

Rocky Reader

The Monthly Newsletter Of The
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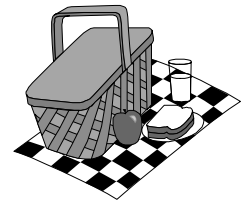
December, 2006/January, 2007

The December meeting begins at 6PM with a potluck.

EVERYBODY BRING A MEAT DISH PLUS:

A **vegetable dish** if your **LAST** name begins with
A - J

A **dessert** if your **LAST** name begins with **K - Z**
Please remember to **bring your own table service.**



We will also **install the new officers** and have a gift exchange.

If you want to join the **Christmas Gift exchange**, wrap your gift in **RED** if it is for a woman, in **Blue** if it is for a man, and in **another color** for a child.

Good News: Suzanne Shimatzki and Jerri Heer have agreed to co-chair the 2007 Club show **IF** all the committee positions are filled!! Yeah!! Now we need **YOU** to volunteer to fill these important positions:

Publicity	Exhibits	Silent Auction
Raffle	Kid's Games	Kid's Kits
Hospitality	Rocky Roulette	Facilities
Truck rental	Set-up	Tear down

If you have done one of these jobs in the past, and want to continue, please let both Suzanne and Jerri know. This is Suzanne's first year. Let's give lots of support!

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes

10-18-2006

The meeting was **called to order** by President Jim Leslie, at 7:15 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Remember the auction is next month.

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

Treasurer's report was given. There are still many members who have not renewed their membership. The last show expenses were paid. The Rocky Reader was sent out to remind people to pay their membership dues, so we had to pay more postage this month than usual. Report was approved.

Announcements: Still need someone to run the show in September, 2007. Need volunteers to make gem trees at open house. Next month are elections for new officers. Nominees are Jim Leslie running again for President; Vice President: Steve Shimatski, Secretary: John Capuano. Gayle O'Riordon for Treasurer. Carla Bureson for Sergeant at Arms. Frank Zaborowski and Harold Bureson for board member.

Sunshine: Carla's mother died. She has expressed her thanks to everyone for their cards and support for the last seven years of her mother's illness.

Gemcrafter: Shop has been open for a couple of weeks. Ed is fixing the saw. The bar is worn. Gemcrafters meet first and third Sundays, and Wednesday nights except the club Wednesday. If anyone wants classes, let Chet know. Volunteers are needed to cut and work on the Open House days, to stop and talk to visitors, and explain the hobby.

Heralding the Holidays. Metalcrafter room has one table. There is still room on the gemcrafter side.

Auction: Gemcrafter auction is next month. Bring things to sell and money to buy.

Beaders have one more session on the third Monday in November, and then are off for the season.

Faceteers had their meeting at Bowers and had 4 new members from the show. Next meeting at Don Ault's.

Metalcrafters: Still meeting regular meeting days, Sundays and Thursdays. Deb moderates on Sundays, Kathy on Thursday nights. Please call and let Kathy know if you are coming on Thursday nights, or if you regularly attend, please let her know if you are not coming.

Rocky Reader will come out next month.

Nothing new with **Field Trips**.

Show Report: Still need a chairperson, or there will not be a show next year. Many thanks to Carla and Gayle for five great years. Now someone else needs to volunteer to chair the show. Jerri is still willing to manage the vendors, which is a major responsibility.

Open House is next month, November 18 and 19. Participants will set up on Friday.

Christmas potluck is for the December meeting. Please stay as close to your assigned dish, so there are adequate amounts of food.

Submitted by Kathy Petersen, Club Secretary

Happy 2007

Here are some club events for your calendar:

February -Metalcrafter auction

April - Gemcrafter auction

May - Club open house?

TBG plant sale

Club pot-luck

June - September - TBG

Sunday Art Day

August - ROC's Arts in the Garden

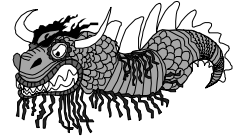
September - Stranahan Show

November - Club Auction

Club open house?

December Club pot-luck

ROC's Heralding the Holidays



Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Meeting Minutes

11-16-2006

The meeting was **called to order** by President Jim Leslie at 7:10 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's report was given and approved.

Nominations: Officer Ballots were distributed. Gayle has taken a job and can not run as Treasurer, so Pete has agreed to run again.

Gardens: New lights to go in the Gardens. Our building is scheduled to be painted on the exterior. The gardens will accept volunteer hours on painting toward our required time. Call the gardens to volunteer. TBG is looking for new board members. Anyone interested can submit their name for consideration. Resident Council is looking for members for offices.

Open House is this weekend, with open cutting. You need to stop and talk to visitors and explain what we do.

Open Houses started in 1977 or 78. At that time, each resident group was required to have an open house to showcase their hobby. The club decided to do the two day current types of Open Houses to get awareness for the club. Now it is no longer required, and the TBG has set a rental fee of \$1000.00 for the year 2007. We could save some money by renting only the front room, without use of the back room or kitchen, however the vendors participating do not make enough money to meet the expense. Members need to decide whether we still want to have a big Open House in the Conference Center, do an open house on our own, in the Craft Center, with mainly demonstrations and no or few sales items; or some other options, such as cleaning out the garage and using a combination of buildings, or another option, only doing one date per year. There is the problem of people not finding the Craft Center as easily as the Conference

Center. We will decide at the December meeting. The next open house was scheduled for May, and that would occur only if we decide to continue, with the fees.

Heralding the Holidays is coming up, first weekend of December. Metalcrafter section has one opening left for sales table. Otherwise see Chet for space in the gemcrafter area.

Last **Beaders** meeting for the year is this month.

Faceteers had a big turnout this month. Next meeting is the 14th on Thursday at Bower's house.

Membership: 32 adults 1 junior signed in tonight

Rocky Reader is coming out this month.

Metalcrafters are meeting on regular schedule, with Deb moderating on Sundays, and Kathy and Tonia maintaining Thursday nights.

Sunshine: Jack Beard's wife, Marian, has died. George Burns, a long time club member, had \$5000 stolen from a public display case.

Field trips: Nothing upcoming in the schedule. Open House: This weekend, with set up on Friday. An ad was seen in Key Shopper, Blade, Herald and Perrysburg papers about the open house. TV stations have received information and a second mailing will be done.

Charter and Lease have been returned and signed by the TBG.

There are **possible co-chairs for the Show**, with the proviso that the subcommittees are firmly established.

Election results were announced. President Jim Leslie, Treasurer Pete Petersen, Vice President: Steve Shimatski, Sgt at Arms: Carla Burleson, Secretary: John Capuano, Board Member: Harold Burleson.

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.

January 20, 2007 10AM. Fold Forming. Instructor: Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$20.00. Participants will learn the process of fold forming to produce fold-formed copper pieces.

February 24, 2007 10AM. Alloying and using Reticulation silver. Instructor: Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$20.00. Learn the entire reticulation process from alloying your scrap silver with copper to creating a sheet through the actual reticulation process. Participants will need to supply their own clean sterling silver scrap.

March 24, 2007 10AM. Keum-boo workshop. Instructor: Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$20.00. Participants will learn the Keum-boo process. Participants must supply their own 24K gold Keum-boo foil and sterling silver. Keum-boo foil may be purchased from Allcraft (allcraftonline.com, 1-800-645-7124 or Rio Grande www.riogrande.com, 1-800-545-6566).

April 21, 2007 10AM. Black Onyx Gallery Ring. Instructor Debra Hoffmaster. Fee \$45.00. Make Alan Revere's Gallery ring (*Professional Goldsmithing*, project 9) in sterling silver and black onyx.

May 19, 2007 Foxtail Chain Class...stay tuned

The State Line Club is offering the following classes at their show in June:

June 1, 2007 5:30-6:30PM Silver Art Clay. Instructor Shellie Carder. Fee \$25.00.

June 2, 2007 5:30-6:30PM Silver Art Clay. Instructor Shellie Carder. Fee \$25.00.

June 2, 2007 1-4PM Soapstone Carving. Instructor Sandy Cline. Fee \$15.00

June 2, 2007 10AM - 3PM MSHR Mine Safety Class. Instructor Joel Vicary.

Heralding the Holidays - Dec. 1, 2 & 3
Friday 5-9PM, Saturday 10AM - 5PM
Sunday 12 - 5PM

Stroll through the Garden by night on walkways glowing with luminaries. Explore the Garden by daylight and visit the artists in their buildings. Maps of the Garden will direct you to each of the participating organizations to make your shopping easier.



Heralding the Holidays is a **FREE EVENT** sponsored by the Resident Organizations of the Toledo Botanical Garden.

They will also have a "Beading Rally" with classes for all levels. For more information about these classes or the rally, contact Doris Brzezicki at 517-263-1669 or rychar@tc3net.com

Thelma Postlewaite's Family News

December Birthdays:

Val Daniels	12-18
Merry Jo Delano	12-20
Hansen Holmes	12-20
Norman Laursen	12-26
Harriette Leeper	12-28
Joe Motter	12-29

Juniors:

Johnathan Heer	12-22
Bill Leslie	12-30

January Birthdays:

Hank Lewis	1-7
Angela Capuano	1-8
Tony Kaczmarek	1-9
Lucille Burgy	1-11
Suzanne Underwood	1-11
Carla Burleson	1-13
Ronald Bielski	1-21
Nancy Mancuso	1-25
Mary Kay Frushour	1-30

Carla Burleson's mother died on October 7th. She had been ill for quite awhile. Jack Beard's wife, dies in October. She was buried in N. Baltimore, Ohio. George Burns, a long time club member, had \$5000 stolen from a public display case. Submitted by Lucille Burgy, Sunshine

GARDEN NEWS

New lights to go in the Gardens. Our building is scheduled to be painted on the exterior. The gardens will accept volunteer hours on painting toward our required time. Call the gardens to volunteer. TBG is looking for new board members. Anyone interested can submit their name for consideration. Resident Council is looking for members for offices.

The ROC's Christmas sales event, Heralding the Holidays, is scheduled for December 1-3. Come by Friday from 5-9, Saturday from 10-5 or Sunday from noon to 5 to purchase Christmas gifts and support the Resident Organizations. There will be luminaria and live music on Friday night, strolling choirs and Santa Clauses on Friday and Saturday, kid's activities on Saturday and an ice sculptor (Saturday 2-2:30). The event is free and showcases the artistry of the members of the Resident organizations.

TBG has set a rental fee of \$500.00 for the 3-day use of the Stables and Terrace rooms of the conference center for open houses in 2007. We could save some money by setting up on Saturday morning, and/or renting only the Terrace room, without use of the Stable room or kitchen. The members selling at the open houses do not make enough money to meet the expense. We need to decide whether we still want to have a big Open House in the Conference Center, do an open house on our own, in the Craft Center, with mainly demonstrations and no or few sales items; or some other options, such as cleaning out the garage and using a combination of buildings, or another option, only doing one date per year. There is the problem of people not finding the Craft Center as easily as the Conference Center. We will decide at the December meeting.

Garden Events

JAN 4 - The Photo Arts Club will present a workshop on mounting and matting photographs in the Conference Center starting at 7:30pm. Just bring a photo and we will help you mount and matt it. Materials provided at NO CHARGE. Information: 419-536-8422

FEB 24th, 2007, 10 - 4 The Black Swamp Spinner's Guild of NW Ohio. Try spinning with a drop spindle & various types of wheels. Take home a drop spindle and many fibers. Bring a sack lunch; snack and beverage provided. Location: Center Township Fire Hall, 9986 Bowling Green Rd. East, (I-75 to exit #181, east one mile to Carter Rd.) Just past the Meijer Store...Bowling Green, Ohio. Cost: \$20 (Non-refundable) Register by 2/11/07 to: BSSG Janice Ryan 1844 Cherry Lane. Findlay, Ohio 45840.419-424-0319 / ryansedgyart@yahoo.com

MAR 31, 2007, 9-4 The Black Swamp Spinners' Guild of NW Ohio 22 nd Annual Market Day and Fiber Fair. Wood County Fairgrounds, Junior Fair Building, W. Poe Rd. & Brim entrance Bowling Green, Ohio, From N: I-75 to exit #187 or #181 from S Or Route 6 Bowling Green Exit from E or W to N. Main (25) to W. Poe Rd. For: Demonstrations, spinning & weaving equipment & supplies, hand-woven & hand knit items, handspun yarns, books, dyes, fleeces, rug hooking, roving, & exotic fibers. Free admission and door prizes, lunch available. Vendors contact Edie at candles@tc3net.com or 517-486-5898. For more info: Susan, 419-874-5633/ caytonsj@juno.com

FACETEERS

The Faceteers met Thursday night at the home of Don Ault. We have four new members and they are very enthusiastic about faceting. The refreshments were carrot cake, banana bread, ice cream, and a variety of fresh fruit, and of course, lots of coffee. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 at the home of Dick Bower. We always meet the second Thursday of each month. For information on Faceteers meetings, please contact Don Ault.

FIELD TRIPS

To be informed of future field trips, please contact Harold Burluson. Please be aware that many quarries now require up to date Mine Safety training for admission. The State Line Club will offer this training at their show in June (see classes, shows)

BEADERS

The Beaders meetings have stopped until Spring. Contact Nancy Grove for more information on the beaders group. Nancy Grove, Moderator

GEMCRAFTERS

A Christmas party is scheduled for the Gemcrafter meeting on December 6th. For more information, contact Chetty of June King.

Regular gemcrafter meetings are Wednesdays (except the third Wednesday of the month) at 7PM. Please let me know if there is a skill that you want me to offer a class about. Chetty King, Jr., moderator

METALCRAFTERS

Meetings: The metalcrafters will meet on Thursday December 14, Sunday December 17, Thursday December 28, Sunday January 7, Thursday January 11, Sunday January 21 and Thursday January 25. Sunday meetings begin at 1:30PM and Thursday meetings begin at 6:30PM. There will be no meeting on December 3 due to Heralding the Holidays.

Internet Jewelry Resources:

American Gem Trade Association (AGTA):

<http://www.agta.org/>

ArtMetal Village

<http://www.artmetal.com/village/welcome/welcmap.htm>

Chasing and Repousse:

<http://www.valentinyotkov.com/>

Don Norris Online Classes:

<http://users.frii.com/dnorris/index2.html>

Ganoksin (Orchid Listserv & archives)

<http://www.ganoksin.com>

Gemological Institute of America (GIA):

<http://www.gia.edu/>

Granulation:

<http://www.spirig.com/portal/jewellery/granulation/index.html>

Lapidary Journal:

<http://www.lapidaryjournal.com/>

Professional Jeweler:

<http://www.professionaljeweler.com/>

If you are new and planning on attending Thursday December 14, please call or e-mail Kathy Petersen (club secretary - see front page for contact info) to let her know that you will be there. If you have been attending on Thursdays but find that you will be late or unable to attend, please call or e-mail her with that information also.

We will be having a fold forming class on January 20, 2007 beginning at 10AM. See **Classes** for more information.

Deb Hoffmaster, moderator

Coming Events from Chetty King's Flyer Table

June 1-3. Stateline Gem & Mineral Show. Junior Fair Building at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, off Rt108 North of Ohio

Turnpike Exit 34. Wauseon, OH. Friday noon -7, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 11-4. **FREE Admission**

Buff and Polishing Compound Combinations

Recommended by Experienced Gem Cutters

A – Canvas	E – Muslin	1 – Cerium Oxide	4 – Levigated Alumina
B – Cork	F – Pellon	2 – Chrome Oxide	5 – Linde A
C – Pelt	G – Velvet	3 – Diamond	6 – Tin Oxide
D – Leather	H – Wood		

Gemstone	Recommended Combination	Varieties & Remarks
Beryl	D5, C1, C2	Emerald, aquamarine, morganite, goshenite, etc
Calcite	E6, G6	"Mexican onyx," travertine, etc. To speed polish, add a few crystals of oxalic acid (poison)
Chlorastrolite	C1	Greenstone
Feldspar	C1	Moonstone, sunstone, labradorite, amazonite, etc.
Garnet	D5, D2, C1	Heat sensitive – check frequently for over-heating
Goldstone	C1, F1	Man-made glass, Heat sensitive – use care in dopping and polishing
Hematite	E, D or H 1, 4, or 5	Use any combination of buffs and compounds listed
Howlite	C6, D5	
Jadeite	D5, D2, E6, G6	Jade. Leather buffs (especially hard leather). Generally favored. Many cutters use heavy pressure to develop heat.
Jasper	C1, D5	Variety of quartz. Some jasper has areas of varying hardness. Leather and Linde A best for these stones
Lapis lazuli	D5, D2	
Malachite	D5, D2	Finish polishing by hand with leather and weak solution of polishing compound
Nephrite	D5, D2, E6, G6, H6	Jade. Leather buffs most commonly used. Cutters often use heavy pressure to develop heat.
Obsidian	C1	Heat sensitive – use care in dopping and polishing
Opal	C1, G6, E6	Heat and cold sensitive – avoid overheating
"Psilomelane"	D5, D6	Quartz with bands of manganese
Petoskey Stone	G6, A6	Calcareous fossil material. Some oxalic acid added to compound speeds polish.
Quartz, crystalline and cryptocrystalline	C1, D1, F1, H1	Amethyst, citrine, rock crystal, agate, petrified wood, etc. Tin oxide, levigated alumina, and other compounds commonly used on buffs listed. Also see jasper and tiger eye.
Rhodochrosite	D5, D6, D3	
Rhodonite	D5, D1	
Serpentine	D5, D6	
Sodalite	C1	
Thomsonite	C1	
Tiger eye	D5, F1	Variety of quartz. Contains fibers; polish across fibers to avoid "pulling"
Tourmaline	D5, D2	
Turquoise	D5, D6	
Unakite	C1	
Variscite	D5, C1, C6	
Wonderstone	D5, D6	Bonded rhyolite.
Heat-sensitive stones		New fiber buffs and favorite compound



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Holland, OH 43528**

Owned and Operated by
Ed and Ruby Reynolds,
Club members
By Appointment Only:
419-382-1089 or 419-340-8801



Another new alloy:

American Bullion Inc. (ABI) Precious Metals, of Carson, California, has created a platinum-sterling alloy that is whiter than traditional sterling or white gold. In metallurgical laboratory tests, the 3.5% platinum sterling was six times more resistant to tarnish than the traditional sterling.

When used in casting and in fabrication, the platinum sterling showed no discernible firescale. Techniques such as milling, engraving, stone setting, laser welding, and electroplating all produced excellent results. Keum-boo was possible without raising a fine-silver layer, but reticulation was unsuccessful. For the full story see: <http://www.ganoksin.com/borisat/nenam/platinum-sterling-alloy-1.htm>



The State Line Club is in the process of buying a building in Morenci Michigan. They have acquired a Land contract for the property and are in the process of fundraising. Stay tuned for more information.

December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Heralding 5-9	2 The 10-5
3 Holidays noon - 5 (no meeting)	4	5	6 Gemcraft Party @ 7PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Gemcraft @ 7PM	14 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM Faceteers @ 7	15	16
17 Metalcraft @ 1:30	18	19	20 Club meeting & Potluck @ 6PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Gemcraft @ 7PM	28 Metalcraft @ 6:30PM	29	30
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January

2007

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

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