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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow TLS members! Signs of spring are all around. Temps are slowly getting warmer, the birds are starting to sing, flowers are starting to show their first signs of life, and the days are getting longer...

In addition to longer days and nicer weather, we have many other things to look forward to. The spring term starts on April 3rd. There are lots of terrific classes available, and a few of them have available spaces. There's still time to secure your spot and take some well-deserved "me" time to delve into some creative activities.

We had a really nice turnout for the March general meeting and silent auction. There was a great selection of rough and slabs available for the taking. I saw quite a few high-spirited bidding wars going on for some of the more coveted material and a lot of happy winners. All in all, it was a very successful fundraiser for TLS. Thanks to all who donated items and helped with setup and breakdown of the tables and auction items.

We continue to move forward with our plans for the June dinner and awards banquet. It is very exciting that we will finally be able to hold our annual dinner again after several years' hiatus. The reservation for Wednesday, June 14 at Charlotte's Restaurant is set and the menu has been planned. Many thanks go to our Programs Chair, Kathy Lopez, for making all of the arrangements. Full details including time, location and other pertinent info, as well as the RSVP form, are included in this month's Bulletin. Also included in this month's edition are details on how to submit nominations for the Coren and Colio awards. These citations are presented at the June dinner as part of the awards ceremony and recognize two special TLS members who have gone above and beyond the normal call of duty to help TLS. Last but not least, we will have a Single Stone display case set up at the dinner. Now is the time to start thinking about and working on a gemstone for the case. There are so many talented members of our society doing beautiful and amazing work. I encourage you all to consider submitting a cabochon or faceted stone (or one of each!) so we can show off your amazing creations!

Hope to see you all at an upcoming meeting, class, or other TLS activity! Until then, please take care and be well...

—Stacey Segal, TLS President



**MAY BULLETIN DEADLINE
FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

NEWS AND NOTES

-Get well wishes to Bill Mattis after his recent surgery. He is home and doing well at this time.

-Welcome to new full members Christina Sirochman, Heidi Hopf, and Robert Warnick. Paula Warnick will join us as an Auxilliary member.



DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

April 5: TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

April 12: TLS General Meeting; Presentation by Shelly Sergeant about the Somewhere in the Rainbow Gem and Jewelry Collection, 7:30 p.m., Springfield Township Building.

May 17: Gemarama Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.



— From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The March 1 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The minutes of the February Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Dahl reported cash inflow and outflow for the month of February showed a positive net inflow. This was mostly due to tuition payments for the spring session.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Gary Cummings reported that three new member applicants, Christina Sirochman, Robert Warnick (Paula Warnick-Aux) and Heidi Hopf have all met the requirements for membership. All three were approved.

Community Programs/DCAC: Linda Green reported that at the DCAC meeting, discussions were held for ideas on community outreach, organization collaborations, and creating a list of sources for grants for the member organizations. Linda encouraged viewing the DCAC website (delcoarts.org), to see all the arts' activities available in Delaware County. Linda requested assistance in hosting meetings for developing Scout programs for TLS. Kathy Lopez and Tina Brunner both volunteered.

Programs: Kathy Lopez reported on the upcoming programs for the General Meetings. The April meeting will include speakers Shelly Sergeant and Jeff Hapeman. The May program will be a presentation by Frank Warner. June is the Awards Dinner at Charlotte's and a speaker is set for September.

Ed Center Director: Vincent DiAngelus reported that PECO is aware that the gas meter is sticking out too far and will be

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sending a crew out to work on protecting the meter, relocating the drain pipe from the roof, and completing the repair to the drain line.

Class Manager: – Steve Hansen reported that spring registration is open and doing well. Presently, there is not much participation for the guest instructor or virtual classes. Registration for the May Main Line School Night session is full and the June session is presently empty. Steve also shared that he is working on the summer schedule.

Registrar: Bill Frampton reported that the spring session registration is going well. There are still some people that do not follow the correct registration process, which results in being rejected for classes. Bill stated that he is working on this.

Equipment and Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf reported that the Covington saw is down due to a rock coming loose and jamming the blade, and thus burning out the belt. Don stated that he will repair the saw with the proper belt. After discussion, it was decided that refresher training is needed for all who will be using the saw. Don also shared that he has all the solid state control parts to build up the old vulcanizer.

Gemarama: Barry Messino reported that she will be working with Bill Mattis to set a date for a work session to prepare cases and liners for this year's Gemarama. Barry shared that she will be providing Gemarama pamphlets during shows both in Cherry Hill and Delaware. Anthony Lombardo reminded everyone of the next Gemarama meeting and asked for a check of the committee list for any changes.

Old Business

- Stacey Segal reported that the Audit Committee for 2022 has been formed and will include Tina Brunner, Joyce Babiarz, Frank Warner and herself. They will meet with Ken Dahl and the audit will take place on March 22 at the Ed Center.
- Stacey Segal reported that dues for EFMLS were paid and thanked Ken Dahl for his assistance. Stacey added that she updated the current officer list and Gemarama 2023 dates on the EFMLS site.
- Stacey Segal reported that the letter of support for the MLSN grant application was written and sent out by Eileen Magee.
- Stacey Segal reported that a sharps container and a box of heavy nitrile gloves are available in the Ed Center, and that she had spoken with the Brookhaven Police. Their recommendation is to contact them every time a hazardous item is found and they will come and collect it. Stacey also shared that she will get this direction out to all the instructors.

New Business

- Kathy Lopez graciously volunteered to help with preparations for this year's June Dinner at Charlotte's. Kathy shared that she is presently working on pricing and menus for the dinner.
- Stacey Segal led discussion regarding the table in the Ed Center with sign in sheet, temperature recording, masks, and hand sanitizer, that we have had used to follow pandemic protocols. The final decision was to keep all protocols in place for now. Bill Frampton, Barry Messino and Doug McNicol will take a look at the set up in the Ed Center and develop a recommendation for next month's Board meeting.



The March 8 General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The meeting was held in person at the Springfield Township Building. In attendance were 35

members and 5 guests. Stacey Segal gave a welcome to all of our guests in attendance. Committee and other items discussed at the Board Meeting were briefly presented. In addition:

- Vincent DiAngelus reported that the new planter in front of the Ed Center looks good.
- Steve Hansen reported that the winter term is ending and the spring term registration is filling. Steve added that he is working on the summer term schedule.
- Stacey Segal reported that we are looking for a few volunteers to help with audio visual support for the General Meetings.

Following the meeting Stacey Segal shared that TLS T-shirts are for sale. Stacey then announced the start of the evening's Silent Auction.



—Jay Rosa, *Single Stone Chair*

JUNE DINNER

SINGLE STONE EXHIBITION

Our June dinner is now just a couple of months away! It's time to start submitting a cabochon or faceted gem (or one of each) for the Single Stone Exhibition. Any color, shape, or style is welcome. The submissions are evaluated solely on the merits of YOUR work; a number is submitted with your entry instead of your name, and you will be given individualized written feedback on your demonstrated skill and the quality of your work. No one sees the evaluation but you. These cabochons or faceted gems can later be submitted to the SKIP program as well. Further information about SKIP appears in this Bulletin.

To submit your cab, put it in a baggie labeled with your name and the name of the stone (picture jasper, red agate). Faceted gems should be placed in an appropriate container before being placed in a baggie; be sure to label it clearly and include the diagram used to cut the gem. The collection point is a plastic container in the lower right-hand drawer of the desk in the library at the Ed Center. Numbers will be assigned before the judges see them so they don't know who they are evaluating.



—Ken Dahl, *TLS Treasurer*

SPRING SILENT AUCTION

Nearly forty members of TLS gathered at Springfield Township's meeting hall for the first of this year's two silent auctions, held on Wednesday evening, March 8, 2023. Rock and mineral rough, slabs, and completed and polished cabochons comprised the majority of items put up for sale, with vigorous bidding taking place for the more popular offerings.

At the close of the sale and with payments completed, TLS had earned \$2,282.00 from the auction. Here's a big "Thank You!" to our members who donated items to sell, who cut slabs from rough held by the society, and who assisted with setting up and taking down the sale!

If you missed this auction, I remind you that the next TLS silent auction will take place after our general meeting on Wednesday, October 11. This meeting starts at 7:30 PM and will be held at the Springfield Township Hall located at 50 Powell Rd, Springfield, PA. The silent auction opens for bidding upon completion of the general meeting's business agenda.

TLS AWARDS DINNER

The annual TLS Awards Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, at Charlotte’s Restaurant in Newtown Square, conditions permitting. As a thank you to the membership for all their hard work supporting the club during the year, TLS is contributing half the cost of each dinner so the price per meal is \$30. The reservation deadline is May 31.

Dinner will be served at approximately 7 p.m. and includes hot and cold hors d’oeuvres, soda/iced tea, soup, salad, and a choice of one of four entrees, followed by a cheesecake dessert. There will be a cash bar. Entrée choices include:

Steak-Black Angus Filet Mignon with Beaujolais sauce, roasted potatoes, and string beans almandine.

Salmon-Parmesan Crusted Salmon Filet, Spinach, Mashed Potatoes, Grape Tomatoes, and Basil Sauce (complete).

Crab Cake-Charlotte’s Signature Crab Cake, Champagne Lobster Sauce (shrimp and scallop mousse with jumbo lump crabmeat), roasted potatoes, and string beans almandine.

Eggplant-Eggplant Parmigiana served with linguini (complete).

This is a special dinner to honor the teachers who have volunteered their time and to present the Coren and Colio Awards to special deserving members.

Come join us - it will be a fun evening! The restaurant is located at 3207 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

—Gary Cummings, Vice President

COLIO/COREN AWARDS

Each TLS member is asked to nominate candidates for the Colio and Coren Awards, which are presented annually. Nominations should be sent to TLS Vice President Gary Cummings by mail or email by May 15.

The William P. Colio Memorial Award is presented 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 that normally expected of any active member. All TLS members in good standing are eligible: a member may receive this award more than once. The last ten recipients were: Roger Binns, Doug Klieger, Stacey Segal, Joe Rokosky, John Chickadel, Christina Kulp, Lisa Laffend, Linda Green, Steve Hansen, and Barry Messino.

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.

The Coren award may be received only once. Those eligible and the year they joined are - 2020: Lily Bieling, Dennis Coren, Bette Friedlander, and Mary Beth Nardy. 2021: Vincent DiAngelus, Gail Gingrich, Marguerite Rutkowski, Margaret Gandolfo, Celia Shevlin, Mara Wolff, Anibal (Jay) Rosa, Kezia Wolf, Mollie Rossi, Matthew Kehler, Zasha Morales-José, Tina Brunner, Kay Greer, and Karen Audi. 2022: Helen Driggs, Megan Royer, Zoe Brown, Robert Burt, Evelyn MacKnight, Jo-Anne Frazier, Bill Frazier, Karl Kobie, Elizabeth Karasek, Christina Groff, Paul Bullock, Michele Cole, Gerard Fanning, Adam Wechsler, Eric Thompson, Dianne Meade, Alejandro Lopez, and Marina Brunner. The last 10 Coren recipients are now: Merrill Dickinson, Cristin Weber, Joseph Rokosky, Fredric Hellman, Linda Lakitsky, Steve Hansen, Bill Frampton, Jody Shaw, Mimi Favre, and Anthony Lombardo.

ANNUAL TLS AWARDS DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Name 1 _____
 Name 2 _____
 Name 3 _____
 Address _____

Preferred Phone (____) _____
 Email Address _____
 (Please ✓ Choice)

ENTRÉE	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3
Steak			
Salmon			
Crab Cake			
Eggplant			

Dietary Restrictions? Please list _____

Please enclose \$30 for each meal and make checks payable to TLS.

Mail to: Kathy Lopez
2428 Rosewood Lane
Havertown, PA 19083

Questions: Email Kathy: kathy.lopez@me.com

Reservation Deadline: May 31, 2023

COLIO/COREN AWARD NOMINATIONS

Colio Award Nominee: _____

Reasons for Nomination: _____

Coren Award Nominee: _____

Reasons for Nomination: _____

Submit nominations by mail to Gary Cummings, 610 Farnum Road, Media, PA 19063-3001, or by email to

Garycummings140@gmail.com

Deadline: May 15, 2023

2023 EVENT CALENDAR

March 25 & 26: 2023 Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair, Lulu Temple, Plymouth Meeting, PA

March 25 & 26: The 53rd Annual Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Wysox Vol. Fire Hall, Wysox, PA

April 1 & 2: 48th Annual Show, New Haven Mineral Club, Amity Middle School, Orange, CT

April 15 & 16: Annual North Jersey Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, Midland Park, NJ

April 22: 32nd Annual Chesapeake Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

April 29: 4th Annual South Jersey Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, Cherry Hill, NJ

May 6 & 7: Berks Mineralogical Society's World of Gems and Minerals, The Pavilion at Leesport Farmers Market, Leesport, PA

May 13 & 14: Annual Quartz Fest at the Civic Center, Canandaigua, NY

May 17-21: Annual NY-NJ Gem Show, Edison, NJ

May 20-21: Cape Atlantic Rock Hounds Spring Gem and Mineral Show, GPS: 2653 Cologne Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ

June 3: Annual Mineralfest Gem & Mineral Show Macungie, PA

June 3 & 4: Orange County Mineral Gem Jewelry Show, Museum Village, Monroe, NY

July 7-9: EFMLS Annual Convention, hosted by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY

IN THE NEWS

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

Rare earth mining may be key to our renewable energy future. But at what cost?

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/rare-earth-mining-renewable-energy-future>

Researchers Find Two Extraterrestrial Minerals in El Ali Meteorite

<https://www.sci.news/space/elaliite-elkinstantonite-11514.html>

Rocks Made of Melted Plastic Waste Found on Remote Island

<https://www.geologyin.com/2023/03/rocks-made-of-melted-plastic-waste.html>

LAPIDARY LINKS

With the new year, Lapidary Links will focus on blogs and podcasts relating to lapidary, metal, and glass. Please forward any that you visit for inclusion in this feature to jodyshawtls@gmail.com.

Rock & Gem has a huge selection of information on their blog pages at <https://www.rockngem.com/category/blog/>.

—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

May	Friday, April 21
June	Friday, May 19
Summer	Friday, June 23

—From Tina Brunner, Assistant Programs Chair

APRIL PROGRAM

The TLS Program for April will be a presentation by Shelly Sergent about the Somewhere in the Rainbow Gem and Jewelry Collection.

Shelly is the Collection Manager of the Somewhere in the Rainbow Collection, currently housed at the University of Arizona's Alfie Norville Gem & Jewelry Museum, and is a member of the museum's board. She is also a member of the American Gem Trade Association and won the AGTA's prestigious Leon Ritzler Award for her remarkable contributions to the industry. She started her career in the industry as a seasonal gift wrapper for Zales, and worked her way up from gift wrapper to sales clerk, management, jewelry expert, and was keynote speaker for many industry events. Shelly is also a talented jewelry designer, and some of the pieces she designed are part of the Somewhere in the Rainbow Collection. She is bringing with her Jeff Hapeman.

Jeff is a very gifted faceter who specializes in faceting Montana sapphires. He is the creator of the Helena cut, and founder of Earth's Treasury, and has a number of his pieces in the Somewhere in the Rainbow Collection. Jeff got his start in the industry on a trip to California, where he found some schorl tourmaline crystals. His childhood interest in gemstones was renewed, and he made contact with the Oceanview Mine in Pala, California, and received certification as a miner. He then founded Earth's Treasury and learned to facet stones. Jeff won the AGTA Spectrum Award, 3rd place, North American Mined Gemstones, for his pieces entitled, "Thing 1 and Thing 2", after they were entered into the competition on Jeff's behalf by the Somewhere in the Rainbow Collection.

Shelly and Jeff will be there in person with examples from the collection, and will be demonstrating how to analyze the pieces, so although this meeting will be a hybrid meeting, we STRONGLY encourage all members to attend in person.

To learn more about the Alfie Norville Gem & Jewelry Museum, visit

<https://gemandmineralmuseum.arizona.edu/> and <https://www.gia.edu/gems-gemology/spring-21-gemnews-the-alfie-norville-gem-and-mineral-museum>.

To see the work of Jeff Hapeman, visit <https://www.earth-treasury.com/>.

—From Tina Brunner, Assistant Programs Chair

FUTURE PROGRAMS

We are beginning to schedule fall speakers, but welcome input from any member with suggestions for guest speakers or presentations. Please contact either Kathy Lopez at Kathy.lopez@me.com or Tina Brunner at zebu25may@proton-mail.com with your ideas.

- May 10, 7:30 p.m. – Frank Warner will give a presentation on carving freeform gemstone bowls with techniques he learned by observing the world-famous artisans at Idar-Oberstein. Springfield Township Building and Zoom.

- June 14, 6:30 p.m. – Annual awards dinner, Charlotte's Restaurant

—From Frank Warner

**TLS History Series #23
TLS Skill Improvement Program SKIP**

The TLS Skill Improvement Program was begun in 1964 under the leadership of President Jack Taylor, who felt that the Society could best serve its members by providing the means, incentive, and recognition for the improvement of lapidary skills. A large motivating factor was the Society's showing in Eastern Federation competitions, which it had entered as early as 1958, one year after the Society was formed. At the 1964 EFMLS show in Newark, NJ, the TLS case placed third in the Society Exhibits category for General Lapidary, the second straight year with that result. Reporting on that disappointment, Jim Johnson said that the Society earned all possible points for Quality of Material, Showmanship, and Labeling, but lost 10 points for Polish. "What about next year," he said. "We need more work on our workmanship skills — that's where our Skill Improvement Program can help out." And help it did. By October 1964, thirteen members had received their Apprentice certificates in cabochons. By 1967, the Society was consistently winning First Place and Best in Show trophies in the EFMLS competitions.

SKIP began with two categories: cabochons and facet-ing. The early goal was to eventually include six fields of lapidary arts: cabochons, faceted stones, carvings, intarsia & mosaics, metalcraft, and novelties. Today, the program has grown to nine categories: cabochons, faceted stones, spheres, carving, intarsia, jewelry intarsia, constructed jewelry, channel jewelry, and jewelry casting. There are three levels of achievement: Apprentice, Journeyman, and Master with progressively more rigorous standards.

A wonderful article on the TLS Skill Improvement Program appeared in Lapidary Journal, June 1968. The article includes a photograph of SKIP chair Ruth Morris and President Ken Wattman presenting a SKIP certificate to Don Naples.

Since some early records are missing, it is impossible to give the total number of SKIP certificates awarded to Society members over the years, but we do know that number is in excess of 500. In the following table, A is for Apprentice, J for Journeyman, M for Master.

	A	J	M	Total
Cabochons	144	82	32	258
Faceting	63	34	11	108
Spheres	27	15	5	47
Carving	7	4	2	13
Intarsia	12	3	2	17
Constructed Jewelry	14	4	2	20
Channel Jewelry	13	4	0	17
Jewelry Casting	4	2	0	6
Jewelry Intarsia	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
	293	152	55	500

The largest number of SKIP certificates earned by any TLS member to date is 18, earned by Paul Billett, including Master level in Cabochons, Faceting, Spheres, and Carving.

Thirty currently active members have received 88 SKIP certificates, six at the Master level.

SKIP Chairs

1964-1965	Edward McHale
1966	Walter Lapinsky
1967	Jim Johnson
1968	Ruth Morris
1969-1975	Franklin Walter
1976-1977	Robert Maier
1978	Hartley Steinsnyder
1979-1980	Shirley Comfort
1981	Barbara Connor
1982-1984	Shirley Comfort
1985-1986	Gene Colebank
1987-1997	Jim Hibbits
1998	Jim Hibbits / Janice Gee
1999	Janice Gee
2000	Janice Gee / John McGurk
2001-2008	John McGurk
2009-2015	Drew Schmith
2016	Drew Schmith / Gene Awot
2017-2021	Gene Awot
2022 ...	Dennis Coren



—Anthony Lombardo, Gemarama Co-Chair

GEMARAMA 2023 IS COMING!

The TLS Gemarama Committee is pleased to announce our theme for the 2023 Gemarama, "World of Quartz"! Many people get their first experience of the Tuscarora Lapidary Society by attending our annual Gemarama lapidary show, usually occurring in early November of each year. Besides the multitude of high-quality vendors, TLS members have the opportunity to show off their skills and accomplishments by setting up exhibits focusing on the annual theme. Since this year's theme is "World of Quartz", we are looking forward to some spectacular displays! Did you know that quartz is the second most abundant mineral in the earth's crust? Members are welcomed and encouraged to set up an exhibit displaying prized works of art. Awards are given to notable displays. Talk with your course teachers for additional information.

Our Silent Auction at Gemarama requires quality donations from our membership, so please begin thinking about what you have to give. Jewelry, books, tools, rough, slabs, stones, and cabachons are just a few ideas.

Now is a great time to join the Gemarama planning committee! The TLS Gemarama is the largest lapidary show in the tri-state area! It's a complex undertaking requiring the collective efforts of the entire TLS membership. If you are considering being a part of this wonderful experience, please contact Anthony Lombardo at (molybdenite@comcast.net). Our next meeting, by Zoom, will be on May 17, at 7:30 p.m. Please join us!

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

2023 TLS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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FUNNY QUOTES

- 1. Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive. -Elbert Hubbard
2. A woman is like a teabag- you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water. -Eleanor Roosevelt
3. My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where she is. -Ellen DeGeneres
4. A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing. -Emo Philips
5. How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand. -Emo Philips
6. Leave something for someone but don't leave someone for something. -Enid Blyton
7. Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died. -Erma Bombeck
8. Never have more children than you have car windows. -Erma Bombeck
9. I drink to make other people more interesting. -Ernest Hemingway
10. Good advice is something a man gives when he is too old to set a bad example. -Francois de La Rochefoucauld