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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here, everything is blooming, and summer is around the corner. Spring classes at TLS are well underway, including the Main Line School Night weekend cabbng classes. The Summer class schedule will be published very soon. Registration will be open on May 24, 2021.

Work is underway planning for expanded fall class offerings, including workshops with Kieu Pham Gray. She also plans to record and broadcast a live tour of our Education Center. This will be great publicity for us with her followers.

At TLS, the health, safety and well-being of our members and students remains a top priority especially as a significant percentage of our members are high risk. As we actively evaluate the recent changes in state and CDC guidance, we will continue to require face masks for all teachers, students and visitors to the Education Center.

While I do miss seeing many of you in person, I look forward to our monthly Zoom meetings. The May General Meeting featured a video about the Hope Diamond, which was awesome. It was great to see the role Scott Sucher played in determining its origin. I hope you will join us during our June General Meeting via Zoom. We will be honoring our instructors and presenting the Coren, Colio and SKIP awards. We also plan to recognize the many talents and interests of our members during the pandemic. I can't wait to see what everyone has been up to.

The TLS booth at the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society's outdoor show, Mineral Treasures, on May 8 was a great success. Lots of items were sold and everyone had a good time. Many visitors stopped by to inquire about TLS and Gemarama. We hope to participate in more outdoor shows in the future.

At the last Gemarama meeting we discussed how to safely hold a show during a pandemic and decided not to offer classes and to simplify our other offerings. Many of our vendors are returning and we do have some new vendors. Our next Gemarama meeting is June 16, 2021.

I hope to see everyone in June. Stay safe and healthy.

—Linda Green, TLS President

TLS NEWS AND NOTES

-Get well wishes to Barry Messino who is on the mend after many months fighting illness.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 2: TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.
- June 9: TLS General Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.
- June 16: Gemarama Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.



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



JUNE PROGRAM

This month we will celebrate TLS members with a slideshow of works in progress done outside the Ed Center during the pandemic. These do not need to be lapidary projects! Final deadline for submissions is June 5th. Show us your sewing, the masks you've been making, your woodworking, your DIY home improvement, or the family band you started during the quarantine! We want to see how you kept busy during the many months our time together was restricted or canceled altogether.

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: [@yokomcggillicutty](https://www.instagram.com/yokomcggillicutty) or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/yoko.k.mcgillicutty/>



SUMMER BULLETIN DEADLINE

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

60+ YEARS OF TEACHING . . . LEARNING . . . SHARING
WE TEACH THE JOURNEY FROM ROCK TO GEM TO JEWELRY.

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— From Janet Young, Recording Secretary

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The Board Meeting was called to order on May 5, 2021 at 7:35 p.m. by Linda Green through ZOOM. The minutes of the April Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

Announcements: Barry Messino has had health challenges for months and very recently returned home from the hospital.
Treasurer’s Report: Ken Dahl distributed the April Transaction Report and Balance Sheet which detailed cash on hand at the end of April and the flow of money in and out for the month. Nineteen 2021 Gemarama vendors submitted checks. The \$1000.00 TLS scholarship for a Sun Valley High School student will be awarded. The final sales total from the special one day sale of March 20 is \$1,119.71.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Kathy Lopez continues to request photos of members’ projects done at home in the last year. These will be presented at the June Awards meeting. The program for the General Meeting of May 12 will be a video about the Hope Diamond.

Education Center: John Chickadel has scheduled Kramer Associates to conduct a HVAC inspection and filter replacement on May 20. He will hang the latest CDC COVID-19 guidelines posters in the center.

Class Manager: Steve Hansen stated that the Summer Class Schedule has been approved by the teachers and he has begun working on the fall term. Kieu Pham Gray has requested permission to record and broadcast a live tour of the TLS Ed Center following her workshops. The Board had no objections.

Acquisitions: Doug McNicol reported that a grinder was donated.

Equipment & Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf stated that he will complete the jewelry bench compressed air system upgrade as soon as he is able. A cleanup in the mechanical room is needed.

Library and eBay: Stacey Segal stated that items continue to sell on eBay. A couple of mineral specimens will be conveyed to Doug McNicol for offer at the PMS sale on May 8.

Gemarama: It was decided that classes would not be offered at Gemarama this year.

SKIP: Gene Awot thanked Linda Green and Stacey Segal for assistance in evaluating the SKIP Award for constructed jewelry. The signed award will be delivered to the recipient at the June Awards/General Meeting.

Old Business: Lisa Laffend reported on the latest DCAC news, including Spring Fling this Saturday and Delco Arts Week, the first week in October. She urged continued support for the arts in this community. In addition, the Chester County Art Studio Tour will be held May 15 and 16, and the Yellow Springs Art Show runs through May 23. Doug McNicol reported that he has a team of volunteers for the TLS Booth at the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society show on Saturday, May 8. Linda Green reported that Paul Stieff installed a wifi extender in the Ed

Center and observed upload and download improvement in all spots. John Chickadel initiated a discussion regarding the exterior spalling bricks. The situation will continue to be monitored.

New Business: Linda Green gave an update on COVID-19 and a discussion about how classes will be affected in the coming months ensued.



The General Meeting of May 12, 2021 by ZOOM was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Linda Green. In attendance were 27 members and 1 nonmember. Previous meeting minutes were approved. Committee reports and other items discussed at the Board Meeting were briefly presented.

Linda Green welcomed Barry Messino to the meeting tonight, following Barry’s illness.

Ken Dahl reported a net cash increase during the month of April due to the receipt of nineteen vendor checks received for Gemarama 2021.

Kathy Lopez put her contact information in the “chat” and requested information and photos related to members’ projects done at home in the last year. These will be part of the program for the June Awards meeting. A video about the Hope Diamond will be shown this evening.

Steve Hansen stated that the Summer Class Schedule is complete and he has begun working on the Fall Term. TLS will hold the first of our spring 2021 capping workshops advertised through Main Line School Night this weekend.

Stacey Segal stated that items continue to sell on eBay. She has relisted the two large mineral samples returned from the PMS sale.

Linda Green reported that the Gemarama committee wants to simplify the event this year. Online ticketing is being researched.

Linda Green stated that a SKIP award will be presented at the June meeting.

Lisa Laffend reported that Delco Arts Week is the first week in October. She will list TLS classes and future events on Delcoarts.org. Doug McNicol thanked Ellen and Don Schwarzkopf, Lisa Laffend and Ken Dahl for their help at the Philadelphia Mineral Society outdoor sale. TLS realized a profit of \$400 - \$500.

Following the business meeting, the program proceeded with a National Geographic DVD, “Secrets of the Hope Diamond.” Featured prominently in the DVD is Scott Sucher, who was our speaker in February. Scott cuts a replica of the Tavernier Blue Diamond in cubic zirconia.

—Janet Young, Recording Secretary



—From Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

July/August	Friday, June 18
September	Friday, August 6
October	Friday, September 17
November	Friday, October 22
December	Friday, November 19

COVID UPDATE, MAY 2021

The health and well-being of all members and students of the TLS community continue to be our top priority. Anticipating the need for social distancing to continue for some time, we are taking steps to arrange a small variety of classes for the Summer semester with reduced student limits and enhanced sanitizing precautions. All students will be required to wear face masks and follow safety guidelines that will be reviewed when entering the facility. [TLS COVID-19 Safety Plan](#)

Summer Classes Begin July 10, 2021

TLS Education Center, 24 Upland Road,
Brookhaven, PA 19015

TLS offers classes to adults interested in pursuing lapidary and jewelry arts. No previous experience is needed unless a prerequisite is noted. In some courses and workshops there is an additional charge for supplies and equipment. Pricing for classes is listed for members (M) and non-members (NM). Membership requires completion of Beginning Cabochon or Faceting class, participation in two TLS monthly meetings, and willingness to participate as a volunteer in TLS activities. Course details, including the required supply and tool lists for many classes, and our online registration system, may be found at <https://www.lapidary.org/classes-summer-2021>. Fees for supplies are **payable to the instructors**, and may depend on the choice of materials.

REFUND POLICY: If you wish to withdraw from a class, workshop, or open shop session, you must notify the Registrar by phone or email. Payment will be refunded 100% if you withdraw before the course, workshop, or open shop session begins. For multi day courses (not workshops or open shop sessions), payment will be refunded 80% if you withdraw before the second class. No refunds are given after the second meeting of a multiday course. No refunds are given after the first day of a multi day workshop. No refunds are given for missed open shop sessions. (Exception: Members may receive a 50% refund, if requested, after missing an open slab-saw session.)

Students are enrolled in the order that online payments or checks and registration forms are received. *Please note:* Checks for full tuition must accompany the registration form in order to reserve a spot in the class. *Send registration form and check to Bill Frampton, Registrar, 168 Creek Dr., Elkton, MD 21921.* For additional questions or more information contact our Registrar, Bill Frampton, , 443-553-5805.

WEEKDAY CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

MONDAY

(Su21AC7-12) Advanced Cabochons: (5 weeks beginning July 12, 2021) 7:30-9:30PM. Members only. Limit 3. Instructor: Stacey Segal. Tuition: M\$40.

WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

(Su21BC7-17) Beginning/Intermediate Cabochons: (Saturday/Sunday, July 17 & 18) 9AM-5PM. Limit 4. Learn how to cut and polish rounded gemstone shapes. Open to new students and those honing their skills in cutting and polishing cabochons. *Note: non-members have priority in Beginning Cabochons class. Members must register by sending a registration form and check to the Registrar and will be placed on a wait list (in the order they are received) until after the registration deadline.* Instructor: **Bill Frampton**. Tuition: NM\$130/M\$70.

(Su21GA8-14) Borosilicate Glass Flowers: (Two-day workshop, Saturday & Sunday, August 14 & 15) 9AM-5PM. Members Only. COVID-19 vaccination required. Limit 4. For students who have not previously taken the glass flower workshop. **Prerequisite:** *TLS glass beadmaking or glass marble workshop.* Learn to make a variety of glass flowers. **Instructor:** Frank Warner. Tuition M\$115.

(Su21FT8-29) Virtual Faceting Using Gem Cut Studio: (Sunday, August 29) 1PM-4PM. Minimum 3. **ZOOM WORKSHOP.** We will have a tutorial on how to use Gem Cut Studio software (Rej Poirer; <https://gemcutstudio.com>). We will use Gem Cut Studio to modify existing faceting designs, generate faceting designs from a sketch, and look at the steps required to generate new faceting designs. Instructor: **Steve Hansen**. Tuition: NM\$40/M\$20.

OPEN SHOP SESSIONS

(Su21OC) Open Cabbing: (Saturdays, 10AM-4PM: 7/10, 8/21, and Tuesdays, 9AM-3PM: 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24). Limit 3. **Prerequisite:** *One TLS beginning cabbing class.* Supervisors: **Stacey Segal (Saturdays) or Bill Frampton (Tuesdays).** Fee: NM\$33/M\$27 per day.

(Su21OS) Open Slab Saw: (Saturdays, 10AM-4PM: 7/10, 8/21, and Tuesdays, 9AM-3PM: 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24). **Members Only. Prerequisite:** *Must be certified for slab saw use.* May be taken concurrently with open cabbing. Supervisors: **Stacey Segal (Saturdays) or Bill Frampton (Tuesdays).** Fee: \$10 per hour. Indicate date and preference for AM or PM. Actual times will be scheduled by the Registrar.

(Su21OM) Open Metalsmithing/Soldering: (Saturdays: 7/24, 8/7, and Mondays: 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23) 10AM-4PM. Limit 4. **Prerequisite:** *One TLS silver class or equivalent (as approved by Supervisor).* Supervisors: **Stacey Segal (Saturdays) or Linda Green (Mondays).** Fee: NM\$33/M\$27 per day.

(Su21OT) Open Torch (Bead-making): (Saturday and/or Sunday, July 31 & August 1, August 21 & 22) 9AM-5PM. Limit 4. **Prerequisite:** *One TLS glass bead-making class.* Coordinator: **Frank Warner**. Fee: NM\$44/M\$36 per day.

GEMARAMA UPDATE

Planning for this year's Gemarama as an in-person show continues. A final decision as to whether or not we will go ahead with the show at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks on November 6 & 7 will be made at the next Gemarama meeting on June 16, 2021, via Zoom.

A few decisions have already been made. There will be no classes at Gemarama this year, the admissions process will be simplified due to COVID restrictions, and dealer positions are a work in progress.

With that in mind, please keep thinking about the Single Stone Exhibit and Silent Auction Donations for the show. We will need these items if the show does take place. Even if it is canceled, we use these items at other times during the year, or could save them for the future.

—From the Gemarama Committee

IN THE NEWS

New Study on Zircons Finds Plate Tectonics Began 3.6 Billion Years Ago

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-of-natural-history/2021/05/14/new-study-zircons-finds-plate-tectonics-began-36-billion-years-ago/>

Vivid Violet Sugilite: A Rare Precious Stone

<http://www.geologyin.com/2021/05/vivid-violet-sugilite-rare-precious.html>

Scientists Find A New Way To Tell Ages And Origins Of Diamonds <http://www.geologyin.com/2021/05/scientists-find-new-way-to-tell-ages.html>

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TLS CLASS REGISTRATION SUMMER 2021

Please list classes wanted, including class codes:

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone (____) _____

Work phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Email _____

A CHECK FOR FULL TUITION (PAYABLE TO TLS) MUST ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION FORM.

Mail form and check to: Tuscarora Lapidary Society, c/o Bill Frampton, Registrar, 168 Creek Drive, Elkton, MD 21921

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Programs take a pause during the summer months, but we are scheduling now for the fall. If you have a program you'd like to present, or have suggestions for programming, please email kathy.lopez@me.com.

PARTICIPATION IN PHILADELPHIA MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OUTDOOR SALE

Ken Dahl, Lisa Laffend, Don and Ellen Schwarzkopf, and Doug McNicol staffed a booth at Saint Michael Park Mont Clare, PA on May 8, 2021. For sale were donated items received by TLS. Bill Frampton loaned the canopy and six tables and the Schwarzkopf's brought two tables and chairs. The weather cooperated – cool in the morning, warming up when the sun came out and cooling down in the afternoon when the wind picked up. Rain came about 5 PM but we had decided to pack-up before then. The sale was very successful. About twenty boxes of cabochons, rough rocks, wire-wrapped trees, wood burls, a microscope, jewelry display boxes and books/magazines were displayed at the start of the show. All that was returned to the Education Center was one plastic tub that is one third full. There were very few times when we had no customers. TLS netted \$468.12 at the sale.

Highlights of the day included finding a good home for all jewel trees from the estate of Charlotte Linzey with a woman who makes them herself. She informed us that she intended to finish them and would credit Charlotte with their design. All the wood burls received from Charlotte also were sold. Approximately one dozen TLS members stopped by to shop and chat. We received many inquiries regarding whether we intended to stage our Gemarama show in November.

—From Frank Warner

TLS History Series #12

TLS Treasurers

The Treasurer is a TLS Officer elected for a term of one year from January to December. The Treasurer may succeed himself/herself indefinitely at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the General Membership.

1957-1958	Paul Bankes
1959-1960	Herman Richter
1961	Mable Alice Paul
1962	Laurie Markuson
1963	Geraldine Privoznik
1964-1966	Herman Richter
1967-1970	Charles Whitcroft
1971	Helen Roach
1972-1974	Vincent Femia
1975-June 1978	Mack Lingenfelter
July 1978-1979	Howard Walter
1980-1981	Sam Schwartz
1982-1983	Gary Statton
1984	Peter Santucci
1985	Nate Maglietto
1986-1989	Shirley Heyburn
1990-1998	Robert Jacobsen
1999-2000	Kathy Statton
2001-2005	Gary Statton
2006	Linda Ratsep
2007-2020	Frank Warner
2021	Kenneth Dahl

TLS Secretaries

In 1983, the Society's secretarial duties began to be shared, and in October 1984 a split of secretarial duties was made a part of the Bylaws with the deletion of the position of Secretary from the Officers of the Society and the addition of the positions of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. In the list below, the first name for years beginning with 1983 is that of the Recording Secretary, the second name is that of the Corresponding Secretary.

The Recording and Corresponding Secretaries are TLS Officers elected for a term of one year from January to December. They may succeed themselves for a maximum term of not more than five consecutive years.

1957-1958	Elizabeth Barrett
1959	Weltha Kettimon
1960-1966	Evelyn Smith
1967-June 1978	Evelyn Smith Lawn
July 1978-1979	Harriet Stark
1980-1981	Betty Murphy
1982	Robert Jacobsen
1983	Shirley Statton / Margo Franklin
1984-1987	Ray Getty / Betty Murphy
1988-1990	Ray Getty / Dick Young
1991	Ray Getty / Lois Edge

1992	Catherine Johnson / Lois Edge
1993-April 1995	Catherine Johnson / Lee Adams
May 1995-1996	Catherine Johnson / Elsie Harrison
1997-1998	Carol Mattheiss / Betty Smith
1999-2000	Gayle Flaer / Betty Margerum
2001-2003	Ellen Schwarzkopf / Betty Margerum
2004-2005	Ellen Schwarzkopf / Lola Fields
2006	Andrew Schmith / Lola Fields
2007	Heidi Thompson / James Johnston
2008	Heidi Thompson / James Freeze
2009-2010	Dora Johns / James Freeze
2011-2012	Pamela Wingrod / Kathy Statton
2013	Pamela Wingrod / Cristin Weber
2014	Pamela Wingrod / Jill Kilmartin
2015-2018	Lisa Laffend / Jill Kilmartin
2019	Lisa Laffend / Eileen Magee
2020-2021...	Janet Young / Eileen Magee

CALENDAR

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

June 5, 2021 - Macungie, PA - Annual Mineralfest (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
CANCELED

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

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

August 20-22, 2021 - Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA - The Whole Bead Show, Indoors, In-Person

September 11 & 12, 2021 - New Milford, CT - Annual Show of the Danbury Mineral Society

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 (All outdoors.)

November 6 & 7, 2021 - The Tuscarora Lapidary Society's 52nd Annual Gemarama Gem, Jewelry, and Lapidary Show - "Pictures in Stone" - Halls D & E, Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month's member spotlight is on Maxine Burkholder. She has been a TLS member for 12 years. She found TLS through Gemarama. She considered Gemarama to be the best place to buy cabochons when she started making jewelry. Her favorite disciplines are silver and gold jewelry and quilting.



Maxine was born in Harrisburg, PA but lived all over the United States (wherever her father's jobs took them), finally graduating from high school in Carlisle, PA. She graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, and she took every art course that would fit into her schedule.

Maxine was a Chemist for McNeil Pharmaceuticals when Johnson and Johnson bought the company. She quit when her first child was born and didn't return to work until her son and daughter were in school. At that time, they were living in Huntingdon, PA where there were no jobs available for a chemist. With so much math background, she got into accounting and computer programming. She moved to the Media area where she eventually became Controller for Upper Providence Township (now retired).

Maxine began drawing lessons at 8 years old and her mom taught her to use the sewing machine at a young age as well. She was sewing and making clothes for her family, and eventually got involved in quilting. She generally does non-traditional art quilt wall hangings. Maxine is also a watercolor painter and also did etchings for a number of years. When she went back to work full time, there wasn't much time for painting and a jeweler friend got her started on metals (where it doesn't matter if you get interrupted), and took her first class at the Art Center in Wallingford, 35 years ago. She always bought her cabs until about 12 plus years ago when she started with TLS and began making her own.

Since retirement, Maxine has been fortunate to finally travel outside the US. She has been all over and enjoyed each place. She finds the world to be diverse and fascinating everywhere. On a tour in Australia, she went to a shop that cut and made opal jewelry from their own mines. One of the jewelers noticed a piece of her jewelry that she was wearing and asked about it. When he realized she was a jeweler, too, he took her on a tour of their workrooms while everyone else was out front watching a film on opal mining. Something similar happened in Italy, when she was watching a man carve cameos outside the store. The owner brought her and her husband into the shop where they spent over 2 hours looking at his private collection of antique cameos. (They were unbelievable!)

Maxine has taught jewelry at the Art Center and she and Linda Green taught a "Funky Casting" workshop at TLS. She has also taught painting, drawing, and quilting over the years.

Maxine finds inspiration in lots of books and magazines and sometimes just wandering around online. Between the libraries at TLS and the Art Center Jewelry studio, there's enough to keep her reading for a long time. She visits the usual local gem and mineral shows, shops, and sometimes finds slabs on ebay. For quilting, she visits every fabric shop

or quilt show wherever she is traveling.

Maxine has a website and she does local craft shows to sell some of her work. She has also sold some of her artwork and quilts at shows where she has been an exhibitor. Her website can be found at www.MaxineBurkholderDesigns.com.

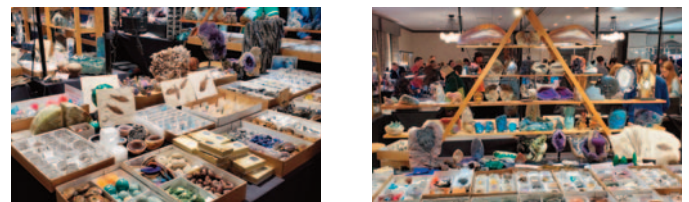
Maxine has won many awards in all media and has been accepted in many local and national juried shows. Her accomplishments and more information about her can be found on her webpage at http://maxineburkholderdesigns.com/about-the-artist/?doing_wp_cron=1621813419.6181609630584716796875. She has shared some of her work in pictures here.



VENDOR SPOTLIGHT THE PROSPECTOR'S SHOP

With the possibility of an in-person Gemarama on the horizon, our vendors for the show will be spotlighted in upcoming Bulletins. The Prospector's Shop, a long time Gemarama attendee, specializes in minerals, sterling silver rings with genuine gemstones, fossils, gift items related to the trade, along with rough rock and used equipment.

The business was established in 1992 and their clients include beginning to avid collectors.



LAPIDARY LINKS

For those of you who do chain maille, here is a link with information, projects, and tutorials for all levels.

<https://chainmail101.com/home>

If you have a favorite website to share with our members, please send the link to JodyshawTLS@gmail.com.

—From Lisa Laffend, Records Manager & Archivist

TLS DROPBOX

All TLS members can have access to the TLS Folder on Dropbox (a cloud storage service) through a password-protected link. TLS Folder contains *Bulletins* for 2019 & 2020, the TLS History Booklet, the current membership list, the TLS Policy & Procedure Manual, the TLS By-laws, and the SKIP Manual as well as the current TLS phone tree. No special software is required. The TLS Folder is accessed through any browser by using the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4nv0cxwys5lib8r/AAAlSr-kKMnZvF-F34v4b2Zka?dl=0>. Once you click on the link, you will be asked for a password. Contact me for that password. Once you have reached TLS Folder, you can view the contents in your browser. You can also download files to your computer, but note that downloaded files are disconnected from the Dropbox and will not receive periodic updates. For the most recent versions, always go through the link to the TLS Folder Dropbox. There are separate password-protected links to Dropboxes TLS Board for the Board and various committee chairs, and TLS Classes for our registrars, class manager, and teachers.

In addition we also have a Dropbox called TLS Public. This is a place where we can post information for our students accessed through a link which does not require a password. So far this Dropbox contains folders called 'Faceting' and 'Lampworking' which contain resources for students taking classes in these topics. The link to TLS Public is:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/spuemkt1xpwc2ms/AADug_sxxHrx7_7FsFY4B9Yka?dl=0 No password is required. The faceting students were sent a link specifically for the Faceting folder within TLS Public: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/itluhwzuyrtrq5/AAAYTN3hzvXFoNx0p0uY4gCaa?dl=0>. No password required. There is a separate link for the Lampworking folder:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/bmu3jcedc71rissy/AAC9Pb15OTCZGO M7_UISDXaVa?dl=0.

Other educational materials can be posted in the same way and made available to specific groups of students. Items for the TLS Public Dropbox should be sent to me along with a list, including email addresses, of those who should have access.

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.

FOLLOW TLS ON INSTAGRAM

In addition to Facebook we are now on Instagram ([@tuscaroralapidary](https://www.instagram.com/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

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.

—From Jody Shaw, TLS Bulletin Editor

EMAILED BULLETIN OPTION

TLS members with email have the option of receiving the TLS Bulletin by email as a PDF file. This saves TLS lots of \$\$\$ in printing and postage as well as being good for the environment, using less paper, and saving trees.

Plus, you get to see all the photos in full color AND you receive the newsletter at least one full day earlier than those who get it by USPS, which may come in handy when registering for classes. In addition, web links are active so you can just click and go to the site from the Bulletin page. The Bulletin can be "saved" on your computer for future reference. If a hard copy is easier for you to read, the PDF file can be printed out without losing format or graphics.

More than three-fourths of TLS members have already switched to the email option. If you, too, want to "go green" just drop me a note saying you'd like to opt for the email version of the Bulletin; my email address is jodyshawTLS@gmail.com. (This gives me a record of requests and lets me verify your email address.)

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NEWS FLASH

In case you needed further proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity, here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods.

- ❖ On a Sears hair dryer. "Do not use while sleeping." (Gee, that's the only time I have to work on my hair.)
- ❖ On a bag of Fritos: "You could be winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside." (Evidently, the shoplifter special.)
- ❖ On a bar of Dial soap: "Directions: Use like regular soap." (And that would be . . . how?)
- ❖ On some Swanson frozen dinners: "Serving suggestions: Defrost." (But it's just a suggestion.)
- ❖ On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom of box): "Do not turn upside down." (Oops, too late!)
- ❖ On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: "Product will be hot after heating." (As night follows day . . .)
- ❖ On packaging for a Rowenta iron: "Do not iron clothes on body." (But wouldn't this save time?)

- ❖ On Boots Children's Cough Medicine: "Do not drive a car or operate machinery after taking this medication." (We could do a lot to reduce the rate of auto accidents if we could just get those 5-year-olds with head-colds out from behind the wheel!)
- ❖ On Nytol Sleep Aid: "Warning: May cause drowsiness." (One would hope.)
- ❖ On most brands of Christmas lights: "For indoor or outdoor use only." (As opposed to what?)
- ❖ On a Japanese food processor "Not to be used for the other use." (I gotta admit. I'm curious.)
- ❖ On Sainsbury's peanuts: "Warning: Contains nuts." (News flash!)
- ❖ On an American Airlines packet of nuts: "Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts." (Step 3: Fly Delta.)
- ❖ On a child's Superman costume: "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly." (I don't blame the company, I blame parents for this one.)