



THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's September and the fall class schedule is underway. We are back to normal class sizes, and have brought back classes and workshops we have not had since the start of the pandemic, as well as some new additions. The health and well being of our members and students is of paramount importance to us, so sign ins, temperature checks and masks are required for those at the Education Center.

Thanks to several donations, we are now preparing for the October Silent Auction to be held at the Springfield Municipal Township Building on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, following the business meeting. Be sure to attend, as there will be a wide assortment of jewelry tools and supplies, beads, minerals, slabs, and equipment. There should be something of interest for everyone.

Planning is well underway for Gemarama 2021: Pictures in Stone, November 6-7, 2021. So, SAVE THE DATE! How can you help? Please volunteer to help setup, tear down or staff the show. Contact Barry Messino, Frank Warner or myself, if you would like to volunteer. Sign up sheets are available at the Education Center and an online sign up system is now available. More information is on page 3.

We need people at the Education Center Thursday afternoon to load the truck and at the EXPO Center on Friday to unload the truck and setup tables and exhibit cases. We also need people Sunday, after the show closes, to tear down, load the truck and then meet at the Education Center to unload the truck.

During the show we need to staff the various TLS areas including Admissions, TLS Booth, Silent Auction, Demos and Kids Table. Please consider volunteering to help staff these areas. The Gemarama Committee is working hard to streamline activities to provide a safe environment with extra spacing, hand sanitizers, sneeze guards, and masks. Visitors can now purchase tickets online at our web site. Hopefully, this will decrease lines at the admissions area.

How else can you help? Please sign up to enter an exhibit case. The sign up form is online and in this Bulletin. Copies are also available at the Education Center. Exhibits are a great way

to show the public what our organization is about. If you have never done a case before, just ask a member for help. It can be a lot of fun, and is a good way to show people what your interests are.

And of course, we need people at the demo table to demonstrate what we teach, and volunteers at the kids table too. Please consider signing up. We will be providing sneeze shields and hand sanitizer as well as spreading the areas out.

Now that fall is here, we are having monthly General Meetings. The October Meeting is in person at the Springfield Township Building with the Silent Auction. The November meeting is via Zoom, and will feature Jeff Fulkerson, and the December Meeting will feature the Election and Holiday Party at the Springfield Township Building.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Silent Auction and at Gemarama.

—Linda Green, TLS President



DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

- October 6:** TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.
- October 13:** TLS General Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Springfield Township Municipal Building; in lieu of a program, a Silent Auction will be held; more information and forms on pages 6 & 10.
- October 20:** Gemarama 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 BULLETIN DEADLINE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

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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 September 1, 2021 at 7:32 p.m. by Linda Green through ZOOM. The minutes of the August Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

Announcements: Linda Green reported that former member Silvie Waals passed away and her Memorial was held today.

Treasurer’s Report: Ken Dahl distributed the August Transaction Report and Balance Sheet. Total cash inflow and outflow for the month showed a net positive total. Income from tuition payments for fall classes is responsible for a large positive cash flow.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Linda Green stated that the September ZOOM meeting will feature Helen Serras-Herman, presenting “Maya Jade”, a silent auction will be held in October, Jeff Fulkerson will give a presentation about “inlay” in November, and December will feature a Holiday Party.

Education Center: John Chickadel thanked every member who volunteered time on Saturday to prepare the Education Center for the fall class sessions. John replaced 8 Genie wheels. Bill Frampton and John will replace fire alarm batteries.

Class Manager: Steve Hansen reported that registrations are lagging in some classes. It was decided that Kieu Pham Gray’s classes would be offered with a remote option. A materials kit will be mailed to registrants. Sheryl Dahl and Lisa Laffend volunteered to support Kieu in these classes.

Equipment & Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf stated that he has ordered a new battery for the entry alarm. The burn-out kiln will be moved to the left side of the bench.

Library and eBay: Stacey Segal stated that she has contacted members with overdue books from the library. eBay listings continue to sell. Used Genie wheels have recently been listed. Books and other items will soon be listed.

Gemarama: Barry Messino stated that Gemarama plans are on track. Mimi Favre has booked all the booths. Lisa Laffend will leave a volunteer sign-up sheet at the Ed Center and online sign-ups will be available also.

Old Business: Lisa Laffend reported that DCAC organizations are preparing for Delco Arts week and reconsidering their COVID policies, putting more protective measures in place. Some activities planned for fall have been pushed to spring. Linda Green stated that with the increase in COVID cases in the area and the busy fall schedule, the tentatively planned TLS Open House will be dropped. TLS will participate in the Brookhaven Borough Family Day on September 25. Doug McNicol is chairman of that event. Linda informed the Board that all of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and northern Maryland are experiencing high COVID transmission rates. The policy to require masking will remain in place.



The General Meeting of September 8, 2021 by ZOOM was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Linda Green. In attendance were 23 members and 8 guests. It was moved and seconded to approve the Board minutes of June 3, July 7, and

August 4, 2021, and the General Meeting minutes of June 10, 2021. Committee and other items discussed at the Board Meeting were briefly presented.

Ken Dahl reported a net cash increase during the month of August due to the receipt of tuition for fall classes.

Stacey Segal reported that three new members were approved this summer: Mara Wolff, Margaret Gandolfo and Celia Shevlin.

Steve Hansen reported that classes began yesterday, September 7. There are some open slots for the workshops and a few classes. Main Line School Night classes are nearly full. A second weekend offering is possible. Steve has begun to work on the winter schedule.

Bill Frampton thanked Steve Hansen for his work arranging classes. Bill encourages people to sign up for Kieu Pham Gray’s classes. Registrations are progressing smoothly.

Doug McNicol reported a major donation from Maxine Rosenthal consisting of hand tools and power tools. Items that are not needed in the Education Center will be offered at the October 13 auction.

Don Schwarzkopf stated that he has ordered a new battery for the entry alarm. Stacey Segal reported that books and Genie wheels continue to sell. Items not sold at the October auction will be listed on eBay.

Barry Messino stated that the September 15 Gemarama meeting will be important. Many volunteers will be needed. Barry asked teachers to encourage students to volunteer. Sneeze guards have been purchased for Admissions, TLS Booth, Demonstrations and Kid’s Table.

Lisa Laffend encouraged attendees to check delcoarts.org for DCAC events October 2 – 9. Linda Green reported that the tentatively planned TLS Open House has been canceled. More social media and possibly TLS demo videos will be posted. Bill Mattis and Doug McNicol will demonstrate the Pixie at Brookhaven Borough Family Day on September 25.

Following the business meeting, Helen Serras-Herman gave a fact filled presentation about “Maya Jade.” Mary Lou Ridinger, Archaeologist, who first found Mayan Jade mines, was a guest attendee. Helen’s presentation offered many beautiful photos of Jade human adornments found in Guatemala, Belize, Southern Mexico, El Salvador and Western Honduras.



—from John Chickadel, Education Center Director

CLEAN-UP THANKS

Many thanks to Susan Brooks, Maxine Burkholder, Eileen Magee, Linda Green, Paul Stieff, Bill Frampton, Frank Warner, Lily Bieling, Steve Hansen, Stacey Segal and Doug McNicol, who joined me on Saturday, August 28th for the fall class clean-up and preparation at the Ed Center. Wheels were changed on the cabbng machines; the dop pots were cleaned and filled with new wax; the saws were mucked out, cleaned and refilled with recycled and filtered oil; supplies and snacks were inventoried; the Ed Center was thoroughly vacuumed, windows cleaned and surfaces wiped down; and the grounds were cleaned of debris and litter. Your fall term support is greatly appreciated!

–written by Mara Wolff

GEMARAMA THEME 2021: “PICTURES IN STONE”

As we gather together after a tough year, we try to find the silver lining, the light at the end of the tunnel, a reason for it all. Humans have an innate ability to create meaning from abstraction. Pareidolia, the tendency to perceive a specific, often meaningful image in a random or ambiguous visual pattern, aids our ability to see a picture in a stone or an object in a cloud. All humans do this whether we want to or not. This ability grounds us and brings us together.

As you navigate the Gemarama space safely masked, keep a look out for various member created display cases. We invite viewers to create their own interpretation of these installations or to imagine what the artist was trying to convey. There will be a prize for the best theme exhibit so be sure to stick around for the exciting reveal.

Visually detailed stones are a prime target for channeling your innate ability to extract from the abstract. Lapidary craftspeople seek out the perfect image from large slabs of rocks and minerals such as jasper, quartz or agate to create many of the stones you will see at Gemarama.

Children can expect an imaginative scavenger hunt. We encourage you to tap into your imagination as you take in all of the display cases, stones and jewelry. Much like one sees an animal in a polished knotty pine panel, the same applies for stones, you just might have to look a little closer.



–From Christy Potter, Single Stone Chair

SINGLE STONE EXHIBITION

Gemarama is just around the corner and will be here before you know it – it’s time to submit a cabochon stone or faceted gem for the Single Stone Exhibition!

As always, any color, shape, or style is welcome. You can submit one cabochon and one faceted stone. The submissions are evaluated solely on the merits of YOUR work, a number is substituted for your name, and you will be given individualized written feedback on your demonstrated skill and the quality of your work. No one sees the evaluation but YOU!

And don’t forget, these cabochon stones or gems can later be submitted to SKIP; see your handbook or ask Gene Awot about SKIP if you don’t already know about this TLS Program!

To submit: put your cabochon stone in a baggie with your name and the name of the stone or gem (picture jasper, red agate) clearly labeled. Faceted gems should include the diagram used to cut your faceted gem. The collection point is a plastic container in the lower right hand drawer in the desk in the library. Numbers will be assigned so the evaluators don’t know who they are evaluating. I look forward to collecting and displaying all the submissions!

Please contact me at christypotter@comcast.net if you have any questions.

–Barry Lynn Messino, Show Chair

GEMARAMA UPDATE

Hands of time stop for no one... summer has ended, fall is upon us, and Gemarama is right around the corner. Everything seems to be coming together, thanks to all the wonderful people on the Gemarama Committees and other members and non-members that are volunteering their services to help before, during, and after the show. Remember the sign up sheets are at the Education Center, you can use email, our online system, or sign up at the October General Meeting. Members should pass out discount coupons or sign (print legibly) and give complimentary tickets to family and friends. (You will be billed \$2.00 after the show for each complimentary ticket used.) Also, we now have online advance ticketing available at lapidary.org/gemarama. Your services are important to make our show a success.

Just a little reminder so please save these dates...

-Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7:30 pm is the next and final Gemarama meeting before the show. If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Frank Warner by email to include you on the Zoom list.

-Thursday, November 4, 2021: Truck loading at the Education Center starts at 3 pm.

-Friday, Nov 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.

Once again promote us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Please share and repost!! Now is the time to post some flyers on bulletin boards or wherever you go: libraries, gyms, supermarkets, hair/nail salons, etc.

Go Team TLS! Hang those flyers and spread the word!



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 and will be available at the upcoming General Meeting. 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 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.

Exhibit Hall on Show Days

Silent Auction: Let's make this the best one ever. Quality items can be given to Ellen Schwarzkopf at a meeting or dropped off at the Education Center for her. More information on page 5.

Kids Table, TLS Booth, Grab Bags: Items suitable for prizes for kids or for the grab bags can be brought to meetings or dropped off at the Education Center.

Single Stone: Plan to submit one cab or one faceted stone or one of each for the Gemarama Single Stone exhibit. You get the benefit of learning from the judges about ways in which your stone could be improved and the public gets to see a wonderful display of our talent. More information on page 3.

Exhibits: Plan to enter an exhibit case of your work or display jointly with another member. Send in an exhibit application (see page 9) to Bill Mattis. Consider projects relating to our theme "Pictures in Stone", or just put together your favorite stones and/or jewelry and show off your hobby.

Publicity: Everyone can help with publicity. It is 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. About 3-4 weeks before the show, post flyers in your neighborhood, at local businesses that you frequent, your workplace, libraries, and community centers. Tickets and flyers will be available at the Education Center and at meet-ings. Post the TLS website link on your Facebook page. Watch for more details as the show gets closer.

GEMARAMA 2021 COMMITTEE

Chair.....Barry Messino
Assistant.....Frank Warner
Dealer Chair.....Mimi Favre

Facilities

Electrical.....Don Schwarzkopf
Expo Center Coordinator.....Frank Warner
Floor Map.....Frank Warner/Lisa Laffend
Security.....Rick Hellman/Gary Cummings
Assistant.....Don Schwarzkopf
Signs-Street.....Chuck Buski
Signs-Indoor.....Bill Frampton/Frank
Warner/Dennis Coren

Table Setup/Takedown.....TLS Members
TLS Equipment.....TLS Members
Truck Rental.....Gary Cummings/Steve Hansen
Friday Lunch & Dinner.....Debblynn Bradley

Program

Admissions.....Doug McNicol
Awards.....Anthony Lombardo
Demonstrations.....Sheryl/Ken Dahl
Education Center Table.....Lisa Laffend
Exhibits.....Bill Mattis
Assistant.....Dennis Coren
Kid's Table.....Lisa Laffend
Assistants.....Kathy Lopez/Lily Bieling
Liberty Bell Intarsia.....Frank Warner
Memorial Case.....Barry Lynn Messino
Silent Auction.....Ellen Schwarzkopf
Assistant.....Maxine Burkholder
Single Stone.....Christy Potter
Theme Article.....Mara Wolff
TLS Booth.....Anthony Lombardo
Grab Bags.....Barry Messino/Celia Shevlin
Treasure Wheel.....Anthony Lombardo
Volunteer Coordinator.....Lisa Laffend
Assistant.....Joanne Morris

Publicity

Dealer Signs.....Paul Stieff
Journal Listings.....Linda Green
Mailing List.....Frank Warner/Lisa Laffend
Social Media.....Linda Green/Anna Thompson
Program.....Pam Wingrod
Typesetting/Printing.....Frank Warner/Lisa Laffend
Web Site.....Doug Klieger/Frank Warner

—Debbylynn Bradley, Gemarama Caterer

ENJOY BAKING OR 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!



—Bill Mattis, Gemarama Exhibits

GEMARAMA EXHIBITS

If you haven't already planned to enter an exhibit case of your work, think about a display. Check with me regarding case availability (610-449-9945 or mattisopal@aol.com). We have both large (4' x 2') and small (18" x 12") cases, complete with liners. Consider a case relating to the theme, "Pictures in Stone", or just put together a display of your favorite creations. You can also consider displaying jointly with another person. Your exhibit display at Gemarama is a great way to show off your hobby to the general public. More information and the entry form is on page 9.



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.



—From Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

November Friday, October 22
December Friday, November 19

— From Ellen Schwarzkopf, Gemarama Silent Auction Coordinator

GEMARAMA SILENT AUCTION

I'm asking for your help to make this year's Gemarama Silent Auction a huge success. It has been a major contributor to the overall income of Gemarama for many years. This is only possible due to the donations of our members. My goal this year is ONE donation from every TLS member. If every-one participates and does their fair share, that's more than 100 items!

Think about what YOU can contribute to this effort. Maybe you're working on a new style of jewelry and are making a few to perfect your design. Donate one to the Silent Auction. Maybe you'll be cleaning this fall and discover rough that you'll never cut or tools that you don't use anymore. Maybe you're rearranging your home (or moving) and realize that you don't really need that particular specimen or have too many books for your shelves.

Remember, this is not a White Elephant sale; we need high-quality pieces. Items need not be terribly expensive; they must, however, be up to the quality TLS members and Gemarama attendees are accustomed to. Rough slabs, mineral specimens, faceting material, fossils, carvings, faceted stones, cabochons, pins, necklaces, bolos, other finished jewelry, books, tools, etc. are just a few suggestions.

Let me know if you can help. I can be reached by email at eschwarzkopf@verizon.net or by phone at (215) 901-2126.

GEMARAMA SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM	
Name:	_____
Address:	_____ _____
Telephone:	_____
Email:	_____
Item donated (with description):	_____ _____ _____
Fair market value:	_____
Materials used:	_____ _____

—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. Village Silver-smith, 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.

—From Kathy Lopez, Program Chair

OCTOBER PROGRAM

In lieu of a program, there will be a Silent Auction after the October General Meeting. Details on how the Silent Auction works appears below; auction forms appear on page 10.

If you have lapidary items, tools, rough, or other items that you may not have the time to work on or do not use because you have upgraded, then those items are ideal for the Silent Auction. We need your donations to make this auction a big success.

This is going to be a big Silent Auction! There will be jeweler's tools, a jeweler's bench, beads, a trim saw, a rolling mill with 5 rollers (some smooth and some patterned), a Fore-don mini bench lathe, and two tumblers (one single barrel unit and one double barrel unit) that can be used for lapidary or jewelry finishing purposes. There are also some really nice books...and much more!



HOW DOES THE SILENT AUCTION WORK?

First, bring something you wish to donate to TLS: rough, slabs, cabs, cut stones, findings, finished jewelry, equipment, tools, supplies, books, or whatever (not junk). Fill out one of the auction forms on page 10 for each item and that's it! (If you don't know what to put down for the price, leave it blank; help will be available at the meeting.) If you have more than three items to donate, copy the auction forms; there also will be extra forms at the meeting.

Please remember, while you can look at things ahead of time, Silent Auction bidding begins only after the General Meeting is adjourned.

Here's how it works: When you see something you want, write your name and your bid on the item's slip; your bid must be just one increment over the last bid. If someone 'ups' your bid, fill in your next offer. When the table is closed, the last name on the list (the highest bid) gets to purchase the item for that price.



—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 tentative schedule for fall below, and if you have any suggestions for spring programs, please email kathy.lopez@me.com.

October - Silent Auction, 7:30 p.m., at the Springfield Twp. Building.

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

December - Springfield Twp. Building - Holiday Party

CALENDAR

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

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

September 25 & 26, 2021 - Liverpool, NY - Reschedule of the canceled Syracuse Show at the Ramada Inn, Liverpool, NY

October 2, 2021 - Macungie, PA - Annual Fall Mineral-fest at Macungie Memorial Park

October 9 & 10, 2021 - Wysox, PA. - Annual Che-Hanna Gem & Mineral Show (Re-scheduled from March) at the Wysox Fire Hall

October 23 & 24, 2021 - Pittston/Scranton, Pa. - Annual NEPA Gem & Mineral Show at St. Josephs Obilates

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**

LAPIDARY LINKS

Here is the link to many previously published issues of Pennsylvania Geology. The magazine, which is published by DCNR Bureau of Geological Survey, includes articles on the geology of Pennsylvania, earth science education, and topographic mapping, as well as announcements of new publications, conferences, and other geologic and topographic items of interest.

http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=1751958&DocName=Hyperlinks_PaGeoMagazine.pdf



IN THE NEWS

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

Pink Halite

<https://www.geologyin.com/2021/09/pink-halite.html>

The Geology behind Kidney Stone Crystallization

<https://www.geologyin.com/2021/09/the-geology-behind-kidney-stone.html>

Afghanistan Has Vast Mineral Wealth But Faces Deep Challenges to Tap It

<https://phys.org/news/2021-09-afghanistan-vast-mineral-wealth-steep.html>

—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.

Individual full member \$40

Couple (both spouses are full members \$60

Auxiliary member (spouse of full member) \$20

Junior member..... \$10

Newsletter only \$15

Check here if you do not 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 CANCELEATION 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.



From – TLS Board of Directors

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR PRINT COMMUNICATIONS

Print Communication tasks occur occasionally during the year and can be done on one's own schedule. The position requires some knowledge of Microsoft Word, and the ability to send PDF documents electronically to the TLS printer. This position has overall responsibility for the design, duplication, and dissemination of most TLS printed documents except for the Bulletin, Operations Manual, and membership lists and cards. Responsibility for specific documents can be delegated to others, especially those that might require specialized software for the design and creation. Many documents such as Grinding a Cabochon, or the Education Center safety sheets, simply need to be printed as supplies run out. Others documents need to be updated before being printed and disseminated. The Print Communications Chair provides boxes of appropriate TLS literature for dissemination at such events as Gemarama, the Lebanon show, Brookhaven Family Day, and shows of the Delaware and Philadelphia Mineralogical Societies. Please contact Linda Green or Frank Warner for additional information if you are willing to help with this important task.

The Tuscarora Lapidary Society (TLS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and a Pennsylvania Purely Public Charity organized to encourage and teach the science and art of lapidary (the cutting and polishing of stones) as well as the arts and sciences associated with lapidary interests. This mission is accomplished through general meetings, an annual show, educational courses and workshops, and free displays and presentations; all open to members of the general public. TLS meets the second Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at 7:30 p.m. in the Springfield Township Municipal Building, 50 Powell Road, Springfield, PA 19064; the June meeting is a dinner held at a local restaurant. Visitors are always welcome; anyone interested in joining the society may talk to any officer about the dues and membership requirements.

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–Author Unknown

Up

There is a two-letter word in English that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as being used as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why do topics come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends and we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has a real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets UP the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on & on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now.....my time is UP!

So, can you come UP with any other examples?

**GEMARAMA 2021 APPLICATION FOR EXHIBIT SPACE
THE TUSCARORA LAPIDARY SOCIETY'S 51ST ANNUAL SHOW
NOVEMBER 6 & 7, 2021
HALLS D & E, THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA EXPO CENTER. OAKS, PA**

Here are descriptions of competitions, judging, and awards. AFMS Uniform Rules will not be used in the evaluation of cases and the selection of awards. Material selection, craftsmanship, presentation, and showmanship are the key factors.

****GROUND RULES FOR EXHIBITORS & AWARD SELECTION****

JUDGING: Judging will take place prior to the opening of the show on Saturday; identifying labels will be added to the cases when judging is complete.

AWARD SELECTION: A committee of judges will evaluate all cases and select winners of the four category awards:

Most Educational (All educational exhibits are eligible.)

Best Theme Display – "PICTURES IN STONE" (All exhibits of theme material are eligible.)

Best Non-Member Display (Cases by non-members only are eligible.)

Best Small Case – 18" x 12" (Cases by TLS members only are eligible.).

Judging committee will select cases for *Best in Show* and *Director's Award*.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS: An exhibitor may win only one of the four category awards; all cases, including winners of category awards, are eligible for Best in Show or Director's Award. An exhibitor cannot receive an identical award two years in a row. For example, the winner in 2019 of the Educational Award is not eligible for the Educational Award in 2021. Certain TLS exhibits are not eligible for awards (Single Stone exhibition, Education Center display, Memorial cases, Intarsias, etc.).

APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

EXHIBIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) NON-MEMBER

EDUCATIONAL

THEME ('PICTURES IN STONE')

SMALL CASE (18" x 12" TLS MEMBERS ONLY)

Description _____

a) I will provide a case that I personally own. This case: requires a table OR is freestanding.

Case size if other than standard TLS case (4' x 2'). _____

b) I will use a TLS case in my possession.

c) I wish to have a standard (4' x 2') TLS case furnished.

d) I wish to have a small (18" x 12") TLS case furnished (TLS members only).

An exhibitor providing lights must observe the 100 watts maximum.

The TLS Show Committee assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to exhibitors' property, material, or specimens displayed at the show. TLS will provide security guards from 5 p.m. Friday, November 5, through 5:30 p.m. Sunday, November 7, 2021. Set up may begin at 3 p.m. Friday and must be complete and ready for judging by 9 a.m. Saturday; tear down will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday.

I understand that all risks are my own and that the Tuscarora Lapidary Society has no insurance that applies to my exhibit.

Signature of Exhibitor _____ Date _____

Please return forms to: Bill Mattis, 228 Sagamore Road, Havertown, PA 19083-3912. Questions? Call Bill at 610-449-9945 or e-mail him at mattisopal@aol.com.

Forms must be returned by October 15, 2021; you will receive confirmation.



**TUSCARORA LAPIDARY
SOCIETY, INC.
*Silent Auction***

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From: _____

Starting Bid: _____

Raise: _____

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