



THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The leaves are turning colors and there's a nip in the air. Normally that would mean that Gemarama is around the corner. The bad news is that in-person Gemarama has been canceled due to COVID-19; the good news is that Virtual Gemarama is almost here. The Gemarama Committee has been hard at work creating virtual content. Be sure to check out our new Gemarama web site (www.gemarama.org) to see all the activities we are offering for a Virtual Gemarama (November 6-8). We will have online auctions all weekend, demos via Zoom, Zoom classes with Kieu Pham Gray, online kids activities and vendor spotlights on Instagram and Facebook. We are also introducing videos on our brand new YouTube channel. Please attend and encourage your friends and family to check it out. I would like to personally thank everyone who has worked very hard to make Virtual Gemarama a success.

The fall class season has been going smoothly. In addition to smaller class sizes, mask wearing and social distancing, a variety of COVID-19 safety procedures have been employed to maintain a safe environment to learn lapidary and jewelry making skills. Since the numbers of COVID-19 cases are expected to increase this fall and winter, I expect that these measures will continue through the winter class term.

This fall we began having General Meetings via Zoom along with guest speakers. The November General Meeting will feature Joe Dan Lowry from The Turquoise Museum in Albuquerque, NM speaking about turquoise. The December Meeting will feature the election of officers, and the awards which were not given out in June due to the cancellation of the Annual Banquet. Be sure to attend. I expect virtual meetings to continue into 2021.

Despite the cancellation of many classes and Gemarama, the financial position of TLS remains strong. As reported earlier we recently received a Delco Strong 2 nonprofit grant of \$21,500 from the Federal CARES Act Funds, administered by the Foundation for Delaware County. This grant has proved useful as we prepared the Education Center to be "COVID-ready" and for the installation of the video monitors and cameras in the jewelry room and classroom. The Board has made the decision that all dues for current members will be voluntary in 2021.

Stay safe. Stay healthy.
Linda Green
TLS President

NEWS AND NOTES

—Condolences to the friends and family of Roger Binns, who passed away on October 10. Due to social distancing requirements, a memorial service will be held in the spring in Maryland.



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



DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 6-8: Virtual Gemarama!!

Nov. 4: TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

Nov. 11: 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 October 7, 2020 at 7:36 p.m. by Linda Green through ZOOM. The minutes of the September Board Meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Warner distributed the September financial data to all Board members. TLS has received \$21,500 from the Delco Strong 2 Grant for nonprofits, and membership donations (in lieu of dues this year) are being received as well.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Stacey Segal reported no new members. A Zoom announcement of the October 14 General Meeting will be sent to all members plus nonmembers who have taken classes at TLS in recent years. Attendance at the General Meeting would satisfy a requirement for TLS membership for those students considering membership.

Programs: Linda Green announced that John Chickadel and John O'Hara will make a presentation about snuff bottles at the October meeting. A talk by Joe Dan Lowry, owner of the Turquoise Museum, Albuquerque, NM will be presented in November, held by Zoom.

Registrar: Bill Frampton reports class registrations are running

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smoothly.

Education Center/Facilities & Equipment: John Chickadel reported that he and Bill Frampton will replace all batteries in the smoke and heat detectors and thermostats and will make arrangements for a roof inspection later this month. Seven ceiling lights were replaced.

Equipment & Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf reports that the combination exit signs have been replaced with individual units: "exit" and "emergency light." All batteries in the lights have been replaced. A 75" TV has been installed in the jewelry room and the bracket for the 55" TV in the middle room is up. Two new cameras have been received. Bill Frampton has been helping with this work, as well. An operating manual will be written for use by TLS instructors.

Library & eBay: Stacey Segal reports that she has some items to list on eBay.

Gemarama: Barry Messino reported that many wonderful items have been donated by generous TLS members. October 11 from 1:00-2:30 and October 16 from 10:00-12:00 are the final drop-off dates for auction items.

Old Business: Lisa Laffend reported that she is working on the Gemarama posting on the DCAC website. She encourages all members to check out the offerings for Delco Arts Week. Steve Hansen reports that Fall Classes are progressing and adhering to COVID-19 guidelines. Both Mainline School Night courses are full. Three students are traveling from out of state to attend TLS classes. Frank Warner reports that the September General Meeting via ZOOM went well and the link for the October 14 meeting will be sent to members and students on Monday, October 12. Frank also said that the grant money was received (see Treasurer Report above). The TLS YouTube channel is available now with 6 videos: TLS Glass Program, Making a Cabochon, Lapidary Program, Jewelry Program, Gemarama Exhibit Highlights and Building the TLS Education Center.

New Business: Linda Green announced that the Awards will be announced at the virtual December General Meeting. Kathy Hobson will be asked to be "Mistress of Ceremonies." Plaques will be mailed to the recipients. Frank Warner mentioned that Ken Dahl will be moving from the Director position to Treasurer in January 2021. Nominee names for the open Director position should be forwarded to Linda Green or Stacey Segal. The slate for the 2020 Board election needs to be announced at the November Board Meeting. Linda Green announced that the Horizon Mineral Field Trip has been postponed. Joe Jelks, owner, has made a generous donation to the TLS auction. Resumption of the field trip in November is being considered.



The General Meeting of October 4, 2020 by ZOOM was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Linda Green. In attendance were 15 members and 6 guests. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of September 9, 2020.

Linda Green announced the passing of Roger Binns on

October 10. A memorial service is planned for Spring 2021.

Frank Warner reported that the Delco Strong 2 Grant money (assistance related to COVID-19) has been received. All current memberships are being carried into 2021. Voluntary payment of 2021 dues is welcomed and will be considered a donation.

John O'Hara and John Chickadel will present a program this evening on lapidary methods and repair of Chinese Snuff Bottles. Joe Dan Lowry, owner of the Turquoise Museum, Albuquerque, NM will give a presentation in November. The December meeting will feature election of officers and Awards presentations.

Linda Green reported that Stacey Segal is currently preparing Gemarama auction items for listing on eBay. Linda Green also reported that there are no membership applications.

John Chickadel reported that the roof inspection on October 8 identified the need for new flashing and seal coating at a cost of \$563.00. The Repair Squad was given a green light to do the work.

Don Schwarzkopf reported that he and Bill Frampton have installed 2 video monitors which work with cell phones and cameras. Power for the jewelry room camera will be completed on October 27. The monitor in the jewelry room is large enough for adequate viewing by all students. Some exit signs and emergency light units have been replaced.

Linda Lakitsky expressed appreciation for the many fine auction donations. Linda, Barry Messino and Ellen Schwarzkopf spent Sunday, October 11 taking photographs and Stacey Segal now has all items. The final donation drop-off time is October 16 from 10:00-12:00 noon. Links to all Virtual Gemarama activities, including workshops and demonstrations, are found on our special Virtual Gemarama website Gemarama.org. The final day to sign up for Kieu Pham Gray's workshop is October 26. Linda asked members to "Like" and "Share" Gemarama on social media.

Steve Hansen reported that some fall classes are nearly completed. The six week, 3 hour per session faceting class needs more time. Winter sessions are in the advanced planning stage. Kieu Pham Gray is scheduled to teach in January, but there will probably be an abbreviated schedule through the winter. Linda Green thanked Frank Warner for securing the Delco Strong Grant 2 award. TLS has a new YouTube channel which presently contains six videos, including the Building of the Education Center. The TLS home page contains a link to the new YouTube channel.

Linda Green reported that the field trip to Horizon Mineral in Lewes, DE has been postponed and possibly will be canceled. Awards will be given at the December General Meeting via ZOOM.

Following the business meeting everyone enjoyed a presentation by John O'Hara and John Chickadel on the restoration and repair of 18th and 19th century Chinese snuff bottles. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful photos and interesting processes presented.

—Janet Young, Recording Secretary

SILENT AUCTION & EBAY AUCTION

The Silent Auction has been a very special part of our Gemarama Show. Both our members and spectators love this auction.

We rely heavily on our members to make donations for this to be successful.

I would like to thank everyone for their gracious donations. We couldn't do it without your help!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

–Linda Lakitsky, Show Chair,

–Barry Messino, Co-Show Chair



VIRTUAL GEMARAMA SHOW

November is almost here and our virtual show is coming up fast. There are a number of things to be excited about for this year's first Virtual Gemarama Show on November 7th and 8th. Silent auctions will start Friday, November 6th and run through Sunday, November 8th.

A new website has been created by Mimi Favre at www.Gemarama.org. There are a number of things out there for you to check out right now!

•Auctions on eBay - Run by Stacey Segal with the help of Linda Lakitsky, Linda Green, Mimi Favre, Ellen Schwarzkopf, and Barry Lynn Messino.

-A 3-day auction on eBay for items with starting value above \$50 will start Thursday evening and end Sunday evening.

-A 1-day auction on eBay for items with starting value below \$50 will start Friday evening and end Saturday evening.

-Another 1-day auction on eBay for items with starting value below \$50 will start Saturday evening and end Sunday evening.

•YouTube Channel Videos - There are various videos you can watch about our education programs in lapidary, metalsmithing and glass arts. These were created by Frank Warner with assistance from Lisa Laffend, John Chickadel and Linda Green; also a number of members contributed pictures.

•Live Demos - Currently being created by Sheryl Dahl with the help of Ken Dahl. This will require registration.

•Kieu Pham Grey Classes - Classes will be held online. Kits will be sent to you. Classes were coordinated by Sheryl Dahl.

•Children's Activities - Online activities were implemented by Lisa Laffend and Kathy Lopez.

•Dealer/Vendors - Some wonderful donations have been received. Check gemarama.org for vendor information. Set up was accomplished by Mimi Favre with the assistance of Lisa Kallinen.

–Linda Lakitsky, Show Chair,

–Barry Messino, Co-Show Chair

—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 at the end of November, 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



NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The General Meeting program on November 11 (to be held by ZOOM) will be a presentation by guest speaker Joe Dan Lowry, Curator of the Turquoise Museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He will share information about turquoise that includes his family's five generations of global mining, lapidary, science, and research about this colorful gem. Joe Dan believes, "The only thing more colorful than the gemstone turquoise are the characters who love it – turquoise involves people, culture, art, history, religion, opinions, and even misrepresentation." Join us for a very interesting program.



DECEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

—From Frank Warner

TLS History Series #5

GEMARAMA – Part 5: Chairpersons and Show Locations

In the early years, a vote was taken each year as to whether or not Gemarama would be held again the following year. It was understood that if the membership approved, someone would volunteer to serve as Chair. After a few years, it was automatically assumed that TLS would hold the show each year. Here is the list of those who have made major contributions to TLS by serving as show-chair, and the locations of the shows they chaired.

Springfield Township Municipal Building

1968 Donald Naples

Agricultural Exhibit Hall - Allentown Fair Grounds

1970 James Johnson

Holiday Inn Convention Hall near Granite Run Mall

1972 Ben Coren

1973 Philip Delano

1974 John A. Mahoney, Jr

1975 Philip Delano

1976 Lee Grote

1977 Frank Warner

1978 Alfred Webber

Downingtown Inn Sports Palace

1979 Paul Billett

1980 & 1981 Alan Byers

1982 Louis Privoznik

National Guard Armory, Northeast Philadelphia

1983 Eugene Colebank

Downingtown Inn Sports Palace

1984 Robert Jacobsen

Robert C. Gauntlett Community Center, Newtown Square

1985 Alan Byers

1986 & 1987 Robert Heyburn

1988 Raymond Kluberton

1989 Alan Byers

1990 Gary Statton

1991 Frank Warner

1992 Roger Binns

1993 Edwin Abel

1994 Loretta Hiles/Edwin Abel & Roger Binns

Penn State - Delaware County

1995 Robert Hughes

1996 Barbara Jacobsen

1997 Otis Witworth

The School at Church Farm, Exton

1998 Kathy Statton

1999 & 2000 Gary Cummings

2001 & 2002 Frank Warner

2003 & 2004 Ingrid Ratsep

2005 & 2006 & 2007 Nancy Marks

2008 & 2009 & 2010 James Johnston

2011 & 2012 & 2013 Lola Fields

2014 Cristin Weber

The Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, Oaks

2015 & 2016 & 2017 Cristin Weber

2018 & 2019 & 2020 Linda Lakitsky

CALENDAR

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

November 7-8: The TLS's 51st Annual Gemarama Gem, Jewelry, and Lapidary Show, 'Pictures in Stone' canceled BUT see page 3 for Virtual Gemarama information.

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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

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:

- 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.



TLS YOUTUBE CHANNEL NEWS

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.



LAPIDARY LINKS

Thank you to Lisa Laffend for this website:

<https://metalsmithsociety.com/>

The Metalsmith Society is a community within Instagram where jewelers support one another by sharing knowledge! It is a safe place where jewelers of all levels can ask questions and share their techniques. Those of you on Instagram can follow there: <https://www.instagram.com/metalsmithsociety/>

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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FUNNY QUOTES

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| 1. My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine. | -Caroline Rhea |
| 2. All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height. | -Casey Stengel |
| 3. I always arrive late at the office, but I make up for it by leaving early. | -Charles Lamb |
| 4. Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia. | -Charles Schulz |
| 5. By the time a man realizes that his father was right, he has a son who thinks he's wrong. | -Charles Wadsworth |
| 6. A day without laughter is a day wasted. | -Charlie Chaplin |
| 7. High heels were invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead. | -Christopher Morley |
| 8. A stockbroker urged me to buy a stock that would triple its value every year. I told him,
"At my age, I don't even buy green bananas." | -Claude Pepper |
| 9. They say marriages are made in Heaven. But so is thunder and lightning. | -Clint Eastwood |
| 10. A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than me. I just
want to say to the authors of that study: "Duh." | -Conan O'Brien |