



THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow TLS members! Guess what time it is...

It's GEMARAMA time! The big event is finally upon us. Excitement is building as we make the final preparations for our annual show. As always, there will be lots of great vendors, fun activities for kids, demonstrations, educational exhibits, silent auctions and much, much more. Gemarama is one of the largest and most successful gem, jewelry, and mineral shows on the east coast. We owe our success largely to the many selfless contributions made by our members, who volunteer their time, energy, and talents to help ensure everything runs smoothly.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who's signed up to help so far, and to those who have submitted gemstones for the Single Stone display case. We are still in need of additional help to ensure we have a successful show. If you have not signed up yet, please do so either on the sign-up sheets at the Education Center or online via [SignUpGenius](#). Tasks include loading/unloading the truck, setting up tables, chairs, exhibits and demo equipment, manning the various booths and admissions area, demonstrating lapidary and jewelry techniques, plus tearing down and packing everything up after the show is over. To our younger and/or stronger members, please consider signing up for the truck loading/unloading and breakdown after the show, as we need extra help during those times.

Don't forget to plan for plenty of time to shop! There will be 27 terrific vendors with an excellent assortment of rough, rocks, fossils, mineral specimens, gemstones, beads, carvings, tools and so much more.

Participating at Gemarama is a wonderful opportunity to see old friends as well as make new ones. It's also a great time to show off our talents, share our passion for the lapidary, glass and jewelry arts, as well as keep our guests informed about our classes and community outreach. I'm greatly looking forward to another fun and successful show. I hope to see you all there!

Until then, please take care and be well...

—Stacey Segal, TLS President



**DECEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

November 2: TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

November 3: Load the truck for Gemarama 2022 at the Education Center, 3 p.m.

November 4: Gemarama 2022 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 5-6: Gemarama 2022, TLS's 53rd 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 6: Tear down begins at 5 p.m. on Sunday; please stay to help.

November 9: TLS General Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Helen Serras-Herman, "Carved Gems - Inspiration and Expertise", Springfield Township Building; Helen will be presenting virtually, 7:30 PM

November 16: Gemarama Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.



— From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The October 5 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The minutes of the September Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Dahl reported cash inflow and outflow for the month of September showed a positive total.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Gary Cummings reported there are seven potential members who still need to meet the requirements for membership.

Community Programs: Linda Green reported there was no DCAC meeting today due to Yom Kippur. We are in the midst of Delco Arts Week which concludes this weekend. Our Open House at the TLS Education Center will be Friday, October 7th, 5-8pm. Linda has her crew to man this event and with the publicity provided, is hoping people will come to see what TLS has to offer. We have a table at the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society's Fall Outdoor Mineral Treasures show on Saturday, October 8. Linda also shared that the South Jersey Gem Show is this weekend.

Programs: Stacey Segal announced on behalf of Kathy Lopez that we do have programs lined up for the rest of the year. The October meeting will include the Silent Auction, the November meeting will include a presentation by Helen

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Serras-Herman, and the December meeting will include the Holiday Party and Elections.

Ed Center Director: Stacey Segal thanked Vince for having the light in the back of the Ed Center installed.

Class Manager: Steve Hansen reported that Main Line School Night will begin in 10 days. It is a full class with a waiting list of about 2. The deadline for registration for the Virtually Evercrafting Workshops is October 6, to make sure the kit is delivered on time. The winter term schedule will be listed in time for Gemarama. Steve needs to confirm a few more instructors.

Registrar: Bill announced that he will be away during a busy registration time, so Frank Warner will cover while he is away.

Acquisitions: Doug McNicol reported there are no new acquisitions this month and that previous acquisitions, the cabbing machine and the trim saw, both sold for \$200 each.

Equipment and Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf reported on a few ongoing projects.

Library and eBay: Stacey Segal reported that she filed away all the books that she entered into the Library data base. To save on shelf space, Stacey is looking at purging any duplicate books and bringing them for the Silent Auction. One such book is a donated jewelry book. Linda Green offered to help Stacey price accordingly as this book is a coveted useful guide for metalsmithing. Stacey also reported that 22 of the 25 used Genie and Titan wheels from the TLS cleanup day were sold on eBay for a total of \$703.90. The last 3 wheels do have active bids. Bill Frampton reported that the new replacement wheels are in and restocked.

Gemarama: Mimi Favre reported that the vendors are booked and we are waiting for one balance check. Frank Warner shared that the dealer list is on the website. Ellen Schwarzkopf stated that she and Maxine will sort through the Silent Auction items and that more items, such as slabs and specimens, are needed. Barry thanked Doug Klieger for the geodes to be used at the TLS Table and the Kids Table. Barry reviewed the Friday meal plans. Anthony Lombardo announced the next Gemarama meeting is on the 19th and encouraged cooperative efforts to advertise via the banners, posters, and flyers. Anthony thanked Lisa Laffend for heading the sign-ups for volunteering at Gemarama. Mimi Favre stated she will order the bookmarks. Linda Green let Anthony know she has the earrings and bracelets for the treasure wheel. Stacey Segal added that Jay Rosa sent an email to all the cab and faceting instructors to encourage their students to submit items for Single Stone.

S.K.I.P.- Stacey Segal announced, on behalf of Dennis Coren, that there will be a SKIP award to issue. Stacey will present this award at the next General Meeting.

New Business

- Stacey Segal announced that we will need a candidate for a Board Director as Mimi Favre’s two year term ends in December.
- Stacey Segal reported that Mary Batter is stepping down as Print Committee Assistant.
- Kathy Lopez will also likely step down as Programs Chair. Stacey stated that the Programs Chair position is a high prior-

ity item and is looking for suggestions for someone who would be a good fit for this role.



The October 12 General Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. at the Springfield Township Building by President Stacey Segal. In attendance were 36 members and 4 guests. Stacey Segal welcomed all guests in attendance.

Committee and other items discussed at the Board Meeting were briefly presented. In addition:

- Gary Cummings announced that he had the membership packets for the three new TLS memberships: Michele Cole, Gerald Fanning, and Adam Wechsler. Gerard Fanning was in attendance.
- Linda Green announced the fall community programs that took place these past two months. Those who came to the TLS Open House this past Friday enjoyed it. Other programs where TLS participated included the Brookhaven Borough’s Family Day, as well as at the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society’s Fall Outdoor Mineral Treasures show.
- Doug McNicol reported item sales at the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society’s Fall Outdoor Mineral Treasures totaling \$702.00. Doug thanked Lisa Laffend, Ken Dahl and Janet Young for their help in supporting the TLS booth that day.
- Stacey Segal reported \$800.00 in eBay sales for 24 of the 25 used Genie and Titan wheels that were listed.
- Barry Messino announced that October 19th is the last meeting to prepare for Gemarama and that discount tickets, complementary tickets, and flyers are all available to take at the meeting tonight. Barry also asked if anyone has any donations for the Gemarama Silent Auction. Lisa Laffend thanked all those who signed up to volunteer at Gemarama and that the sign up sheet is available at the meeting for those who would also like to volunteer.
- Jay Rosa announced that he is still collecting submissions for Single Stone and encouraged participation with submissions of a single cab or faceted stone that will be judged and placed in an exhibit at Gemarama.
- Stacey Segal, on behalf of Dennis Coren, presented Vincent DiAngelus with a SKIP apprentice level in cabochons award for his two gorgeous stone submissions.
- Stacey Segal announced that a volunteer for Print Committee Assistant Chair is needed as well as a volunteer for the Programs Chair.

Following the meeting, prior to the Silent Auction, Stacey Segal reviewed the process for the auction and shared that TLS vests, pins, and patches are on sale.

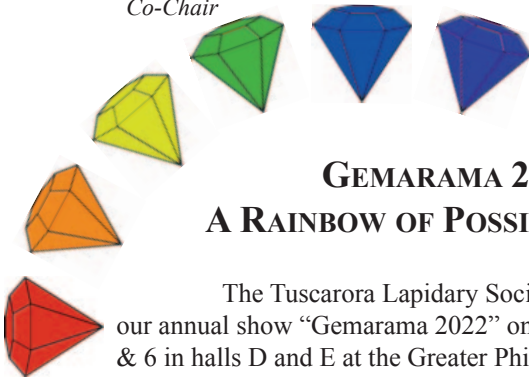


—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

December	Friday, November 18
January	Friday, December 23
February	Friday, January 20
March	Friday, February 17
April	Friday, March 17

—Barry L. Messino & Anthony Lombardo, *Gemarama Chair and Co-Chair*



GEMARAMA 2022 A RAINBOW OF POSSIBILITIES

The Tuscarora Lapidary Society will hold our annual show “Gemarama 2022” on November 5 & 6 in halls D and E at the Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center in Oaks PA. This year’s theme is “A Rainbow of Possibilities.”

This monumental undertaking is only possible with the cooperation of the wonderful TLS membership who share their joint efforts to produce one of the best shows in the region! The members of the Gemarama committee have worked extremely hard in preparing the complicated details required to set up such a production. It is now time to double the collective efforts of our membership to continue to promote the show through any means at your disposal, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor and other digital community bulletin boards. Discount coupons and flyers are available at the TLS Education Center for distribution and posting at libraries, supermarkets, and local businesses. Our online advanced ticket sales were very successful last year and are offered again this year. Please share the following website to anyone interested in attending.

<https://www.lapidary.org/gemarama/>

YOU ARE STILL NEEDED!!!

We still need our membership to help us at the show. Please consider volunteering at least two hours of your time by signing up at the following site.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4caea822abfd0-gemarama3>

At the SignUp Genius site, you can select from a variety of activities and times. We really need the help of our members, especially during the setup and breakdown phases of our production. The following is a description of the help most needed.

- Thursday, November 3, 2022: We need help in loading all the show equipment and supplies into a truck at the education center starting at 3PM.
- Friday, November 4, 2022: This is a fun day! Starting at 8AM, we will spend the day setting up for the show. This involves setting up tables, exhibit cases, chairs, signs, and drapes. We provide our wonderful volunteers with lunch and (if you stick around long enough) a dinner from Cracker Barrel!
- The Show Days, Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6: Our volunteers help run the TLS Booth, Silent Auction, Admissions table, Demonstrations Area, Kids Activities Table, the Education Center Booth, and much more. It’s an awesome experience!

- The Sunday Evening Breakdown, November 6:

Here is where able volunteers are really needed! Starting at 5PM, volunteers are needed to stack tables, disassemble exhibit cases, pack TLS equipment, and load the truck to return back to the Education Center where a crew is needed to unload and store the equipment. Part of the breakdown crew is needed to remain at the EXPO Center after our truck leaves to continue collapsing and stacking tables as the dealers finish packing and leave.

I know that it sounds like a lot work, and it is, but with your commitment of at least two hours of your time, we can make this happen! So please go the Signup Genius site to be a part of this incredible experience!

We would welcome any able-bodied family members you may wish to bring with you, especially during our breakdown sessions either at the Expo Center or the TLS education center in Brookhaven. We thank you for supporting our awesome organization and Gemarama 2022.



—Debbylynn Bradley, *Gemarama Caterer*

ENJOY BAKING OR MAKING DESSERTS OR APPETIZERS?

Dessert and appetizer donations are greatly appreciated on Friday, November 4 for Gemarama's volunteer lunch and also the vendor/volunteer dinner. Bake, make, or buy your favorite to share with your rockin' friends! A note on top indicating what 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.



—Jody Shaw, *Bulletin Editor*

FOR SALE AT GEMARAMA!

A limited number of shirts in all sizes with this year’s show theme and logo will be available at the TLS booth at Gemarama. Regular sizes will be \$25; larger sizes \$28.



—From Jay Rosa, *Single Stone Chair*

SINGLE STONE EXHIBITION

As of Wednesday, October 19, there have been 11 stone submissions and I believe others are forthcoming. This is exciting, as I will be putting together the display case soon for Gemarama to display your wonderful work. I want to take a moment to thank all who have submitted stones and hope you feel a sense of satisfaction with the feedback/report that will be provided by the evaluators. See you at Gemarama!

Contact me at anibalrosa@rocketmail.com if you have any questions.

— From Kathy Lopez, Program Chair

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

HELEN SERRAS-HERMAN, “CARVED GEMS - INSPIRATION AND EXPERTISE”

We are looking forward to having Helen Serras-Herman join us remotely for this November meeting at the Springfield Township Building. Helen will share, in a very unique presentation, her journey from sculpture to gem sculpture, and her influences and sources for inspiration. While showing examples of her 39-years of creating artwork, she will share how her sculptural art and artistic jewelry have been influenced by her world travels to mines and archaeological sites, and how her southwest environment and the ancient Greek mythology have inspired much of her artwork. Her jewelry collections and individual gem artwork always “tells a story”, often reflected in the choice of rare and unusual gemstones. Helen will discuss how labor intensive the art of carving gems is and why, the gem materials utilized, and will show step-by-step of the necessary tools for gem carving, in the hopes of inspiring a new generation of gem carvers.



In her new book *Carved Gems-Inspiration & Expertise*, reflected in this lecture presentation, Helen shares her passion for carved gems, the inter-connection between fine art and the spell-bounding natural mineral world, and her personal journey, along with the challenges and joys of a gem artist’s life. She reflects on her sources of inspiration and influences from historical places, mines, gem materials, landscapes, flora, and ancient Greek mythological figures, sources that collectors may find expressive and fellow artists stimulating.



PINS, PATCHES, AND VESTS

New TLS pins (\$5), patches (\$7.50), and some vests (\$20) will be available for purchase at the TLS Booth at Gemarama.



— 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 everyone 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: _____

—From Ken Dahl, Treasurer

REIMBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASES

Please direct all personal requests for reimbursement, for approved items purchased for purposes of TLS, to the TLS Treasurer's email account -- TuscaroraLS@outlook.com -- and include receipts with the request, or leave the paperwork in the cubby of the desk at the Ed Center. Thank you!

CALENDAR

November 5-6: **GEMARAMA**, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA

November 19-20: Gem Miner's Holiday Jubilee, Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA

November 19: Northern Virginia Mineral Club 30th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

December 3: Island Rockhounds Gem Mineral Fossil Jewelry Show, Old Bethpage Restoration Village, Old Bethpage, NY

March 4, 2023: Delaware Mineralogical Society 59th Annual Earth Science Gem and Mineral Show, Doubletree by Hilton, Wilmington, DE

March 18 & 19, 2023: Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD

LAPIDARY LINKS

The North Carolina Museum of Natural History allows self-guided, room-by-room tours of select exhibits and areas within the museum from their desktop or mobile device. Visit <https://naturalsciences.org/exhibits/virtual-tours>. This museum also allows you to search their geology (and other) collections at <https://collections.naturalsciences.org/>.

Please continue to send your favorite links to JodyshawTLS@gmail.com. Thank you!

— From Kathy Lopez, Program Chair

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Our upcoming 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 future programs, please email kathy.lopez@me.com.

- **November 9:** Helen Serras-Herman, "Carved Gems - Inspiration and Expertise" Springfield Township Building; Helen will be presenting virtually, 7:30 PM
- **December 14:** Winter Holiday Gathering, Springfield Township Building, 7:30 PM

IN THE NEWS

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

The Australian Diamonds That No One Can See <https://www.geologyin.com/2022/07/rare-metamorphic-diamonds-discovered.html>

Hot Rocks and Natural Beauties-Dr. Anthony Kampf, LA's Natural History Museum's Curator Emeritus of Mineral Sciences, says his work can sometimes seem like an episode of the TV show CSI.

<https://nhm.org/stories/hot-rocks-and-natural-beauties>
Crushed, zapped, boiled, baked and more: Nature used 57 recipes to create Earth's 10,500-plus 'mineral kinds'.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/07/220701102810.htm>

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.

TLS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

A video on faceting, prepared by Steve Hansen and Frank Warner, is available on the TLS YouTube Channel. You can gain access to our channel by clicking the red YouTube logo in the "Follow us on Social Media" section at the bottom of our website home page, lapidary.org, or go to page 8 here in the Bulletin and click on the YouTube logo. In addition to the faceting video, our channel contains seven other videos: Micromounts by Alfred C. Webber, TLS Glass Program, Gemarama Exhibit Highlights, Making a Cabochon, TLS Lapidary Program, Building the Tuscarora Lapidary Society Education Center, and the TLS Jewelry Program. The Making a Cabochon video has now been viewed over 6,200 times! and the TLS Lapidary Program video has 8,200 views.

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.

—From Ken Dahl, Treasurer

TLS DUES ARE DUE FOR 2023

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 Gary Cummings 610-476-5302 or Garycummings140@gmail.com

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.

2023 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	

—Dennis Coren, Skill Improvement Program Chair

Take the TLS Challenge

Your friends from Tuscarora Lapidary Society Challenge you to show off your work!



How?

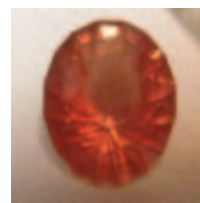


By submitting your Cabochon, Faceted Stone, Channel Jewelry, Intarsia, Intarsia-Jewelry, Sphere, Constructed Jewelry, Jewelry Casting, and Carving to the SKIP Program.

What is the SKIP Program?

Tuscarora’s Skill Improvement Program (SKIP) is dedicated to increasing higher levels of enjoyment and craftsmanship for it’s members . Each member is given the opportunity to have their work evaluated and graded as an Apprentice, Journey person and then Master. The skills become progressively more rigorous as you complete each project.

You are already working on special projects at home or at the Ed Center, why not share them with your friends?



Take the TLS Challenge, you will be glad you did.

For more information go to:

[SKIP Booklet](#)

or contact Dennis Coren: Houdini@comcast.net or 215-817-4444



—From Doug and Lois McNicol

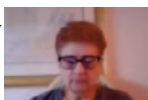
SUCCESS AT PHILADELPHIA MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY FALL OUTDOOR SALE

TLS had a booth at the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society Fall Outdoor sale. About one half the items displayed were sold – all had been donated and most were left over from previous Silent Auctions. Special thanks go to Ken Dahl, Lisa Laffend and Janet Young for staffing the booth all day. Bill Frampton provided the canopy and tables and deserves a thank you also. All the TLS participants had an enjoyable day and look forward to next year’s sale.

—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month I was happy to interview Barry Lynn Messino, who calls herself a “Jewelry Mechanic”. When asked what that means, she describes a mechanic as someone who repairs and designs jewelry. She does that and more.



Barry lived in Trenton, NJ until her family moved to Pennington, NJ, where she went to Pennington High School. She spent a short time studying business after high school and working at Shoprite, but ended up leaving home and moving to Philadelphia, much to the dismay of her family.

Barry found a full-time job at Colonial Village Meat Market where she ran the front end and also wrapped and cut meat in the back. Barry’s introduction into the jewelry business came from a part-time job at Basco Jewelers. A friend was a runner for Basco, and Barry was looking to supplement her income and this was an intriguing side job. Not knowing what a runner was, she explained to me that she would run jewelry to be fixed or altered to various mechanics for the customers at Basco. She was also expected to pick up materials needed for the store. Barry learned where to get supplies, how to repair jewelry, and had an education into the ins and outs of the trade. It was through her work at Basco that she met Henry



Gellar.

Henry asked Barry if she was ready to learn the jewelry business, and eventually she agreed to begin a lifelong journey into the business. He wanted her to apprentice with him, and Colonial Village allowed her to spend time at Henry’s and also keep her job with them. It was at



Henry’s that she learned to be a jewelry mechanic.

Barry began to sell gold and silver jewelry on her own at shows, and in time, went into business with her friends Rosary and Billy. After a few years, she went out on her own. Barry found someone selling their business, and was able to keep some of their customers. Her business, B & R Jewelry Repairs, eventually became her full time job. She felt lucky to have good paying customers.

Barry loves to garden, along with her love for making jewelry. Music is also a big part of her life, which had her playing drums in a rock and roll band for three years. Painting with oils, watercolors, and charcoal has been a lifelong hobby as well. Her travels have also had a big influence on her life, and she has been fortunate to be able to visit many places around the world.

Favorite trips include Europe and Alaska, but a trip with Henry to Bangkok and



Hong Kong was most memorable. Henry purchased items for his store and Barry found pearls, bracelets, and other needs for her work. She also was able to see the world of gems and jewelry through different eyes.

Barry found TLS through one of her customers. The customer was using stones in her work that she had learned to cut and polish at TLS. Through this repair, Barry looked into the class schedule and began to take classes herself.

Barry has been a member of TLS since 1993. She has taught jewelry classes at TLS for many years. She has also taught at other art venues. She has taken some courses with the Gemological Institute of America. Now retired, Barry has donated much of her time to TLS. Besides teaching jewelry classes, she is currently chair of the Gemarama Committee. She has reached Journeyman with her spheres, and she won the Coren award for her dedication in 1996 and the Colio award in 2021. She also was co-chair of the Program Committee for five years.



Metalsmith Magazine and Lapidary Journal are two of Barry’s favorites. She enjoys searching on Pinterest and looking at Facebook groups, especially with a Geology theme. Minerals and gems continue to fascinate her.



—Linda Green, Social Media Chair

HELP US PROMOTE TLS AND GEMARAMA

Our social media presence on Facebook and Instagram is a great way for TLS to share and connect with current members, potential new members, students, and the community in general. Help us “spread the word” and build our fan base. Here are some ways you can assist:

- Follow us on Facebook (Tuscarora Lapidary Society) and Instagram (@tuscaroralapidary).
- “Like” our posts on Facebook and Instagram. “Comment” on our posts and “Share” them with your friends and followers. If you post photos from TLS classes or Gemarama on your Facebook or Instagram page please “Tag” us so we can comment back or repost them. If you post photos of Gemarama vendor booths be sure to ask permission from the vendor and tag them with their handle or hashtag and of course our handle as well. This way we are notified and can respond and increase the reach of our posts. Social media played a big role in the number of out of town guests who attended Gemarama 2021. Hopefully, the same thing will happen this year.
- Please send photos from classes and other TLS events to post on the TLS page. I never have enough photos.
- Feel free to repost our posts on your Instagram feed or stories but indicate that the post came from @tuscaroralapidary. In addition to our handle @tuscaroralapidary, please use the following hashtags as appropriate: #gemarama2022, #arainbowofpossibilities.

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- No number from 1 to 999 includes the letter "a" in its word form.
•The opposite sides of a die will always add up to seven.
•You are 13.8 percent more likely to die on your birthday.
•Playing dance music can help ward off mosquitoes.
•The King of Hearts is the only king in a deck of cards without a mustache.
•"Dreamt" is the only word in the English language that ends with "mt".
•Those metal studs on your jeans have a name and a purpose.
•A Greek-Canadian man invented the "Hawaiian" pizza.
•If you open your eyes in a pitch-black room, the color you'll see is called "eigengrau." (It's a dark gray shade.)
•Cats can't taste sweet things because of a genetic defect.
•A group of hippos is called a "bloat".
•Pogonophobia is the fear of beards.
•Alaska is the only state whose name is on one row on a keyboard.
•And "tesseractdecades," "aftercataracts," and "sweaterdresses" are the longest words you can type using only your left hand.
•The average adult spends more time on the toilet than they do exercising.
•Your fingernails grow faster on your dominant hand.
•A "jiffy" is about one trillionth of a second.
•Dragonflies have six legs but can't walk.