

THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow TLS members! The fall term is underway. For those taking classes, I hope you are enjoying your time at the Ed Center, learning new things and honing your skills. There are still seats available in some of the classes, workshops, and open shop sessions. If you were thinking of signing up for a course, now is the time!

A hearty CONGRATULATIONS goes to Bill Mattis, who was awarded TLS Life Member status at the September General Meeting. We are so grateful to Bill for the tremendous dedication he's shown to TLS during his nearly 45 years of membership.

October is upon us... On October 7, TLS will host an open house in conjunction with Delco Arts Week. The General Meeting is on October 12 and will be held at the Springfield Township Building. In lieu of a presentation, we will be having a silent auction. Silent auctions are always a fun time, with lots of goodies and treasures to bid on. Do you have lapidary materials, books, jewelry tools or supplies gathering dust in your studio or workspace? We welcome you to bring those items to the meeting. Donations to our silent auctions are always appreciated, as they help us fund our programs and operations.

November is right around the corner, and with that comes... GEMARAMA time! This year's theme is "A Rainbow of Possibilities". We encourage all members to volunteer and help with a wide variety of important tasks, to ensure we have a successful show. There are sign-up sheets at the Ed Center or you can register online to volunteer. (The link is on page 3.) From setup on Friday, to breakdown on Sunday evening, and every moment in between... we rely on your help to ensure everything runs smoothly and seamlessly. More information on how you can help at Gemarama is contained within this edition of the Bulletin. Lastly, don't forget to submit your single stone!

I hope to see you all at an upcoming class, meeting or other TLS gathering. Until then, please take care and be well.

-Stacey Segal, TLS President

NOVEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

NEWS AND NOTES

-A warm welcome to new members Michele Cole, Gerard Fanning, and Adam Wechsler. We look forward to getting to know you!

-Get well wishes to Dennis Coren following surgery.

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October 5: TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM. **October 12:** TLS General Meeting and Silent Auction, Springfield Township Building, 7:30 PM

October 19: Gemarama Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM. November 5-6: GEMARAMA, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA

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.

— From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

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The September 1 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The minutes of the August Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

Announcements: Linda Green announced that friend of TLS, Helen Serras-Herman's husband passed away this weekend. Eileen Magee will send a condolence card on behalf of TLS. Stacey extended the Society's best wishes to Dennis Coren following his surgery.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Ken Dahl reported cash inflow and outflow for the month of May showed a positive total.

Committee Reports:

<u>Memberships</u>: Gary Cummings announced three applications that are eligible for full membership. A motion was made to approve all applications. They were seconded and approved by the Board.

<u>Community Programs</u>: Linda Green attended the DCAC meeting. Delco Arts Week is October 1-9, and there is a calendar that lists all of the activities on <u>Delcoarts.org</u>. The Open

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

House at the TLS Education Center will be Friday, October 7th, 5-8pm. Linda has the roster of members who will do meet and greets, demonstrations, and tours. Light refreshments will be available. The Board unanimously agreed that it was a good idea to display a Delco Arts Week lawn sign in front of the Ed Center building. Other events include the Brookhaven Borough's Family Day, September 24, where TLS will have a table, as well as at the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society's Fall Outdoor Mineral Treasures show, October 8, in Mont Clare, PA.

<u>Programs</u>: Stacey Segal announced the programs lined up for the rest of the year. Specifics can be found on page 6 in this Bulletin.

Ed Center Director: Vincent DiAngelus reported that the Ed Center looks great after the clean-up day. The parking lot is repaved and striped. Some striping remains to be completed and sealer that sprayed onto the rear wall will be removed. The landscaper will be out to do an estimate to replace and refresh the planter box to have it ready for spring planting.

Acquisitions: Doug McNicol reported an acquisition from Maxine Rosenthal which included supplies and tools. An acquisition of a grinder/polisher was picked up by John Chickadel.

<u>Equipment and Facilities</u>: Don Schwarzkopf will work on the vulcanizer press and the faceting machine, which needs motor and drive assembly.

<u>Class Manager</u>: Steve Hansen reported that the classes have started this week. The cloisonné class had to be canceled this weekend due to lack of participation. Steve is hoping to get some more interest in instructor led classes via Zoom. <u>Library and eBay</u>: Stacey Segal reported that the used Genie and Titan wheels that were replaced on clean-up day will be sold on eBay.

<u>Gemarama</u>: Barry Messino reported that everything is on schedule. Barry encouraged instructors to promote Gemarama at their classes. Jody Shaw shared a design for shirts for sale at Gemarama.

Old Business:

Frank Warner reported the preordered TLS polo shirts, vests, patches and pins can be distributed next week at the General Meeting and there will be additional vests, patches and pins available for sale.

New Business

- •The Board unanimously approved a recommendation for Life membership that had been received by the President and unanimously recommended by the required 5-member committee that she had appointed. The recommendation now goes to a vote of all members at the next General Meeting. Details will appear in the minutes after that vote.
- •Stacey Segal reported that the 6 year-old TLS laptop she uses may be in need of replacing as it does have some issues. The cooling fan makes noise and some keys are sticking. An upgraded laptop was suggested so that it could support the AV needs for the Ed Center and General Meetings. It was also reported that the Treasurer's laptop is old and may also need to be replaced.

The September 14 General Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. In attendance were 33 members and 5 guests. Stacey Segal welcomed all guests in attendance.

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

- •Doug McNicol requested help with set up with the TLS table at the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society's Fall Outdoor Mineral Treasures show on October 8.
- •Anthony Lombardo invited anyone interested to attend the next Gemarama meeting, which is next Wednesday, September 21. Anthony reported that Gemarama flyers, discount coupons and complimentary tickets for members to distribute are available at the meeting. Volunteers for Gemarama are encouraged. Lisa Laffend announced that many volunteers are needed for running Gemarama. One can sign up online as well as on a printed sign-up sheet which was passed around during the meeting. Bill Mattis shared that he has the blank submission forms for those interested in having an exhibit case at Gemarama
- •Lisa Laffend, on behalf of Jay Rosa, encouraged submission of stones to be placed in the single stone exhibit at Gemarama.
- •Stacey Segal, on behalf of Dennis Coren, reported that there is one submission for SKIP, which will be evaluated and shared at the next General Meeting.

After sharing that the Board had unanimously agreed, Stacey Segal proposed that Bill Mattis be awarded Life Membership in TLS. Members attending the General Meeting also unanimously voted in favor. After the presentation of the Life Membership and round of applause to Bill, Stacey shared the wonderfully detailed nomination write up describing Bill's countless contributions to TLS that was submitted by Frank Warner.

Following the meeting, Bill Mattis introduced the evening's guest, Alex Lowy and his presentation, Creative Approaches to Macro Photography: Capturing Objects of Desire.

-Doug McNicol, Acquisitions Chair

SALES TIME IN OCTOBER

There are two sales in October - Saturday the 8th at the outdoor PMS show at St. Michaels Grove, 400 Jacobs St., Mont Clare, PA - and the Silent Auction on October 13 at the Springfield Township Office Building. Items received by TLS through donations that will be available are: a Master Faceter Model 300-C with laps, dop sticks and a transfer fixture; an old Highland Park Model 250 Cabbing machine; a 14" x 24" x 4" locking display case; a 34" x 22" x 18" portable display case: a rolling jewelry carrier with associated trays; large quantity of rough, slabs and faceting material (including topaz); tools and jewelry making supplies. If anyone is interested in supporting open air sales at Mont Clare please contact Doug McNicol (610-500-9562 or 805pine@comcast.net.)

—Barry Messino, Gemarama Chair

GEMARAMA 2022

Summer is gone, fall is here and Gemarama 2022 is finally near! We need your help! Members, non-members, family, and friends can help us now by promoting TLS Gemarama 2022 on social media. Post as often and as frequently as possible on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. Put Gemarama Flyers on bulletin boards in your supermarket, neighborhood, libraries, workplace, community centers, etc. to help to promote our show. Flyers are available at the Education Center and at the October 12, 2022 TLS General Meeting.

Don't forget that we are accepting items for the TLS Auction. Displaying your wonderful accomplishments in a TLS exhibit case is a great way for people to see your skills and artistry, while promoting our TLS courses. Remember! Remember! Volunteers, the sign up sheets are at the Education Center. You can also use email, our online system, or sign up at the October General meeting. Members should pass out discount coupons or sign and give complimentary tickets to family and/or friends. (You will be billed \$2.00 after the show for each complimentary ticket used.)

Also, we now have online, advanced ticketing available at lapidary.org/gemarama.

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

- •Wednesday, October 19, 2022: 7:30 pm is the next and final Gemarama meeting before the show. If you would like to attend the meeting contact Barry Messino stargaterb1@com-cast.net to be included on the Zoom list.
- •Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022: Truck loading at the Education Center starts at 3 pm. Exhibit cases, liners, and bins need to be loaded onto the truck. This should take about 1.5 hours.
- •Friday, Nov. 4, 2022: Set up at EXPO Center, Hall D and E starting at 8 am. Tasks include unloading the truck, table setup, exhibit case setup, and dealer sign placement. Lunch and dinner are provided for our TLS helpers.
- •Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, 2022: SHOW DAYS! Volunteers are needed to run the TLS Booth, Silent Auction, Admissions, Demonstrations, Kids Table, and Education Center tables.
- •Sunday evening, November 6, 2022: BREAKDOWN after the show at 5 pm. Much help will be needed to load the truck, stack tables at the Expo center, and volunteers will be needed to unload at the Ed Center as well.

THANK YOU Gemarama Committee and TLS members and non-members that are volunteering their services to help before, during, and after the show. Together, we can do anything...We at TLS are the "RAINBOW of POSSIBILITIES"!

—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

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November Friday, October 21 December Friday, November 18 January Friday, December 23 February Friday, January 20 —Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor and Frank Warner



This year's Gemarama theme is "A Rainbow of Possibilities". The rainbow is most commonly known as a symbol of hope. Rainbows often appear after a thunderstorm or when everything is seemingly at its darkest to then spread light and ultimately, hope. How appropriate, in light of the past few years, and the troubles in the world today. In film and literature, a rainbow signifies the promise of new beginnings and better times ahead. Of course, in Irish lore, the pot of gold is the treasure at the end of the rainbow! In addition, the symbolism of a rainbow has been used in recent years to represent many different movements for change in society, as well as equality and community for people of all walks of life, represented by the unique colors in the rainbow that create one magnificent whole. The use of a rainbow of colors in our lapidary arts should be a fun one to explore!

Some gem minerals come in a whole rainbow of colors. Corundum, for example, occurs in many colors. The red version is called ruby, the other colors of corundum are called sapphire, especially the blue. Beryl also occurs in a wide range of colors from pink morganite to golden heliodor, to green emerald, to blue aquamarine. And in the tourmaline minerals, one finds black schorl, pink rubellite, blue indicolite, as well as the usual green tourmaline. In some opal, one can see an entire rainbow in flashes of color in a single stone. One piece of agate can have a whole rainbow of color. One of the favorites for lapidary work is quartz which also comes in many colors, including the familiar yellow citrine and purple amethyst.

Many gem minerals only come in one color or in a very narrow color range. Can you think of six different gem minerals with one for each of the colors red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple in the rainbow? Have fun exploring the range of colors in gem materials that you will see at Gemarama.

There are several ways to volunteer. Sign up sheets to help load the truck, set up the show, work at various booths, demo your jewelry making skills, and then breakdown the show 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 an online SignUpGenius form. Just click on the link and follow the directions: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CAEA822ABFD0-

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GEMARAMA 2022 COMMITTEE

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| Awards | Anthony Lombardo |
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New Vendors for 2022 Gemarama!

We have some new vendors for Gemarama this year! They represent diverse additions to the show. Ethiopian Gems, A & S Opal, Infinity Crystals, Gemeral Store, Bary Gems, and Momminia Gems & Jewelry 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.

—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.

-Jay Rosa, Single Stone Chair

SINGLE STONE EXHIBITION

We currently have zero submissions for the single stone exhibition. Our 53rd Annual Gemarama show will be held on November 5th and 6th. Submit your cab or faceted stone and showcase your work, but more important, you will receive a written report of your demonstrated skills and quality of work that only you will see. Deadline for submissions will be October 21. For more details see last month's bulletin.

I look forward to collecting and displaying all of your submissions! Contact me at anibalrosa@rocketmail.com if you have any questions.

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FALL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Fall is here and Gemarama planning is well underway, but that's not all that is going on. In addition to a wide array of classes and workshops, we have several community programs scheduled this fall. TLS will be participating in the Delco Arts Week (October 1-9, 2022) We will be holding an Open House at the Education Center on Friday, October 7 from 5-8 pm with tours of the facility, demonstrations of cabbing, faceting, metalsmithing and lampwork, in addition to sharing some of the work of our talented members. Please encourage your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to come visit us and see what we do and why we are so proud of the TLS Education Center.

We will also have a table at Brookhaven Borough's Family Day on Saturday, September 24 from 12 noon till 4 pm, where we will be demonstrating cabbing and providing information about TLS classes, and, of course, Gemarama.

And finally, we will also have a table at the Mineral Treasures Outdoor Show 2022, sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society on Saturday, October 8 from 10 am till 6 pm. The show is located at St. Michael's Grove, 400 Jacob's St., Mont Clare, PA. We will have mineral specimens, slabs, cabs, jewelry, and more for sale. Please come visit us at this show and tell your friends as well.

All these activities help TLS reach out to the public, which is an important part of our mission as a PA Purely Public Charity. Also be sure to checkout the Delaware County Arts Consortium (DCAC) website (www.DelcoArts.org) to see what is happening in the arts in Delaware County.

-Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT #1

Let's take a look at a longtime vendor at Gemarama;

Henry's Jewelers. On behalf of Henry, Erin Kirchner sent along some information and pictures to share with our members.

A flare for vision and creativity has been an impetus for some of the success of Henry's Jewelers. Grit, hard work,



and personal service account for the rest. Henry Laskowski, owner, Gemological Institute of America graduate gemologist and master jeweler has been in business for over 45 years.

In the early days, Henry had a gem and lapidary business and showcased his wares at various local shows and mall kiosks. He provided lapidary services, such as cutting and shaping raw materials into cabochons for jewelry, an interest that was encouraged by his father, Henry (Pop), when he was a young boy. Pop had studied geology at Penn State University. He spent many afternoons with his kids digging for rocks and



minerals. Every trip was an adventure and would foster a love they shared for many years. While Pop spurred the interest, his 5th grade teacher Mrs. Gallagher, sealed the

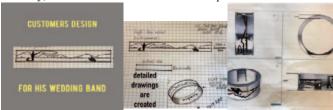
deal. Her enthusiastic educational approach further enhanced Hen-

rys interest in rocks and minerals.

Henry's business and customer base

continued to flourish, prompting a new storefront. In 1975, Henry's Gems opened its doors in Warrington, PA. Henry's Gems offered in-house jewelry repair and estate jewelry. The inventory featured an array of fancy gems and gemstones and included rings, pendants, bracelets and necklaces in yellow /white gold, platinum, and sterling silver. As jewelry styles evolved, Henry's Gems had their finger on the pulse and continued to evolve as well, with a new name, Henry's Jewelers.

Benchwork was still the cornerstone; however, with the addition of state-of-the art technology, LaserStar repair capabilities were optimized. The LaserStar technology allowed Henry's Jewelers to execute new designs more efficiently. It delivered the best shape and texture to newly created pieces. Onward and upward, next came the inception of using Cad Cam design. Cad Cam paved the way for customers to create personal, graphically designed pieces. Create they have done. Recently, one of the customers had a unique idea for a wed-



ding band – the vision was a fly fisherman in a stream, surrounded by mountains as he was casting his fishing rod. This



unique design was captured by the inhouse artist. The final product was a masterpiece (see photos).

Personal service is invaluable, and the mantra adopted by the Henry's Jewelers staff. Currently their staff consists of trained gemologists, metal workers, an estate buyer and a goldsmith. Whether on the road (27 gem shows a year), or at the shop, they strive to share their jew-

elry wisdom and expertise. The greatest testimony to the service and craftmanship provided at Henry's Jewelers is the multi-generational customers. It was their grandparent's jewelry store, and their parent's jewelry store, and now the third generation is walking into the shop. The inventory has changed, the tools improved, and the means of advertising (Instagram and Facebook) have been revamped. However, the commitment to quality craftmanship and customer experience have remained steady for 45 years.

You can find Henry's Jewelers on Facebook at Henrys Jewelers, on Instagram @henrysjewelers, and on TikTok @henrysjewelers. The storefront is on 1412 Easton Road, Warrington, PA.

—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.

-Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT #2

Gems by Genovese, out of Cape May, New Jersey, is our next highlighted vendor for Gemarama. Greg Genovese describes his business as one that creates new markets for the jewelry



business, and discovers new materials, new cuts, and new ideas. His inventory is a collection of one of a kind cuts and carvings. His clientele range from wire wrappers to couture jewelry designers around the world. He describes his life as "living his dream".

Greg was 7 when he stumbled upon a piece of schist with a garnet crystal in a neighbor's yard. His fascination with stones became a lifelong journey. Greg's father bought him some stones and a rock tumbler a short time later, and he cut his first stone in opal soon thereafter. His first job was at a lapidary shop in Philly at 16, and he attended a lecture at TLS at 17. After high school, he spent some time at the Temple School of Art, then worked at various jobs while spending weekends doing craft shows with his wire-wrapped jewelry.



Never imagining that he could make a living cutting stones, he worked in the restaurant business in Atlantic City to support his family.

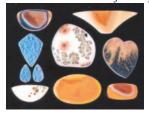
Greg attempted to complete the GIA colored stone course three times, but always got too busy to finish.

Despite his lack of formal training, his style seems to have thrived in the gemstone market. Through trial and error, much money spent on tools and materials, and making many mistakes, he developed his own approach and technique.



In his travels to craft shows, Greg found himself a business partner. He learned the business and began to do all the cutting and creating for it. His partner did the selling. After 7 years together, Greg parted ways and began his own business, Gems By Genovese. The rest is history.

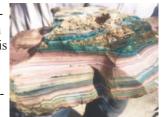
Greg's stones have won over 50 Spectrum Awards. His stones have been on the cover of Lapidary Journal five times and there have been at least a dozen feature articles about his contributions to the jewelry industry. (If you can find a copy of



Lapidary Journal from January 2000, you will find a step-by-step project with rutilated quartz composites and an article about his work.) Greg lists his accomplishments to include creating the titanium drusy market, carving

drusy leaves, moons, clouds, rutilated quartz composites, rain-

bow hematite, conchinas, and several other natural surface gemstones. He also discovered Saturn Chalcedony in Uruguay. His son is working on a documentary about his life's work called "Gem Show", which is slated to be completed next year.



Greg does much of his selling at the Pueblo Show in Tucson. He has an Instagram page, GemsByGenovese, a Facebook page, Greg Genovese, and another called the Add-



iction-Stone Exchange. His does all his manufacturing at home in three separate buildings behind his house in Cape May.

When asked about a favorite story to

be told, Greg says his whole life has been blessed and he can't come up with a single favorite part of it. He has been fortunate to travel all over the world for his work, and he has lived on and off in Brazil for many years, mining and collecting rough for his work. He has made many loving, dear friends through his work and travels. He feels very fortunate to be able to do what he does for a living.

— From Kathy Lopez, Program Chair

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Our upcoming schedule will include both in-person and Zoom events. If you have any suggestions for future programs, please email kathy.lopez@me.com.

- October 12: Silent Auction, Springfield Township Building, 7:30 PM
- •<u>November 9</u>: Helen Serras-Herman, "Carved Gems Inspiration and Expertise." Springfield Township Building; Helen will be presenting virtually, 7:30 PM
- •<u>December 14</u>: Winter Holiday Gathering, Springfield Township Building, 7:30 PM

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.

CALENDAR

October 8: Phila. Mineralogical Soc. Outdoor Show, Mont Clair, PA

October 22-23: Annual Mt. Bethel Gem and Mineral Show, Mt. Bethel Firehouse, Mt. Bethel, PA

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

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

March 4-5, 2023: 59th Annual Earth Science Gem and Mineral Show, Double Tree by Hilton, Wilmington, DE

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR BILL MATTIS

At the General Meeting on September 14, Bill Mattis was awarded a Life Membership in TLS. President Stacey Segal read the following citation.

William (Bill) Mattis joined TLS in December 1977, and became a very active member of TLS, contributing to TLS programs and activities in many ways. He received the Colio Award in 2010, and is a Master in Cabochons in the TLS SKIP program.



Most of us regard Bill as "Mr. Opal."

He has shared with many members his love and deep knowledge of opals for years. His opal course was given in summer sessions twenty-one times from 1999 through 2019, stopped only by the pandemic. Some of us have taken that great course more than once.

Bill has given General Meeting programs on eleven occasions with seven programs on opals, two on the Tucson show, and two on setting up a display case.

He has been the Gemarama Exhibits chair since 2004, and in that role has brought in outstanding exhibits by invited guests, and has encouraged many new TLS members to begin exhibiting. He helped develop the video display of Gemarama exhibits that was prepared for the virtual Gemarama 2020 and that is now a YouTube video on the TLS Channel.

Bill was a very active member of the crew that renovated the former Brookhaven Post Office building to become the TLS Education Center. His name appears over 50 times in the history of that renovation.

Bill has helped run our Brookhaven Family Day event on several occasions.

TLS is pleased to recognize Bill's very significant contributions and devotion to the Society for nearly 45 years by awarding him the honor of a Life Membership.

Editor's Note: Active ten-year members who have made major contributions to the Society's progress may be nominated for Life Membership, with at most one such nomination per year and a maximum of six current life members. Nominations are reviewed by a five-member committee appointed by the President. Positive recommendations from that committee must then be approved by the Board of Directors and subsequently approved by a majority of Regular Members at a regularly scheduled General Meeting.

—John Chickadel

FALL CLEAN UP

We had a great turnout of volunteers on Friday, September 2nd to help with our Fall class preparation session. Our very enthusiastic group replaced and cleaned cabbing wheels, maintained our trim and slab saws, refreshed the dopping station, replaced smoke detector batteries, repainted parking space lines, and performed general clean-up and resupply chores. In attendance were Linda Green, Paul Stieff, Bill Frampton, Steve Hansen, Doug McNicol, Maxine Burkholder, Sheryl Dahl, Ken Dahl, Barb Bates, Michele Cole, Helen Driggs, Frank Warner, Lola Fields, Stacey Segal, and John Chickadel. Thank you everyone!

TLS Dues for 2023

TLS has an online system that members can use, if they wish, to submit updates to their membership information and to pay dues. TLS 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 our usual way 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 at < garycummings 140@gmail.com> or 610-476-5302.

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.

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| □ Junior | member | \$10 |
| □ Newsle | etter only | \$15 |
| □ Check | here if you do <u>not</u> want your address on our mailing list. | |
| Mε | ake check payable to: Tuscarora Lapidary Society (TL Mail form and check to: Kenneth Dahl, Treasurer 18 Tenby Drive, | S). |
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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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REALLY BAD HALLOWEEN JOKES!

What would you get if you crossed a vampire and a teacher? Lots of blood tests!

Why did Dracula's mother give him cough medicine? Because he was having a coffin fit.

What did Dr. Frankenstein get when he put a goldfish brain in the body of his dog?

I don't know, but it is great at chasing submarines.

Why wasn't there any food left after the monster party?

Cos everyone was a goblin.

Who won the skeleton beauty contest? No body.

Why did the vampire's lunch give him heartburn? It was a stake sandwich.

Dracula decided he need a dog, which breed did he choose? A bloodhound.

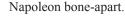
A bloodhound. What would you call the ghost of a door-to-door salesman?

A dead ringer.

What do skeletons always order at a restaurant?

Spare ribs!

Who was the most famous French skeleton?





GEMARAMA 2022 APPLICATION FOR EXHIBIT SPACE THE TUSCARORA LAPIDARY SOCIETY'S 53RD ANNUAL SHOW **NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2022** 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 – "A RAINBOW OF POSSIBILITIES" (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 2021 of the Educational Award is not eligible for the Educational Award in 2022. 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 ('A RAINBOW OF POSSIBILITIES') ☐ 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) \square 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 4, through 5:30 p.m. Sunday, November 6, 2022. 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 ____

Forms must be returned by October 15, 2022; you will receive confirmation.

him at mattisopal@aol.com.

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



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