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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow TLS members! Summer is upon us... I hope you all are enjoying the warmer weather and are finding time for some fun summer activities.

Thanks to all who joined us for the June general meeting and annual awards ceremony. It's always great when we can join together and recognize TLS members who volunteer and give so much to our organization. Congratulations to Barry Messino on receiving the Colio award, and to Anthony Lombardo on receiving the Coren award. Thanks also to Jay Rosa for coordinating the Single Stone program, to Frank Warner for creating the Single Stone presentation, and to all of the members who submitted their beautiful gemstones for the display.

TLS is all about Teaching, Learning and Sharing. The purpose of our awards ceremony is to give thanks and recognition to those who have donated their time, energy and resources to help our organization reach our goals. I want to personally thank my fellow Board members, Committee Chairs, and their assistants for doing an excellent job of running our operations so smoothly and seamlessly. Thanks to all of our volunteer and guest teachers who share their wealth of knowledge and expertise with us. Thanks to everyone who volunteers at Gemarama and on Ed Center cleanup days, and to those who volunteer their time in other ways, such as slabbing rocks for our slab sale drawer, pricing and setting up items for our silent auctions, participating in the audit and long-range planning committees, representing TLS by demoing at sister club shows, and much, much more. Thanks also to our students, especially the ones who are eager to share their knowledge and know-how with their fellow classmates. We can all learn from each other, and the more we share, the more we grow as individuals and as an organization. Our members and their true spirit of volunteerism are the main reason why we have reached our 65th year and have grown into such a robust and successful organization. We would not be where we are today without all of you and all of the great folks who came before us.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer!

—Stacey Segal, TLS President

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

NEWS AND NOTES

The Ed Center will be closed for carpet cleaning Monday, August 22 through Thursday, August 25.

— From Frank Warner

TLS VESTS & POLO SHIRTS

The Board and Gemarama Committee hope that many members will wear maroon TLS vests or polo shirts at Gemarama, continuing a long-standing tradition. They make us hosts easier to recognize by patrons who may have questions or need our help, and they provide a substantial additional security presence for the show. Our supply has run out, so new orders are being made. Christina Kulp has again generously offered to embroider the polo shirts, this time with a new TLS pattern. And patches based on the new pattern are being ordered that can be attached to the vest.

Full details on the patch pattern, on sizing and pricing of the vests and polo shirts, and on how to place an order can be found at <https://www.lapidary.org/IMAGES/mailchimpphotos/TLSVests&PoloShirts2022.pdf>.

Please submit your orders by June 30.

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

August 3: TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.
No General Meetings in July and August.

— From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The May 1 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The minutes of the May Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

Announcements: Stacey Segal shared that her husband Michael is on the mend and doing better and that Eileen Magee's husband Terry is doing better as well.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Dahl reported cash inflow and outflow for the month of May showed a positive total. The primary sources for income were from Gemarama dealer fees and tuition fees for summer classes.

Committee Reports:

Community Programs: Linda Green attended the DCAC monthly meeting. Part of the meeting was devoted to Delco

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Arts Week, October 1-9. The Open House at the TLS Education Center will be Friday, October 7th, 5-8pm. The Open House will include the greeting of visitors, tours, demos and light refreshments. Linda will be reaching out for volunteers. Another event is the Brookhaven Family Day, which is usually in September.

Programs: Kathy reported that the hybrid technology using Zoom during an in person General Meeting was tested at the May meeting and was successful. Helen Serras-Herman has agreed to give us a program in September or November with a talk, "Carved Gems: Inspiration and Expertise". The PBS video, "Craft in America", will be shared during the June General Meeting next week after the awards ceremony.

Ed Center Director: Vincent DiAngelus reported that keys were made for new instructors. Vincent said he will look into the issue of the vacuum cleaner not functioning. Vincent reported that the AC inspection was done and the filters were changed.

Registrar: Bill reported that summer registrations are doing well. Bill also gave thanks to everyone who has sent any updates.

Equipment and Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf reported that the issue with the big slab saw is resolved. The pull switch and chain was stuck causing it to shut off. Frank Warner reported that new flanges for the Covington slab saw, which hold the blade and bushings, were ordered and replaced and it is now working well.

Library and eBay: Stacey Segal reported that labels and cards for the new book additions for the library are to be completed.

Gemarama: Barry Messino reported that the next Gemarama meeting will include discussion regarding the discount tickets and flyers. Mimi Favre reported that the dealers have been sending checks and there are still some open spaces, and she will continue to contact dealers.

Old Business:

June Meeting General Meeting/Awards Ceremony – Stacey Segal announced that the June General Meeting will be held by ZOOM. The order and content of the agenda for the Awards Ceremony was reviewed. As mentioned earlier, it was decided that the PBS video "Craft in America - JEWELRY" would be shown as part of the program.

New Business

- TLS Vests - Anthony Lombardo presented the significant reasons to wear TLS vests at Gemarama. Frank Warner added to that and shared order forms which included color, styles, sizing and pricing of vests. He proposed to send out an email to survey members' interest and their vest sizes. The motion to send the email survey to members was seconded and approved by the Board. There was also discussion regarding patches to be worn on the vests.
- TLS Surplus Electric Cable - Stacey Segal reported that there is a surplus of electric cable that was used at Gemarama that now can be cleared from the TLS storage room. There is almost 3200 feet of it in varying lengths. A few members have expressed interest in the cable. A motion was made to pick a date soon for interested members to obtain cable, in return for a modest donation to TLS, with the rest to be donated to a suitable charity. It was seconded and approved.



The May 8 General Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. In attendance were 38 members and 3 guests. Stacey Segal welcomed all guests in attendance.

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

- Bill Frampton reported on the Spring Registration which had drops and a lot of people on the waitlist. Bill requested that if you cannot take a class to let him know at least 48 hours before the date of the course, so that those on the wait list can be contacted.
- Don Schwarzkopf reported that the light will be replaced in the back at the Education Center. Don reminded everyone to let him know about anything that is in need of repair.
- Barry Messino reported that next week is a Gemarama meeting. Barry also stated that as help is needed for Gemarama, anyone interested in joining the next meeting can either email her or Anthony Lombardo.
- Dennis Coren shared last month's recipients for the Journeyman in Sphere Award: Lisa Laffend, Sue Rubin and Stacey Segal. Dennis announced that participation in SKIP is encouraged.

Stacey Segal began the Awards Ceremony by reviewing the mission of TLS and giving thanks to those attending; board members, committee chairs and their assistants, and all those who volunteer representing TLS at the wide variety of events throughout the year.

- Stacey Segal asked for a moment of silence to honor those who passed on in the last year.
- Gary Cummings listed and thanked the 26 new members who have joined TLS since last year.
- Stacey Segal thanked all class teachers and guest instructors for their time and expertise.
- Jay Rosa announced that 11 individuals had submitted stones for the Single Stone Presentation. Frank Warner then gave a slide presentation, "Single Stone Presentation, June 2022". Those who submitted stones were: Paul Stieff, John Chickadel, Linda Green, Bill Frampton, Bob Burt, Miranda Westrick, Christina Groff, Stephen Rich, Lorena Bello, Angela Cassel and Jay Rosa.
- Gary Cummings presented the Colio Award to Barry Lynn Messino and the Coren Award to Anthony Lombardo. For more information on our winners, see the article on the next page.

Following the Awards Program Kathy Lopez Lopez introduced the evening's video, "Craft in America: Jewelry".



—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

September	Friday, August 5
October	Friday, September 23
November	Friday, October 21
December	Friday, November 18

–From Gary Cummings, Vice President and Jody Shaw, Editor

2022 COREN AWARD

The Coren Award for New Member Service, established by Chesna and Ben Coren, is given to a TLS member in good standing who has joined the club in the last three years. This person must have demonstrated through unselfish service, leadership, or outstanding lapidary exhibits a level of performance not usually expected of a new member.

Our Coren Award winner joined TLS in 2019. He serves in a number of important roles, including TLS Board Director and Gemarama Co-Chair. He took over responsibility for the TLS Booth, plus he is responsible for producing all of the award plaques given to members and Gemarama dealers. He volunteers in many capacities since he's been a member, and he also helped build the new shelving units in the jewelry room. It is a great pleasure to award the 2022 Coren Award to Anthony Lombardo.



–From Gary Cummings, Vice President and Jody Shaw, Editor

2021 COLIO AWARD

The William P. Colio Memorial Award is presented annually to the member deemed to have made the greatest contribution to the aims and purposes of TLS. The recipient must have a performance above and beyond what is normally expected of any active member. The award is for contributions in the year just completed or in the years leading up to that time.

Our Colio award winner joined TLS in October of 1993. She served as Co-chair of Programs from 1994 through 1998, and during that period gave three programs herself (Soldering in May 1994, Imitation Gemstones in January 1997, and Pearls in October 1997). She has prepared grab bags for Gemarama since 2002, and has set up the Memorial case at Gemarama since 2002. She is serving as Gemarama Chair for 2021 and 2022. In addition, she has played a leading role in our metals program. She has donated tools and equipment. She has taught Beginning Silver at least 22 times since 1996 and Intermediate Silver at least 4 times. She has held Open Metal sessions and worked with Kathy Statton in a Channel Jewelry workshop. Our winner has been extremely generous with her time and sharing her vast wealth of knowledge, especially in the jewelry making field. It is a great pleasure to award the 2021 Colio Award to Barry Messino.



–From Jody Shaw, Editor

BUSINESS LISTINGS FOR TLS MEMBERS

Resuming a practice that was first offered in 2014, TLS members who have jewelry or lapidary related businesses have had the opportunity to place a business card in the this issue of the Bulletin. Normally, the Bulletin doesn't carry advertisements, but this once-a-year courtesy was made available to members who wanted to share their work with the readers of the Bulletin.

Linda Green

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IN THE NEWS

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

Scientists Discover “Ghost” Fossils – “Completely Unexpected”

<https://www.geologyin.com/2022/06/scientists-discover-ghost-fossils.html>

830-Million-Year-Old Microorganisms Found in Australian Halite

<http://www.sci-news.com/paleontology/neoproterozoic-halite-microorganisms-10798.html>

Ancient zircons offer insights into earthquakes of the past

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/zircon-earthquake-gemstone-history-chemistry>

CALENDAR

July 16-17: Annual Herkimer Diamond Gem Show, Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY

July 23-24: Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Show, Lancaster, PA

July 30-31: Long Island Mineral and Geology Society Annual Show, Mattituck High School, Mattituck, NY

August 19-21: Gem Miner's Jubilee Gem & Jewelry Show, Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA

September 17-18: EFMLS Convention and Mineral Show/Central PA Rock and Mineral Club, Harrisburg, PA

September 17-18: Annual Fall Franklin NJ Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, Franklin Fireman's Park, Franklin, NJ

September 24-25: Central PA Rock and Mineral Club Annual Show, Harrisburg Consistory, Harrisburg, PA

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

— 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.

July/August: No General Meetings

September 14: Alex Lowy, "Creative Approaches to Macro Photography: Capturing Objects of Desire." Springfield Township Building, 7:30 PM

October 12: Silent Auction, Springfield Township Building, 7:30 PM

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

LAPIDARY LINKS

The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History virtual tours allow visitors to take self-guided, room-by-room tours of select exhibits and areas within the museum from their desktop or mobile device. Visitors can also access select collections and research areas at the satellite support and research stations as well as past exhibits no longer on display. Visit <https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>.

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



Gemarama 2022 will be November 5 & 6 at the Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center in Oaks, PA, with show setup on Friday, November 4.

This is our one big public event each year, and it takes the combined efforts of many TLS members to make the show a success.

There are many tasks that require the help of our younger, strong members, especially packing the truck at the Education Center on Thursday afternoon, the 3rd, unloading the truck and setting up the show on Friday, the 4th, taking down the show on Sunday, the 6th, stacking the tables and chairs at the EXPO Center on that Sunday evening, and unloading the truck of TLS supplies at the Education Center Sunday evening.

If you are working and can take a day off to help set up the show on Friday, please plan now to do so. We start at 8 AM. We supply lunch and dinner. We have 275 tables to set up according to the show floor plan, 200 chairs to distribute, several hundred feet of table to cover with drapes, exhibit cases to set up with their lights and liners, signs to put up, and more.

On Sunday, starting at the close of the show at 5 PM, we have the reverse to do. TLS equipment from Admissions, the TLS Booth, Demonstrations, the Kid's Table, and Exhibits all have to be packed carefully, loaded on a truck, and then unloaded and stored at the Education Center. 275 tables have to be stacked for the rental company to pick up, and the 200 chairs have to be stacked for the EXPO staff to remove. These tasks, both at the Education Center unloading the truck, and at the EXPO Center stacking tables, can take until 9 PM or so to complete. We need strong crews at both sites to help until the tasks are completed.

Running the show on Saturday and Sunday takes a substantial crew as well. More details on those tasks and how to sign up to volunteer will come later, but for now, please plan to be available to provide as much help as possible from the 3rd of November through the 6th. Putting on a quality show like Gemarama is a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. Let's make 2022 our best show yet.

Barry Messino, Show Chair
Anthony Lombardo, Show Co-chair

—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

One of our newer members, Elizabeth Karasek, joined the TLS in April of 2022. She was born in New York City, and was raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia. Her grandmother, an archaeologist, did needle-point work that looked like paintings. She got Elizabeth involved with beads at a young age.



Elizabeth went to Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Penn State University. She started studying interior design, moved to physics education, then transferred to Penn State for Aerospace Engineering, but then graduated with a degree in Industrial Engineering. She was fascinated with fabrication. She is a career project engineer at a helicopter manufacturer.

Amongst Elizabeth’s many hobbies are jewelry making, lapidary, wood and leather craft, stained glass, and musical instruments. Her family is fully supportive of her creative exploits. She is a Nextfab member, which is described on their website as, “At [NextFab](#), we provide access to machinery, education, membership, community, events, and professional services for anything you want to fabricate. By combining digital technology with traditional tools, we’re finding cutting-edge ways to make things, solve problems, and learn by doing. This is the future of making, and it’s yours to create.”



Elizabeth found TLS though Bead Fest. She became interested in lapidary through classes there, and through Nextfab. She finds inspiration through Instagram and YouTube. Favorite artists are Kaska Firor, who’s specialty is woven wire jewelry which you can see on her website at <https://www.designs-bykaska.com/> and Jessica Thompson, who designs, builds, and fabricates using natural stones and metals. Her book, “Woven in Wire”, is a valuable resource. Besides spending time at Nextfab Studio, she enjoyed a class at her friend [Greg Stefan’s Studio](#).

Elizabeth has an Etsy shop which can be found at <http://www.etsy.com/shop/ekarasek>. She also sells at the Schuylkill Center. She has taught classes in Springfield with the bead society and at the Schuylkill Center in wire wrapping.

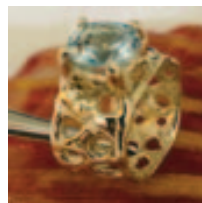
Elizabeth’s awards for her art include an award at the Wayne student’s works exhibition called “2021 WAC student Jewelry Award” for "Rhodochrosite". Hopefully, she will share her work with TLS and possibly teach some wire wrapping classes at the Education Center.



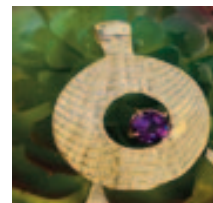
—Dennis Coren, Skill Improvement Program Chair

Take the TLS Challenge

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



How?

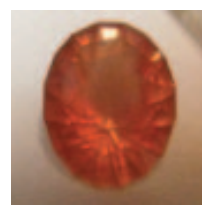


By submitting your Cabochon, Faceted Stone, Channel Jewelry, Intarsia, Intarsia-Jewelry, Sphere, Constructed Jewelry, Jewelry Casting, and Carving to the SKIP Program.

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 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.

—From Frank Warner

TLS History Series #19
Highlights, Part 7: 2008 – 2014

2008

Discussions continued with Whiteland Village about locating the Skill Center at their site. The proposed facility would be 3400 square feet, with a 25-year lease. Occupancy was expected first quarter of 2010.

An appeal was filed to the denial of our sales-tax exemption application. The appeal argued that we do relieve the government of some of its burden since we teach marketable skills to the general public. The appeal was successful, and the exemption was approved effective July 26, 2007. TLS became an Act 55 Purely Public Charity in PA.

2009

The current credit crunch was affecting Whiteland Village financing plans. The site construction was on hold. A lawyer from Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts assisted TLS with the Whiteland Village contract.

The first Open Shop policy of rules for access to TLS equipment outside of normal classes or workshops was adopted. There was a successful field trip to Herkimer NY on October 10. The first TLS Operations Manual was prepared.

2010

Ben Coren died January 25. Tuition rates for 10-week classes became \$40 for members and \$120 for non-members. Whiteland Village was still held up by financing problems, but a new opportunity arose for TLS.

On August 11, Pete Santucci noticed a for-sale sign at the former Post Office building at 24 Upland Road in Brookhaven. The building had been owned and used for storage for the previous ten years by Bryn Mawr Trust. We were the 4th group of potential buyers to view the property. On Saturday night, August 14, the Board approved the making of an offer for the asking price of \$299,900. Our offer was accepted. The purchase was made possible by our New Home Fund plus a \$100,000 loan from a TLS member. Zoning was approved September 14. The closing was November 15. Demolition work on the interior by an enthusiastic group of TLS members began in December. TLS ended the year with cash assets of \$114,000, building and equipment assets of \$312,000, and a \$100,000 loan liability.

2011

The primary activity this year was the renovation of 24 Upland Road under the guidance of our architect, Jon Sutton. Week-by-week details of the renovation are contained in [24 Upland Transformation.pdf](#). The effort took thousands of hours of work in which over 45 members participated. The move-in date from the Media Skill Center was August 27. An Open House was held on September 18. Fall classes started September 28 in our new facility. TLS Education Center name was adopted at the October Board Meeting.

Also this year, TLS sales on eBay were started, and a TLS Facebook page was created.

2012

Work continued on the Education Center renovation "punch list." The large jewelry bench was completed. Property-tax exemption was secured on appeal on July 5. Glass beadmaking classes started. Guest instructor Louise Mehaffey gave a workshop on making glass flower beads. A new Open Shop policy was adopted.

The Associate Member category was dropped from the Bylaws as unnecessary. Non-member members of the public taking our classes are simply our students. The TLS Operations Manual was updated. A new and improved TLS website was created using Adobe Dreamweaver. Al Webber died August 8, just shy of 105. Kathy Statton and Cindy Duncan demonstrated gems and lapidary at West Bradford Elementary School.

Overall, a great first year in our new facility.

2013

A front overhang was added to the Education Center, providing cover for those entering the building and shade for the Library windows. A new and much more powerful bench exhaust system was installed in the jewelry room. Rates for basic 10-week courses were set at \$60 for members and \$120 for non-members. We began offering weekend cabbing workshops through Main Line School Night. These workshops became an important source of new members. We started using MailChimp for email communication with members and non-members.

After initial renovation costs of \$96,741, and the additional \$18,908 cost for the front overhang and improved jewelry room exhaust system, TLS cash assets at the end of the year were \$41,000, building and equipment assets were \$409,000, and the loan liability was \$89,744.

2014

Pete Santucci built the extraordinary 16' x 4' classroom table. A system of thermostats that automatically switches to the HERE thermostat when someone is in the building and to the AWAY thermostat when no one is in the building was installed to save on heating and cooling costs. A lightning strike disabled the bathroom fan and zapped exit-sign batteries.

The TLS program in glass arts expanded a lot this year. Guest instructor Patti Dougherty gave a workshop on making hollow beads. We enjoyed a special Venetian Lampworking weekend workshop with renowned glass artist Emilio Santini. The first workshop on making glass marbles was held. And there was a summer demonstration outside on the use of a Murphy "fire bucket" to pull glass cane.

A team of TLS members built and tested four machines for making lapidary spheres 'by hand'. These machines use a vertically mounted motor-driven spindle, and require constant hands-on to hold rough against the grinding surface and to apply grit or polishing slurry. Guest instructor Joan Strott-Alvini continued her teaching at TLS with her first enamel workshop in our new facility.

The member application fee was increased to \$20. Dues were increased to \$40 for members, \$60 per member couple, and \$20 per spouse Auxiliary member. The fee for former members receiving the newsletter remained at \$15.

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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PUNS FOR EDUCATED MINDS!

- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
•Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
•A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
•Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
•England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
•I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
•They told me I have type-A blood, but it was a type-O.
•I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
•Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.
•I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
•I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
•This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

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) 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 _____

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, 2022; you will receive confirmation.