



—Stacey Segal, TLS President

## FRANK WARNER: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF DEDICATION AND EXCELLENCE

December 2022 marked the 50th anniversary of one of our long-time members, Frank Warner. What an incredible milestone indeed! We could not pass up the chance to celebrate the event, especially since Frank has been such an integral part of the history of TLS.

Brainstorming sessions started earlier in the year. I formed the “FW50” committee with great secrecy to begin planning the celebration. Much research and fact-finding were done. Photos and memorabilia were pulled from archival boxes that have not seen the light of day in many, many years. The plan was to create a fun retrospective of Frank’s history with TLS, which would be presented during the in-person December general meeting to coincide with his anniversary.

While putting together the history and photos of this much beloved member, I was astounded by the sheer number of accomplishments he’s achieved, the incredible number of hours he’s put in over the years in various Board, committee and teaching roles, and the many donations of time, materials and funds he’s contributed to TLS. It became very clear to me that not only should we celebrate his anniversary, we should also make ceremonial recognition of all that he’s done for our organization.

I approached the Board with a request to create a new award, deemed for extra special recognition of long-time members whose performance and contributions to the aims and purposes of TLS have gone above and beyond normal expectations year after year during their membership tenure. When I disclosed the reason for the creation of this award, the Board approved unanimously and with great enthusiasm. This new entity would be called the Frank W. Warner III, Lifetime Achievement Award, named for its first recipient. The plan was to give the award to Frank right after the completion of the presentation. This would be the cherry on top of the proverbial sundae.

Everything was going according schedule. I created the presentation and firmed up the plans with several committee members to arrange for an award plaque, a cake, and a last-minute hybrid Zoom meeting setup for the general meeting. All



of this was done in great secrecy in order to make this a nice surprise for Frank.

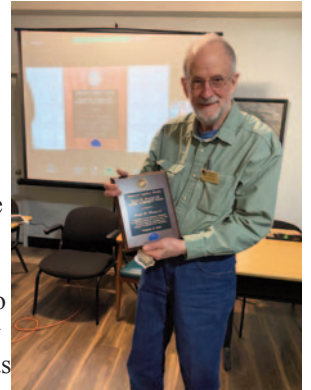
With less than one week to go before the presentation, I unfortunately tested positive for Covid-19. The timing could not have been worse. However, I was determined that we should proceed with the presentation. I set a new plan into action, and with the assistance of my wonderful committee members, I was able to run the general meeting from home via Zoom and present the retrospective to the room full of people at the Springfield Township Building.

The presentation was so much fun! (It will be [HERE](#) for your viewing for a limited time.) The Zoom camera flashed on Frank periodically and I was able to see how much he and the other attendees were enjoying the trip down memory lane. After the presentation was completed, it was my pleasure and great honor to present him with the award. The plaque states: “In recognition of your significant achievements, and with great appreciation for your many years of tireless dedication, commitment and invaluable contributions to our organization.” I can think of no other person more deserving of this award!

As a personal tribute to Frank, I created a doublet cabochon for the plaque made from lapis lazuli and a piece of rutiled quartz. The rutiled quartz came from a piece of material Frank brought back from Brazil in the 1970s. He had generously donated the material to the TLS sphere program last year. I was lucky enough to get to purchase it and cut a sphere during a class that Frank taught. I thought he would appreciate the tie-in of this beautiful material as part of the celebration of his anniversary.

After he received the plaque, he was also presented with a gift: a book by one of his favorite glass artists, Josh Simpson. Frank was genuinely surprised and quite moved by the presentation, award and gift. The room gave him a huge round of applause and congratulated him heartily on this much deserved award and recognition.

I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the planning and execution of this surprise event: Lisa Laffend, Linda Green, Lola Fields, Anthony Lombardo, Bill Mattis, Barry Messino, Gary Cummings, Jim Johnston, and Paul Stieff. I could not have pulled this off without your help. I’m so happy and proud to be a member of such an amazing organization with so many caring and dedicated members!



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### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow TLS members! I hope you all had a pleasant and restful holiday...

First and foremost, I would like to extend another heartfelt and enthusiastic CONGRATULATIONS to Frank Warner on his 50th anniversary as a TLS member. If you attended the December general meeting and holiday party, you would’ve had the fun experience of witnessing the special presentation we did in honor of Frank’s anniversary. It was a nice retrospective of his history and achievements, and contained interesting tidbits and great photos spanning almost the entire length of his tenure at TLS. At the end of the presentation, we bestowed upon him the newly created Frank W. Warner III, Lifetime Achievement Award, named after its first recipient, and issued to honor his incredible dedication and contributions to our organization. I was thrilled and truly honored to present this well-deserved award to Frank. He was delighted, surprised and very touched by the retrospective and recognition. Please see the additional article in this issue of the Bulletin for more details on the presentation and award.

January is almost here... and so is the start of the winter 2023 term. We have a great selection of course offerings this semester. Some classes filled up quickly, but there are still spots available in several classes and open studio sessions. Please check out our website to see what’s still available. There’s no better way to beat the winter doldrums than to funnel your energy into creative, artistic pursuits!

Until we meet again in 2023, I will leave you with one of my favorite quotes:

“And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been.” —*Rainer Maria Rilke*

Best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy new year!

—*Stacey Segal, TLS President*



### NEWS AND NOTES

-A warm welcome to new TLS Board member Tina Brunner. -New members Dianne Meade, Alejandro Lopez, and Marina Brunner were approved by the Board this month. We look forward to getting to know you!



### DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

- January 4:** TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.
- January 11:** TLS General Meeting; Kristina Logan, Flame-work/Beadmaker. Location TBD, 7:30 PM.
- March 15:** Gemarama Meeting by ZOOM.



**FEBRUARY BULLETIN DEADLINE  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

### 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](mailto:tlspresidentss@gmail.com)) so your name can be added to the pool.



— *From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary*

### BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

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

Treasurer’s Report: Ken Dahl reported cash inflow and outflow for the month of October showed a negative total.

#### Committee Reports:

Membership: Gary Cummings reported that Dianne Meade, Alejandro Lopez, and Marina Brunner all have met the requirements for membership. They were all approved.

Community Programs: Linda Green reported that at the DCAC meeting, various member organizations reported good attendance at their programs. Linda also shared that there are no upcoming community programs at this time.

Programs: Stacey Segal announced that Kathy Lopez will be able to remain on as Programs chair at least through June. On behalf of Kathy Lopez, Stacey shared that next month will be the Holiday Party in the downstairs room at the Springfield Township Building. Proposed are 3 guest speakers for the January, February and April General Meetings, with March holding the silent auction. If a speaker cannot be secured for January’s General Meeting then a video will be presented.

Ed Center Director: Vincent DiAngelus reported that the recent roof inspection was completed. The air conditioning line was reconnected.

Class Manager: Steve Hansen reported that Fall classes are wrapping up and the Winter registration is open.

Acquisitions: Doug McNicol announced an acquisition from Jim and Peg Johnston. It included a variety of rough material: large rocks, jade, jadeite, tiger eye, lapis lazuli, boulder opal, pipe stone, crazy lace and Chinese writing stone. A thank you letter will be sent. Some of the heavy rough could be cut into slabs and will be good material for the silent auction.

Equipment and Facilities: Don Schwarzkopf reported that he is looking for a thermostat for the old vulcanizer so that it can be back in service as a spare.

Library and eBay: Stacey Segal reported that Helen Serras-Herman donated a copy of her book, *Carved Gems, Inspiration and Expertise*, for the library. Steve Hansen also donated the same book as a second copy for the library.

Gemarama: Anthony Lombardo reported that Barry Messino will continue as Gemarama Chair for next year and he will continue as Co-Chair. The theme will be “World of Quartz”. Anthony also stated that congratulations were shared at the last Gemarama meeting to the committee for their success. He encouraged others to join. The next meeting will be March 15.

Email Anthony ([molybdenite@comcast.net](mailto:molybdenite@comcast.net)) with any comments or suggestions.

**Old Business**

- Stacey Segal announced that Tina Brunner has graciously stepped in as Programs assistant chair.
- Stacey Segal reported that she purchased a new TLS laptop on Black Friday as well as Microsoft Office and a mouse. Total cost came to \$1177.71.
- Stacey Segal announced the list of things needed for the Holiday Party. Tina Brunner volunteered to bring plastic utensils and water, Doug will bring soda, and Janice Lawson will bring tablecloths, paper goods and cups. In addition, Stacey thanked Lisa Laffend for her assistance in testing the Wifi in the lower floor room at the Springfield Township Building where the Holiday Party will take place, so that the hybrid Zoom meeting can be successful.

**New Business**

- Stacey Segal shared the need to have an AV committee so there will be enough individuals to assist for meetings and classes. Stacey announced she is looking for volunteers and will create a write-up for the next Bulletin. Vince DeAngelus and Don Schwarzkopf both volunteered to be part of the committee.
- Stacey Segal reported that the second vulcanizer is not working. Even though it is repairable, parts are hard to find. Dennis Coren suggested the purchase of a new vulcanizer. The cost would be \$800-\$900. A motion was seconded and approved.
- Stacey Segal reported that she received a call from John Chickadel regarding the discovery of a syringe on the Ed Center sidewalk. Linda Green reported discovering a syringe on the front lawn as well. Suggestions were to obtain motion sensor lighting, reporting to the police, security cameras, additional signs, and not leaving the building alone. Having a sharps container and heavy gloves available were offered and discussed. Stacey Segal stated she will look into obtaining the sharps container and heavy gloves for the Ed Center and will also contact the police to report and ask for recommendations.
- Ken Dahl stated that he will take the Treasurer’s laptop to a repair shop first before considering shopping for a new one.
- Stacey Segal announced that Gary Cummings will be finishing out his term as Vice President in 2023, but that he will not be able to be a candidate for President in 2024. So we will need to fill both positions of President and Vice President for 2024.
- Ken Dahl shared the TLS budget spreadsheet. Questions and concerns were discussed. Ken announced that the final 2023 budget will be ready for approval at the January Board Meeting.



The December 14 General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The meeting was a hybrid meeting held both in-person at the Springfield Township Building and by Zoom. In attendance were 42 members and 9 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:

- A welcome and congratulations were shared for new members Dianne Meade, Alejandro Lopez and Marina Brunner.
- Linda Green shared that after the holidays she will be working on more community activities and putting together a committee for developing Scout programs. Anyone who is interested in participating is welcome and can contact Linda.
- Steve Hansen reported that the winter class registration is well under way. Steve also announced two guest instructors teaching metal smithing: Kieu Pham Gray in January and Martha Roberts/Shea in late March. Steve shared that the open cab sessions are sold out, and is looking into adding some additional sessions.
- Dennis Coren shared that the new purchased vulcanizer has arrived. He also encouraged members to participate in SKIP.
- Stacey Segal announced volunteers are needed with technology skills.
- Stacey Segal proposed the slate of Officers and Directors for the vote among the members: President, Stacey Segal; Vice President, Gary Cummings; Treasurer, Ken Dahl; Recording Secretary, Janice Lawson; Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Magee; Two-Year Term Director, Tina Brunner. Barry Messino will stay on as Gemarama Chair and Anthony Lombardo will stay on as Gemarama Co-Chair. Continuing a second year as Directors are Doug McNicol and Anthony Lombardo. Stacey then made a motion to approve the proposed slate of Officers and Directors. It was seconded and approved.

Stacey Segal then made a special announcement that Frank Warner is celebrating 50 years at TLS this month! Stacey shared a wonderful slide presentation highlighting Frank's 50 years of service, contributions and recognitions at TLS, as well as the heartfelt appreciation from members. Stacey then announced the Board approved creation of the Frank W. Warner III, Lifetime Achievement Award, named for its first recipient: Frank Warner. Awarded in recognition of Frank's significant achievements and with great appreciation of his many years of tireless dedication, commitment and invaluable contributions to our organization. A well deserved standing ovation for Frank was shared by all.

Following the meeting the members and guests at the Springfield Township Bldg enjoyed refreshments and conversation during the annual Holiday Party.



**FREE TOOLS!**

Doug Klieger has a set of tile setting tools to give to any TLS member for free. If interested, contact him at [dklieger@verizon.net](mailto:dklieger@verizon.net).



—From Ken Dahl, Treasurer

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASES**

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

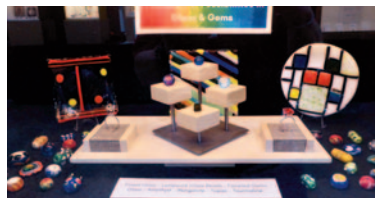
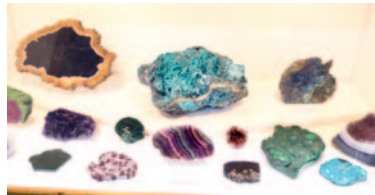


### GEMARAMA EXHIBITS 2022

Our 2022 Gemarama theme was A Rainbow of Possibilities. We hoped for a lot of color, and color we enjoyed! Kathy Statton received the Best Theme Display by arranging 69 faceted stones in arcs of rainbow colors, all gems faceted by her late husband, Gary. First time exhibitor, Jody Shaw taught us how to do three glass fusion techniques, or at least how she performed the methods, step by step, in a rainbow of results, and won the Most Educational Award.



Hans Van Binsbergen of DMS brought "His Best Color" and won the Director's Award with very bright and attractive minerals. First time exhibitor Paul Stieff teamed with spouse Linda Green to present a variety of glass and gemstones in a rainbow of colors, capturing the Best Small Case Award.



In just his second year of exhibiting, Logan Antonowski of Souderton has elevated the quality and organization of his display. With a colorful mineral presentation, he earned the Best Non-Member Display. Viewing Lynn Bibolet's first time exhibit, a diversified glass body of work, the normal spectator response was "WOW!" This wonderland of color brought Lynn the Best In Show.



John O'Hara of West Chester fascinated us with stories of the late Zhong Kiu who appeared in dreams to quell the demons of the emperor. The tales were depicted in ten porcelain Chinese snuff bottles. First time exhibitor Elizabeth Karasek's rainbow of wire-wrapped gems on unique pendants were mounted on attractive wood stands. Ellen Schwarzkopf offered a splendid array of wire-wrapped stones showing red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet for her rainbow. Jo-Anne Frazier, in her first exhibit, explained the metal clay fabrication process from the sculpted mold to the firing and polishing of the finished piece.

Along with creative metalwork pendants and over 90 free-form cabochons, Stacey Segal focused our attention on a multi-color bottom-lit rutilated quartz sphere, proving her mastery of the lapidary arts. Chuck Buski featured a very delicate process of metal piercing with his coin jewelry, backed by lapidary materials. Lisa Laffend charmed us with her exquisite glass birds, hearts and beads in rainbow colors

Polina Fenik of Drexel Hill treated us again to her amazing grouping of jasper gemstones and corresponding photographs. Pam Pollister and Vince Albicelli of the Phila. Mineral Society provided a rainbow of 32 gem spheres describing their idiochromatic or allochromatic colors. Wayne Urion of DMS gave us a new understanding of the mineral baryte, also known as barite.

Frank Warner showed us an impressive composite view of his many talents in both lapidary and glass works over the years. Bill Mattis furnished some of his Australian boulder opal collection, featuring a rotating platform of small opals. We remember the crowd pleasing, fantastic Christmas diorama constructed by the late Betty Smith. Jay Rosa gave the Single Stone Exhibit a new stylish look with his clever arrangement of the stones on plastic stands. Special thanks to Barry Messino, Gemarama Chair, who took on exhibit responsibilities with arranging the beautiful Memorial cases in addition to the Liberty Bell and Indian intarsias. Beyond those duties, she also joined the judging committee for award presentations. Thanks also to Christina Kulp for setting up the extensive Education Center tool display. Finally, thanks to the judging committee, Sheryl Dahl, Lola Fields, Barry Messino and Bill Mattis.



—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

#### FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

February	Friday, January 20
March	Friday, February 17
April	Friday, March 17
May	Friday, April 21
June	Friday, May 19
Summer	Friday, June 23



#### GEMARAMA SINGLE STONES

Thank you to everyone that submitted a stone for our exhibit. We had a nice display case, and members and visitors had a chance to see some of the beautiful stones on display.

Keep in mind, our June dinner will be here before you know it, so get ready to submit another sample of your work.



—From Frank Warner

**TLS History Series #20**  
**Highlights, Part 8: 2015 – 2021**

**2015**

Guest instructor Marthe Roberts/Shea began teaching metalsmithing at TLS. Guest instructor Pat Henriques gave a PMC (Precious Metal Clay) workshop. Emilio Santini and Louise Mehaffey returned for special workshops. Sue Garrett offered a course in opal cutting for the first time. The first sphere-making workshop was given.

Gemarama moved from The School at Church Farm to Hall C at the Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center after 17 years at CFS. A big effort was mounted to put on the show at this new location.

**2016**

Guest instructor Lisa St. Martin gave a special glass beadmaking workshop. Pat Henriques returned for another PMC workshop. We started using Dropbox cloud service for TLS documents. Gemarama moved to Halls D&E at the EXPO Center.

**2017**

A new TLS website was launched on June 26. Powered by WordPress using the Divi Theme from Elegant Themes, it was now a fully responsive website with automatic adjusting of the formatting to optimize the view for phones, tablets, and desktop computers. An online dues-payment system was created and first used for the 2018 dues cycle. TLS was now on Instagram as well as Facebook. Pins and patches were ordered to celebrate the 60th anniversary of TLS. A large glass fusing and casting kiln arrived. Emilio Santini visited again for special glass flameworking workshops.

**2018**

An online registration system was created and first used for fall 2018 classes. Guest instructor Richard Salley gave a jewelry workshop in August. A new Covington slab saw was purchased. Wi-Fi became available at the Education Center. We finished a cycle of replacing faceting machines with new Graves Mark 5XL machines.

**2019**

Gemarama 2019 was the 50th anniversary of our show. The show theme was *All that Glitters*. Pamela Wingrod completed 25 years of extraordinary service as editor of the *TLS Bulletin*.

Kieu Pham Gray and Jeff Fulkerson were guest instructors in the TLS metals program for the first time, and Richard Salley returned. Emilio Santini and Louise Mehaffey returned as guest instructors in the glass program. Louise's workshop on "window beads" was a combined glass and lapidary workshop in which "windows" giving a view of the interior of beads were ground and polished.

Education Center income exceeded \$60,000 for the first time. TLS ended the year in a strong financial position with a cash balance of \$154,000, facility and equipment assets of \$357,000, and a loan liability of \$43,592.

**2020**

We completed a normal winter classes term. Kieu Pham Gray returned for special workshops in the metals program. Then the coronavirus pandemic hit in March. Spring-term classes and General Meetings were canceled. The Summer term was canceled. We offered a limited number of small classes and open-shop sessions in the fall. Large screen TVs were installed in the jewelry room and main classroom, and a video camera was installed over the instructor position on the jewelry bench to allow students to view demonstrations from a distance and also to provide the ability to record and/or stream demonstrations. Special guest instructor Cheryl Kasper taught an opal-carving workshop in the fall. Board and committee meetings were held by Zoom with excellent attendance. TLS General Meetings were also held by Zoom starting in September. The ability to schedule speakers from both near and far was a plus.

Gemarama 2020 was changed to a virtual event including demonstrations by Zoom, a special sale on eBay, and five YouTube videos on the TLS lapidary, metals, and glass programs, the making of a cabochon, and highlights from past Gemarama exhibits. Income for the year was sharply lower. TLS was fortunate to receive a Delco Strong 2 grant of \$21,500 that helped us end the year with a cash balance of \$144,000, facility and equipment assets of \$345,000, and a loan liability of \$35,900. A bylaw waiver was passed so that Linda Green and Stacey Segal could be elected to serve a 3rd year as President and Vice President in 2021 due to the continuing pandemic and Linda's expertise as a physician.

**2021**

Due to a surge in the pandemic, the regular winter term of classes was canceled. A few cabochon and soldering refresher classes for members were offered instead. Vaccinations against the pandemic disease, COVID-19, became available in the spring. A limited number of small classes and open-shop sessions were offered spring and summer terms. A full set of classes was offered in the fall including guest instructors Marthe Roberts/Shea, Joan Strott-Alvini, and Kieu Pham Gray. The first TLS casting workshop was very popular.

Board and committee meetings continued by Zoom as did General Meetings with the exception of an in-person silent auction in October and holiday party in December. Special guest speakers included Scott Sucher on *The Art of Grinding and Polishing*, Michael Pabst on *Mineral Hunting in the Pyrenees*, Helen Serras-Herman on *Maya Jade*, and Jeff Fulkerson on *Inlay*.

With a variety of safety measures, and masks strongly recommended, a very successful Gemarama was held at the Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center in November during a lull in the pandemic. A new online ticketing system for Gemarama worked very well. Attendance of 1613 was the highest of all years at the EXPO Center. Our vendors seemed very happy.

TLS ended the year in a strong financial condition despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

Commercial sales of stones and jewelry is not approved. Share this site with your Facebook friends and ask them to join. We are looking forward to your posts and comments at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/107044841397035>.



### 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
- May 5 & 6:** Berks Mineralogical Society's World of Gems and Minerals, The Pavilion at Leesport Farmers Market, Leesport, PA
- June 3 & 4:** Orange Count Mineral Gem Jewelry Show, Museum Village, Monroe, NY
- July 7-9:** EFMLS Annual Convention, hosted by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY

— From Kathy Lopez, Program Chair

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

Spring Programs are filling in and we're very excited to welcome our speakers! For January and February, "Location TBD" refers to whether the meeting will be hybrid or fully online.

- January 11th at 7:30PM - Kristina Logan, Flamework/Bead-maker, location TBD
- February 8th at 7:30PM - Program and location TBD
- 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, Springfield Township Building
- May 10th at 7:30PM - Program TBD, Springfield Township Building
- June 14th - Awards Dinner, TBD



### IN THE NEWS

If you see something newsworthy to share with our members, please send link to [JodyshawTLS@gmail.com](mailto:JodyshawTLS@gmail.com).

Minnesota Couple Unearths 1.9 Carat Diamond at Arkansas State Park  
<https://www.geologyin.com/2022/12/minnesota-couple-unearths-19-carat.html>

Howardite: Rattlesnake Jasper  
<https://www.geologyin.com/2022/12/howardite-rattlesnake-jasper.html>

Australia's famous sapphires and their colourful history starting in Queensland's Gemfields  
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-12-22/famous-australian-sapphires-richardson-collection-gemfields/101788816>

—From the Nominating Committee

### ANNUAL TLS ELECTIONS

At the December General meeting, the election of TLS Officers and Board Members took place. On the recommendation of the nominating committee, the Board recommended and the membership approved unanimously the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2023.

- President - Stacey Segal
- Vice-President - Gary Cummings
- Treasurer - Ken Dahl
- Recording Secretary - Janice Lawson
- Corresponding Secretary - Eileen Magee
- Director - Tina Brunner

Doug McNicol and Anthony Lombardo will continue in the second year of their terms as Directors. Vincent DiAngelus will continue as the Education Center Director. Barry Messino's appointment as Gemarama 2023 Chair will be continued, and Anthony Lombardo will continue as Gemarama 2023 Co-Chair.



### 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](mailto:jodyshawtls@gmail.com).

Visit Rock and Gem's blog site for an extensive listing of blogs full of lapidary information at <https://www.rockngem.com/category/blog/>



— 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](mailto: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 SOON TO BE PAST DUE FOR 2023

TLS has an online system that members can use to submit updates to their membership information and to pay dues. Those members having email addresses will receive a dues and membership data update notice by email. Following instructions in that email, corrections to membership data (addresses, phones, email addresses, Auxiliaries) can be submitted electronically. One TLS member per family will receive a link for online payment of the family dues. The online dues payment can be made through a PayPal account or by credit card.

Dues can also be paid by sending the form below, together with a check for dues owed, to the Treasurer.

Membership dues for the coming year are now due and payable by December 31, after which dues are in arrears. New-member dues paid by those joining TLS this fall in October, November, or December carry through the following year.

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

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

Please fill in your name(s), address, phone number(s), and email address(es) on the form below exactly as you wish to have that data appear in the TLS membership list.

**2023 TLS DUES**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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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  
 Check here if you do not want your address on our mailing list.

**Make check payable to: Tuscarora Lapidary Society (TLS).  
 Mail form and check to:  
 Kenneth Dahl, Treasurer  
 18 Tenby Drive,  
 Wilmington, DE 19803**

—Dennis Coren, Skill Improvement Program Chair

### Take the TLS Challenge

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



*How?*



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

### What is the SKIP Program?

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

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



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

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



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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**REBUS PUZZLES**

COVER THE ANSWERS BEFORE YOU START!

ANSWERS

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| 5. R + R                  |   | 17. T<br>O<br>W<br>N              |
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| 7. 584SAFETY485           |   |                                   |
| 8. JOBINJOB               |   |                                   |

1. FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE
2. TRAVEL OVER SEAS
3. WIN WITH EASE
4. TRY TO UNDERSTAND
5. SUMMER
6. METAPHOR
7. SAFETY IN NUMBERS
8. INSIDE JOB
9. TRAIL MIX
10. GO UP IN SMOKE
11. FORGIVE AND FORGET
12. UP FOR GRABS
13. JAVASCRIPT
14. PAINLESS OPERATION
15. 3D MOVIES
16. TOP SECRET
17. DOWN TOWN
18. IT'S ALL BACKWARDS

**TLS PHONE TREE** (1/1/2023)

The TLS Phone Tree is used to notify local members in case of a meeting cancellation, an emergency, or another circumstance requiring special attention. Those whose names appear in bold will be called with the pertinent information and asked, in turn, to call the members listed in their 'square'. Stacey Segal starts the chain. Please note: All calls should be made even if an email notification has been sent with the same information. Remember, not everyone has email and many of those who do, don't always check it daily. **If you don't feel that you're able to handle this responsibility, if your phone number is missing or incorrect, or if you would rather have another phone number listed, please notify Jody Shaw by calling/texting 856-981-0306 or emailing [jodyshawTLS@gmail.com](mailto:jodyshawTLS@gmail.com).**

If a General, Board, or Gemarama Meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or other unfortunate circumstance, an appropriate message will be put on the Education Center's voice-mail system by 4 p.m. that day. If you have concerns, call the Center at 610-490-5252 after 4 p.m.

All instructors have the authority to cancel a class due to inclement weather or other circumstances. Should this scenario occur, all affected students will be called by the respective instructor and, if possible, a message will be placed on the Education Center's voice-mail system. Instructors can call Frank Warner (C: 610-306-7161) or Lisa Laffend (C: 302-668-5072) to have a message put there.

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