

# THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this message finds the TLS family of members and students safe and healthy as we continue the "Stay at Home" and "Social Distancing" measures ordered by our state and local governments. I sincerely mean this when I say that I have missed each and every one of you. TLS business has continued via frequent emails and virtual Board and Gemarama Committee meetings using Zoom. It was great seeing and hearing everyone at the meetings this month and I look forward to the upcoming meetings in May.

First of all, the TLS General Meetings for April and May are canceled. We continue to make plans for the June banquet but realize that this too may need to be canceled. However, I encourage all members to submit nominations for the Coren and Colio awards. See the article in the Bulletin on page 3 for details. Even if we cancel the June banquet we may look to other ways we can recognize our wonderful teachers and the Coren and Colio award recipients.

The TLS Education Center remains closed. John Chickadel and others make periodic visits to check on the building. The TLS Board has canceled all classes in April and May. Decisions about classes scheduled for June will be made early May. In addition we will be making decisions about the Summer Term. Please see the article on Classes on page 2 for more details. I want to especially thank Frank Warner and Bill Frampton for their hard work in rescheduling classes and workshops and revising the web site and online registration system.

We also plan to keep the TLS family updated via web site and social media updates and periodic Mail Chimp messages so be sure to check the TLS website, Facebook, Instagram pages and your email on a regular basis. In an effort to stay connected I

urge all our members and students to let us know what you are doing during the Stay at Home orders. Anna Thompson and I are hoping to feature what some of our teachers and members are up to, and even what our home studios look like as an inspiration. If you don't have a home studio to work in or miss our TLS classes please be sure to check online. There is a lot of content on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitch and Zoom.

Lastly, I urge everyone to follow the recommendations of local, state and federal authorities during this public health crisis to stay safe and healthy.

Stay home and stay safe. I hope to see everyone when it is safe to do so.

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\*\*The Tuscarora Lapidary Society will be closed at least until May 28 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The May General Meeting is canceled. A decision on classes and other events scheduled for late May or June will be made at the Board meeting on May 6.\*\*

## June Bulletin Deadline Friday, May 22

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 6:** TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

May 13: TLS General Meeting is canceled.

May 20: Gemarama Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

May 31: Reservation deadline for Annual TLS

Awards Dinner.

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— From Janet Young, Recording Secretary

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS**

There was no General Meeting in April

The TLS Board met in a ZOOM meeting at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1. The Minutes of the March Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed as was the Treasurer's report. It was noted that Youngmi Shim's mother and Terry Braverman's mother passed away recently.

#### **Committee Reports:**

<u>Membership:</u> Stacey Segal presented a membership application for Bette Friedlander which was approved unanimously.

<u>Community Programs</u>: Linda Green reported that Christy Potter continues to seek Boy Scout organizations to help with the loading/unloading of the Gemarama truck. Ken Dahl is also working on this. Ken also mentioned that Sheryl suggested contacting high school honor societies, whose members need volunteer hours.

<u>Programs:</u> Spring General Meetings are canceled due to COVID-19. Barry Messino has contacted a person in the refinery business who is agreeable to making a presentation in the Fall. At this time, the status of the June banquet is unknown.

<u>Education/Classes/Registrar:</u> Bill Frampton reports class cancellations for April are complete.

Education Center/Facilities&Equipment: John Chickadel reported that the new Geiger counter has arrived and will be locked in the gem ID case. He will check on the Ed Center weekly. Frank Warner reported that the 200-amp panel was completed by an electrician.

<u>Acquisitions:</u> Doug McNicol reported that he and John Chickadel picked up a donation of slabs, cabinets, and jewelry making materials from Allen and Nancy Wambach. A thank-you letter was sent.

<u>Equipment & Facilities:</u> Don Schwarzkopf still has more work to do on the jewelry room upgrade now that the electrician's work is done

Class Manager: Kathy Hobson had nothing new to report.

<u>Library & eBay:</u> Stacey Segal reported she will sort through new donations to the library. Twenty more books will be listed on eBay. Thirty-eight items are listed now. Three machines sold and nearly \$700 was realized for TLS in March.

<u>Gemarama:</u> Four vendor checks have been received. Frank Warner will report at a later date regarding an insurance policy for the November event. Two contracts will be offered to Kieu Pham Gray: the standard dealer contract and a separate agreement stating what she will teach and the tools and fire proofing that she will provide.

Old Business: Lisa Laffend reported that she attended a DCAC meeting and all organizations are making adjustments to their programs/events due to COVID-19. Programs, events and classes are being offered on-line. Bill Frampton said that on-line classes are a good idea for TLS. Frank Warner said the TLS scholarship check was sent to Sun Valley High School. The School will make the presentation to the student. Kathy Hobson stated there are no issues with the June banquet.

Regarding the COVID-19 crisis, Linda Green referenced modeling by Dr. Birx, Washington State, and Healthdata.org, and

presented a possible timeline for PA coronavirus improvement. Discussion ensued regarding future classes. It was decided to cancel all May classes, workshops and open shop sessions, except for retaining seven classes/workshops that had been rescheduled to begin late May or early June, and retaining the May gem ID workshop. June events including Jeff Fulkerson's June workshops remain on the schedule. Barry Messino's silversmithing class and Steve Hansen's opal cutting class are rescheduled a second time for late May and June. Further decisions on the Spring schedule will be made at the May Board meeting.

<u>New Business:</u> Kathy Hobson will start to work on Summer classes in two weeks. Discussion ensued and it was suggested to focus more on workshops. Linda Green stated that now is the time for TLS to develop new on-line content to promote TLS and offer how-to videos.

## **Update on Spring Classes**

We are continuing to make decisions regarding spring term classes in monthly steps with full consideration of all local, state and national health advisories.

All May offerings are canceled with the following few exceptions:

(S20AC4-6) Advanced Cabochons to start June 1

(S20AS4-7) Beyond Beginning Silver to start June 2

(S20BC4-9) Beginning/Intermediate Cabochons, to start May 28

(S20AC4-9) Advanced Cabochons to start May 28

(S20BS4-9) Beginning Silver to start May 28

(S20BC4-9E) Beginning/Intermediate Cabochons to start May 28

(S20BW4-20) Intermediate Wirewrap to start June 1

(S20OP4-15) Opal Cutting: rescheduled again, this time to five Tuesday evenings June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

(S20IS4-18) Intermediate Silver: rescheduled again, this time to four Saturdays May 30, June 6, 20, 27.

(\$20IG5-30) Intermediate Gem Identification, remains on the schedule, **Saturday**, **May 30**.

The rest of the June schedule is unchanged for now except for the cancellation of Open Torch June 27 & 28.

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Here is a good distraction for our current stay at home lifestyle. There are many gem and mineral quizzes to test your knowledge on the website:

funtrivia.com/quizzes/general/gems and birthstones 31.html

From Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

## FUTURE TLS BULLETIN DEADLINES

**ISSUE** DEADLINE Friday, May 22 June July/August If published, Friday June 19 September Friday, August 7 October Friday, September 18 November Friday, October 23 December Friday, November 20 January 2021 Friday, December 18

#### TLS AWARDS DINNER

The annual TLS Awards Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, at Charlotte's Restaurant in Newtown Square, conditions permitting. As a thank you to the membership for all their hard work supporting the club during the year, TLS is contributing half the cost of each dinner so the price per meal is \$20. The reservation deadline is May 31.

Dinner will be served at approximately 7 p.m. and includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, soup, salad, and a choice of one of four entrees followed by a cheesecake dessert. There will be a cash bar. Entrée choices include:

**Steak**-Black Angus Filet Mignon with Beaujolais sauce, roasted potatoes, and string beans almandine.

**Salmon**-Broiled Canadian salmon filet with fresh dill beurre blanc sauce, roasted potatoes, and string beans almandine.

**Crab Cake**-Charlotte's Signature Crab Cake, Champagne Lobster Sauce (shrimp and scallop mousse with jumbo lump crabmeat), roasted potatoes, and string beans almandine.

Eggplant-Eggplant Parmigiana served with linguini.

This is a special dinner to honor the teachers who have volunteered their time and to present the Coren and Colio Awards to special deserving members.

Come and socialize; it should prove to be a fun evening. The restaurant is located at 3207 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073

ANNUAL TLS AWARDS DINNER RESERVATION FOR	M				
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ENTRÉE	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3
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Salmon			
Crab Cake			
Eggplant			

Please enclose \$20 for each meal and make checks payable to TLS.

Mail to: Kathy Hobson, PO Box 160,

Newtown Square, PA 19073

Reservation Deadline: May 31, 2020

## COLIO/COREN AWARDS

Each TLS member is asked to nominate candidates for the Colio and Coren Awards to be presented at the Annual TLS Awards Dinner on June 10. Nominations should be sent to TLS Vice President Stacey Segal by mail or email by May 15.

The William P. Colio Memorial Award is presented to the member deemed to have made the greatest contribution to the aims and purposes of TLS. The recipient must have a performance above and beyond that normally expected of any active member. All TLS members in good standing are eligible: a member may receive this award more than once. The last ten recipients were Joe Pizzirusso, Bill Mattis, Pete Santucci, Roger Binns, Doug Klieger, Stacey Segal, Joe Rokosky, John Chickadel, Christina Kulp, and Lisa Laffend.

The Coren Award for New Member Service, established by Chesna and Ben Coren, is given to a TLS member in good standing who has joined the club in the last three years. This person must have demonstrated through unselfish service, leadership, or outstanding lapidary-exhibits a level of performance not usually expected of a new member. The last ten recipients were David Groncki, John Chickadel, Christina Kulp, Merrill Dickinson, Cristin Weber, Joseph Rokosky, Fredric Hellman, Linda Lakitsky, Steve Hansen, and Bill Frampton.

The Coren award may be received only once. Those eligible and the year they joined are-2017: Carl Altman, Wendy Altman, Lynn Bibolet, Jennifer Buck, Teresa Fain, Desiree Liu, Lynne Malmstrom, Cathy Ann Maynard, William Rulon-Miller Jr, and Youngmi Shim. 2018: Rose M. Grelis, Rebecca Henry, Patricia Hershman, Lisa Kallinen, Diana Kane, Josh Keiner, Janice Lawson, Jon Lawson, JoAnn Liantonio, Virginia Lockamy, Joanne Morris, Ernest Purcell, Jody Shaw, John Shoffner, Anna Thompson, and Kimberly Voigt. 2019: Sandra Ashby, Barbara Bates, Ave Marie Borie, Bobbi Butler, Susan Dannenberg, Jim DeBastiani, Elizabeth Del Monte, Mimi Favre, Barbara Flannery, Diane Frederick, Michelle Glosson, Christina Griffin, David Lesak, Anthony Lombardo, Kathleen Lopez, Nieves Lopez, Amy Nemirow, and Valerie Weist.

COLIO/COREN AWARD NOMINATIONS Colio Award Nominee:
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Coren Award Nominee:
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Submit nominations by mail to Stacey Segal, 675 Crestwood
Rd., Wayne, PA 19087 or by email to <a href="mailto:yinyang518@comcast.net">yinyang518@comcast.net</a> .
Deadline: May 15, 2020

-From Christy Potter

The Single Stone exhibit for the June dinner meeting has been canceled. Let's look forward to preparing a great single stone exhibit for Gemarama.

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## News and Notes...

**CONDOLENCES...** to **Youngmi Shim** and to **Terry Braverman** whose mothers passed away recently.

WELCOME ABOARD... to Bette Friedlander, the newest member of the TLS family.

**NOTE...** The **Eastern Federation show** has been rescheduled to October 23-25 in Hickory, NC.

## VISIT THE TLS EBAYSITE

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:

- ❖ 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, TOO!

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

#### **CALENDAR**

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

**June 6-7:** Orange Cty Min Soc of NY Show/Sale, Museum Village, 1010 Rte 17M, Monroe, NY

**June 6-7:** Wayne Cty Gem/Min Club Show, Civic Ctr, 250 N Bloomfield Rd, Canandaigua, NY

**June 13:** CT Antique Machinery Assoc & Danbury Min Soc Show, 31 Kent Cornwall Rd, Kent, CT

**June 13:** Boston Min Club Auction, Amer Legion Post 440, 295 California St, Newton, MA

**June 19-20:** Lancaster Cty Fossil/Min Club Show, Hoffman Bldg, Solanco Frgrnds, 172 South Lime St, Quarryville, PA

**June 19-21:** Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Big Piney, WY

**July 11-12:** Gem/Min Soc of Syracuse Show, Ctr of Progress Bldg, NY State Fair, 575 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse, NY

July 18-19: Gem City Rock/Min Soc Show/Sale, Zem Zem Shriners Banquet/Conf Ctr, 2525 W 38th St, Erie, PA

**July 22-26:** Echo Valley Gem Show, Showplace (across from GLW), 6456 Sylva Rd, Franklin, NC

**July 24-26:** Gem/Min Soc of Franklin Show/Sale,Robt C. Carpenter Comm Bldg, 1288 Georgia Rd, Franklin, NC

**July 25-26:** Burlington Gem/Min Club Show, Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St, Essex Junction, VT

**August 22-23:** St. Lawrence Cty Rock/Min Club Show, Canton Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St., Canton, NY

**September 12-13:** Danbury Min Soc Show, New Milford HS, 388 Danbury Rd (Rte 7), New Milford, CT

**September 18-20:** Midwest Federation, Howell, MI

**September 26-27:** Central PA Rock/Min Club Show, Scottish Rite Aud, 2701 N Third St, Harrisburg, PA

**October 10-11:** South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Temple, TX

October 16-18: Combined AFMS & Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Knoxville, TN

**October 17-18:** Bristol Gem/Min Club, Bristol Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave, Bristol, CT

October 23-25: Rescheduled Combined EFMLS & Catawba Valley Gem/Min Club, Hickory, NC

November 7-8: The Tuscarora Lapidary Society's 51st Annual Gemarama Gem, Jewelry, and Lapidary Show, 'Pictures in Stone', Halls D & E, Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA

# GEMARAMA 2020 APPLICATION FOR EXHIBIT SPACE THE TUSCARORA LAPIDARY SOCIETY'S 51ST ANNUAL SHOW NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2020 HALLS D & E, THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA EXPO CENTER. OAKS, PA

Here are descriptions of competitions, judging, and awards. AFMS Uniform Rules will not be used in the evaluation of cases and the selection of awards. Material selection, craftsmanship, presentation, and showmanship are the key factors.

#### \*\*GROUND RULES FOR EXHIBITORS & AWARD SELECTION\*\*

**JUDGING:** Judging will take place prior to the opening of the Show on Saturday; identifying labels will be added to the cases when judging is complete.

**AWARD SELECTION:** A committee of judges will evaluate all cases and select winners of the four category awards:

Most Educational (All educational exhibits are eligible.)

Best Theme Display - "PICTURES IN STONE" (All exhibits of theme material are eligible.)

Best Non-Member Display (Cases by non-members only are eligible.)

Best Small Case – 18" x 12" (Cases by TLS members only are eligible.).

Judging committee will select cases for Best in Show and Director's Award.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS: An exhibitor may win only one of the four category awards; all cases, including winners of category awards, are eligible for Best in Show or Director's Award. An exhibitor cannot receive an identical award two years in a row. For example, the winner in 2019 of the Educational Award is not eligible for the Educational Award in 2020. Certain TLS exhibits are not eligible for awards (Single Stone exhibition, Education Center display, Memorial cases, Intarsias, etc.).

APPLICATION FORM

## Name \_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE E-MAIL EXHIBIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) □ NON-MEMBER □ EDUCATIONAL ☐ THEME ('PICTURES IN STONE') ☐ SMALL CASE (18" X 12" TLS MEMBERS ONLY) Description \_\_\_\_ a) □ I will provide a case that I personally own. This case: □ requires a table OR □ is freestanding. Case size if other than standard TLS case (4' x 2'). b) ☐ I will use a TLS case in my possession. c) $\square$ I wish to have a standard (4' x 2') TLS case furnished. d) ☐ I wish to have a small (18" x 12") TLS case furnished (TLS members only). An exhibitor providing lights must observe the 100 watts maximum. The TLS Show Committee assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to exhibitors' property, material, or specimens displayed at the show. TLS will provide security guards from 5 p.m. Friday, November 6, through 5:30 p.m. Sunday, November 8, 2020. Set up may begin at 3 p.m. Friday and must be complete and ready for judging by 9 a.m. Saturday; tear down will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday. I understand that all risks are my own and that the Tuscarora Lapidary Society has no insurance that applies to my exhibit. Signature of Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

Please return forms to: Bill Mattis, 228 Sagamore Road, Havertown, PA 19083-3912. Questions? Call Bill at 610-449-9945 or e-mail

Forms must be returned by October 15, 2020; you will receive confirmation.

The Tuscarora Lapidary Society (TLS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and a Pennsylvania Purely Public Charity organized to encourage and teach the science and art of lapidary (the cutting and polishing of stones) as well as the arts and sciences associated with lapidary interests. This mission is accomplished through general meetings, an annual show, educational courses and workshops, and free displays and presentations; all open to members of the general public. TLS meets the second Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at 7:30 p.m. in the Springfield Township Municipal Building, 50 Powell Road, Springfield, PA 19064; the June meeting is a dinner held at a local restaurant. Visitors are always welcome; anyone interested in joining the society may talk to any officer about the dues and membership requirements.

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### FOR ALL YOU LEXOPHILES (LOVERS OF WORDS)

- A bicycle can't stand alone because it's two-tired.
- ◆ What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway.)
- ◆ Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- ◆ In a democracy, it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your count that votes.
- ◆ A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- ◆ If you don't pay your exorcist you get repossessed.
- With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
- ◆ Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- ◆ A grenade thrown into a French kitchen results in Linoleum Blownapart.
- ◆ You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- ◆ Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.

- He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- ◆ A lot of money is tainted. 'Taint yours and 'taint mine.
- ◆ A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- He had a photographic memory but it wasn't developed.
- The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- ◆ Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
- ◆ When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
- ◆ Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
- When an actress saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
- Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- ◆ Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.