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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit down to write this message, we are getting ready to celebrate the July 4th holiday when we would normally congregate with friends and family. However, despite the reopening of many businesses and venues in the Tri-State area, we are now hearing of increases in coronavirus cases in many parts of the country and the need to continue to wear masks and social distance ourselves. The health and well-being of all TLS members and students remains a top priority as we consider when and how to safely reopen activities at TLS.

Anticipating that the need for social distancing will continue for some time, the TLS Board has made the difficult decision to cancel Gemarama 2020 at The Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center in Oaks, PA. Instead, we are hoping to offer a "Virtual Gemarama" this fall which will allow members and visitors to experience what TLS and Gemarama are about. Any TLS member who wishes to help with this endeavor should contact me or Linda Lakitsky. We especially need the help of computer and Internet savvy individuals. Please stay tuned, watch your email, and follow us on Social Media for more details.

The TLS Board has also taken the following steps:

- No classes or workshops will be offered this summer.
- This summer we will work to establish the necessary safety protocols, procedures, and equipment to safely reopen the Education Center this fall.
- Plans for the fall term will be announced in early August. We expect that the fall term will be somewhat limited with fewer classes and smaller class size. We hope to offer 1 or 2 day workshops.
- We have extended the deadline for members to submit nominations for the Coren and Colio awards to July 31, 2020. Nominations should be sent to Stacey Segal. We will plan a suitable award ceremony for a later date.
- The Board and Gemarama Committee will be meeting over the summer via Zoom to make the necessary decisions as we approach the fall.
- We plan to resume the General Meetings virtually this fall using Zoom. Stacey Segal will be giving a presentation about her trip to the Middle East at the September meeting. Watch for emails and articles in the Bulletin about using Zoom. We plan to offer several Zoom test sessions for TLS members this summer. Again stay tuned.

The TLS Education Center will remain closed for the summer. John Chickadel and others will continue to make periodic visits to check on the building. Periodically, some work will

take place at the Education Center such as equipment cleaning and repairs, class preparation, and work on the jewelry room electrical supply, etc. Education Center Director John Chickadel will authorize and oversee the schedule of any activities at the Education Center over the summer so he will know who is going to be there and ensure that we maintain social distancing and other safety measures.

Sales on eBay will continue as Stacey has items to sell. She recently sold a Faceting machine and accessories donated by TLS member Drew Schmith on eBay for more than \$1400. Thank you Drew and Stacey! This is an important source of income for TLS at a time when we cannot hold classes. I encourage members to consider donating items for sale on eBay. If you have items you wish to donate to TLS, please contact Stacey. Arrangements for drop off of items at TLS can be made with either Stacey or John Chickadel.

Over the summer we plan to keep everyone up to date through emails, the TLS website, Facebook, and Instagram. We would love to see what you are working on and what your home studios look like. So please feel free to send me photos. As mentioned in the last Bulletin we are looking to install video equipment as a teaching aid in the Education Center. If anyone has expertise in this area, your help would be appreciated.

Please stay safe and well.

Linda Green, TLS President



**GEMARAMA HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR 2020.
VIRTUAL GEMARAMA WILL BE HELD INSTEAD!
SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE DETAILS.**



**All Spring and Summer TLS Classes have
been canceled.**



DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 15:**Gemarama Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM
- August 5:**TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.
- August 12:**Gemarama Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

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— From Janet Young, Recording Secretary

JUNE BOARD MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

There was no General Meeting in June.

The TLS Board met in a ZOOM meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3. The minutes of the May Board Meeting were approved as distributed as was the Treasurer's report.

Announcement: Bead Fest Philadelphia 2020 is canceled.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There were no new members this month.

Programs: Kathy Hobson said that she has canceled the June Awards Dinner. After a suggestion that we may consider holding an event later in the year, Kathy said she would make a reservation for the evening of the December General Meeting, which could be canceled if necessary.

Education/Classes/Registrar: Kathy Hobson said that she would get started on the fall session a little earlier than usual to accommodate changes we may need to make to accommodate COVID-19 requirements.

Education Center/Facilities & Equipment: John Chickadel said that the air conditioner was inspected and cleaned, and filters replaced. He also said that he has been visiting the Ed Center about once each week while it has been closed. A few people have visited to prepare for the fall session, including holding an inventory of the jewelry studio and cleaning of the 14" slab saw. Linda Green asked that members go by the Ed Center periodically to deter potential vandals during the shutdown. Don Schwarzkopf said that he would work on the electrical system in the next few weeks.

Acquisitions: Drew Schmith has donated a Graves faceting machine, which he will deliver to the Ed Center this week. It will be put up for auction on eBay.

Gemarama: Linda Lakitsky said that Rick Hellman will contact the security firm to start the process of getting a contract for the show. She also said that she will contact Gary Cummings about reserving the truck. Linda Green said that a couple of vendors have dropped out and that there are two new vendors; a few vendors have not yet committed and there are still a couple of empty slots. The next Gemarama meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

Old Business: Lisa Laffend reported that she attended a DCAC meeting and all organizations are adjusting their programs/events due to COVID-19. Delco Arts Week is still on the schedule for October 3-10 and will include in person events where possible as well as online events. It is rebranded as "Delco Arts Week @ Home". Online events may include live chats or performances, open houses and tours, demonstrations and discussions, and other ideas to engage viewers.

Linda Green said that Delaware County will move to the "yellow" phase of reopening this week, and possibly to "green" at the end of June. She said that she and John Chickadel are working on safety protocols for the Ed Center, particularly for the fall session. Linda also said that some other teaching facilities, for example William Holland School of Lapidary Arts and Peters Valley School of Craft have canceled all 2020 program-

ming.

There was a detailed discussion about implementation of a video system to provide online content and also to display during classes to prevent the need for students to gather closely around instructors. Linda will convene a group of volunteers to figure out what's needed, including cameras, camera mounts, video displays, and computers.

Board meetings will continue through the summer this year. The next Board meeting will be held on July 1 via Zoom.

New Business: Frank Warner carried out an analysis of the financial impact should it be necessary to cancel classes for the remainder of 2020 and to cancel Gemarama; a spreadsheet summarizing his results was sent to members of the Board. He said that, barring any new major expenses, TLS would still be in a very good financial position at the end of the year, even if all activities are canceled.

Linda Green said that we may consider some small open sessions later in the summer, primarily to test the protocols that may be implemented for the fall session, including small group sizes and disinfection procedures. She also will develop a plan about starting up the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Jody Shaw said that she would like to include a "member spotlight" for the Bulletin, which would include a few sentences about the member with a few photos, to help get to know everyone a little bit better. She has a short list to start and will soon be looking for volunteers.



—From Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

NEW BULLETIN FEATURE!

You will find on page 7 a new item called "Member Spotlight". With our sizable membership, I have found it difficult to place names with faces and have not had the opportunity to get to know much about too many of our members. When there is space, I will publish a short biography of one of our board members, committee chairs, teachers, new members, award winners, or general members. If willing, I will include a picture of the member along with a few other photos, so the next time you visit the Ed Center or attend a meeting, you can greet them and have the groundwork for conversation. If you would like to be featured, please send information and pictures to jodyshawtls@gmail.com. I would be happy to help with suggestions or I can interview you at your convenience via phone or computer.

—From Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

FUTURE TLS BULLETIN DEADLINES

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
September	Friday, August 7
October	Friday, September 18
November	Friday, October 23
December	Friday, November 20

Note:In order to get the information out about the Gemarama decision, this Bulletin was held until after the July Board Meeting. Both set of minutes are included in this issue.

— From Janet Young, Recording Secretary

JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

There was no General Meeting in July.

The TLS Board met in a ZOOM meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1. The minutes of the June Board Meeting were approved as distributed as was the Treasurer’s report.

Announcement: Linda Green announced that the Gem Miner’s Jubilee Show in Lebanon, PA is canceled until August 2021. Their November 2020 show is still scheduled. Quench Jewelry Arts in Minneapolis is closing for good. Kieu Pham Gray (The Urban Beader) is offering a variety of classes under the title “Virtually Evercrafting” August 13 – 16, 2020.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There were no new membership applications this month.

Community Programs: Linda Green reported that she attended a Zoom meeting with the South Jersey Bead Society and talked about TLS. Other organizations with similar interests may be contacted in the future.

Programs: Stacey Segal will do a September Zoom presentation on her trip.

Education/Classes/Registrar: Kathy Hobson will begin to plan a reduced fall class schedule. Only one class of 4 – 6 people will be allowed in the building at a time. See “Old Business” below for more information.

Education Center/Facilities & Equipment: John Chickadel has visited the Ed Center each week. Everything is in order. Frank Warner has asked the cleaning lady to decrease her visits from once a month to once every two months.

Equipment & Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf plans to visit the Ed Center after July 4 to check everything and finish the electrical work.

Gemarama: Linda Lakitsky reported that she met with her committee and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they recommend that the normal Gemarama be canceled and a virtual event planning begin. Discussion ensued concerning the financial ramifications and possible exhibits/events which can be offered virtually. It was moved that the normal Gemarama 2020 at the Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center be canceled due to concerns for the health and safety of members, dealers, and the general public during the coronavirus pandemic. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Lisa Laffend is open to suggestions for TLS participation in DCAC’s “Delco Arts Week @ Home.” Lisa also reported that the Delaware County Foundation is accepting grant applications, based on need, for the dispersal of federal monies to arts organizations.

Linda Green and John Chickadel will meet on July 3rd to review the county and state regulations and determine what the Education Center needs in terms of cleaning, signage, etc. in order to reopen during this phase of the pandemic. Discussion ensued regarding video equipment, instruction content and other details necessary for TLS to transition to videography/virtual classes. Linda Green and John Chickadel propose trial open ses-

sions in cabbing and torch with 4 or 5 people in August. Steve Hansen has been contacted by Mainline School Night regarding a class offering in October and possibly a second date. Cheryl Kaspers from Atlanta is still willing to teach a workshop on opal carving. Both fall classes are approved, with safety protocols in place. Linda Green will begin putting together a Long-Range Planning Committee.

New Business: Frank Warner made a motion that the Board seek membership approval for waiving the presidential term limit in the TLS Bylaws for the election of Officers for 2021. The motion passed unanimously. This will require a two-thirds vote by the membership and voting can be accomplished through a polling feature on Zoom at the September General Meeting done on the Zoom platform. Ken Dahl will take over as Treasurer and there will be an open Director position.

Linda Green made a motion that all current memberships be carried forward through 2021, and that payment of dues for continuing members in 2021 be entirely voluntary. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank Warner updated the Board on the news that the TLS 2020 scholarship recipient, Sydney Coleman, from Sun Valley High School wishes to postpone her studies at Rosemont College until the 2021 fall term. Frank responded to Sydney that she could tell Rosemont College that it was fine with TLS for the college to hold her tuition scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year, and that he could follow up with the school, if necessary.

Though it is expected that General Meetings will be through Zoom for the fall months, Frank has reserved the Springfield Township Building meeting room space for the next nine months so they are available, if needed. The reservation may be canceled, as necessary.

Linda Green made a plea for social media content from members.

Jody Shaw talked about new TLS Bulletin features, including a monthly member spotlight and a history of TLS.



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.



SEPTEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday, August 7

—From Peter Santucci

TLS SCHOLARSHIP

Each year TLS sponsors a \$1,000 college tuition scholarship for a graduating senior selected by the arts and sciences faculty at Sun Valley High School. This is the high school in the Penn-Delco school district, which includes Brookhaven where our Education Center is located. The scholarship recipient this year is Sydney Coleman who will be attending Rosemont College to major in graphic design. Our congratulations to Sydney.



—Linda Lakitsky, Virtual Gemarama Show Chair

VIRTUAL GEMARAMA SHOW IN PROGRESS

As you know our physical show was canceled due to the virus. Guess what?

We are going to have a virtual Gemarama Show on November 7 and 8! We are planning on having the TLS Booth silent auction, an Ebay auction, maybe a live auction, exhibitor judging, kids activity or activities, vendor participation with links for displaying and/or selling, and possible demo videos of the kinds of things we do at our education center.

If you are interested in helping to plan any of the various areas or have an idea of something we could do, please contact me so that I can add you to the Gemarama Committee Meeting List for planning going forward.

Please contact me, Linda Lakitsky, Show Chair via email at LKLakitsky@comcast.net or you may call me on cell 610-742-3171 or home number 610-458-5135 (leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can).

I plan on separating the various areas into smaller committees to plan and implement pieces of the Virtual Gemarama Show and having overall meetings to combine our pieces together as a whole.

So please think about our Virtual Show and how you can help. If you are unable to help with the show we would appreciate if you could start gathering items for the silent, live, and Ebay auctions. There will be more information on how we could get those items from you in the future. We appreciate anything you can do to help us be successful.

Thank you!!!! Linda Lakitsky

Note: Gemarama Meeting, July 15th via ZOOM @ 7:30pm. (Please let Linda Lakitsky know if you would like to attend. Many volunteers are needed for our first Virtual Gemarama. Please help!)



LAPIDARY LINKS

Look here for trending geology news and popular articles about the geology of our earth. <http://www.geologypage.com>.

COLIO/COREN AWARDS-Last Call for Nominations!!

Each TLS member is asked to nominate candidates for the annual Colio and Coren Awards to be presented this year at the September General Meeting via Zoom on September 9. Nominations should be sent to TLS Vice President Stacey Segal by mail or email by July 31.

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. Grellis, 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: _____

Reasons for Nomination: _____

Coren Award Nominee: _____

Reasons for Nomination: _____

Submit nominations by mail to Stacey Segal, 675 Crestwood

Rd., Wayne, PA 19087 or by email to yinyang518@comcast.net.

Deadline: July 31, 2020

—From the TLS Board

GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Several of the fall General Meetings will be held virtually by using the Zoom conferencing service. We hope all members will participate. To do so you will need to download and install Zoom on a computer or mobile device. Explicit instructions on getting set up with Zoom in advance of the fall meetings will be contained in an email from our MailChimp service later this month. Please watch for that email which will also contain links to several practice sessions using Zoom to be held in July and August.

—From the TLS Board

POSSIBLE BYLAW CHANGE - MEMBERSHIP VOTE NEEDED

At its meeting on Wednesday, July 1, the TLS Board approved a motion that the Board recommend to the membership that the TLS Bylaw regarding the term limit for the TLS President be waived for the election of officers for 2021. This recommendation will be put to the membership for a vote during the September General Meeting. Details will appear in the September TLS Bulletin. If approved by the membership, the effect will be to permit Linda Green to be nominated and re-elected to serve a third year as TLS President. Stacey Segal would continue a third year as Vice-President. The reason is to maintain continuity of outstanding leadership in those positions during the coronavirus pandemic and to continue to avail ourselves of the expertise of Linda Green, who is a physician.

GEMARAMA DONATIONS NEEDED!

With the cancelation of Gemarama at Oaks, your donations have become especially important for the Virtual Gemarama that is being planned. Please keep thinking about the Single Stone Exhibit and Silent Auction Donations for the new version of the show. Quality items will be needed even more! Think about what you can donate. Items need not be terribly expensive; they must, however, be up to the quality TLS members and Gemarama attendees are accustomed to. Rough slabs, mineral specimens, faceting material, fossils, carvings, faceted stones, cabochons, pins, necklaces, bolos, other finished jewelry, books, tools, etc. are just a few suggestions.

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.

CALENDAR

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

- July 11-12:** Gem/Min Soc of Syracuse Show, **Canceled**
- July 18-19:** Gem City Rock/Min Soc Show/Sale, **Canceled**
- July 22-26:** Echo Valley Gem Show, **Canceled**
- July 25-26:** Rescheduled Orange Cty Min Soc of NY Show/Sale, Museum Village, 1010 Rte 17M, Monroe, NY **This show is outdoors.**
- July 25-26:** Burlington Gem/Min Club Show, **Canceled**
- Aug 6-8 (NEW DATES):** Gem/Min Soc of Franklin Show/Sale, Robt C. Carpenter Comm Bldg, 1288 Georgia Rd, Franklin, NC
- August 22-23:** St. Lawrence Cty Rock/Min Club Show, **Canceled**
- 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, **Canceled**
- 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, **Canceled**
- 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’, **Canceled.**

See page 3 for Virtual Gemarama 2020 information.

FOLLOW TLS ON INSTAGRAM

In addition to Facebook we are now on Instagram (@tuscaroralapidity). 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 @tuscaroralapidity.

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

- @tuscaroralapidity
- #gemarama
- #picturesinstone

— From Jody Shaw, Editor

A NEW HISTORY SERIES

With this issue of the *TLS Bulletin*, we are beginning a series of articles on TLS history. Much of the series will be drawn from 34 *Bulletin* articles from 2003 - 2006 that were incorporated into the history booklet produced in 2007 for our 50th anniversary.



— From Frank Warner

TLS HISTORY SERIES #1

Last fall we celebrated our 50th Gemarama that began with shows in 1968 and 1970, and then ran every year from 1972 through 2019. Given our break from our show this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, it seemed a good time to revisit some of the show history. Why do we put on the show? Where has it been located? What features have been added or have disappeared; and what features have survived all of these years?

I have attended Gemarama every year since 1972. From what I can remember, and from the information that is available in TLS Bulletins and in the 2007 50th-year history project, I will try to pull together some of the highlights for you. The answer to my first question is easy. We put on the show because we love sharing with the public our love of lapidary, jewelry making, and glass arts. It is fun showing others, from kids to adults, what we do and getting them interested.

GEMARAMA – PART 1: HOW IT ALL BEGAN

From the earliest days of the Tuscarora Lapidary Society, members were eager to display their creations and tools to the public. At the September 1957 meeting, just six months after the Society's formation, a discussion was held on the possibility of preparing a jewelry display for exhibit in a local store. The resulting first Tuscarora display was held at the Manoa Paint & Hardware Store in the Manoa (part of Havertown) Shopping Center, November 15-17, 1957.

A second display, consisting of a grinding wheel and a sanding and polishing machine, was held at Murphy's Variety Store in the Manoa Shopping Center on May 22-24, 1958. Subsequent displays were held at the American Legion Post in Lawrence Park in June of 1959, in Murphy's store in June 1960, and at the Russell School Hobby Show in October 1961. For 10 days beginning March 6, 1962, the Society had a display at the Western Savings Bank at 69th Street.

An exhibit of members' work was on display at the Marple Township Public Library for the month of November 1964. Library staff members reported that the display was favorably received by the public. The display received front page notice in the November 12 issue of the *RECORD*, the newspaper of Marple & Newtown Townships. It is interesting to note that TLS returned to the Marple Library for month-long displays in advance of Gemarama beginning in 2003, a practice that continues today.

The last record that I have been able to find of a window display during the Society's early years was for the Springfield Township Library for the month of November 1965. That display window was 16 feet long, 8 feet high, with room for 6 shelves according to an article in the *Bulletin*, October 1965.

Discussions regarding a possible show that would include gem, mineral, and lapidary dealers began as early as 1962 when Bob Gilman of Lost River Caverns in Hellertown approached the Society with the idea of holding a show in Allentown. But with just a little over 30 members at that time, the Society thought it would be best to concentrate first on increasing membership. By the beginning of 1966, membership was up to about 80 and it was decided it was time to plan a show for 1968. A show committee was established (*Bulletin* January 1967) and preparations began in earnest.

The Springfield Township Municipal Building, where we currently hold our General Meetings, was secured (at no cost!) for the Society's first show to be held April 27-28, 1968. Initial projections were for an attendance of 1000 with an admission donation of \$.50 each.

There were eleven dealers for the Society's first show including Robert Gilman and T.B. Hagstoz & Son, names current members will recognize. Cabochon cutting and gem faceting demonstrations were given continuously both days. There were eleven competitive exhibits of minerals, jewelry, cabochons and faceted stones, all judged according to the Uniform Rules of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and an additional nine non-competitive exhibits. There were lectures on *Western Minerals*, *Cornog Minerals*, *Crystallography*, *Rock Hunting in Maine*, *Semi-precious Stones*, and a *Rock Hunting Safari*, as well as a movie, *Pursuing the Lapidary Hobby*, produced as a TLS club project.

The May 1968 *Bulletin* reported, "Our first 'baby' turned out to be a healthy, normal child, much to the pleasure and relief of its 'parents' and friends." Attendance was over 1500. Kenneth Wattman, in his president's message of June 1968, reported that the show cleared over \$300, money that was earmarked for the next show.

Planning for this initial gem and mineral show led to the realization that the Society should incorporate in order to protect members from individual financial and personal liability related to the show. The effort to incorporate was led by Robert P. Barnett, Esq., who joined TLS with Ken Wattman in February 1966. Incorporation papers were signed by Bob Barnett and Ken Wattman on April 10, 1967, in the state of Delaware. Federal 501(C)(3) status was obtained on October 25, 1968.

Notes: Kenneth Wattman remained a member of TLS until his death in 2014. Robert Barnett's status was changed to Honorary Member in 1979. He died in 2012. We are indebted to both Ken and Bob who, along with Presidents James Johnson (1966), and Donald Naples (1967) established TLS on a firm legal footing as a non-profit corporation.

—Jody Shaw, Editor

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Our very first Member Spotlight is devoted to Christy Potter. Christy has been a TLS member since 2015 and currently is serving as the chairperson for Community Programs.

Christy calls herself an “Army brat”; born in Germany and moved all over the world. She started sewing in the 7th grade and took every art class her schools offered. Her high school had a fabulous jewelry teacher and workshop classroom. She was able to make most of her clothes in high school, and this led to her choice of a college major.



She attended Drexel University and earned a BS in Fashion Design but decided to serve in the Army upon graduation. She served for 12 years as a Captain in the Signal Corps while stationed mostly in Germany. Her post in Germany enabled her to travel extensively, and she was able to visit her great-grandmother’s birth place in Poland after the wall came down. After some serious health issues, she spent rehab time perfecting her quilting skills. Having hands that need to be busy, she also took up beading and eventually found the TLS through Gemarama. Her first cabbing class with Joe and Frank led her eventually to teaching at the TLS.

Christy is teaching beginner cabbing and bead embroidery at TLS (before Covid-19). She also taught bead embroidery at



Blue Santa beads, and hopes to resume both when restrictions are lifted. One of her favorite bead embroidery artists is Betty Cox, who has a wild and free approach to her work, in contrast to Christy’s more conservative point of view. Christy feels that Betty helps her to learn to break out of her more reserved style.

In addition to teaching and chairing a committee for TLS, Christy has earned Journeyman and Apprentice SKIP Awards for her cabbing work. She hopes to obtain Master in the future. Her cabbing expertise has lended well to her bead embroidery work.



In the past, her quilts have been accepted into juried national and international quilt shows. This one is her latest project called Grandmother’s Flower Garden. It is a hand piecing project that also helped keep her sane during the last three months with the quarantine. In addition, she has been staying busy these past months making over a hundred masks for frontline workers.



Christy says, “All of my creative ventures always lead me back to needle and thread—that’s where my real skill is—just don’t ask me to hem or sew on a button!”

Thank you Christy for sharing your story with us!



A THANK YOU TO PRESIDENT LINDA GREEN

In mid-June, the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) held its first virtual (Zoom) Board of Directors Meeting. The goal of this gathering was for Presidents of our Mineral Societies to share with one another- some of what they have experienced in their organizations during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Dealing with cancelled/postponed shows and not having monthly meetings were the main topics of discussion.

Over 20 local Mineral Society Presidents in the eastern U.S. attended this round table discussion along with other Federation personnel from around the country. Most local Society Presidents were surprised to learn before the meeting that they are a Director (President Director) of the EFMLS Board of Directors. From the beginning when the Eastern Federation was formed 70 years ago, the local Presidents had always been an integral part of the organization. However, it took a pandemic in which time afforded the discovery from Federation archives, to realize that we could have already had a closer relationship by utilizing virtual/online platforms.

I am grateful that we had all of these Presidents wanting to take part in their Federation for the first time in, well, a very long time. This was your President, Linda Green, who shared and gave feedback on what we’ve all been enduring over the past few months. This was the primary purpose of this informal gathering. As you would imagine, most other Societies are feeling and going through similar situations.

Thanks again Linda!

Respectfully,

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SOME PARAPROSDOKIANS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
 Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
 Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
 We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
 If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
 I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
 Before you criticize a man, walk a mile in his shoes. That way, you will be a mile away and he won't have any shoes.
 Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.
 When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.
 Growing old is tough. Not growing old is worse.
 Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
 The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
 War does not determine who is right – only who is left.