



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall classes are well underway. The first in-person General Meeting and Silent Auction since the pandemic began was a great success. Before you know it, it will be time for Gemarama 2021, "Pictures in Stone".

Don't forget this is our first in-person show since 2019. Let's make Gemarama 2021 extra special. If you have already signed up to help, THANK YOU! If not, please sign up now. There are sign up sheets at the Education Center and online via SignUpGenius. JoAnne Morris will be calling members to volunteer. PLEASE volunteer! We need lots of help to have a successful show. The positions include everything from loading the truck, to transporting equipment, setting up tables and exhibits, and of course the important job of manning booths during the show and tearing everything down after the show is over. At the very least, please consider putting in a few hours to greet our many visitors or perhaps demonstrate your particular discipline. Working at Gemarama is a wonderful opportunity to see old friends as well as make new ones. It's a great time to share what we love to do. The contribution of each of us is what makes this show a great success year after year.

The dates of Gemarama are November 6-7, 2021. Truck loading is Thursday, November 4 and setup is Friday, November 5. Consult the Gemarama article on page 3 for more information. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Gemarama 2021.

This fall, General Meetings have alternated between in-person meetings and Zoom meetings. The September meeting featured Helen Serras-Herman talking about Mayan Jade, and this October was the first Silent Auction since the pandemic began. Look for Jeff Fulkerson via Zoom in November, talking about inlay jewelry. And of course, the December meeting will be the election of board members and officers and the holiday party at the Springfield Township building. If you have any ideas for programs, please forward them to Kathy Lopez, our Program Chair, or to a board member.

—Linda Green, TLS President

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

- November 3:** TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.
- November 4:** Load the truck for Gemarama 2021 at the Education Center, 3 p.m.
- November 5:** Gemarama 2021 set up begins; 8 a.m., Hall D, Philly Expo Center, Oaks, PA. Unload the truck, set up dealer tables and signs, followed by the TLS Booth, Demonstrations and Exhibits areas, Admissions, and the Kid's Table.
- November 6-7:** Gemarama 2021, TLS's 52nd Gem, Jewelry, and Lapidary Show, Hall D, Philly Expo Center, Oaks, PA; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday.
- November 7:** Tear down begins at 5 p.m. on Sunday; please stay to help.
- November 10:** TLS General Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by Zoom. The program will be inlay by Jeff Fulkerson. More information and his bio are on page 6.
- November 17:** Gemarama Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.



— From Janet Young, Recording Secretary

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The Board Meeting was called to order on October 6, 2021 at 7:38 p.m. by Linda Green through ZOOM. The minutes of the September Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Dahl reported the cash inflow and outflow for the month showed a net negative total. Tuition payments and advanced Gemarama ticket sales were offset by the purchase of COVID protective supplies and rent due to the Expo Center.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Stacey Segal reported she is working with two potential membership applicants.

Programs: Linda Green reported that Kathy Lopez has programs lined up for 2021. A silent auction is featured for October 13. Jeff Fulkerson will present a ZOOM program about inlay in November. The holiday party and election of Officers and Directors is scheduled for December. Kathy is working



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on the 2022 program schedule. Linda stated all items for the silent auction have been priced and asked for volunteers to arrive early and help set up the tables. Masks are required and attendees are asked to bring their own writing utensils.

Education Center: John Chickadel stated that he and Bill Frampton replaced all batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. John will schedule a roof inspection. The 18” slab saw blade will be replaced and the pump on the new Genie needs attention.

Class Manager: Steve Hansen reported that Kieu Pham Gray’s workshops with the remote option worked well. Steve thanked Lisa Laffend and Sheryl Dahl for their help. The winter schedule is in process. Steve suggested that equipment may need to be added for online courses. Kieu Pham Gray is scheduled for January classes.

Equipment & Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf stated that he has received the new alarm battery and will install it soon. Don and Frank Warner will install a new ethernet cable above the ceiling.

Library and eBay: Stacey Segal reported that eBay sales in September were good. Stacey is working on new listings.

Gemarama: Barry Messino stated that Debbylynn Bradley has finalized the volunteer dinner plans. Mimi Favre is working on a vendor replacement. Frank Warner reported that announcement post cards have been mailed and flyers and discount coupons have been distributed. Frank thanked Lisa Laffend for setting up the online volunteer sign-ups page.

Old Business: Lisa Laffend urged members to visit delcoarts.org for Delco Arts Week activities. Doug McNicol reported that he and Bill Mattis represented TLS at Brookhaven Borough Family Day. Bill demonstrated the cabbing process and impressed visitors with his opal collection. Doug thanked Bill Frampton for providing the canopy, weights, and table. Frank Warner stated that a volunteer is needed to create and distribute print communications. Linda Green stated that replacements are needed for Community Programs and Recording Secretary.

New Business: Linda Green initiated a discussion regarding the TLS religious holiday policy. Members have expressed concern that meetings and classes sometimes conflict with the Jewish holidays. Students will be encouraged to bring up issues on the first day of class. Missed classes can be made up at the end of the semester.

Discussion also ensued regarding in-person vs. ZOOM general meetings for 2022. The Springfield Township Building has been reserved for general meetings each month through May, 2022. This issue will be revisited again in the spring. Dennis Coren requested and received Board approval to purchase supplies (approximately \$500) needed for the rubber mold making class. Linda Green stated that Rio Grande Jewelry Supply is promoting schools/instructors on their website and offering student discounts. Sheryl Dahl will research this possible opportunity for TLS. Linda Green announced a ZOOM meeting on October 7 at 7:30 p.m. regarding social media.



The General Meeting of October 13, 2021 at the Springfield Municipal Building was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Linda Green. In attendance were 30 members and 8 guests. Committee and other items discussed at the Board Meeting were briefly presented.

Ken Dahl reported a net cash decrease during the month of September due to Gemarama expenses, but they were offset by tuition payments and advance Gemarama ticket sales.

Steve Hansen reported that Kieu Pham Gray’s workshops with the remote option worked well. Lisa Laffend and Sheryl Dahl assisted with the videography. The winter schedule is in process. Kieu Pham Gray is scheduled for January classes. Steve suggested that equipment may need to be added for online courses.

Frank Warner stated that Gemarama preparations are well underway. This is “crunch” time for publicity and the dispersal of discount coupons and flyers. Members who would like to attend the next meeting through ZOOM should contact Frank. Online ticketing is now available and volunteer sign-ups are available through Sign-up Genius set up by Lisa Laffend. Frank asked for volunteers at the Education Center on Thursday, November 4 at 3:00 p.m. to load the truck. A couple hundred tables need to be set up on Friday morning. Linda Green asked all members to follow, like, and share Gemarama posts.

Lisa Laffend urged members to visit delcoarts.org for DCAC events. Doug McNicol reported that he and Bill Mattis represented TLS at Brookhaven Borough Family Day. Linda Green stated that several positions need to be filled: Recording Secretary, Gemarama Co-Chair, Community Programs Chairperson, and Print Media Communicator. Contact Linda Green, Frank Warner or Stacey Segal for more information about any of the positions or to volunteer.

Linda Green stated that the 2022 General Meetings are being considered for in-person vs. ZOOM format. Supplies are being ordered for the new mold making class.

Following the meeting, Frank Warner invited everyone to consider the TLS items for sale: tote bags, vests, aprons and badges. Frank explained the silent auction procedures.

The silent auction was a lot of fun, with bidding on beautiful pieces of rough, slabs, finished cabs, tools, books, equipment, and much, much more. Many thanks go out to the people who donated items to make this auction a success!



—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

December	Friday, November 19
January	Friday, December 18
February	Friday, January 22
March	Friday, February 19
April	Friday, March 18
May	Friday, April 22

–Barry Lynn Messino, Show Chair

GEMARAMA UPDATE

Hi Folks...in 2020, when the world was in such turmoil due to Covid, members still managed to keep our club up and running. We had online programs at General meetings and our members zoomed our meetings to stay connected. Members took online classes and practiced their hobbies at home.

FINALLY!!

Gemarama is here and TLS members are ready to make this 2021 show a success. If you haven't volunteered yet, the sign up sheets are still at the Education Center, or you can email or use the online system (see article below). Joanne Morris and Lisa Laffend would be glad to hear from you. Once again, there is time to promote us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Please share and repost!

I hate to be repetitious but "just a little reminder"!

Please save these dates:

- Thursday, November 4, 2021: Truck loading at the Education Center starts at 3 pm.
- Friday, November 5, 2021: Set up at EXPO Center, Halls D and E starting at 8 am.
- Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7, 2021: SHOW DAYS
- Sunday Evening, November 7, 2021: Breakdown after the show. Please stay and help!

Be Excited... Be Positive ... To make this show great, it takes all of us working together. WE CAN DO THIS!!



–Mimi Favre, Gemarama Dealer Chair

NEW VENDORS FOR 2021 GEMARAMA!

We have some new vendors for Gemarama this year! They represent a diverse addition to the show. Malachite and Gems of Africa, Village Silversmith, Julia's Gems and Jewelry, Unconventional Lapidarist, Fowlers Family Wirewrapping, and Eastern Lapidary will be joining us.

A current list is on the TLS website Gemarama page. This link, <https://www.lapidary.org/gemarama-dealers/>, is worth a look. Some have websites.



HOW TO VOLUNTEER

There are several ways to volunteer. Sign-up sheets to help load and unload the truck, set up, work at the various booths, and demo your jewelry making skills, are now available at the Ed Center. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Joanne Morris, has started making calls to find out how you would like to help. You can also contact Joanne directly.

We have also created online SignUpGenius forms this year. Just click on the links and follow the directions:

For the Demo Area:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CAEA822ABFD0-demosbydate>

And all of the other activities:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4caea822abfd0-gemarama>

Thank you so much for your help!

SHOW SETUP, OPERATIONS, AND BREAKDOWN SCHEDULE

A variety of help is needed to put on the high quality show we are known for. Some tasks require strength and strong backs; other tasks do not. There are many ways every member can help ensure the show is a great success.

Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, November 4, 2021: Truck loading at the Education Center starts at 3 p.m. This will require four or five helpers with strong backs to load the exhibit cases, liners, and storage bins into the truck. The task will take about 1.5 hours.

Friday, November 5, 2021: Setup at the EXPO Center, Halls D and E, starting at 8 a.m. The first task will be to unload the truck at the EXPO Center; several people with strong backs are needed. Next, tables are set up according to the floor plan. This task also requires people with strong backs to move and set up the tables as well as others to measure distances and direct the positioning of the tables. Then, the table drape and covering crew takes over. Once the tables are ready, we need volunteers to set up the exhibit cases and liners, place dealer signs, and begin arranging the areas for which we are responsible during the show. Remember: We will provide lunch for TLS helpers and dinner for our dealers as well as TLS helpers.

Saturday & Sunday, November 6 & 7, 2021: Show Days. Volunteers are needed to run the TLS Booth, Silent Auction, Admissions, Demonstrations, Kids Table, and Education Center tables.

Sunday Evening, November 7, 2021: Breakdown begins when the show closes at 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed to disassemble the exhibit cases and other TLS equipment, remove the table covers and drapes, stack the tables and chairs, and load TLS equipment into the truck. Four or five strong backs are also needed to follow the truck to the Education Center to unload and store our equipment.

Publicity

Everyone can help with publicity. It's especially important this year to get the word out about Gemarama. Give out discount tickets to friends and family and those who have not heard about TLS. Post flyers in your neighborhood, at local businesses that you frequent, your workplace, libraries, and community centers. Tickets and flyers are available at the Ed Center. Post the TLS website link on your Facebook page.



–Debbylynn Bradley, Gemarama Caterer

ENJOY MAKING DESSERTS OR APPETIZERS?

Dessert and appetizer donations are greatly appreciated on Friday, November 5, for the Gemarama volunteer lunch, and also the vendor/volunteer dinner. Bake, make, or buy your favorites to share with your rockin' friends! A note on top indicating what the item is and who made it will add enjoyment, as well as make those with food allergies or special diets aware.

Contact Debbylynn (610) 324-1673 or debbylynn123@yahoo.com with questions. Thank you for your help!

—From Frank Warner

TLS History Series #14
Highlights, Part 2: 1963 - 1972

1963

Library rules were introduced - only one book per month - no renewals, and the idea of fines was rejected. Permission was granted for the librarian not to bring all 25 books to each meeting. A list would be circulated and members could request books from the list.

TLS made a big effort to have a first-class competitive display at the EFMLS show at Lake Placid in June and won a Third Place in Society exhibits.

Harold Arndt, a good friend of TLS, offered the facilities of the Delaware County Institute of Science in Media as a permanent meeting place, at no cost. TLS met there through May 1985. Mr. Arndt was elected the first TLS Honorary Member in October.

1964

Walt Lapinsky won the contest for naming *The Tuscarora Bulletin* the first issue of which was issued in February. It was decided that the *Bulletin* would contain no advertising.

The Delaware County Institute of Science offered the club the use of a small bookcase to keep the donated books. Members could take out the books at the monthly meetings and return them at the following meeting. There were 26 books in the library at this time.

In the 1964 EFMLS show in Newark, NJ, TLS placed third in the General Lapidary - Society Exhibits category, having lost 10 points on polish! The Skill Improvement Program (SKIP) was begun this year and was designed to encourage members to improve their lapidary skills by advancing through various stages from Novice, Apprentice, and Journeyman, to Master Lapidary. The first version included just the cabochon division. Faceting was added later. Thirteen members advanced to Apprentice this first year. By 1967, the Society was consistently winning First Place and Best in Show trophies in the EFMLS competitions.

1965

TLS bought a mimeograph machine to print the *Bulletin*. The Springfield Library invited the club to display their work and tools at the Library and supplied a window 16 feet long, 8 feet high, with 6 shelves.

1966

Walt Lapinsky was the first TLS member to obtain a SKIP Master certificate in both Cabochons and Faceting.

The Long Range Committee was studying several ideas: Should TLS organize a Junior Club? Should TLS make an effort to set up and operate a workshop? Has TLS reached the point where the Society should organize a Gem and Mineral Show for the general public? It was decided to concentrate on the third question. The TLS Board started plans for a TLS gem and mineral show to be held in 1968.

The first case constructed by members was used at the Delaware Mineralogical Society's Gem Show in Wilmington, DE. The *Bulletin* started its first Book Review of TLS library books.

TLS ended the year with a balance of \$258.63.

1967

The Board decided that the Society should be incorporated before hosting a gem and mineral show. Incorporation was completed in the state of Delaware on April 10, 1967.

There were now 18 Committee Chairs in addition to the 5 Directors and 4 officers. There were 46 books in the TLS library. A field trip to the Smithsonian Institute was enjoyed by 40 members who went by train. Paul Desautels, Curator, gave a behind-the-scenes tour.

TLS won three first-place EFMLS awards at the National Gem Show in Washington, D.C. Paul Longnecker, entered as Novice in Carving, won 1st Place for his carving.

This year TLS celebrated its 10th anniversary. Paul Longnecker prepared a history of the first 10 years for the *Bulletin*. Much of the year was spent preparing for TLS's first show to be held April 27-28, 1968.

1968

The first TLS Lapidary Gem & Mineral Show was held at the Springfield Township Building with 1,508 persons attending. Several "influential" TLS members were able to prevail upon local officials and residents who threatened to close our first show on the second day, a Sunday. Sunday sales were banned in Delaware County at that time.

The June *Lapidary Journal* published an article by Paul Longnecker and Don Naples about the TLS SKIP Program. Federal 501(c)(3) tax exempt status was obtained on October 25. Plastic name tags were initiated, each member paying 50 cents for his own.

1969

Dues were changed to \$6 per year, no longer payable monthly. William Colio died on April 26.

1970

Thirty-three show cases were built by club volunteers. To finance the building of these cases, members purchased "stock" and were presented with "stock certificates". Our second show, Gemarama '70, was held in the Agricultural Building at the Allentown Fair Grounds. After the show, in order to redeem the certificates held by the club stockholders, eight cases were sold at \$40 each.

1971

The William B. Colio Memorial Award was established by the Board in September. The first recipient was Roger Kettimon for 1967. Colio awards were also given retroactively to Don Naples (1968), Walter Lapinsky (1969), and Jim Johnson (1970).

1972

Gemarama '72 was held at the Indoor Tennis Building behind the Holiday Inn on Baltimore Pike in Lima. As funds were low in the TLS treasury, bonds were sold to TLS members to cover show costs. There were 3,000 show visitors and a profit of \$2,890. The bonds were paid off.

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies celebrated its 25th Anniversary on May 25 at the Smithsonian Institution with a big birthday cake decorated with cabs, one from each State. TLS donated cabs made of Pennsylvania material and one was chosen for the celebration.

-Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Featured this month is a newer TLS member, Vincent DiAngelus. He joined TLS in 2020 and took his first class the same year. He found TLS by searching online, and was shocked to have such an awesome resource in his own backyard!



Vincent grew up in the Media area and raised his family in the Swarthmore area. He now calls Middletown home after moving there last year. He spent his career as a business owner and a paralegal. Vincent helps Pennsylvania drivers with license issues. His hobbies include hiking, fishing, trap shooting, and now lapidary arts.

Growing up, Vincent didn't really have people around him that were interested in art. His appreciation for formal art came from his wife Chrissie, who is a painter, sculptor, and overall artistically talented person. He always appreciated nature and what the world created, and as a technician, enjoyed building and using lapidary tools to bring out the art that nature created.

Explaining how he got into lapidary, Vincent says, "I always collected rocks during our hikes and could never decide what to do with those collected rocks. One YouTube video showed a guy cutting rocks on a tile saw to see what was inside...so I did that during our Covid restrictions and fell into a new world. I then graduated to polishing with an angle grinder and diamond pads - then I've slowly acquired better gear as opportunity allowed and now have a full lapidary studio."

Vincent's family and friends are amazed at what he has been able to uncover in the short year of his adventure with TLS. He has found that most are stunned when they can see the full transformation from a brown rock sitting in a creek, to slabs with some colors, then ultimately into a shaped and polished cabochon.



Vincent has had the honor of teaching the most basic lapidary skills to friends and neighbors. He believes teaching is another form of learning, so will share everything he knows in the hopes of expanding his ability.

Vincent is an active researcher and gets inspiration from reading, watching, and listening to anyone who is willing to share their craft. Right now he is enjoying learning the broadcast skills and management of some YouTubers such as

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MattsCrazyArt> and the prospecting work of Dan Hurd at <https://www.youtube.com/user/Galidain>.

He does not sell his work yet, but does share his shop and work on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/VincentsRockGarage> and on Instagram [@LapidaryAngel](https://www.instagram.com/LapidaryAngel).



Vincent describes himself as a Passionately Curious Technician. We look forward to getting to know Vincent more as we move into more in-person activities with TLS.



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



INSTRUCTOR BENEFIT

It is TLS policy that TLS members who teach a regular course (fall, winter, spring, or summer) or a substantial workshop may, within the following twelve months, take a regular class or workshop without paying the normal member tuition. Any special course fees or materials fees in excess of tuition must be paid by the member making use of this benefit.

Instructors who wish to take advantage of this policy must advise the Registrar of the specific course or workshop for which they would like to use the benefit.

A TLS member who supervises an Open Shop session, other than Open Slab Saw, may, at no cost, be a participant in that Open session. Supervisors of Open Torch sessions contribute \$10 per day towards the cost of oxygen and gas. A TLS member who supervises five hours of Open Slab Saw may use the slab saws for one hour free as long as at least one other TLS member certified in slab saw use is present, as required by the TLS Safety Rules.



DECEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

—From Kathy Lopez, Program Chair

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

This month's program will be on November 10 by Zoom and will feature a presentation on inlay by Jeff Fulkerson. Jeff has taught at TLS in the past and should inspire both beginners and experienced artisans.

Artist Jeff Fulkerson, M.A., has been creating stunning, imaginative jewelry for over 40 years. A contributing artist to Lapidary Journal/Jewelry Artist Magazine, his work has also been featured in Art Jewelry Magazine, Rock & Gem Magazine, the Tucson Show Guide, and Step by Step Wire. Jeff has produced several instructional videos including "Beginning Inlay". His Silversmithing Video Library offers jewelry artists of all levels the opportunity to learn and improve their skills. Jeff is the inventor of the Steady Stamp™ and the Fast Flare Forming Disks (pat. pend.) for making spinner bangles. He has taught at Bead Fest, Bead & Button Show, Art Retreat in the Desert, Art Unraveled, the San Diego Museum of Man, and several private studios and bead shops across the country. A self-taught silversmith with a background in construction and design, he counts himself fortunate to have studied with many great Native American artists in the last few years, most notably, Richard Tsosie, Navajo, Jesse Monogya, Hopi/Navajo and Michael Cheatham, Cherokee. "It's very satisfying to help others grow in their gifts and talents."



—From Kathy Lopez, Program Chair

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Our fall schedule will include both in-person and Zoom events, and we will adapt as necessary to the ongoing Covid-19 situation. In the meantime, please see the schedule below, and if you have any suggestions for spring programs, please email kathy.lopez@me.com.

November - Jeff Fulkerson will be giving a talk on inlay by Zoom.

December - Springfield Twp. Building - Holiday Party

January - TBD

CALENDAR

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

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

November 20 & 21, 2021 - Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Show, Fairgrounds and Expo Center, Lebanon, PA

VISIT THE TLS EBAY SITE

Check out the TLS eBay site. As a fundraiser for TLS, a variety of items are sold on eBay. Auctions always start and end on Sundays and TLS members, family, and friends are encouraged to check out items and bid on them if they wish. To search for items for sale by TLS on eBay, simply 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.



LAPIDARY LINKS

"Geology Cafe" is a natural resource website focused on the origin of rocks and geologic processes changing our American landscapes. Content focus is on introductory college level courses on geology and oceanography. Topical discussions, maps, and photography focus mostly on California geology, but also includes information about other regions. Visit <http://geologycafe.com>.



IN THE NEWS

If you see something newsworthy to share with our members, please send link to JodyshawTLS@gmail.com.

Evidence of Ancient Life Was Discovered Inside a Ruby
<https://www.geologyin.com/2021/10/evidence-of-ancient-life-was-discovered.html>

Researchers Make Hardened Wooden Knives That Slice Through Steak
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/10/211020135928.htm>

Geologists Solve Half-Century-Old Mystery of Animal Traces in Ancient Rocks
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/09/210927150403.htm>

—From Ken Dahl, Treasurer

TLS DUES ARE DUE FOR 2022

TLS has an online system that members can use to submit updates to their membership information and to pay dues. Those members having email addresses will receive a dues and membership data update notice by email. Following instructions in that email, corrections to membership data (addresses, phones, email addresses, Auxiliaries) can be submitted electronically. One TLS member per family will receive a link for online payment of the family dues. The online dues payment can be made through a PayPal account or by credit card.

Dues can also be paid by sending the form below, together with a check for dues owed, to the Treasurer.

Membership dues for the coming year are now due and payable by December 31, after which dues are in arrears. New-member dues paid by those joining TLS this fall in October, November, or December carry through the following year.

TLS Bylaws stipulate that members be suspended if dues are not paid by February 15. Reinstatement requires application to the TLS Board and payment of double dues.

If there is a financial hardship regarding your dues, confidential arrangements can be made to continue your TLS membership. Please contact TLS Vice-President Stacey Segal 610-225-0541 or yinyang518@comcast.net.

Please fill in your name(s), address, phone number(s), and email address(es) on the form below exactly as you wish to have that data appear in the TLS membership list.

2022 TLS DUES	
Name(s)	_____
Address	_____ _____
Home phone	_____
Work phone(s)	_____ _____
Cell phone(s)	_____
Email(s)	_____ _____
Please indicate type of membership.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual full member	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple (both spouses are full members	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary member (spouse of full member)	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior member.....	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter only	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you do <u>not</u> want your address on our mailing list.	
Make check payable to: Tuscarora Lapidary Society (TLS). Mail form and check to: Kenneth Dahl, Treasurer 18 Tenby Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803	

—From Ken Dahl, Treasurer

TUITION REFUNDS

Since positive tuition balances cannot be used in our online registration system, we no longer carry tuition credits from one term to the next. Positive tuition balances will generally be refunded soon after they are generated. I will try to clear all such balances before registration for a new term begins. Be sure to read carefully our REFUND POLICY that is posted both on our website and in the Bulletin when classes are published. Tuition credits are generated both from classes that are canceled, and from drop requests submitted to the Registrar in accordance with the Refund Policy.



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.



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.

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.

2021 TLS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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FUNNY WORDS THAT WILL DISCOMBOBULATE YOU!

Bumfuzzle — To confuse someone.

Lollygag — To dawdle or be overly slow.

Nudiustertian — The recent past (literally “the day before yesterday”).

Brouhaha — An overexcited response.

Argle-Bargle — A lot of talk about nothing.

Batrachomyomachy — To make a mountain out of a molehill.

Cattywampus — Disorganized, when something is not arranged correctly.

Flibbertigibbet — A flakey, overly talkative person.

Quire — The leaves within a manuscript.

Absquatulate — To suddenly leave.

Billingsgate — Rough language filled with profanity.

Borborygm — A word for the noise your stomach makes when it rumbles.

Gardyloo — A warning shouted before water or waste is thrown from above.

Malarkey — Nonsense.

Ratoon — A sprout in a crop plant.

Comeuppance — A fate or punishment that someone deserves.

Boustrophedon — A kind of ancient writing that is written right to left and left to right in alternate lines.

Bowyang — A strap that holds pants up.