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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that it has been a year since we first announced closures at TLS due to COVID-19. Here it is Spring 2021 and we are still operating with COVID precautions and a limited schedule of classes. The Winter Refresher Classes went well, with some members returning after a long absence to brush up on cabling and soldering. The Spring Term of classes will begin April 5, following a clean up day on April 1. There are still some openings so be sure to check our website if you wish to sign up for classes or open sessions. COVID-19 precautions will remain in place. Masks will be required, even if you are vaccinated, for the continued safety of all our members and students. Remember, no vaccine is 100% effective, and many of the new COVID variants are more infectious.

We will continue to hold our Board, General Meetings, and Committee meetings remotely via Zoom. We have canceled our June Dinner meeting, but plan to hold a General Meeting via Zoom instead. Please be sure to attend. Our instructors will be recognized and the Coren and Colio awards will be given out. Please be sure to nominate candidates for these awards. The June program will be featuring work done by our many talented members during the pandemic, both lapidary and non-lapidary. Prepare to be amazed!

Many of the rock and gem shows this spring been canceled but instead, watch for outdoor shows such as the one hosted by The Philadelphia Mineralogical Society on Saturday, May 8 (see their web site www.phillyrocks.org for more details). The Gemarama Committee is working hard on our plans for Gemarama 2021: Pictures in Stone, on November 6 & 7, 2021 at the Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center in Oaks, PA. Obviously, this will depend on the status of the COVID pandemic. We expect a number of our favorite vendors to return, as well as a number of new ones with exciting items. Mark your calendars!

Be sure to attend the April General Meeting on April 14, 2021. The guest speaker will be Michael Pabst, President of the Shenandoah Valley Gem & Mineral Society, who will be talking about microminerals from the Pyrenees including his gorgeous photography.

Happy Spring and Stay Safe and Healthy.

—Linda Green, TLS President

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

TLS NEWS AND NOTES

-Sincere condolences to Gayle Flaer on the passing of her mother.

-Condolences to the family of Bob Jacobsen. Bob had been in failing health for several years. He and his wife were active TLS members for many years before moving to Oregon.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

April 14: TLS General Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

APRIL PROGRAM

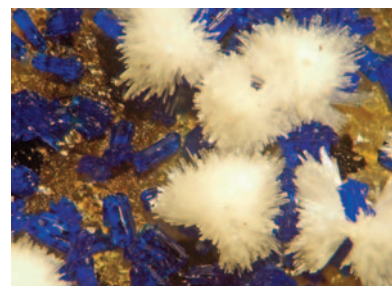
The General Meeting program on April 14 (by Zoom) will be by Michael Pabst, President of the Shenandoah Valley Gem & Mineral Society (SVGMS) and Treasurer of the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area. His talk "Mineral Hunting in the Pyrenees - A Virtual and Imaginary Tour," features French historic sites, French food, and pretty microminerals from the border between France and Spain. Snacks are optional, but Michael highly recommends the following mail order links if you'd like to have European quality chocolates or bakery goods on hand and don't know of anything local:

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— From Janet Young, Recording Secretary

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The Board Meeting was called to order on March 3, 2021 at 7:36 p.m. by Linda Green through ZOOM. The minutes of the February Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

Announcements: Linda Green stated that Gayle Flaer's mother passed away and longtime former member Bob Jacobsen passed away. Bob and his wife Barbara had been very active and accomplished members before moving to Oregon about 20 years ago.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Dahl distributed the February Transaction Report and Balance Sheet and noted that class tuitions provided a positive cash flow. TLS incorporation information was updated and the fee was paid. The Citadel Credit Union accounts have been provided with new contact information and paperless statements have been instituted. Two Money Market accounts have been combined and a new debit card has been received.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Linda Green reported that due to technical issues with the audio-visual equipment, the planned telecast from the Education Center on March 10 has been dropped. A Powerpoint demonstration of equipment and slides of some items for the in-person sale on March 20 will be presented at the General Meeting. Kathy Lopez reported that April will feature Michael Pabst, President of the Shenandoah Valley Gem and Mineral Society, who will make a presentation about micro minerals and a tour of the Pyrenees. Kathy is soliciting photos of creative projects by members working at home during the COVID-19 restrictions, to be shared at the June meeting.

Class Manager: Steve Hansen stated that registration is open for the Spring term. Main Line School Night Session 1 is sold out. Registration is open for Session 2. Summer classes will be on the restricted schedule while standard, full size classes, possibly with outside instructors, are planned for Fall Semester. A new ZOOM account allows for virtual class offerings also.

Equipment & Facilities: Don Schwartzkopf plans to finish his work on the air system and is looking for the correct HDMI connector for the jewelry bench.

Library and eBay: Stacey Segal stated that the remaining Gemarama items will be augmented with 20+ books, a piece of Smithsonite rough, a red spinel on white marble and some polished Baker Ranch agates.

Gemarama: Linda Lakitsky stated that the committee has been discussing the 2019 vendor survey. Mimi Favre has sent out a number of vendor contracts. The Expo Center 2020 contract has converted to 2021. A flyer will be prepared if there will be a "physical" show. Linda will send a ZOOM link to anyone interested in attending the March 17 meeting.

Old Business: Lisa Laffend attended the DCAC meeting and reported that new events are listed on the Delcoarts.org calendar. A virtual Spring event on May 8 will promote local hap-

penings. Delco Arts Week is 10/2 - 10/9 and the Delco Studio Tour is 10/2 - 10/3. TLS can participate or advertise in their booklet. Linda Green stated that items have been sorted and priced for the special March 20 one day sale. A Mailchimp message with registration instructions for the one day sale will be sent on March 11 and items will be previewed at the General Meeting on March 10. A financial audit will be conducted through ZOOM on March 24 by Terry Fain and Joyce Babiarz. Ken Dahl and Frank Warner will present the 2020 records, while Linda Green and Stacey Segal will observe. Linda gave an EFMLS update, with an extensive explanation of its present situation and how TLS is connected through by-laws and financial support.

New Business: Linda Green presented the idea of creating a TLS Historian position, appointed by the President, to assist the Records Manager and others. Discussion and vote will be scheduled for the next Board meeting.



The General Meeting of March 10, 2021 by ZOOM was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by President Linda Green. In attendance were 32 members and 2 guests. Committee reports and other items discussed at the Board Meeting were briefly presented.

John Chickadel will send an email requesting approximately 10 people to volunteer for Education Center Spring cleaning and equipment preparation on April 1.

Doug McNicol stated that a 4" x 6" slab was recently donated at the Education Center.

Linda Lakitsky stated that the Gemarama committee has been discussing the 2019 vendor survey. Contracts were sent to vendors by Mimi Favre. Depending on responses, new vendors may be solicited. Web tickets are on the website. Anna Thompson and Linda Green are promoting Gemarama through social media.

Linda Green reminded everyone of the one day sale on March 20 (highlights to be presented followed the business meeting), and thanked the members who prepared and priced items.

Following the business meeting, Linda Green and Sheryl Dahl gave a Powerpoint presentation about the audio-visual equipment at the Education Center. The second part of the program focused on the March 20 special one day sale at the Education Center from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Items to be offered include Indonesian opalized petrified wood, assorted slabs, mineral specimens, geodes and thunder eggs, agates, jewelry, dendritic sandstone, smithsonite and cabochons. Registration for the 1-hour time slots (4 slots per hour) is through the TLS registration page and requires a \$5.00 fee which will be applied to purchases. Payment will be accepted through non-cash methods.

—Janet Young, Recording Secretary



MAY BULLETIN DEADLINE
FRIDAY, APRIL 23

—From Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

May	Friday, April 23
June	Friday, May 21
July/August	Friday, June 18
September	Friday, August 6
October	Friday, September 17
November	Friday, October 22
December	Friday, November 19



EDUCATION CENTER CLEAN-UP

The Education Center Spring 2021 Class Clean-up and Preparation Session is scheduled for Thursday, April 1st beginning at 9:00 am and ending at noon time. In addition to checking that all the machines you use in class are clean and in good working order and we have all of the supplies needed by each class, there is always some general work to be done on straightening up and cleaning up the Ed Center.

Anyone who would like to join us at that time will be welcome and your assistance in completing this important task will be greatly appreciated. Since there is currently a COVID protocol limiting the number of persons in the Ed Center to 10, please let me know if you intend to come so I can keep track of the total.

Thank you for your support!

—John Chickadel, Ed Center Director
Jchick0609@verizon.net



GEMARAMA UPDATE

We are currently moving forward to having a physical show. The dealers are responding to our contracts with a yes to attending our show. We would like you to start think about having an exhibit show case. The theme for this year is the same as last year, "Pictures in Stone". We would also like you start thinking and creating some beautifully made pieces, stones, slabs or other items for the silent action in November. Both our members and our past customers love our auction items from our talented members.

Thank you for your help and continued support of Gemarama. Stay tuned.

—Linda Lakitsky, Co-Show Chair for
Barry Lynn Messino, Show Chair



LAPIDARY LINKS

The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies is hosting a Zoom presentation called "Milpilllas! Mineral Marvels: A Presentation by Evan A. Jones on March 25. The Milpilllas Mine is located in Sonora, Mexico. This world class underground copper mine opened in 2006 to explore a recently discovered, deeply oxidized and enriched Porphyry Copper deposit. Evan will share his experiences at Milpilllas since the mine opened in 2006. All members are invited. For more information and a link to the meeting go to <https://efmls.org/milpilllas/>.

COLIO/COREN AWARDS

Each TLS member is asked to nominate candidates for the Colio and Coren Awards which are presented annually. 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 Bill Mattis, Pete Santucci, Roger Binns, Doug Klieger, Stacey Segal, Joe Rokosky, John Chickadel, Christina Kulp, Lisa Laffend, and Linda Green.

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 John Chickadel, Christina Kulp, Merrill Dickinson, Cristin Weber, Joseph Rokosky, Fredric Hellman, Linda Lakitsky, Steve Hansen, Bill Frampton, and Jody Shaw

The Coren award may be received only once. Those eligible and the year they joined are - 2018: Rebecca Henry, Patricia Hershman, Lisa Kallinen, Diana Kane, Josh Keiner, Janice Lawson, Jon Lawson, JoAnn Liantonio, Virginia Lockamy, Joanne Morris, 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. 2020: Lily Bieling, Dennis Coren, Bette Friedlander, and Mary Beth Nardy.

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: May 15, 2021

—From Frank Warner

TLS History Series #10

The Coren Award for New Member Service

At its meeting on December 6, 1978, the TLS Board of Directors gratefully accepted a gift from Ben and Chesna Coren and happily complied with the Coren's wishes that the money be kept as a permanent fund, the interest from which would be used to establish an annual award for a Tuscarora member who has joined the Society within the most recent three years and who has demonstrated through unselfish service, leadership, or outstanding lapidary exhibits a level of performance not usually expected of a new member. The new award was announced to the Society at its General Meeting on January 10, 1979, by Norman Mansell, and was gratefully acknowledged by President Barbara Connor in her column in the February 1979 *Bulletin*.

A devastating fire had burned the Coren's beautiful home in Broomall to the ground on January 19, 1977. All possessions were lost. Shortly thereafter, at the February 1977 General Meeting, President Howard Freeman presented the Corens with a check from contributions made by members "Because We Care." Ben and Chesna were deeply touched. Ben and Chesna's subsequent contribution to the Society establishing the Coren Award for New Member Service was their special way of saying thank-you to the Society.

1979	Paul Billett
1980	Alan Byers
1981	George Franklin
1982	
1983	Eugene Colebank & Drew Davis
1984	Peter Santucci
1985	Renato Maglietto
1986	Robert Heyburn
1987	Shipleigh Newlin
1988	Richard Young
1989	Amanda Webster
1990	Shirley Tomarchio
1991	Roger Binns
1992	Robert Hughes
1993	Willard Humpal
1994	John McGurk
1995	Pamela Wingrod
1996	Barry Lynn Messino
1997	Albert Siegfried
1998	Emily Cohen
1999	Judith Barlow
2000	Mary Batter
2001	James Johnston
2002	Donald & Ellen Schwarzkopf
2003	A. Ingrid Ratsep
2004	Nancy Marks
2005	Lola Fields
2006	Fizal Nabbie
2007	Heidi Thompson
2008	Andrew Schmith
2009	Katy Winters
2010	David Groncki
2011	John Chickadel
2012	Christina Kulp

2013	Merrill Dickinson
2014	Cristin Weber
2015	Joe Rokosky
2016	Rick Hellman
2017	Linda Lakitsky
2018	Steve Hansen
2019	William Frampton
2020	Jody Shaw

FUTURE PROGRAMS

May: We will view National Geographic's "Secrets of the Hope Diamond". This video includes some scenes with our February speaker, Scott Sucher, cutting a replica of the French blue.

June: In honor of the year behind us, and in celebration of a slow, safe move of returning to the TLS classroom, we will use June's meeting (normally our annual awards dinner) to share our own work and work studios. There are 2 steps to this request:

1) Please either upload photos to Dropbox here: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/ci5bBxeBqvaW5lnymOzI> or email them to Kathy.lopez@me.com. Files should be the highest resolution possible and include your last name in the file name.

2) Email Kathy.lopez@me.com with a description or caption for the photos.

If you are on social media and want to share photos that way, you can contact Kathy on instagram: [@yokomcgillicutty](https://www.instagram.com/yokomcgillicutty) or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/yoko.k.mcgillicutty/>

CALENDAR

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

May 1, 2021 - Midland Park, NJ - Annual North Jersey Gem & Mineral Show; outdoors in the main parking lot. (All outdoors.)

May 1 & 2, 2021 - Leesport, PA - World of Gems & Minerals by Berks Mineralogical Society

May 8, 2021 - Mont Clare, PA - Phila. Mineralogical Society Swap and Sale, St. Michael's Picnic Grounds

June 5, 2021 - Macungie, PA - Annual Mineralfest from the PA Earth Sciences Assoc. (All outdoors.)

June 5 & 6, 2021 - Monroe, NY - Annual Orange County Mineralogical Society Gem & Mineral Show at Museum Village. (All outdoors.)

June 12, 2021 - Cherry Hill, NJ - 1st Annual South Jersey *SUMMER* Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show

July 9-12, 2021 - Syracuse, NY - EFMLS Convention and Mineral Show/Syracuse Gem & Mineral Society Show

July 24 & 25, 2021 - Essex Junction, VT - Annual Champlain Valley Mineral Club Show

August 20-22, 2021 - Lebanon, PA - Annual Gem Miner's Jubilee Gem & Mineral Show

September 17, 2021 - Poughkeepsie, NY - Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society Show and Sale

September 25 & 26, 2021 - Franklin/Sterling Hill, NJ - Annual Fall Franklin/Sterling Hill Shows

September 25 & 26, 2021 - Harrisburg, PA - Annual Central PA Mineral Show at the Harrisburg Consistory

October 30, 2021 - Fairless Hills, PA - Annual Ultraviolet Fluorescent Mineral Show

October 30, 2021 - Biglersville, PA - Annual Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Swap & Sell (Outdoors)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

One of our newest TLS members, Gail Gingrich, will be the focus of this month's Member Spotlight. Gail became a member in February, after attending a weekend cabochon class at TLS in 2020. She found us using a Google Search! Living in southern Delaware, she was not able to find anything like the TLS, and she was very interested in lapidary arts. After purchasing a trim saw and arbor, YouTube videos, books, and memories from her father became her primary source of instruction for cutting stones. She quickly realized that some hands on instruction was needed.



Gail grew up in Houston, Texas. Her father was a lapidary hobbyist and a member of the Houston Gem and Mineral Society and the Houston Lapidary Society. He did beautiful work and won various awards in the shows that he entered. Gail attended the University of Houston, San Francisco Art Institute, and The George Washington University, where she earned her BS. She was a practicing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for 40 years, and retired two years ago.

Gail has been interested in lapidary since being in Houston watching her father work in his studio. It was her dream to pursue jewelry design and fabrication. However, she chose nursing out of high school because as her mother said, "You will always have a job." After working as a nurse for a few years, she decided that it really wasn't her love. She attended the University of Houston in the Fine Arts Department and thought this was finally her career path. That was interrupted by a move to the DC area where she was required to go back to work to help support a family. She got a bit side-tracked from the goal of making jewelry while working as a nurse in the DC area. She became interested in Nurse Anesthesia, applied to anesthesia school, and for the next forty years administered anesthesia. Five years before retirement and in preparation for retirement, she decided to rekindle the interest in lapidary and jewelry fabrication. She has recently added enameling to her repertoire. She has taken classes in silversmithing and other related subjects. She has watched You Tube videos, DVDs and read books to further her education.



Gail also enjoys sewing and time at the beach. Her family is very supportive of her hobbies, especially since her father was so involved with lapidary. She cherishes the few things she has of her father's work, as most was donated to lapidary clubs after he passed while she was living in Thailand. During her time overseas, she was able to do some traveling, another pastime she enjoys. She has been able to visit Australia, England, Poland, Germany, and Norway, and along the



way was able to discover more about her ancestry.

The journey into jewelry fabrication began on Broadkill Beach on the Delaware Bay. Walks on the beach in search of the perfect stone and Delaware Diamonds (also known as Cape May Diamonds) have become regular for Gail. The beach stones found there, once polished, display remarkable color and design and have been the inspiration for many of Gail's jewelry designs. Some of the stones are used in their original shape and some are made into cabochons or other shapes. The beach stones are worked mainly in copper, with some work in silver. Enameling is a recent addition.



Craft shows are the primary source for sales of Gail's work, and mainly in Delaware thus far. She is slated to sell at the Rehoboth Beach Arts Festival at Grove Park, the 48th Annual Members Fine Craft Exhibition, and the 48th Annual



Outdoor Fine Art and Craft Show. Future shows as far as Rhode Island are in the works. She is awaiting a website, and in the mean time, has set up a blog spot (gailsbeachstonejewelry.blogspot.com) where you can view more of her work.

Gail enjoys memberships in the Rehoboth Art League, the Mispillion Art League, and the Delaware Art Museum.

Her favorite tutorials are from Mark Nelson and Ricky Frank on Rio Grande. She also has gotten some useful information from Nancy L.T. Hamilton, Linda Darty (enameling), and Kim St. Jean. She subscribes to the Lapidary Journal's Jewelry Artist Magazine and looks forward to its arrival each month.



Her awards and achievements include the Rehoboth Art League 47th Members Judged Fine Craft Exhibition; winner of the 2020 MCE Mary Trimble Lynch Award, Excellence in Jewelry; the Delaware Art Museum's Invitation to present a piece at their Juried Craft Exhibition October 20, 2018 thru January 27, 2019; Mispillion Art League Gallery Shows, 2016, 2017; one Second Place and two Honorable Mention awards; and the University of Houston Senior Art Exhibition, chosen by a panel of professors to exhibit a drawing and a color piece.

When asked for three words to describe herself, the response was "Never Give Up".



Never Give Up

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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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— Author Unknown
WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS SO HARD TO LEARN
•The bandage was wound around the wound.
•The farm was used to produce produce.
•The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
• We must polish the Polish furniture.
• He could lead if he would get the lead out.
•The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
•Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
•A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
•When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
•I did not object to the object.
•The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
•There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
•They were too close to the door to close it.
•The buck does funny things when the does are present.
•A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
•To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
•The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

•After a number of injections my jaw got number.
•Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
•I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
•How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?
RELATED TRIVIA
•The word “set” has more definitions than any other word in the English language.
•The combination “ough” can be pronounced in nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all: “A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed.”
•Facetious and abstemious contain all the vowels in the correct order.
•“Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters “mt”.
•There are only four words in the English language that end in “dous”: tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
•There is a seven letter word in the English language that contains ten words without rearranging any of its letters, “therein”: the, there, he, in, rein, her, here, ere, therein, herein.

