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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GOOD BYE 2020 - HELLO 2021!

By the time you read this message, the TLS December Zoom meeting will be a pleasant memory and everyone will be in the midst of holiday celebrations. Unfortunately, these festivities will be smaller and more subdued due to COVID restrictions. Nonetheless, this is the time of year for reflection and giving thanks. I would like to thank all the TLS members and students who make this Society the great organization it is. I especially want to thank everyone for bestowing me with the Colio award. I truly appreciate it and feel honored to lead our organization into 2021.

There are many others who deserve special thanks:

- First of all, to all the Officers and Board Members who faithfully attend meetings and do more than their appointed jobs. I could not do it without you!

- To Frank Warner for all he does above and beyond his duties as Treasurer to keep TLS thriving. Even as he turns over the Treasurer job to Ken Dahl, we look forward to Frank's continued input.

- To the various Committee Chairs/Committee Members who attend to all the details needed to make TLS so successful.

- To the Gemarama Committee who undertook the seemingly impossible task of creating Virtual Gemarama 2020 with special thanks to Linda Lakitsky, Barry Messino, Stacey Segal, Mimi Favre, and Sheryl and Ken Dahl.

- To all of our Education Center Teachers for sharing their time, knowledge and skills despite all the COVID-19 restrictions.

- To Kathy Hobson for scheduling classes and finding teachers, and to Steve Hansen for actively recruiting visiting instructors and developing new class/workshop content, and to his new role as Class Manager.

- To John Chickadel and Don Schwarzkopf for keeping the Education Center and equipment in such good shape.

- To Jody Shaw for the beautiful Bulletins she has produced over the past year.

- To all the Kitchen Elves who keep the kitchen and other supplies well stocked.

- To all the members who step up to fill positions for retiring members. I appreciate your willingness to fill these positions more than you can ever know. We are still in need of several members to takeover General Meeting Programs. Please contact me if you are interested in doing this.

- Lastly, thanks to all the TLS members for volunteering

their time and efforts in helping TLS complete another very successful year despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Now that vaccines are on the horizon, I look forward to an eventual return to normal in 2021. I am hopeful that Gemarama 2021, Pictures in Stone, will be an in-person show and not a virtual one. It is never too soon to start planning exhibits.

My hope is that 2021 will be a gradual return to programming that we have come to expect at TLS. The video system is now installed and should help facilitate instructor demos in our classes. We will continue to expand our class curriculum with new classes and workshops.

In the meantime, it is my hope and wish that everyone stays safe and healthy as we welcome in 2021!

Linda Green
President, TLS

Given the current situation with Covid-19 infections, the TLS Board of Directors decided to cancel the upcoming Winter Term of classes and workshops. We hope to resume classes and workshops during the spring and/or summer terms.

WINTER CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELED!

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

NEWS AND NOTES

—Condolences to the friends and family of Ernie Purcell who passed away on December 3rd. He will be missed.

—A huge thank you to Kathy Hobsen, Rick Hellman, Linda Lakitsky, and Frank Warner for all of their hard work as Committee Chairs and Officers these past few years.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Jan. 13: TLS General Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

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

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— From Janet Young, Recording Secretary

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The Board meeting was called to order on December 2, 2020 at 7:32 p.m. by Linda Green through ZOOM. The minutes of the November Board Meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Warner distributed the Draft Budget for 2021 spreadsheet and the November transactions to all Board members. The spreadsheet contained results for 2015 – 2019, the 2020 budget, 2020 actuals from January 1 through November 21, and a draft 2021 budget. The draft assumes Gemarama 2021 next November will be held, but that pandemic restrictions will affect course offerings with small classes to be offered through next summer, and with a normal fall term planned. The recent grant of \$21,500 and a comfortable cash balance provide a cushion against reduced tuition income.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Stacey Segal reported no new membership applications for this period. Stacey delivered membership packets and badges to new members through email and USPS.

Programs: Linda Green announced that the December General Meeting will feature the election of officers and a director, member awards, and will end with a video. The January General Meeting will feature videos about pearls and the February meeting will feature a presentation by Scott Sucher on The Arts of Grinding and Polishing. Sucher is an expert in the history and cutting of famous diamonds. A "Programs" committee is being considered for the future.

Education/Classes/Registrar: Lisa Laffend said that all class announcement letters were emailed on Monday. Bill Frampton reported the winter term is moving forward and many classes are already full.

Education Center/Facilities & Equipment: John Chickadel reported that Kramer Associates will conduct HVAC inspection and replace the MERV11 filters tomorrow, December 3. The Repair Squad is still scheduled to repair the roof. John will turn off the water to the outside hoses.

Acquisitions: Doug McNicol reported that he received a donation from the estate of Charlotte Linzey which includes slabs, cabochons, and miniature trees (many unfinished).

Class Manager: Steve Hansen has agreed to take the class manager position and is discussing turnover plans with Kathy Hobson.

Equipment & Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf reported that the video system is complete. There are some minor issues that he will attend to soon.

Library & eBay: Stacey Segal reports that Gemarama items continue to be listed on eBay and some new items will be listed as well. There is no library news this month.

Gemarama: Linda Lakitsky will work with Barry Messino during December and January to get her started with her leadership role for 2021 Gemarama. The January 20 meeting will be important in that we will be selecting vendors for 2021.

Old Business: Steve Hansen and the Board discussed issues

surrounding guest instructors during the pandemic. Kieu Pham Gray's already scheduled classes in January will be re-assessed next week.

New Business: Linda Green gave a pandemic update and discussion ensued about its effects on class size, tuition income and the possibility of further state restrictions. Linda also urged instructors to contact students about their recent travel activities. N-95 masks are available in the Ed Center. There was a lengthy discussion about the effects of the pandemic on the TLS 2021 budget (see Treasurer's Report above).

The General Meeting of December 9, 2020 by ZOOM was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Linda Green. In attendance were 28 members and 4 guests. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of November 9, 2020. Committee reports and other items discussed at the Board Meeting were briefly presented.

Linda Green welcomed all members, auxiliary members, and guests, and called for a moment of silence to remember those members who passed away during 2020: Shipley Newlin, on 1/9; Merrill Dickinson on 2/27; Roger Binns on 10/10; Charlotte Linzey on 10/30; and Ernie Purcell 12/3.

Frank Warner stated that membership dues for 2021 are completely voluntary. Approximately one third of the membership have contributed so far. Lisa Laffend will update the membership list and send cards to all members in January 2021. The checking account has a cash balance which allows TLS to operate through this pandemic.

Linda Green stated that we are still in need of a Program Chair and assistant, or a committee is needed to determine future programs.

Steve Hansen recognized each teacher at TLS and those who moderate the open sessions, as well as guest instructors. He also encouraged more members to consider teaching a course next year. Bill Frampton reported that many of the winter classes are full.

Steve Hansen reported no updates for the fall term and the winter term may need adjustments depending on further statewide COVID-19 restrictions. Steve has begun to plan for fall 2021 classes and workshops when (hopefully) normal class sizes will be permitted. Linda Green gave a pandemic update. In late November, Governor Wolf issued a stay-at-home advisory due to the high number of COVID-19 cases. TLS activities may be affected if further restrictions are imposed.

Frank Warner reported that the proposed budget was distributed and discussed by the Board at the December 2 meeting. Frank also reminded everyone that in September the by-laws limits were waived by the membership so that Linda Green could serve a third year as President and Stacey Segal a third year as Vice President. The slate of officers was presented and by unanimous membership vote, the following Board and Directors were elected: President-Linda Green; Vice-President-Stacey Segal; Treasurer-Ken Dahl; Recording Secretary-Janet Young; Corresponding Secretary-Eileen Magee; Director-Mimi Favre. Steve Hansen and Jody Shaw

will continue in the second year of their terms as Directors. John Chickadel’s appointment as Education Center Director will be continued. Barry Messino is appointed as Gemarama 2021 Chair and Linda Lakitsky is appointed Gemarama 2021 Co-Chair. Frank Warner will be Assistant Treasurer. Five Officers and five Directors constitute the Board of Directors.

Our General Meeting was a combination of the usual June and December meetings. Vice President Stacey Segal presented the 2020 Coren Award for New Member Service to Jody Shaw and the 2019 William P. Colio Memorial to Linda Green. Linda Green recognized Linda Lakitsky, outgoing Gemarama Chair, Rick Hellman, outgoing Programs Chair, Kathy Hobson, outgoing Class Manager, and Frank Warner, outgoing Treasurer. All will receive plaques. Linda extended a special thank you to Tony Lombardo for preparing the plaques on short notice.

Following the Presentation of Awards, member Bill Mattis introduced a video by Justin Thomas, owner of [Black Opal Direct](#). (More information follows in Lapidary Links.) The interesting video featured the step-by-step process of cutting, revealing, and finishing of a valuable piece of black opal.

–Janet Young, Recording Secretary

VISIT THE TLS eBAY SITE

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

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

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

TLS CLASS/MEETING CANCELATION SYSTEM

If an evening meeting or class at the TLS Education Center or a General Meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or other needs, an appropriate message will be put on the Center’s voicemail system by 4 p.m. that day. So, if you have concerns regarding any evening event, call the Center at 610-490-5252 after 4 p.m. and listen to the message. In addition, both daytime and evening instructors have the authority to cancel a class due to inclement weather at their discretion. Should this scenario occur, all affected students will be called by the respective instructor and, if possible, a message will be placed on the Center’s voicemail system.

If a General Meeting is canceled or an emergency or other circumstance requiring special attention occurs, the TLS Phone Tree and email-alert system will be activated.

ELECTION RESULTS

Election of TLS Officers and Board Members took place at the December General Meeting by Zoom. The slate of candidates as proposed by the nominating committee for 2021 was unanimously elected by acclamation.

- President- Linda Green
- Vice President- Stacey Segal
- Treasurer- Ken Dahl
- Recording Secretary- Janet Young
- Corresponding Secretary- Eileen Magee
- Director- Mimi Favre (2 year term)

Jody Shaw and Steve Hansen will continue in the second year of their terms as Directors. John Chickadel’s appointment as Education Center Director will be continued.

No nominations were made from the floor and the slate was unanimously accepted as proposed.

Newly appointed members are as follows:

- Assistant Treasurer-Frank Warner
- 2021 Gemarama Chair-Barry Messino
- 2021 Gemarama Co-Chair-Linda Lakitsky

FOLLOW TLS ON INSTAGRAM

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

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

- @tuscaroralapidary
- #gemarama
- #picturesinstone

CALENDAR

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

2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION: NEEDED!

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM CHAIR

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

DUTIES:

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

— From Linda Lakitsky, Gemarama Chair

GEMARAMA 2021

Thank you everyone for all you have done for Gemarama during my tenure as Show Chair. The last 3 show years have been very successful. I hope that you will continue to show your support during Barry Messino's tenure as Show Chair. I will be her assistant and guide through this year's Gemarama.

Our next Gemarama meeting will be Wednesday, January 20th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. If you are not part of the committee, please feel free to contact me, Linda Lakitsky at klakitsky@comcast.net and I will be sure you are added to the Zoom invitation. This meeting is important because we will be discussing our vendors and who will be invited to our show in November 2021.

Thank you all again,
Linda Lakitsky

P.S. Please remember that we still have items on eBay. Don't forget to check us out.

— Sheryl Dahl, Gemarama Demonstration Chair

GEMARAMA GRATITUDE

I would like to thank Christy Potter for her constant willingness to share her amazing beading talents, both this year and in years past, through her beading demonstrations. I also extend a HUGE "Thank You!" to Frank Warner for his invaluable assistance and excellent advice during multiple test sessions using Zoom -- we could not have done it without him. I'd also like to thank my husband, Ken, for his demonstrations, running Zoom and the camera, but most of all his unwavering support.

— 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 are being 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 on December 5 with subject "Corrected Version: TLS 2021 Voluntary Dues FINAL NOTICE" containing a personal link that can be used to voluntarily pay dues and update membership data online.

We appreciate voluntary dues payments this year since TLS does have ongoing expenses to cover, but please be assured that dues payments for 2021 are entirely voluntary. All such payments will be recorded in our financial system as donations. If you are not sure whether or not you have already sent in a dues donation for 2021, ask Frank at

frank.warner@earthlink.net.

If you have any updates to your address, phone number, or email address, please submit through our online system or send 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

JANUARY PROGRAM

The General Meeting program on January 13 at 7:30 (to be held by ZOOM) will feature several videos about cultured pearl farming. Come and join us!

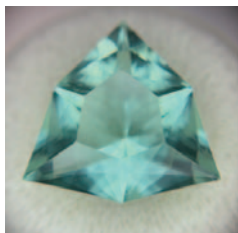
LAPIDARY LINKS

At our last General Meeting, members were able to see a fascinating video from Justin Thomas of Black Opal Direct. The website, blackopaldirect.com has a wealth of information about opals, including Opal 101 and a shop where you can purchase anything from opal rough to opal jewelry.

— From Steve Hansen

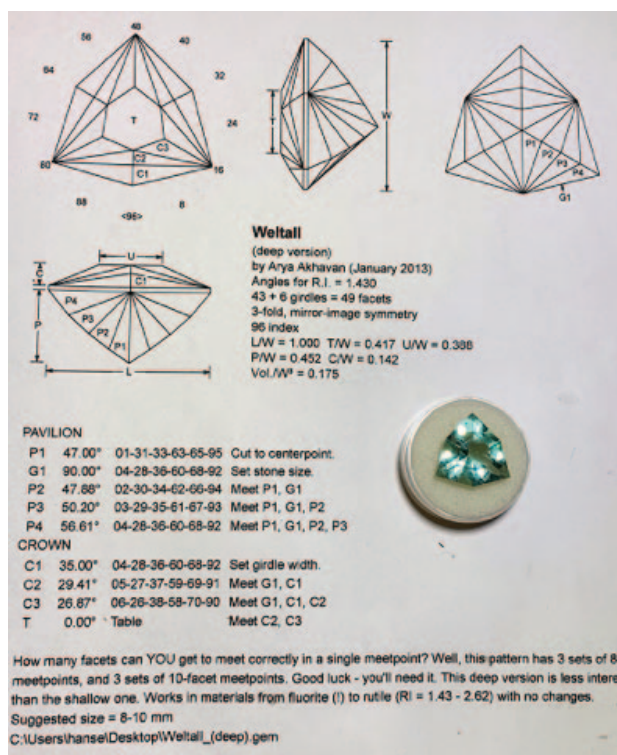
PHANTOM PHACETERS MEMORIAL MERRILL DICKINSON SR

In addition to being a TLS member, Merrill was a member of several local mineralogical clubs and a past president of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Merrill was a faceter and loved to facet marbles. Of the many stones in his extensive collection, a beautiful delicate green/blue Fluorite of his came across my workbench. With a hardness of 4 and perfect cleavage, faceting Fluorite can be a little tricky. Also, most faceting patterns are not suitable for the low refractive index, leading to “windowing” in the gemstone. After determining to cut the stone to give a good display of the color, I was able to identify a pattern (Weltall (deep) – A. Akhavan) that would work for Fluorite, with slight modification to remove a small imperfection from the crown of the stone.



While faceted Fluorite is often a collector stone, it can be set into jewelry with a protective setting. Merrill was a member of our faceting group and will be missed by all. (Note: Phantom Phaceter is the nom de plume used by members of our advanced faceters group)

-Photos and Faceting: Steve Hansen



THANK YOU

Several of our members are stepping down from their duties after giving much time and commitment to the TLS. We look forward to their continued participation in our activities, and would like to offer sincere thanks for the time and patience they have shown in helping the TLS be the great organization that it is. Here are some of their many accomplishments.

Rick Hellman

- Joined TLS September 2013
- Coren Award recipient in 2016
- Vice President 2015-2016 (with President Joe Rokosky; acted as President for much of 2016 as Joe was ill).
- President 2017-2018
- Assistant Program Chair 2016-2018
- Program Chair 2019-2020



Kathy Hobson

- Joined October 2013
- Board Director 2017-2018
- Class Manager October 2015 to 2020
- Awards Dinner Organizer/Master of Ceremonies
- Kathy has taught bead embroidery with Christy Potter and she always can be counted on to help everyone else in any of the classes she takes!



Linda Lakitsky

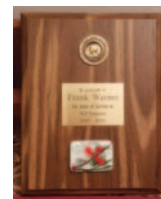
- Joined June 2015
- Coren Award 2017
- Assistant Registrar 2016, Registrar Spring 2017, Assistant Registrar since then
- Gemarama Chair 2018, 2019, 2020
- Print Communications 2018-present and manages the Event Calendar on the Web site since 2017
- SKIP: Cabochon A/J



Linda teaches beginning and advanced cabs, lamp work bead making, glass fusing, and pâte de verre.

Frank Warner

- Joined December 1972
- Colio award 2004
- Gemarama Chair 1977, 1991, 2001, 2002
- Vice President 2003-2004 (with President Jim Johnston)
- President 2005-2006
- Treasurer 2007-2020
- SKIP: Cabochons A/J/M; Faceting A/J/M; Spheres A/J/M; Intarsia A; Channel A/J



Frank was the person who started teaching the MLSN classes and the recent incarnation of sphere making. He also started all of the glass classes - lampwork bead making, marbles, flowers, fusing, pâte de verre, fire bucket and invited all of the external lampworking instructors.

— From Stacey Segal, Vice President

2020 COREN AWARD

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.



This year’s Coren Award recipient has been an enthusiastic participant in many TLS activities since she joined in January 2018. Just listen to what some members have said in support of her nomination:

- She is a very active member who does not hesitate to volunteer and participate in club activities.
- She is a great asset to TLS.

This year’s recipient has served in various capacities since joining TLS. Since becoming a member, she has increasingly taken on more responsibilities.

- She joined the Board of Directors in 2020.
- She took over as the editor of the Tuscarora Bulletin in 2020.
- She has volunteered in other capacities including our annual Gemarama show.

For all these contributions in the short time she has been a TLS member, I am pleased to present **Jody Shaw** with the Coren Award for 2020.



-Editor’s Note-Thank You!!



TEACHER APPRECIATION

A HUGE thank you to all of our 2020 instructors and open session monitors for sharing knowledge and expertise at the Education Center. Your patience, time, and effort is much appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to attend one of your classes or sessions.

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| <i>Stacey Segal</i> | <i>John Chickadel</i> | <i>Linda Lakitsky</i> |
| <i>Joanne Morris</i> | <i>Barry Messino</i> | <i>Ron Goodman</i> |
| <i>Sharon Parsons</i> | <i>Tami O’Connell</i> | <i>Lisa Laffend</i> |
| <i>Elaine Pataky</i> | <i>Bill Frampton</i> | <i>Linda Green</i> |
| <i>Eileen Magee</i> | <i>Terry Fain</i> | <i>Frank Warner</i> |
| <i>Steve Hansen</i> | | |



— From Steve Hansen, Class Manager

CLASS INFORMATION

2020 has been a difficult year for workshops and classes with the closure of the Ed Center. The Fall reopening with scaled down class offerings and class sizes has restricted member access to these resources, and the smaller class sizes make it challenging to bring in outside instructors at affordable tuition rates. As we continue through this difficult lull in activities, I would encourage each of you to consider (and make known) the kinds of classes and workshops you would like to attend as our normal operating schedule resumes. More importantly, I would like each of you to consider the kind of class you would like to teach next year. Other TLS members are anxious to learn new skills and techniques that you are experienced in.

— From Stacey Segal, Vice President

2020 COLIO AWARD

The William P. Colio Memorial Award is presented annually 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. The award is for contributions in the year just completed or in the years leading up to that time.



Our Colio Award winner for 2019 joined TLS in May 2013 and has since contributed a great deal of her time, efforts and knowledge to making TLS the great organization it is today. Just listen to what some members have said in support of her nomination:

- She has shown true dedication to our mission. She tirelessly works on a multitude of activities going on at TLS.
- She can always be counted on when there’s a call for volunteers.
- She is continually seeking out new skills, techniques, and useful tools and passing this knowledge on to others at TLS.

Here are some of this year’s recipient’s wonderful accomplishments:

- She has been a faithful volunteer at Gemarama, the Delco Arts Week 2019 open house, and many other TLS activities.
- She is a Metals Teacher and a Supervisor for Open Metals sessions.
- She has been our Social Media chair since July 2017 and continues to post regular updates on behalf of TLS on Instagram and Facebook.
- With her background as a medical doctor in the field of Allergy and Immunology, she was instrumental in helping to establish the COVID-19 Health and Safety Procedures for TLS during the current ongoing pandemic. She continually keeps up to date with the latest information from federal, state and county health officials and holds TLS to the highest safety standards with regards to protecting our members, students and guests.

She was TLS Vice President from 2017 to 2018, and for the past 2 years she has been TLS President. Due to her great leadership, medical expertise, and for the guidance she’s provided to help us navigate the challenges we’ve faced during the pandemic, she is about to embark on her 3rd year as President. We are so grateful for her stewardship through these unprecedented times. Her selfless contributions to our organization will surely help see us through to better days ahead.



She has shown herself to be an outstanding volunteer and leader since joining TLS. Please join me in congratulating our 2019 Colio Award winner, **Linda Green**.

—From Frank Warner

TLS History Series #7

TLS Bylaws, Part 1: 1957 - October 1979

The formative meeting of the Society was March 13, 1957. By the third meeting on April 8, 1957, a bylaw committee proposed a Charter and the first set of bylaws, both of which were adopted. Members were required to have a sincere interest in lapidary. The registration fee was \$3, dues \$0.50/month. Members were subject to suspension if absent from three consecutive meetings without just cause. Meetings were to be held the second Wednesday of the month in “several homes of members until such time as a regular meeting place shall be established.” A quorum for the transaction of business was to consist of those present.

Initial officers consisted of a president, secretary, and treasurer. A vice president was added in March 1960. The position of assistant treasurer was added in April 1971, and dropped in 1986. In October 1984, the position of secretary was split into recording secretary and corresponding secretary.

The first major revisions occurred in March 1965. That bylaw revision introduced two classes of members: Regular and Dealer. Dealer members were not permitted to vote or to hold office, but could serve on committees. The registration fee was still \$3, dues \$0.50/month. Meetings were now held at the Delaware County Institute of Science, 11 South Avenue, Media, PA. It was specified that there would be no meetings in July and August. The quorum was set at one-quarter of the active membership. Members were still subject to suspension if they missed three consecutive meetings without satisfactory explanation. An auditing committee was added, and the bylaws now stipulated that should the Society cease to exist, any remaining assets would become the property of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies.

TLS was incorporated in the state of Delaware on April 10, 1967. In a November 1967 bylaw revision, “Inc.” was added to the name of the Society to reflect the recent incorporation. This bylaw revision also included three classes of members: Regular, Life, and Dealer. It was stipulated that there could be a maximum of six Life Members at any given time, and that Life Members could not hold office but could participate in committee activities.

In preparation for the filing of an application for federal tax exempt status, an article was added to the bylaws in April 1968 specifying that no part of the net earnings of TLS will inure to the benefit of any private individual, no substantial part of the activities of the Society will attempt to influence legislation, and that the Society will not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The Society's tax exempt status (501(c)(3)) was approved in October, 1968.

In May 1969, dues were changed to \$6 per year, no longer payable monthly. Registration was still \$3. In February 1972, the registration fee was increased to \$5, and dues to \$10 per year, except for retired members who could pay \$6 if they wished. An April 1975 revision provided for inactive status for

Life Members who were permanently relocated outside a reasonable commuting distance or unable to participate due to health. Such inactive Life Members would not be counted in the six-member limit for Life Members. Suspension of Regular Members for missing three consecutive meetings without satisfactory explanation still held.

In November 1977, the registration fee was increased to \$15 and dues to \$10 per year. The Honorary Member category was created, so at that time there were four classes of membership: Regular, Life, Dealer, and Honorary. Membership in TLS was not a requirement for an Honorary Member. Only one Honorary Member could be nominated per calendar year, with at most five at any time. The bylaws were changed so that Life Members could now hold office and participate in the Society in any capacity. A new Article XV regarding the use of Capital Funds was added. Finally, the membership requirement of “access to cutting and polishing equipment” was changed to “own individually or jointly lapidary equipment.”

The Junior Member category was added to the TLS bylaws in October 1979. The provision for retired members to pay dues of \$6 was dropped. Also the penalty of possible suspension for missing three consecutive meetings was dropped. An Article XVI on Parliamentary Procedures was added.

10% DISCOUNT!

Thunder Spirit Designs is offering TLS members a 10% discount on purchases of cabs or slabs from their Etsy site.

Discount Code: TLSTSD

Their sales site: thunderspiritdesigns.etsy.com

Purchases over \$35 will qualify for free shipping.

TLS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

TLS now has its own YouTube channel. You can gain access to our channel by clicking the red YouTube logo in the “Follow us on Social Media” section at the bottom of our website home page, lapidary.org, or go to page 10 here in the Bulletin and click on the YouTube logo. 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.

**FEBRUARY BULLETIN DEADLINE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22**

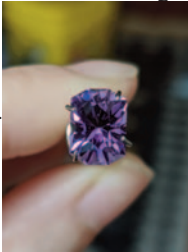
—Jody Shaw, Editor

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month our spotlight will be on a newer member of TLS. Christina Griffin joined in 2020 and took her first classes in 2019. She describes herself as creative, hard-working, and optimistic. She found the TLS while looking for some jewelry classes in the Philadelphia area. The faceting class really piqued her interest because she had never seen a class like that offered anywhere else. She liked it so much that she took the class a few more times and bought a faceting machine! She is new to lapidary classes, but loves being a part of the learning experience.



Christina grew up in Oakland, New Jersey, where she spent a lot of time drawing, painting, and doing crafts. Some of her earliest memories were of her grandmother, who also loved to paint and bake, teaching her how to draw and doing art with her. She got her interested early and she never really could picture herself not doing something creative after that. Art was her favorite class in school. She went to Rutgers University-Mason Gross School of the Arts, where she concentrated on photography, drawing, and painting.



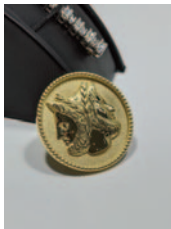
Although Christina had experimented with bead stringing in high school, it was after college that she got into some wire and metal work. She liked it so much that she ended up getting a job in jewelry manufacturing and learned 3D CAD design, and has been working in the jewelry industry ever since.

Her husband, a music instructor, has always been supportive of her creative journey, even when he tells her that she should cut the stones that were purchased before buying more rough. She also enjoys hiking, sourdough bread baking (like everyone else who picked it up during the pandemic!), and cooking.

One of her favorite jewelry industry experiences was when a lady whose grandfather owned a pawnshop in the 30's came into the store where she was working with an enormous collection of pawned antique jewelry. She had a lot of fun sorting through it all and even bought a few pieces of jewelry for herself.

Christina and her husband traveled to Rome, Florence, and Venice in 2017. She loved visiting all of the museums and looking at pretty much everything in the ancient city of Rome!

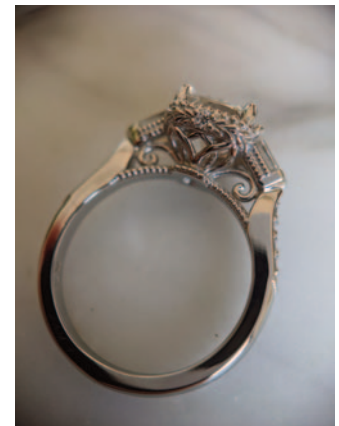
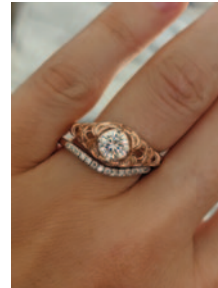
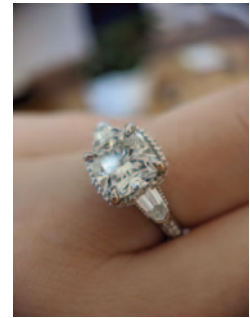
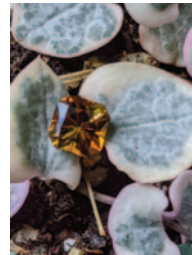
Although not a teacher, Christina is a CAD jewelry designer. She makes 3D models of custom jewelry designs and 3D prints them for casting into metal. She does work for jewelers and also has her own business designing and selling fine jewelry to her own clients. She has a small studio in the Bok Building in South Philadelphia where she meets clients to



discuss jewelry designs. She mostly does custom jewelry right now, but hopes to make a small jewelry line to sell in the future. Her website is christinagriffinjewelry.com and you can find her on Instagram @cgriffinjewelry.

Christina likes following gemstone artists on Instagram. Her favorites are Dalan Hargrave, Roger Dery, and Top Notch Faceting's gemstone work.

Christina's favorite disciplines are faceting and 3D modeling. Here are some pictures of stones that she has cut and some finished jewelry that she made from 3D models.



TLS PHONE TREE (1/1/21)

The TLS Phone Tree is used to notify local members in case of a meeting cancellation, an emergency, or another circumstance requiring special attention. Those whose names appear in bold will be called with the pertinent information and asked, in turn, to call the members listed in their 'square'. Linda Green starts the chain. Please note: All calls should be made even if an email notification has been sent with the same information. Remember, not everyone has email and many of those who do, don't always check it daily. **If you don't feel that you're able to handle this responsibility, if your phone number is missing or incorrect, or if you would rather have another phone number listed, please notify Jody Shaw by calling/texting 856-981-0306 or emailing jodyshawTLS@gmail.com.**

If a General, Board, or Gemarama Meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or other unfortunate circumstance, an appropriate message will be put on the Education Center's voice-mail system by 4 p.m. that day. If you have concerns, call the Center at 610-490-5252 after 4 p.m.

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FUNNY QUOTES FOR 2020

1. For the first time in history, we can save the human race by lying in front of the TV and doing nothing. —Unknown
2. The bright side of 2020 being the worst year ever is that it will drastically reduce the “hindsight is 2020” jokes. —Unknown
3. So far, 2020 is like looking both ways before you cross the street and then getting hit by an airplane. —Unknown
4. Day 7 of social distancing: Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He’s a web designer. —Unknown
5. Can we uninstall 2020 and install it again? This version has a virus. —Unknown
6. Coronavirus has turned us all into dogs: We roam the house looking for food, we’re told “no” if we get too close to strangers, and we get really excited about car rides and walks. —Unknown
7. Kids who were taught common core math are about to learn ‘carry the one’ from their new homeschool teacher. —The Super Mom Life
8. Due to quarantine, I’ll only be telling inside jokes. —Dad Says Jokes
9. “I’m not working out with a mask on” is my new favorite excuse for not working out. —The Cat Whisperer
10. I’m not saying I’m going to suck at homeschooling my kids but my daughter just asked, “Dad, what’s a synonym?”
 And I replied, “It’s a spice.” —Joe Heenan
11. I picked a hell of a time not to have learned how to cook for the past 29 years. —Alyssa Limperis
12. After years of swearing that I couldn’t clean my house because I didn’t have enough time, 2020 has proven that may have not been the reason. —Unknown
13. My husband and I switched sides of the bed this weekend and that’s what we call “vacation” now. —Ilana Glazer
14. What day is it? —Unknown