



THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THANK YOU! WE DID IT! Virtual Gemarama was a BIG success! The eBay auction made a lot of sales, thanks to the efforts of many who contributed items and expertise. The demos were well attended and sparked some interest for potential new workshops. The Gemarama website and the social media posts attracted a lot of traffic and comments.

I would like to thank all the volunteers on the TLS Gemarama Committee for their dedication and hard work making Virtual Gemarama a reality. I would also like to thank all the members, friends and vendors who kindly donated to our auction. And lastly I would also like to thank everyone who visited us during the Gemarama weekend and participated in the various events. We look forward to seeing everyone in person in 2021. **SAVE THE DATE: GEMARAMA 2021—"PICTURES IN STONE" November 6-7, 2021.**

Just because Gemarama weekend has ended doesn't mean that our efforts are over. Many items that did not sell on eBay during Virtual Gemarama have been relisted for one week auctions and will continue to be listed through the end of the year. New items will be listed as well so keep checking our eBay page. It's time to think about holiday presents. What could be better than a piece of handcrafted jewelry from one of your friends at TLS? **SHOP SMALL—SHOP HANDMADE—SHOP LOCAL.** Remember, the proceeds from the sale of these items help support the operation of Tuscarora Lapidary Society. Also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and our websites (www.lapidary.org and www.Gemarama.org). Don't forget to Like, Comment and Share.

We continue to hold meetings via Zoom and expect to do so well into 2021. And remember that students and others who wish to become members can use attendance at Zoom meetings towards their meeting requirement. The Host and Co-hosts of the General Meetings will be taking attendance.

Please be sure to attend the December General Meeting (December 9, 2020). At this meeting we will be voting on the slate of TLS Officers and Board Members as announced in the Bulletin (page 3). I would also like to announce that Steve Hansen is taking over as Class Manager and would like to thank Kathy Hobson for her many years of service in this role. Also stepping down from his role as General Meeting Program Chair is Rick Hellman. I would like to thank him for his tireless work over the years arranging interesting programs for the membership. This position still needs to be filled so if anyone is interested in arranging meeting programs please feel free to con-

tact me. More info about this position can be found on page 6.

Last but not least, we have some exciting courses set up for the Winter Session which begins in January. As with the Fall Session the classes are limited in size and number to allow for social distancing. Kieu Pham Gray is scheduled to give workshops in early January. The class schedule will be posted online soon so stay tuned. Please be aware, however, that we are closely following the status of the coronavirus pandemic and will be following all health and safety recommendations of national, state and local authorities. If it becomes necessary to cancel classes or workshops we will notify everyone and refund the fees.

Please everyone enjoy your holidays but stay safe and healthy.

Linda Green, TLS President



Click [here](#) for updated TLS Ed Center COVID procedures.



NEWS AND NOTES

—Condolences to the friends and family of Charlotte Linzey, who passed away on October 30.

—Well wishes to Jim Johnston on his recovery from a small stroke.

—A big welcome to new members Lily Bieling and Dennis and Terry Coren. Hopefully, we'll be able to meet you in person before too long!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 2: TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

Dec. 9: TLS General Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.



— *From Janet Young, Recording Secretary*

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The Board meeting was called to order on November 4, 2020 at 7:34 p.m. by Linda Green through ZOOM. The minutes of the October Board Meeting were approved as distributed. Treasurer's Report: Frank Warner distributed the September financial data to all Board members. The cash balance reflects the

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recent grant of \$21,500 and expenditures for video equipment and TVs. In response to a question, Frank explained that the cameras are considered long term equipment (for depreciation) and reported as a capital expense. Lisa Laffend learned through DCAC that there is no reporting requirement for the grant of \$21,500 received.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Stacey Segal reported 2 new membership applications were received from Lily Bieling and Dennis and Terry (auxiliary) Coren. These applications were approved by the Board. Steve Hansen mentioned that some Main Line School Night students may be interested in membership. It was agreed that a “streamlined” application process would be possible through a scanned and emailed application form and payment through PayPal.

Community Programs: Linda Green reported that Christy Potter has been contacted by a Girl Scout Troop of nine 4th and 5th graders who want to visit the Education Center for a tour and workshop on stone cutting, cabbing, faceting and jewelry making. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Troop will be directed to the informative videos on the TLS YouTube website.

Programs: Linda Green reported that Joe Dan Lowry of the Turquoise Museum, Albuquerque, NM, will make a presentation at the General Meeting this month. The December General Meeting will feature a vote for officers and directors and the dissemination of the annual membership awards. Linda is looking for a Program Committee Chair. Frank Warner informed Springfield Township that we would not be meeting in their building this month.

Education Center/Facilities & Equipment: John Chickadel reported the scheduled Oct. 26 roof repair was postponed due to weather. Hopefully, The Repair Squad will do the work this month. HVAC inspection is due in November. An email was sent to Joyce Babiarz and David Lesak asking if they would be willing to stop by the Ed Center to weed the beds. John is also asking members to check and carry out trash and recycling, when needed.

Class Manager: Kathy Hobson will work on the Winter Class Schedule but will transition out of this position as she devotes her attention to the Delco Food Project in Aston. Kathy will write a small article about the available volunteer position for the next TLS Bulletin. Linda Green stated that due to the surge of COVID cases in the area, she recommends no major expansion in class programming. Kathy will contact teachers to finalize schedules. Steve Hansen said that the reduced income with less students makes it difficult to offer adequate fees to guest teachers. Kieu Pham Gray will be the only guest instructor and she will hold classes in January. Steve also thanked Bill Frampton and Joanne Morris for teaching Main Line School Night classes.

Registrar: Bill Frampton said that the Winter Class Schedule should be published in the next bulletin. Bill thanked Steve Hansen for his contributions to the Education program.

Equipment & Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf will replace the pulley on the large saw and install a new ceiling mount for the

camera on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Linda Green suggested having tutoring workshops on the use of the cameras.

Gemarama: Linda Lakitsky reported that preparations for the virtual Gemarama are nearly complete. Stacey Segal, Ellen Schwarzkopf, Barry Messino and Linda Green spent many hours planning, organizing and photographing auction items. Linda Green has been marketing the event on social media. Sheryl Dahl has spent many hours preparing a wide and interesting selection of demonstrations. Kieu Pham Gray’s class is still available for sign-up. Stacey renamed and numbered all eBay auction items and entered data on spreadsheets. The more expensive items will be listed for 3 days, Thursday through Sunday. One day auctions will be held Friday and Saturday. Anything that does not sell will be relisted the following Sunday and beyond. Linda thanked Mimi Favre for the awesome website, Gemarama.org, which has already attracted much attention.

Old Business: Lisa Laffend reported that Delco Arts Week has passed but local arts events are listed for DCAC calendar at www.delcoarts.org. Lisa listed an ad for Gemarama on the DCAC website. Steve Hansen reported that Fall classes went well except the Faceting class will need a longer schedule in the future. The second Main Line School Night workshop has 6 students enrolled. There is a potential that some students will be interested in TLS membership. On Monday, Nov. 9, Frank Warner will send invitations to the ZOOM General Meeting on Nov. 11. Linda Green stated that the December General Meeting will feature membership awards and the election of officers (see New Business below). The field trip to Horizon Mineral, Lewes, DE has been postponed until Spring.

New Business: The proposed slate of officers is: President-Linda Green, Vice President-Stacey Segal, Treasurer-Ken Dahl, Recording Secretary-Janet Young, Corresponding Secretary-Eileen Magee, Director-Mimi Favre. Steve Hansen and Jody Shaw will continue in the second year of their terms as Directors. John Chickadel’s appointment as Education Center Director will be continued. Frank Warner is to be appointed Assistant Treasurer. Barry Messino is appointed as Gemarama 2021 Chair and Linda Lakitsky is appointed as Gemarama 2021 Co-Chair. The Board approved the slate of officers that will be presented to the members for a vote at the December General Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding student slab sources. John Chickadel said that he and Doug Klieger found material in the storage area that can be cut and used for students. Jody Shaw will contact Gemarama vendors for TLS bulletin articles. Mimi Favre has found new vendors for Gemarama 2021. Vendors will be discussed at the next Gemarama meeting.



The General Meeting of November 11, 2020 by ZOOM was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by President Linda Green. In attendance were 28 members and 15 guests, plus the speaker. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of October 14, 2020.

Linda Green acknowledged Veterans Day and thanked all those who served in the military. Charlotte Linzey passed

away at the age of 90 on October 30. The obituary stated in lieu of flowers donations could be made to Tuscarora Lapidary Society.

Frank Warner stated that membership would be carried straight through next year without additional payment of dues. This is due to spending constraints people may have during this period of COVID-19 and our restrictions on holding classes and meetings. Those who are able, may make a dues donation online or send a check to Frank Warner. All dues money received will be recorded as a donation. Frank thanked those who are making a donation this year.

Stacey Segal reported there were two new memberships-Lily Bieling and Dennis and Terry (auxiliary) Coren. Membership "Hello" packages will be emailed and badges will be sent by U.S. mail. Both new members attended and were welcomed during the meeting.

Joe Dan Lowry, owner of the Turquoise Museum, Albuquerque, NM will give a presentation this evening. The December General Meeting will feature the membership awards that are usually given in June. The January program is to be decided. Rick Hellman is unable to continue as Program Chair so a request is being made for a volunteer to take that position.

John Chickadel reported Kramer Associates will inspect the HVAC on December 3. The Repair Squad has scheduled the roof repairs for the week of November 23. John thanks Joyce Babiarz and her husband Francis for landscaping beautification and tree/shrub pest control. Don Schwarzkopf reports that all video equipment is close to operational. There is a new HDMI outlet in the Genie room for the center classroom and there are two lines installed for the large monitor in the jewelry room. The big saw will be fixed on Tuesday, November 17.

Linda Green reported that Kathy Hobson has begun working on the Winter class schedule which should be posted by early December. Due to COVID-19 we will continue with a reduced schedule. Kathy wants to step down from the manager position and is happy to train a new volunteer. Update: The position has been filled. Thank you, Steve Hansen!

Linda Lakitsky reported that there will be a Gemarama-committee meeting on November 18 to discuss the auction, classes with Kieu Pham Gray, and demonstrations. Stacey Segal reported that she had listed approximately 150 items, of which more than 50 sold. The remaining items will be listed weekly for 8 weeks. Linda Green said she saw a lot of Gemarama interest on social media.

Lisa Laffend stated that events get posted to the DCAC calendar year-round at DelcoArts.org, and encourages members to check it when looking for activities. John Chickadel stated that his fall classes went well and people are currently enjoying open cabbing. Steve Hansen reported that two weekend sessions of Main Line School Night have attracted students from out of state and many of them were guests on the ZOOM meeting. Linda Green reported that the field trip to Horizon Minerals in Lewes, Delaware, originally scheduled for this Fall will, hopefully, be rescheduled for the

Spring.

Linda Green reported that the Board approved a slate of officers to be presented for a vote at the December General Meeting. The proposed slate is listed below.

Following the business meeting Joe Dan Lowry, Curator of the Turquoise Museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico gave a fact filled presentation on turquoise. Highlights included slides about mining, grading, and lapidary of turquoise around the world. Joe Dan answered many questions from the audience. The website is www.turquoisemuseum.com and Joe Dan's Corner is the Blog site.

—Janet Young, Recording Secretary



—From the Nominating Committee

ANNUAL TLS ELECTIONS

At the December General meeting via Zoom, the election of TLS Officers and Board Members will take place. On the recommendation of the nominating committee, the Board recommends the following slate of Officers and Directors to be approved for 2021.

President-Linda Green
 Vice-President-Stacey Segal
 Treasurer-Ken Dahl
 Recording Secretary-Janet Young
 Corresponding Secretary-Eileen Magee
 Director-Mimi Favre

Steve Hansen and Jody Shaw will continue in the second year of their terms as Directors. John Chickadel's appointment as Education Center Director will be continued. Frank Warner is to be appointed Assistant Treasurer. Barry Messino is appointed as Gemarama 2021 Chair and Linda Lakitsky is appointed as Gemarama 2021 Co-Chair.

CALENDAR

Caution: Many show dates are tentative at this time due to COVID-19 and some from this list may have been canceled.

2021

March 20-21: Buffalo Geological Society Annual Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show, Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY

March 27-28: Che-Hanna Rock/Mineral Club, Wysox Volunteer Fire Co, Wysox, PA

March 27-28: Phila. Mineralogical Society Show, LuLu Temple, Plymouth Meeting, PA

June 5-6: Orange. County Mineralogical Society Show, Museum Village, Monroe, NY

July 9-12: EFMLS Convention and Mineral Show/Syracuse Gem & Mineral Society Show, Syracuse, NY

August 20-21: Gem Miner's Jubilee Gem & Jewelry Show, Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA

VIRTUAL GEMARAMA SHOW UPDATE AND THANK YOU

A special thank you to those of you who took the time to donate to our virtual auctions. We would not have had our auctions without out those donations.

•A special thank you to all the work put into making the auctions happen. Thank you, Stacey, Ellen, Linda Green, and Barry for putting it all together and supporting me.

•A special thank you to Sheryl and Ken Dahl for making their home a center for 6 demos each day (Saturday and Sunday). Setting up and making the demos happen was a lot of work and they both made it happen. A big thank you to Frank Warner for helping to ensure the demos were workable via ZOOM.

•A special thank you to Kieu Pham Gray for holding virtual classes during our show.

•A special thank you to Linda Green for continually pushing out on social media about our vendors and things going on with our virtual show.

•A special thank you to Anna Thompson for putting together various stories and pushing out on social media.

•A special thank you to Frank Warner and those who helped with the videos for YouTube (John Chickadel, Lisa Laffend, and Linda Green). A special thank you to those who helped with donating photos.

•A special thank you to Mimi Favre, who created our wonderful website and worked with other contributors to make the website so successful. Thank you Mimi for also getting in touch with the vendors for auction item donations, doing pictures, and helping with promoting vendors.

•Thank you everyone for attending and supporting our virtual show.

•We look forward to next year’s show! Hopefully we will be at the Expo Center!

Show Updates

Our very successful Ebay Auctions sold 52 items during the weekend and 2 more items two days later. We are continuing our eBay auctions until the end of the year. So if you are interested in doing some Holiday shopping please check out eBay!

Demos were also very successful. A total of 31 people attended the demos and each person signed up for 1 to 9 sessions. There were a total of 87 registrations for the demos.

We had a lot of traffic on our website.

–Linda Lakitsky, Show Chair,

–Barry Messino, Co-Show Chair



DECEMBER PROGRAM

The General Meeting program on December 9 (to be held by ZOOM) will be to vote in new board members, and also to present the Coren and Colio Awards for this year. Please join us in welcoming our new board members and congratulating our award winners.

—From Frank Warner, Treasurer

TLS DUES ARE VOLUNTARY FOR 2021

Because of the lack of many normal TLS functions in 2020, and because of the financial difficulties many are facing due to the pandemic, all memberships in effect at the end of 2020 will be carried through 2021 without payment of additional dues. This includes regular members, junior members, auxiliary members, and newsletter-only members. A 2021 membership list and 2021 membership cards will be distributed in January.

Those who wish to pay 2021 dues voluntarily may do so by sending a check to the Treasurer (see address below) or by using our online system. Members who have email addresses in our system received an email notice on September 24, and will receive another in early December, containing a personal link that can be used to voluntarily pay dues and update membership data online.

Voluntary payments will be welcome since TLS does have ongoing expenses to cover, but please be assured that dues payments for 2021 are entirely voluntary. No record will be kept of 2021 dues payments. All such payments will be recorded in our financial system as donations.

If you have any updates to your address, phone number, or email address, please send those directly to Lisa Laffend at kokopelli915@yahoo.com, or 302-668-5072, before the end of December so they can be included in the 2021 membership list.

If you are not using our online system and wish to make a voluntary 2021 dues payment (\$40 for regular members, \$60 for a couple in which both spouses are full members, \$20 for an Auxiliary non-member spouse of a regular member, \$10 for a junior member, and \$15 for newsletter only members), please make out your check to TLS and send it to:

Frank Warner, TLS Treasurer
535 Gradyville Road V196
Newtown Square, PA 19073-2812



—From Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

GEMARAMA 2021

Congratulations to all of the planners of this year’s virtual Gemarama. This was uncharted territory for the TLS, and a great job was done by all! Donations exceeded expectations; thanks to all that contributed. (Some wonderful items are still up on eBay, so take a look for holiday gifts.)

Mark your calendar for Gemarama 2021-Pictures in Stone, set for November 6th and 7th, 2021! Hopefully, we will be back in our usual venue at the Expo Center next year. Volunteers are always needed, so join in the planning of next year’s Gemarama on January 20, 2021 via Zoom. Contact Linda Lakitsy directly at lklakitsky@comcast.net to be added to the invite list.



JANUARY BULLETIN DEADLINE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE

COVID-19 UPDATE NOVEMBER 2020

The health and well-being of all members and students of the TLS community continue to be our top priority. Anticipating the need for social distancing to continue for some time, we are taking steps to arrange a small variety of classes for the Winter semester with reduced student limits and enhanced sanitizing precautions. All students will be required to wear face masks and follow safety guidelines that will be reviewed when entering the facility.

WINTER CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 4, 2021

TLS Education Center, 24 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015

TLS offers classes to adults interested in pursuing lapidary and jewelry arts. No previous experience is needed unless a prerequisite is noted. In some courses and workshops there is an additional charge for supplies and equipment. Pricing for classes is listed for members (M) and non-members (NM). Membership requires completion of Beginning Cabochon or Faceting class, participation in two TLS monthly meetings, and willingness to participate as a volunteer in TLS activities. Course details, including the required supply and tool lists for many classes, and our online registration system, may be found at <https://www.lapidary.org/classes-winter-2021>. Fees for supplies are payable to the instructors, and may depend on the choice of materials.

REFUND POLICY

If you wish to withdraw from a class, workshop, or open shop session, you must notify the Registrar by phone or email. Payment will be refunded 100% if you withdraw before the course, workshop, or open shop session begins. For multiday courses (not workshops or open shop sessions), payment will be refunded 80% if you withdraw before the second class. No refunds are given after the second meeting of a multiday course. No refunds are given after the first day of a multiday workshop. No refunds are given for missed open shop sessions (Exception: Members may receive a 50% refund, if requested, after missing an open slab saw session.)

Students are enrolled in the order that online payments or checks and registration forms are received. Please note: Checks for full tuition must accompany the registration form in order to reserve a spot in the class. Send registration form and check to Bill Frampton, Registrar, 168 Creek Dr., Elkton, MD 21921. For additional questions or more information contact our Assistant Registrar, Linda Lakitsky, LKLakitsky@comcast.net, 610-458-5135 or Registrar, Bill Frampton, w.h.frampton@gmail.com, 443-553-5805.

WEEKDAY CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

MONDAY

(W21AC1-4) **Advanced Cabochons:** (10 weeks beginning January 4) 7:30 PM- 9:30PM. Members only. Limit 3. Instructor: Stacey Segal. Tuition: M \$70.

TUESDAY

(W21FT1-5) **Faceting:** (8 weeks beginning January 5) 7:00PM - 9:30PM. Limit 3. Cut clear gemstones with many flat planes (facets). Instructor: Steve Hansen. Tuition: NM \$120/M \$60.

THURSDAY

(W21BC1-7) **Beginning/Intermediate Cabochons:** (6 weeks beginning January 7) 9:00AM - 12:00PM. Limit 4. Learn how to cut and polish rounded gemstone shapes. Open to new students and those honing their skills in cutting and polishing cabochons. Note: nonmembers have priority in Beginning Cabochons class. Members must register by sending a registration form and check to the Registrar and will be placed on a wait list (in the order they are received) until after the registration deadline. Instructor: John Chickadel. Tuition: NM \$130/M \$70.

(W21AC1-7) **Advanced Cabochons:** (6 weeks beginning January 7) 1:00PM - 4:00PM. Limit 4. Members only. Instructors: John Chickadel. Tuition: \$70.

(W21BC1-7E) **Beginning/Intermediate Cabochons:** (6 weeks beginning January 7) 6:30PM - 9:30PM. Limit 3. Learn to cut and polish rounded gemstones called 'cabochons'. Open to new students and those honing their skills in cutting and polishing stones. Note: nonmembers have priority in Beginning Cabochons class. Members must register by sending a registration form and check to the Registrar and will be placed on a wait list (in the order they are received) until after the registration deadline. Instructors: Bill Frampton. Tuition: NM \$130/M \$70.

KIEU PHAM GRAY WORKSHOPS

(W21KA1-21) **Hearts Afire:** (Thursday, January 21) 6:00PM - 9:00PM. Limit 6. Beginner skill level. Torch fired enameling is easier than you think. By using a torch you will experience all of the stages of enameling and get a feel for the process. Students will have the opportunity to custom cut their designs and will only be limited by the materials and creativity. After we add color to copper we will set it off with a sterling back plate to give it interest and contrast. Guest instructor: Kieu Pham Gray. Tuition: NM \$104/M \$84. Materials fee - \$77 including enameling kit, \$52 without enameling kit (payable to instructor. Note: enamel sharing will not be permitted due to Covid-19 restrictions). Please see <https://www.lapidary.org/classes-winter-2021> for the required tool list.

(W21KB1-22) **Revolutionary Pendant:** (Two Day Workshop, Friday & Saturday, January 22 & 23) 9:30AM - 4:30PM. Limit 6. Advanced skill level. Take your ring making skills to another dimension by creating a dynamic piece with independently moving parts. Students will learn tricks that will make this seemingly impossible soldering job easier. We will finish off the piece by adding interest with a double sided semiprecious stone bead and gold-filled accents. Students must have experience making rings and soldering silver. Guest instructor: Kieu Pham Gray. Tuition: NM \$366/M \$306. Materials fee - \$140 (payable to instructor).

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<https://www.lapidary.org/classes-winter-2021> for the required tool list.

(W21KC1-23) **Links, Links and More Links:** (Saturday, January 23) 6:00PM – 9:00PM. Limit 6. Beginner skill level. Learn the concepts of silver soldering while creating an eclectic bracelet of different links. A variety of silver will be provided to allow students the opportunity to tailor their bracelet. By the end of this class you will have an understanding of the necessary tools and materials to successfully solder simple joints. Students will complete a bracelet by the end of class. Guest instructor: Kieu Pham Gray. Tuition: NM \$104/M \$84. Material fee - \$68 (payable to instructor). Please see <https://www.lapidary.org/classes-winter-2021> for the required tool list.

(W21KD1-24) **Simply Bezeled:** (Sunday, January 24) 10:00AM – 1:00PM. Limit 6. Beginner skill level. Set all of your treasures in these attractive bezels. Using shells, beach glass or even a marble as the center piece, you will fabricate a sterling silver bezel and set the piece in place. Students will have time to make at least two pendants. Guest instructor: Kieu Pham Gray. Tuition: NM \$104/M \$84. Materials fee - \$55 (payable to instructor). Please see <https://www.lapidary.org/classes-winter-2021> for the required tool list.

(W21KE1-24) **Just for Fun Pendant:** (Sunday, January 24) 2:00PM – 6:00PM. Limit 6. Intermediate skill level, soldering experience required. In this class we will have fun creating a piece that is unique to you. Students will have the opportunity to add their own design elements while learning to create a bezel setting for semi-precious cabochons. Guest instructor: Kieu Pham Gray. Tuition: NM \$127/M \$107. Materials fee - \$68 (payable to instructor). Please see <https://www.lapidary.org/classes-winter-2021> for the required tool list.

OPEN SHOP SESSIONS

(W21OC) **Open Cabbing:** (Saturdays: 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, Thursdays: 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25) 10:00AM - 4:00PM. Limit 3. Prerequisite: One TLS beginning cabbing class. Fee: NM \$33/M \$27 per day. Supervisors: Stacey Segal or John Chickadel.

(W21OS) **Open Slab Saw:** (Saturdays: 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, Thursdays: 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25) 10:00AM - 4:00PM. Members Only. Prerequisite: Must be certified for slab saw use. May be taken concurrently with open cabbing. Supervisors: Stacey Segal or John Chickadel. Fee: \$10 per hour. Indicate date and preference for AM or PM. Actual times will be scheduled by the Registrar.

(W21OM) **Open Metalsmithing/Soldering:** (Saturdays: 1/30, 2/27, 3/20, Wednesdays: 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 3/31) 10:00AM - 4:00PM. Limit 4. Prerequisite: One TLS silver class or equivalent (as approved by Supervisor). Supervisors: Stacey Segal or Barry Messino. Fee: NM \$33/M \$27 per day.

(W21OT) **Open Torch (Bead Making):** (Saturday and/or Sunday, January 16 & 17, February 20 & 21, March 27 & 28) 9:00AM - 5:00PM. Limit 5. Prerequisite: One TLS glass bead-making class. Fee: NM \$44/M \$36 per day. Coordinator:

TLS CLASS REGISTRATION WINTER 2020

Please list classes wanted, including class codes:

Name _____
Address _____
Home phone () _____
Work phone () _____
Cell Phone () _____
Email _____

A CHECK FOR FULL TUITION (PAYABLE TO TLS) MUST ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION FORM.

Mail form and check to: Tuscarora Lapidary Society, c/o Bill Frampton, Registrar, 168 Creek Drive, Elkton, MD 21921

ATTENTION: NEEDED!

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM CHAIR

The TLS member in charge of General Meeting Programs is appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. This appointment need not be an Officer or Board Member; the term of office is indefinite.

DUTIES:

1. Devise, arrange for, and supervise programs for each General Meeting.
2. Arrange for appropriate honorarium for invited speakers.
3. Strive for variety in programming.
4. Conduct at least one Silent Auction program per year.
5. Introduce each program and speaker; or make provisions in case of absence.
6. Inform the TLS Bulletin Editor and Webmaster of new programs as soon as confirmed and supply adequate details for publicizing.
7. Plan one program for the first month of the successor Program Chair's tenure.
8. Coordinate preparations for the June Dinner Meeting and the December Holiday Party.



LAPIDARY LINKS

The website webmineral.com contains over 4,700 individual mineral species descriptions with links and a comprehensive image library. Each mineral has a page linked to tables devoted to crystallography, crystal structures, X-Ray powder diffraction, chemical composition, physical and optical properties, Dana's New classification, Strunz classification, mineral specimen images, and alphabetical listings of mineral species. Although somewhat dated, this site also has extensive links to other external sources of mineral data and information.

—From Frank Warner

TLS History Series #6 Membership

The initial meeting of the Tuscarora Lapidary Society was held at the home of founder Roger D. Kettimon on March 13, 1957. Thirteen people attended. Some spouses and children were asked to join in order to reach the minimum of 15 required for association with the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies. The total number of Charter Members was 17.

By 1962 it was decided that members should have numbers. Twenty-seven early members had dropped out by that time and never received a member number. Roger Kettimon was given member number 1 and his wife Weltha, who was very active in TLS, was number 2. The only additional remaining Charter member in 1962 was Herman Richter who was assigned number 3. For the most part, member numbers follow the chronological order of date of membership.

The initial May 1957 Bylaws listed the membership requirement as a “sincere interest in lapidary” and “access to cutting and polishing equipment.” Sponsorship by two members in good standing and approval by a majority of members present at any stated meeting were required. Members were subject to suspension if absent from three consecutive meetings without just cause. This suspension penalty was dropped from the Bylaws in November 1979. In 1981, the process of voting on new members at a general meeting was changed to election by the Board of Directors.

In 1977, the membership requirement of “access to cutting and polishing equipment” was changed to “own individually or jointly lapidary equipment.” In 1988, the membership requirement of “sincere interest in lapidary” and “own individually or jointly lapidary equipment” was changed to “demonstrate skills in the lapidary arts.” In 1995, separate membership requirements were stated in the Bylaws for Skilled and Unskilled applicants. These requirements for Regular Members have been adjusted slightly several times since 1995, the most recent time being in 2003 when the Bylaws were restated to require unskilled applicants to take beginner lapidary classes in cabbing, faceting, carving, intarsia, or channel, and complete two cabochon stones or one faceted stone or one carving, channel, or intarsia lapidary project.

The Life Member category was added in November 1967; Honorary Member in November 1977; Junior Member in November 1979; Associates in September 1980; and Auxiliary Member in December 1986. Regular, Life, Honorary, Junior, and Auxiliary remain our basic membership categories today. The Associate category, which had been created for non-members who wished to take classes, was eliminated in the 2012 revision of the Bylaws since there was no legal or insurance reason to require non-members who desire to take our courses to be TLS members of some sort. The Auxiliary member category gives spouses the rights and privileges of Regular members without having to satisfy the Regular

Member requirements. Auxiliary members cannot vote or hold office.

The total number of Regular, Life, Honorary, and Junior members of TLS through November 2020 is 686, and the number currently active is 170 including one Junior member, one Honorary member, and four Life members. All Honorary Members are included in this total even though some were given member numbers and some were not. In addition there are currently 14 Auxiliary members of TLS.

Dues

TLS charter members realized that their new Society would need some income to cover expenses. A registration fee of \$3 to accompany new member applications was imposed, and dues were set at \$6 per year, payable \$0.50 per month. Twelve years later, in May of 1969, the registration fee remained \$3, but the burden on the Treasurer to collect monthly dues of \$0.50 was deemed too great. The Bylaws were changed in May 1969, to read, “Annual dues shall be \$6.00 per person payable by February 15 of each year.” In a February 1972 Bylaw revision, the registration fee for new members was increased to \$5 and dues were raised to \$10 per year with the exception that retired members could continue to pay \$6 per year if they wished to do so.

Dues were raised in November 1979 to \$15 per year and a new joint husband and wife dues category of \$25 per year was added. The optional \$6 rate for retired members was dropped. In March 1986, annual dues were raised to \$20 per member, \$30 per couple, effective 1987. Auxiliary members in 1987 paid dues of \$10 per year. In 2006 dues were increased to \$30 per member, \$45 per couple, and \$15 for Auxiliary members. The most recent dues change took effect in 2014 with dues of \$40 per member, \$60 per couple, and \$20 per Auxiliary.

In November 1977, the registration fee was increased to \$15 and it remained at that level for thirty years until being increased in 2014 to \$20 where it remains today.

Junior member dues were initially \$5 for the first year and \$3 in subsequent years. At some point before 2000, Junior member dues were raised to \$10 per year.



TLS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

TLS now has its own YouTube channel. The easiest access to our channel is by clicking the red YouTube logo in the “Follow us on Social Media” section at the bottom of our website home page, lapidary.org. The channel now contains six videos. In addition to TLS Glass Program, Gemarama Exhibit Highlights, Making a Cabochon, TLS Lapidary Program, and Building the Tuscarora Lapidary Society Education Center, the channel now includes a video on the TLS Jewelry Program.

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

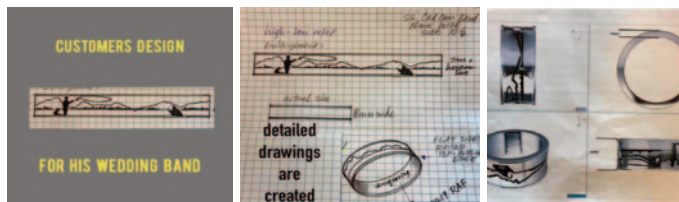
In an effort to help our vendors that did not get a chance to display at Gemarama and are suffering due to Covid restrictions, a feature highlighting a vendor will be included in the Bulletin from time to time. This article was obtained from **Henry's Jewelers**. They have recently launched a new website: <https://www.henrys-jewelers.com/>. In addition they have a facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/henrysjewelers> and an instagram page: [henrysjewelers](https://www.instagram.com/henrysjewelers).

A flare for vision and creativity has been an impetus for some of the success of Henry's Jewelers. Grit, hard work and personal service account for the rest. Henry Laskowski, owner, GIA graduate gemologist and master jeweler has been in business for over 45 years.

In the early days, Henry had a gem and lapidary business and showcased his wares at various local shows and mall kiosks. They provided lapidary services such as cutting and shaping raw materials into cabochons for jewelry, an interest that was encouraged by his father, Henry (Pop), as a young boy. Pop had studied geology at Penn State University. He spent many afternoons with his kids digging for rocks and minerals. Every trip was an adventure and would foster a love they shared for many years. While Pop spurred the interest, his 5th grade teacher Mrs. Gallagher, sealed the deal. Her enthusiastic educational approach further enhanced Henry's interest in rocks and minerals.

Henry's business and customer base continued to flourish prompting a new storefront. In 1975 Henry's Gems opened its doors in Warrington, PA. Henry's Gems offered in house jewelry repair and estate jewelry. The inventory featured an array of fancy gems and gemstones and included rings, pendants, bracelets and necklaces in yellow /white gold, platinum and sterling silver. As jewelry styles evolved, Henry's Gems had their finger on the pulse and continued to evolve as well, including a new name, Henry's Jewelers.

Benchwork was still the cornerstone; however, with the addition of state-of-the art technology, LaserStar, repair capabilities were optimized. The Laserstar technology allows Henry's Jewelers to execute new designs more efficiently. And it delivers the best shape and texture to newly created pieces. Onward and upward, led to the inception of using cad cam design. Cad cam paved the way for our customers to create personal, graphically designed pieces. And create we have done. Recently one of our customers had a unique idea for his wedding band – his vision was a fly fisherman in a stream, surrounded by mountains casting his fishing rod. His unique design was captured by our inhouse artist. And the final product was a masterpiece (see photos below).

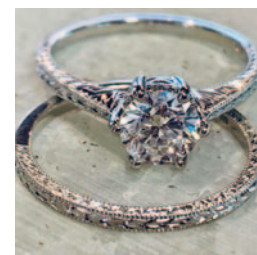
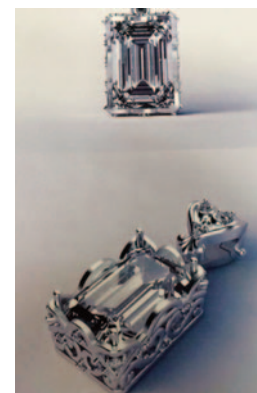


Personal service is invaluable, and the mantra adopted by the Henry's Jewelers staff. Currently our staff consists of trained gemologists, metal workers, estate buyers and gold smith. Whether we are on the road, 27 gem shows a year, or at the shop we strive to share our jewelry wisdom and expertise. The greatest testimony to the service and craftsmanship provided at Henry's Jewelers is our multi -generational customers. We were their grandparent's jewelry store, and their parents and now the third generation is walking into our shop. Our inventory has changed, our tools improved and our means of advertising (Instagram and Facebook) have been revamped. However, our commitment to quality craftsmanship and customer experience have remained steady for 45 years.

HENRY'S JEWELERS
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RECENT DESIGNS



—From Lisa Laffend, Records Manager & Archivist

TLS DROPBOX

All TLS members can have access to the TLS Folder on Dropbox (a cloud storage service) through a password-protected link. TLS Folder contains *Bulletins* for 2019 & 2020, the TLS History Booklet, the current membership list, the TLS Policy & Procedure Manual, the TLS By-laws, and the SKIP Manual as well as the current TLS phone tree. No special software is required. The TLS Folder is accessed through any browser by using the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4nv0cxwy5llib8r/AAAlSr-kKMnZvF-F34v4b2Zka?dl=0>. Once you click on the link, you will be asked for a password. Contact me for that password. Once you have reached TLS Folder, you can view the contents in your browser. You can also download files to your computer, but note that downloaded files are disconnected from the Dropbox and will not receive periodic updates. For the most recent versions, always go through the link to the TLS Folder Dropbox. There are separate password-protected links to Dropboxes TLS Board for the Board and various committee chairs, and TLS Classes for our registrars, class manager, and teachers.

In addition we also have a Dropbox called TLS Public. This is a place where we can post information for our students accessed through a link which does not require a password. So far this Dropbox contains folders called ‘Faceting’ and ‘Lampworking’ which contain resources for students taking classes in these topics. The link to TLS Public is: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/spuemkt1xpwc2ms/AADug_sxxHrx7_7FsFY4B9Yka?dl=0 No password is required. The faceting students were sent a link specifically for the Faceting folder within TLS Public: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/itluhwzuyrtrq5/AAAYTN3hzvXFoNx0p0uY4gCaa?dl=0>. No password required. There is a separate link for the Lampworking folder: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/bmu3jcedc71rssy/AAC9Pb15OTCZGOM7_UISDXaVa?dl=0.

Other educational materials can be posted in the same way and made available to specific groups of students. Items for the TLS Public Dropbox should be sent to me along with a list, including email addresses, of those who should have access.



VISIT THE TLS EBAY SITE

Check out the TLS eBay site. As a fundraiser for TLS, a variety of items are sold on eBay. Auctions always start and end on Sundays and TLS members, family, and friends are encouraged to check out items and bid on them if they wish. To search for items for sale by TLS on eBay, simply click [HERE](#) and then click Items for Sale, or:

- Go to www.eBay.com.
- At the top of the page, click the “Advanced” link (right next to the green “Search” button).
- Under “Find Items”, click on the “By Seller” link.
- In the “Enter Seller’s User ID” field, type in tuscarora_lapidary (don’t forget the underscore) then click the “Search” button.

You’ll then see everything we have for sale and can place your bids accordingly.

FOLLOW TLS ON INSTAGRAM

In addition to Facebook we are now on Instagram (@tuscaroralapidary). Please “Follow” us and “Like”, “Comment” and “Share” our posts. Feel free to repost our posts on your feed but please indicate that the post came from @tuscaroralapidary.

Please use the following handles and hashtags when posting TLS content to your feeds or stories:

- @tuscaroralapidary
- #gemarama
- #picturesinstone



TLS HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

Our online presence, particularly on Facebook, is a great way for TLS to share and connect with members, potential new members, and the community in general. In order to build our fan base, we need your help! Here are some ways in which you can assist.

- “Like” the Tuscarora Lapidary Society page on Facebook.
- Share information about TLS on Facebook, and invite your friends to “like” the TLS page.
- Send photos from classes and events to post on the TLS page. Be sure to give a few details, such as when and/or where the photo was taken, and who and/or what is pictured.
- Send event information, announcements, or reminders that you would like posted on the TLS Facebook page to Linda Green at ldgreensniffles@me.com.
- If you post about TLS classes or events on your own Facebook page, be sure to tag us.



—From Jody Shaw, TLS Bulletin Editor

EMAILED BULLETIN OPTION

TLS members with email have the option of receiving the TLS Bulletin by email as a PDF file. This saves TLS lots of \$\$\$ in printing and postage as well as being good for the environment, using less paper, and saving trees.

Plus, you get to see all the photos in full color AND you receive the newsletter at least one full day earlier than those who get it by USPS, which may come in handy when registering for classes. In addition, web links are active so you can just click and go to the site from the Bulletin page. Also, the Bulletin can be “saved” on your computer for future reference. If a hard copy is easier for you to read, the PDF file can be printed out without losing format or graphics.

More than three-fourths of TLS members have already switched to the email option. If you, too, want to “go green” just drop me a note saying you’d like to opt for the email version of the Bulletin; my email address is jodyshawTLS@gmail.com. (This gives me a record of requests and lets me verify your email address.)

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SANTA IS A ROCKHOUND

(A Lapidarist’s version of the Night Before Christmas) –Original author unknown.
‘Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a Rockhound was stirring - I felt like a louse!
For the lapidary gift I was making this year, lay down on my bench, UNFINISHED, I fear!
The pendant my dear wife wanted so much; as I polished the cab, it fractured a touch;
And the lovely jade brooch for Grandma so sweet, just wouldn’t polish - it looked terribly beat.
As for Sister’s new bracelet with baroques dangling lightly, I ran out of bell caps after the stores were closed tightly.
Then the tie clasp for Uncle that would make such a hit, after I cut the cab, no mounting would fit!
And even Junior’s crystal set I’d sent for months ago, had not arrived yet, oh no!
So I tossed and I turned as though caught in a trap. I could not settle down for a “long winter’s nap”.
When all of a sudden I heard such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
I raced for the door then saw with a flick, a red-suited man I was sure was Saint Nick.
As I reached for my robe and was turning around, down the basement stairs, Santa went with a bound.
He went straight to my workbench to see what I lacked, then with a nod of his head he opened his pack.
Out tumbled such mountings and bell caps without stop, I was sure Santa must own a Lapidary Shop!
He said not a word but went straight to his work, and finished each piece, then grabbed his pack with a jerk.
And shaking his white bearded face with much glee, took out some new slabs I knew must be for me!
Then laying his finger aside of his nose, with a nod of satisfaction, up the stairway he rose.
Went straight to the door, to his team gave a whistle, and away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim ‘fore he drove out of sight, “Merry Christmas, Dear Rockhounds, and to you a good night!”