to work my way to the base of the outcropping about one-half mile in a straight

direction. This looks like one of the most traveled routes in the park. At a more level area between the "ant hill" towards the higher hills to the east you will find a large outcropping of perlite that looks like it will be there for a few years to come. At this point I was probably feeling like many of those that make it spot: "Wow!"

I finally came for the outcropping I dreamed of and who knows how long it will take to get back to the bottom of this mountain. Fortunately I stuck to my plan and took the ugly route to the left of the big rocks going down the wash since everyone else was going back down the trail. In the wash, scrapping slowly through the loose rock I found a number of broken, small and conglomerate Thunder Eggs, but good enough to identify as such and say they came from Rockhound State park in 2006. "Them there is bragging rocks." After I found a Thunder Egg with perlite surrounding it I almost went back up to chip a little more than the usual tourist (like I did) just chip off a chunk to say I got some from there. I could not bring myself to go back up the wash or back around the trail. If anyone finds some Thunder Eggs in the perlite let me know (I guess I need some kind of website or something)

I wonder just how many recent stories of Rockhound State Park were taken from old articles. There were warnings about rattle snakes and scorpions, and they may be out there, but I did not see a sign of one or a good food source to keep a good population of either creature. Just the same: listen for the slither of a snake and the first sign of a rattler before the pose to strike. If you run across an unexpected rattler toss, with as little as movement as possible whatever you have in hand to decoy the rattler, then back off and toss rocks at a safe distance to drive the critter away. Do this if you happen to toss your favorite rock hammer. This worked for me a few years ago.

If you did not bring enough to eat and know how to handle a rattler they can make a tasty lunch with a little Tabasco. Heck, anything tastes like chicken with a little Tabasco sauce. The stories I read always tell you to avoid rattlers but if you find yourself two feet away and surprised, don't move and always keep something in your hand to decoy the critter to provide the critical two seconds to back away while they get ready for another strike. If you are really worried about snakes read up on them so you know what to do. I would just as soon have them for lunch. I figure that's why I don't see any. There are more dangerous things than critters out there.

WATCH OUT FOR THE CACTUS

Nobody ever told me to watch out for the cactus. They just figured people would stay away from things with spikes. The problem is the little round ones (hidden in a bunch of grass) is the spikes will go clean through a pair of comfortable walking shoes. This happened to me at Rockhound State park and while hopping to the nearest rock one I only brushed up against one of the big leafy ones. The spikes seem to have barbs on the end. When I pulled on the ones in my left leg the skin moved out while pulling. So with a big "ouch!" one at a time I pulled them straight out. The hard part was pulling them back through the sole of my shoe. Heck, I thought there was no way I could take off my shoe with the spikes into my foot. I stepped on the round cactus half way to up the eastern hills on the Blue trail. However, since my left leg and right foot were hurting about the same it was an equilibrium. The severe pain was gone after about 30 minutes of slow chip sniffing walking. I think I need to study up on cactus spike things.

Here's a list of specimens found at Rockhound State Park, not all are covered in the specimen collection of the park.

Green Trail: Small Orange Jasper (good enough for small cabs), Red Orange Jasper (Approximately 1.5 lbs.), Banded Jasper (Great 2.5 to 3 lb. Piece), Blue Chalcedony (Great specimen but a hard decision if to cut into cabs), Banded Light Orange Jasper (will make a couple of really nice cabs)

Blue Trail: Pink Opal (With dendrites would make a small cab, but better as a specimen), Black Perlite (from outcropping), Thunder Eggs (Small but good specimens. One is the shape of Michigan - what luck!), Conglomerate Thunder Eggs (Small but would make good pendant cabs), Thunder Egg with Perlite surrounding it (means the Perlite outcropping could have some unique specimens buried within it), Large piece of quartz crystals (Good specimen as I don't think one has been found in recent years about 3.5 lbs about the size of a slice of a water melon), Banded Agate or Banded Jasper with red and blue (small pieces), Green Opalite (Probably a good specimen but would make some neat cabs), Small Round Agate Formations (Don't remember the correct name. They are the left-over liquid silicate from the Thunder Eggs, that form

outside the Thunder Egg), Dome Shaped Agate Things (The round shapes indicate an agate formation with agate banding)

I may have missed something but I will review the rocks when I get home.

All in all I consider this a darn good trip.

Note: The guides are not versed in the geology of the area (specific to mineral collecting) and are not very helpful in finding what you may be looking for. Do your own research and be an educated rockhound.

Day 2

It was spent going out on route 62 East of El Paso. And I did find one piece of Jasper that made the whole day worth it but that will be the next entry in my journal.

Best Regards, and happy Rockhounding, Mark

EXHIBITOR'S RULES & ADVISORY

1. **HOURS:** The Show will open to the public as follows: Friday 2 PM to 9 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM, Sunda, 10 AM to 5 PM
2. **REGISTRATION AND RIBBONS:** Exhibitor is to check in at the control desk to receive his/her display space location number(s) and exhibitors ribbon. Exhibitor's ribbon authorizes free admission to the show.
3. **JUDGING:** There will be no competitive judging this year.
4. **DISPLAY SET UP AND REMOVAL:** Each exhibitor must have his/her display installed and in proper order before 2 PM Friday, and preserve it intact until the show closes Sunday at 5 PM. Displays may be set up after 8 AM on Friday, and must be removed by 6 PM on Sunday. We will try to have the hall ready for display set up from 4 to 7 PM Thursday. Check with the display chairperson if bringing a display in on Thursday.
5. **RESTRICTIONS:** The Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club reserves the right to restrict any exhibit which for obvious reasons is objectionable, and also prohibit any exhibit which in the opinion of the display committee may hinder the general character and atmosphere of the Show. Distribution of advertising matter in any part of the Show is strictly forbidden without the written authorization of the Show Committee.
6. **SECURITY & LIABILITY:** The Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club will furnish security and will take all reasonable and expected precautions to protect the property and person of each exhibitor. However, it is mutually agreed that the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club, its members, its officers or its authorized agents shall not be liable to any exhibitor for any damage to or for loss or destruction of any exhibit in whole or part. This includes the property of any exhibitor or injury to his person from any cause. All claims for any such loss, damage or injury is expressly waived by the Exhibitor. Submission of your signed application for exhibitor's space constitutes acceptance of all the rules and regulations as outlined above.

NAME: _____ CLUB AFFILIATION _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE (_____) _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

I will furnish my own case ____ Special electrical needs _____

Your case size _____ Table top space _____ Floor space _____

Exhibitors are urged to furnish their cases. The club has a limited number of cases that are available on a first come basis. Check here if you need a case:

- _____ Club Case 46"W x 30"D x 11"H
- _____ Pony Case 45-3/4"W x 20"D x 22"H
- _____ New Cases 48"W x 18"D x 22-3/8"H

****** PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH EXHIBIT******

The undersigned exhibitor agrees to abide by the terms of the Committee as stated on the Exhibitor's Rules & Advisory" form.

There will be no competitive judging this year. There will be voting for the People's Choice Awards

Exhibitor's signature

RETURN TO DISPLAY CHAIRPERSONS:

Nancy & Rita Grove
1200 Rawson Ave.

PLEASE RETURN CASE APPLICATIONS BY AUGUST 20th.

Fremont, OH 43420

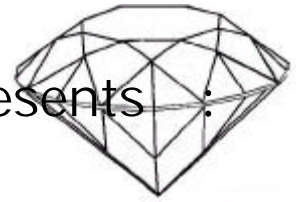
This form can be reproduced if additional cases are needed.

June

2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Metalcraft @ 1:30	5	6	7 Gemcraft @ 7PM	8 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM Faceteers @ 7	9	10
11	12	13	14 Gemcraft @ 7PM	15	16	17
18 No Metalcraft , Father's Day	19 Beaders @ 6:30	20	21 Show meeting 6PM, Club meeting - 7PM	22 No Metalcraft --- Crosby-----	23 ---- Festival---	24 ---of The-----
25 ---- Arts-----	26	27	28 Gemcraft @ 7PM	29	30	

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Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Presents :

A **Rainbow** Of Rocks and Gems

September 8 - 10, 2006

**Stranahan Theater Complex,
4645 Heatherdowns Blvd.
Toledo, OH**

Friday 2 - 9 PM

Saturday 10AM - 6PM

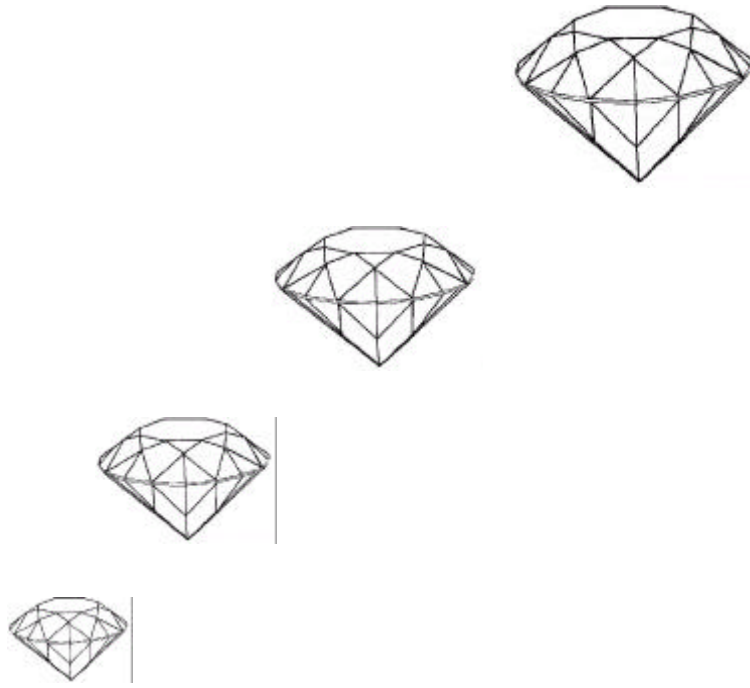
Sunday 10AM - 5PM

**Donation: Adults - \$3.50; Students and Seniors (over 55) - \$2,50;
Children under 12 with an adult and Scouts in uniform - Free**

July

2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
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 Show meeting 6PM, Club meeting @ 7PM	20	21	22
23	24 *****	25 *** Lucas **	26 No Gemcraft *** County ***	27 No Metalcraft **** Fair *****	28 *****	29 *****
30	31					



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