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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to my fellow TLS members! I hope that everyone is well and you all had a pleasant holiday season.

The winter session is underway. We have a wonderful roster of courses being offered this term. Kieu Pham Gray had a fun and successful series of "Out Of The Box" remote classes in early January. It's always a special treat when we host Kieu as a guest instructor at TLS. I'm happy to say that many of our winter classes are filled, but there are still a few spots open in a few courses. There are also some spots available in many of the open studios - Open Advanced Cabbing, Open Slab Saw, Open Metalsmithing/Soldering, Open Torch, Open Fusing, and Open Vulcanizing. If you've been thinking about taking a class this winter, there's still time to register so you can start a new project or complete some pieces you've been wanting to finish. Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Handmade gifts are a great way to show love and appreciation for friends, family, loved ones and all of the other people in our lives that are so dear to us.

TLS needs your help! We are looking for assistance with Registrar duties. The Registrar helps manage course enrollments, notifies students of class acceptances and cancellations, answers questions about availability of current and upcoming classes, and also works with the Treasurer to ensure payments and refunds are handled in a timely manner. Needless to say, Registrar is a very important role within our organization. Classes generate a large part of our yearly income, which helps things run proficiently in order to meet the aims and purposes of TLS. We are looking to get assistance with registrar duties in the very near future. If you're a highly organized person with great attention to detail and are looking for a way to help out TLS, please contact our current Registrar Bill Frampton or contact me directly for more info.

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



MARCH BULLETIN DEADLINE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NEWS AND NOTES

- Condolences to the family of Barbara Jacobsen, who recently passed away.
- Get well wishes to Terry Braverman, husband of Eileen Magee. He is home and showing much improvement.
- New member John Frymyer was approved by the Board this month. We look forward to getting to know John!



DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

- February 1:** TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.
- February 8:** TLS General Meeting; David V. Horste - "Blinded by the Light: Optical Phenomena in Gemstones.", Hybrid Meeting; Springfield Township Building OR by ZOOM, 7:30 PM. See page 2 for more details.
- March 15:** Gemarama Meeting by ZOOM.



— From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The January 4 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The minutes of the December Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

Announcements: Stacey announced that Eileen Magee's husband Terry is being admitted to the hospital. We will keep Terry in our thoughts.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Dahl reported cash inflow and outflow for the month of December showed a positive total. The 2023 TLS budget was discussed and approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Gary Cummings reported that new member applicant, John Frymyer, has met the requirements for membership. His application was approved.

Community Programs/DCAC: Linda Green reported that today was the first DCAC meeting of 2023. Delco Arts Week this year will be 9/30-10/8/23. Linda proposed we plan another Open House. She also shared that there is a Pennsylvania Arts and Culture Recovery Program to recover from the effects of the pandemic. This is state funding that non-profits in arts and culture can apply for. Since Gemarama expenses have steadily increased, Linda stated that we should look to see if we qualify for the grant. She also reported that the Delaware Mineralogical Society's show is coming up the first week in March and that we usually have members performing demos.

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Programs: Kathy Lopez expressed her thanks to Tina Brunner for becoming Assistant Programs chair. Kathy then shared the programs lineup for this year. In January, the program will be a presentation by Kristina Logan, a glass bead artist. In April, the program will be guest speaker Shelly Sergent, the Collections Manager of the University of Arizona Gem and Mineral Museum, either live or by Zoom. Kathy shared that Tina also provided a speaker suggestion so we may have four live speakers in place for 2023 in addition to videos that could be shared. Stacey Segal then initiated group discussion regarding next week's General Meeting. It was decided to have it via ZOOM only.

Ed Center Director: Vincent DiAngelus thanked those who participated in the Ed Center clean-up that took place before the holidays. Frank Warner reported that an estimate was obtained for Jim Bailey to do the repair work needed for the recaulking and sealing of the glass block windows. This was approved by the board.

Class Manager: Steve Hansen reported that winter registration has gone well. The added Saturday open cab sessions are sold out. There are still some open spots in Kieu Pham Gray's class in January and Martha Roberts/Shea's class in March. Steve will begin working on the spring session and encouraged those who would like to hold classes or workshops to reach out to him.

Registrar: Bill Frampton announced that he may need to step down from his position after the spring session.

Gemarama: After a brief discussion, Stacey Segal made a motion to approve to keep the dealer fees and the admission fees the same as last year. It was seconded and approved.

Old Business

Following up on the discussion last month regarding needles being found on the premises of the Ed Center, Stacey Segal announced that a sharps container and thick gloves have been purchased and will be available on the shelf in the small bathroom at the Ed Center.

New Business

- Stacey Segal reported that she received an email that we can go in and edit our profile on the EFMLS site. Frank Warner shared that Corresponding Secretary Eileen Magee would be able to manage this. Stacey will reach out to Eileen to discuss.
- It was noted that the EFMLS dues for 2023 will be handled by Eileen Magee and Ken Dahl.
- It was pointed out that documentation of TLS awards and related procedures do not belong in the Bylaws, but should and will be added to the Operations Manual.



The January 11 General Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The meeting was held by Zoom. In attendance were 35 members and 10 guests. Stacey Segal gave a welcome to all of our guests in attendance and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

In addition:

- Steve Hansen reported that the winter classes are under way. Steve gave thanks to Lisa Laffend for all her help with the

recent Kieu Pham Gray workshops. Steve shared that he is developing the spring schedule and that our May and June Main Line School Night weekend cabbing classes are now open for registration on the MLSN website.

- Kathy Lopez reported that programs and presentations are all in place from now until June. Any suggestions for programs and speakers for the remainder of the year are welcome.

Following the meeting Kathy Lopez gave a warm and welcoming introduction to our speaker, Kristina Logan, who gave a wonderful presentation on glass beads and flameworking, sharing her own artistic processes and experiences.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are looking for volunteers with knowledge of video, microphone, Zoom, website setup, and the like for classroom and General Meeting setups. If anyone has these skills and would like to be available if help is needed, please email Stacey Segal (tlspresidentss@gmail.com) so your name can be added to the pool.



— From Kathy Lopez, Program Chair

FUTURE PROGRAMS

A huge thanks to Tina Brunner for helping with TLS programs going forward! We are now scheduling for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 - you can send program speaker ideas to Kathy.Lopez@me.com or zebu25may@protonmail.com.

February 8th at 7:30PM - Hybrid meeting. A Zoom link will be provided for members who are unable to attend in person at the Springfield Township Building. "Blinded by the Light: Optical Phenomena in Gemstones." From opals to sunstones, and labradorite to pearls, the light that makes our world visible can play all sorts of beautiful magic tricks when it interacts with certain gemstones in phenomenal ways. In this lecture, David covers the wide variety of optical phenomena that make some gemstones jump out at us in flashy, glittery, lustrous, shimmering, and mysterious ways. This is a recorded Zoom lecture by David V. Horste, a lapidary artist living in Portland, Oregon. He has been doing lapidary work full-time since 1992, and loves designing focal beads using unusual gemstones or found objects. West Coast bead societies have enjoyed his lectures for years, which he has now provided to a larger audience through recorded Zoom lectures during the pandemic!

March 8th at 7:30PM - Silent Auction, Springfield Township Building

April 12th at 7:30PM - Shelly Sergent, curator, Somewhere in the Rainbow gemstone and jewelry collection.

May 10th at 7:30PM - Frank Warner, Making Freeform Gemstone Bowls.

June 14th - Awards Dinner, TBD

—From Frank Warner, Historian

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA JACOBSEN

We learned recently that long-time member Barbara Jacobsen died at age 91 on December 13, 2022. Her husband Bob had died February 17, 2021. Both joined TLS in 1976. Bob served as Secretary, Vice President, President, and Treasurer. Barbara served as Gemarama co-chair and chair. Both received the Colio Award. Both were expert lapidaries. Barbara won American Federation national competitions with her cabochons and intarsia. They moved to Medford, Oregon in 1998 after retirement and there joined the Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral Society. Barbara and Bob both contributed to TLS in many ways. Although they returned for Gemarama for many years after their move to Oregon, many newer members of TLS never had the chance to get to know them. Those of us who had the good fortune to know and work with Barbara and Bob are saddened to know they have both passed away.



—From John Chickadel

WINTER CLEANUP

We had a great turnout on Thursday, December 29th to help with our Winter class preparation session. Our very enthusiastic group, who graciously volunteered during the holidays, replaced and cleaned cabbing wheels, maintained our trim and slab saws, refreshed the dopping station, and performed general clean-up and resupply chores. In attendance were Linda Green, Paul Stieff, Marina Brunner, Tina Brunner, Bill Frazier, Jo-Anne Frazier, Bill Frampton, Steve Hansen, Doug McNicol, Maxine Burkholder, John Frymyer, Frank Warner, Lola Fields, Jay Rosa and John Chickadel. Thank you everyone!



INTERNATIONAL FLAMEWORKING

CONFERENCE 2023

Each spring, Salem Community College hosts the International Flameworking Conference (IFC), a three-day event that promotes excellence in flameworking through artist demonstrations and scholarly presentations. The weekend attracts glass artists and enthusiasts from around the nation and world. The 2023 International Flameworking Conference, March 17 - 19, 2023, will be the 21st installment of this nationally and internationally attended event that celebrates excellence in the glass-working process known as flameworking. There are some presentations in Friday evening's program, and demonstrations constitute the programs over the next two days. Further information regarding artists in the program, the presentations' and demonstrations' topics, ticket prices, and registration information can be found at the website <https://salemcc.edu/glass/international-flameworking-conference>



—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

March	Friday, February 17
April	Friday, March 17
May	Friday, April 21
June	Friday, May 19
Summer	Friday, June 23

—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Our Member Spotlight this month is on our newest TLS Board Member, Tina Brunner. Tina's father, who recently passed, was her biggest influence in terms of arts and crafts. He was a model maker by trade, who worked for Grumman Aerospace where he worked on the space shuttles. In his spare time, he built scale models of trains and ships, made guitars by hand (luthiery), and built custom furniture. Tina's mother passed on her love of needlework. She taught her how to embroider when she was just five years old, and her dolls had the best wardrobes on the block because her mom sewed them all by hand. From both of them, she learned the value of making things.

Since Tina started crafting so early, she has mastered many crafts, including embroidery, sewing, knitting, crochet, needle tatting, rug hooking, cross stitch, crewel, needlepoint, polymer clay, paper crafts (including scrapbooking, scheren-schritte, quilling, rubber stamping), wire wrapping, and beads BEADS. She can do anything with beads!

Tina found TLS by doing a web search for "learn how to cut stones". She was ecstatic to learn there was a place NOT in New York or California, where she could learn lapidary arts. Learning how to silversmith was a nice bonus.

Tina first got into beads when planning her wedding (which was 25 years ago). Instead of getting the typical bridesmaid gifts, she bought each bridesmaid a purse covered in silk flowers to carry instead of bouquets, and filled each with essentials for the big day. plus a set of jewelry she made herself to match their gowns. It was her first foray into making jewelry of any kind, and that set her off on a journey of discovery that will continue until she can no longer draw breath. Beginning with the simple stringing of beads, she taught herself how to string multiple strands, how to knot pearls, how to use findings, how to wire wrap, etc., and eventually moved on to setting stones, both cabochons and faceted stones. From there, it was a natural next step to learn how to cut the stones herself, and to learn how to make her own settings, which is where TLS came in.

Tina loves to visit gem shows and bead shows. Her favorite has always been the Gem Miner's Jubilee at the Lebanon Expo Center, but she thinks that got displaced last November when she visited Gemarama for the first time!

The most prized specimen Tina has in her collection was acquired just last year at TLS's Gemarama. She has long wanted a real alexandrite for her collection, and she found it at Gemarama...it not only has the standard alexandrite color shift, but it also has a cat's eye!

When asked if she has taught her skills, Tina answered that she has only taught her daughter to work with beads. She seems willing to teach but notes that others are already teaching some of her skilled areas. But, she says perhaps she could teach beadweaving or pearl knotting if there is interest.

Tina really doesn't use websites to learn...she uses classes and books for that. She is inspired by the works of famous jewelers, such as Faberge, Winston, etc. She also likes to create jewelry to match nature, and for that, her inspiration is the photographs she takes.

—From Frank Warner

TLS History Series #21 TLS Name & Logos

The Tuscarora tribe were transient residents in the Locust Valley of Pennsylvania in the early 1700s during their 90 year migration from the Carolinas to New York State. There are a variety of sites in Pennsylvania named after the tribe including Tuscarora State Park in Schuylkill County.

When TLS was founded, the Charter members chose Tuscarora for the organizations's name in recognition of the local tribe, and in recognition of the lapidary skill of Indians in creating beautiful articles of adornment, especially their work with stone such as turquoise.

In May 1986, Ted Silver Hand, a direct descendant of the Tuscarora Tribe, gave a General Meeting talk "Tuscarora Nations History and Folklore." From the minutes of that meeting, "He talked about the customs of the tribe and the Six Nations of Indians, Tuscarora being the sixth. He made interesting comments relating to our Tuscarora Indian Intarsia." TLS was given a photo of a Tuscarora Chieftain and a beaded pipe by Ted Silver Hand at that talk. The photo and pipe are stored in Archive box #15 in the TLS Education Center.

In March 1993, Vice Chief Hawk Brown and his wife Chief Buffy Red Feather of the Southern Cherokee Confederacy of Pennsylvania gave a General Meeting talk on *Bone Jewelry and Artifacts*. Hamilton Hawk Brown had become a member of TLS in September 1992. He served TLS in several roles. He was a Director on the TLS Board in 1995. He was in charge of program equipment and locking up after General Meetings that year and assisted with exhibits at Gemarama. He also arranged for a half-page Gemarama ad to appear in the Southern Cherokee Confederacy Program in May of that year, a show attended by thousands of people. He passed away June, 2005. Chief Buffy Red Feather, of East Mount Airy PA, passed away at age 93 on October 23, 2021.

Intarsia, Medallion, Logo, Symbol, Pins, Patches

The TLS Indian intarsia: Although started in 1962, most of the work on the intarsia was done in 1975. The following photo of the Indian intarsia has been used in several places (website, YouTube Channel, Facebook, Instagram) as a TLS logo.



An article by Paul Longnecker appeared in the Lapidary Journal, February, 1977. That article can be viewed in this [link](#).

A die was created for producing the **TLS Medallion**, probably shortly after TLS was incorporated in Delaware in 1967. This medallion is attached to our award plaques. The medallions are made from our die by Larry Paul Casting Company on Sansom Street. The figure of the Indian in the medallion was used in the TLS logo that one sees on TLS letterhead.



Sue Garrett's photo of bolder opal with a wire-wrapped opal together with the motto "We teach the journey from rock to gem to jewelry" has been used as a symbol for TLS in several applications including our 3-fold color brochure and on our [Philly Fun Guide Page](#).



A variety of TLS pins have been created over the years. Here are some examples. The pin on the left is an old one - date unknown. The pin on the right, created in 2022, contains just the date TLS was established and no current date.



Various patches have also been created over the years, often to be sewn on vests or embroidered onto polo shirts and worn at Gemarama or other public TLS events. On the left is a polo shirt embroidery patch from 2012. Linda Green created new designs in 2022, the one in the middle below for a patch, and the one on the right for embroidery onto maroon or burgundy colored polo shirts.



2023 EVENT CALENDAR

March 4 & 5: Delaware Mineralogical Society 59th Annual Earth Science Gem and Mineral Show, Doubletree by Hilton, Wilmington, DE

March 11 & 12: New York Mineralogical Club Show and Sale, High School of Fashion Industries, New York, NY

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

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 29: 4th Annual South Jersey Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, 1721 Springdale Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ

May 5 & 6: Berks Mineralogical Society's World of Gems and Minerals, The Pavilion at Leesport Farmers Market, Leesport, 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

— From Frank Warner, Historian

TLS DIGITAL RECORDS

In preparation for the 50th anniversary celebration of TLS in 2007, a lot of work was done by many members to help gather sets of various TLS records. We were able to acquire at least one paper copy of every TLS Bulletin, and copies of all Gemarama Programs. Many thanks were given to those early members who "never threw out anything." Unfortunately, 25 original membership applications were never found although we had records of those applications in the Minutes and Bulletin.

I recently completed scanning all of the membership applications for which we have copies. The scans are stored in a folder in our TLS ARCHIVE Dropbox. The applications are organized by member number and year. This is not a searchable archive since the hand written information on applications does not lend itself well to optical character recognition.

In 2012, Lola Fields scanned one of our complete sets of TLS Bulletins – a huge task! Then Joe Rokosky used Adobe Acrobat Pro to convert that set of scans into a searchable database. Every year after that, until he passed away in 2017, Joe would add the most recent year of Bulletins to the searchable set. Since 2017, I have taken over that task and just recently added the 2022 Bulletins to the searchable database. This digital database is stored in the TLS ARCHIVE folder in Dropbox.

Gemarama programs have also been scanned and are in a searchable database in the TLS ARCHIVE Dropbox.

Any member who needs access to this information can get a link from Lisa Laffend, who is the owner of our TLS Dropboxes. Lisa can also provide information on how to use the searchable databases.

IN THE NEWS

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

The Rarest Mineral on Earth

<https://www.geologyin.com/2023/01/the-rarest-mineral-on-earth.html>

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>

What You Should Know About the Company Mining in Yogo Again

<https://www.nationaljeweler.com/articles/11568-what-you-should-know-about-the-company-mining-in-yogo-again>



LAPIDARY LINKS

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

For the Love of Jewelers: A Jewelry Journey Podcast

<https://www.riogrande.com/for-the-love-of-jewelers/>



— From Linda Green, Community Programs Chair

TLS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Social Media is a great way for TLS to reach out to members, students, jewelers, rock hounds and the community in general. Over the past few years our Social Media presence has been growing. TLS is on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube; links can be found on our web site or by searching each channel.

In order to build our following, TLS needs your help! Here are some ways you can help spread the word about our great organization and all the classes and activities we offer.

- FOLLOW us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

- LIKE and COMMENT on our posts on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

- SHARE with your friends and family and encourage them to follow us and like our posts as well.

- WE NEED PHOTOS! Please send photos from classes and other TLS events for posting on Facebook and Instagram to Linda Green (ldgreensniffles@me.com).

- If you post to your own Facebook and Instagram pages about classes, items you have made in class or other TLS activities, please remember to TAG us. We may feature your post in our STORIES.

- If you are interested in helping create YouTube video content for the TLS YouTube Channel please let us know.

Remember we need everyone's help to grow our Social Media presence. PLEASE, we need more photos.

— From Ken Dahl, Treasurer

TLS DUES ARE PAST DUE FOR 2023

Membership dues for 2023 were payable by December 31; now 2023 dues are in arrears. New-member dues paid by those who joined TLS this past fall in October, November, or December will carry through this year.

TLS Bylaws stipulate that members be suspended if dues are not paid by February 15. Reinstatement requires application to the TLS Board and payment of double dues.

If there is a financial hardship regarding your dues, confidential arrangements can be made to continue your TLS membership. Please contact TLS Vice President Gary Cummings: 610-476-5302 or Garycummings140@gmail.com

TLS has an online system that members can use to submit updates to their membership information and to pay their dues. Those members having email addresses have received 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 received a link for online payment of the family dues. The online dues payment can be made through PayPal or by credit card.

Dues can also be paid by sending the form below, together with a check for dues owed, to the Treasurer. 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 2022 TLS membership list. Also, please put an asterisk (*) next to the phone number you wish to be used for the TLS Phone Tree and another asterisk next to the email you wish to be used for the email alert and/or MailChimp system.

2023 TLS DUES

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Work phone(s) _____

Cell phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Please indicate type of membership.

Individual full member \$40

Couple (both spouses are full members \$60

Auxiliary member (spouse of full member) \$20

Junior member..... \$10

Newsletter only \$15

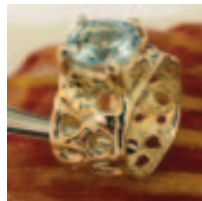
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Mail form and check to:
Kenneth Dahl, Treasurer
18 Tenby Drive,
Wilmington, DE 19803**

—Dennis Coren, Skill Improvement Program Chair

Take the TLS Challenge

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



How?



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

What is the SKIP Program?

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

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



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

For more information go to: [SKIP Booklet](#)
or contact Dennis Coren: Houdini@comcast.net or
215-817-4444



TLS CLASS/MEETING CANCELATION SYSTEM

If an evening meeting or class at the TLS Education Center or a General Meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or other needs, an appropriate message will be put on the Center’s voicemail system by 4 p.m. that day. So, if you have concerns regarding any evening event, call the Center at 610-490-5252 after 4 p.m. and listen to the message. In addition, both daytime and evening instructors have the authority to cancel a class due to inclement weather at their discretion. Should this scenario occur, all affected students will be called by the respective instructor and, if possible, a message will be placed on the Center’s voicemail system.

If a General Meeting is canceled or an emergency or other circumstance requiring special attention occurs, the TLS Phone Tree and email alert system will be activated.

VISIT THE TLS EBAY SITE

Check out the TLS eBay site. As a fundraiser for TLS, a variety of items are sold on eBay. Auctions always start and end on Sundays and TLS members, family, and friends are encouraged to check out items and bid on them if they wish. To search for items for sale by TLS on eBay, simply click [HERE](#) and then click Items for Sale, or:

- Go to www.eBay.com.
- At the top of the page, click the “Advanced” link (right next to the green “Search” button).
- Under “Find Items”, click on the “By Seller” link.
- In the “Enter Seller’s User ID” field, type in tuscarora_lapidary (don’t forget the underscore) then click the “Search” button.

You’ll then see everything we have for sale and can place your bids accordingly.



TLS HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

Our online presence, particularly on Facebook, is a great way for TLS to share and connect with members, potential new members, and the community in general. In order to build our fan base, we need your help! Here are some ways in which you can assist.

- “Like” the Tuscarora Lapidary Society page on Facebook.
- Share information about TLS on Facebook, and invite your friends to “like” the TLS page.
- Send photos from classes and events to post on the TLS page. Be sure to give a few details, such as when and/or where the photo was taken, and who and/or what is pictured.
- Send event information, announcements, or reminders that you would like posted on the TLS Facebook page to Linda Green at ldgreensniffles@me.com.
- If you post about TLS classes or events on your own Facebook page, be sure to tag us.



INSTRUCTOR BENEFIT

It is TLS policy that TLS members who teach a regular course (fall, winter, spring, or summer) or a substantial workshop may, within the following twelve months, take a regular class or workshop without paying the normal member tuition. Any special course fees or materials fees in excess of tuition must be paid by the member making use of this benefit.

Instructors who wish to take advantage of this policy must advise the Registrar of the specific course or workshop for which they would like to use the benefit.

A TLS member who supervises an Open Shop session, other than Open Slab Saw, may, at no cost, be a participant in that Open session. Supervisors of Open Torch sessions contribute \$10 per day towards the cost of oxygen and gas. A TLS member who supervises five hours of Open Slab Saw may use the slab saws for one hour free as long as at least one other TLS member certified in slab saw use is present, as required by the TLS Safety Rules.

—From Ken Dahl, Treasurer

TUITION REFUNDS

Since positive tuition balances cannot be used in our online registration system, we no longer carry tuition credits from one term to the next. Positive tuition balances will generally be refunded soon after they are generated. I will try to clear all such balances before registration for a new term begins. Be sure to read carefully our REFUND POLICY that is posted both on our website and in the Bulletin when classes are published. Tuition credits are generated both from classes that are canceled, and from drop requests submitted to the Registrar in accordance with the Refund Policy.



TLS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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



FOLLOW TLS ON INSTAGRAM

In addition to Facebook we are on Instagram ([@tuscaroralapidary](https://www.instagram.com/tuscaroralapidary)). Please “Follow” us and “Like”, “Comment” and “Share” our posts. Feel free to repost our posts on your feed but please indicate that the post came from @tuscaroralapidary.

Please use the following handles and hashtags when posting TLS content to your feeds or stories:

@tuscaroralapidary #gemarama #picturesinstone



—Dennis Coren

TLS COMMUNITY ON FACEBOOK.

TLS recently started the “TLS Community” Facebook page for members, guests, and students to share educational information, questions, photos, and videos about lapidary, minerals, faceting, jewelry making, jewelry casting, glass arts, and your own arts and crafts.

Our goal is to show your successes and seek constructive information to improve your craft. Please support TLS today by registering to become a member. Show us your work, share educational videos, stories, creative tricks, hacks, and special notices of value to followers.

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SILLY THINGS PEOPLE SAY

- 1. I'm so glad we have brown cows, otherwise there wouldn't be any chocolate milk.
2. Nine out of 10 voices in my head tell me I'm crazy. The tenth is just humming.
3. After Tuesday, even the calendar says WTF.
4. You should always knock before opening a fridge, just in case there's a salad dressing inside.
5. A successful man is one who earns more than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who knows where to look for such a man.
6. A pessimist is someone who has spent too much time listening to optimists.
7. Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.
8. My tallest finger loves giving people standing ovations.
9. Every woman should marry an archeologist, because the older she gets, the more he'll love her.
10. 6:30 is the best time on a clock, hands down.
11. I used to think I was indecisive. But now I'm not so sure.
12. A bag of money can represent not only wealth, but also massive inflation.
13. It's funny how the cost of living is going up but the chance of living is going down.
14. Try calling someone just to tell them you can't talk right now.
15. I am a great housekeeper. Every time I leave a man, I keep his house.