



# THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow TLS members! I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather and are contemplating plans for some relaxing and fun summer activities.

Speaking of summer... the new roster for the summer class session is now available! Keep your eyes peeled for the email containing the list of available courses and links to our online registration system. Classes tend to fill up quickly, so don't delay – sign up today!

I have some exciting news to report regarding upgrades to the Ed Center and several of our programs. At the May Board meeting, the Board approved 2 proposals for purchases of new tools and equipment for the faceting and jewelry/metalsmithing programs. For the faceting program, we will be phasing out the old Graves faceting machines and adding 6 new Ultratec VL machines. For the jewelry/metalsmithing program, we will be acquiring additional flex shafts, a 35-pound anvil and stump, a 20-ton electric hydraulic press and several other crucial items. We are thrilled to update our facility with these wonderful new tools! They will go a long way to enhancing our class offerings, attracting new students and bringing even greater enjoyment to our current members and students.

We had a great turnout for the May general meeting. Frank Warner presented an excellent program on Making Freeform Gemstone Bowls. The level of detail he went into to describe his methods for selecting gemstone material for the bowls, the process of making his own machine to carve the bowls, as well as the entire carving process from start to finish was absolutely fascinating. He brought several examples of his gorgeous work that had the audience Oooh-ing and Aaaah-ing all throughout the presentation. Thank you, Frank, for a terrific program!

Before the start of Frank's presentation, everyone was pleasantly surprised when I presented Jim Johnston with the Frank W. Warner, III Lifetime Achievement Award! Jim is a longtime TLS member, and has been a great leader, mentor and teacher spanning the length of his membership. Jim's dedication, kindness and generosity over the years has been quite prolific, and his many selfless actions have helped shape TLS into the successful organization it is today. In his acceptance speech, Jim expanded upon how great it is to be part of an organization that embraces the spirit of volunteerism so heartily. I can say without hesitation that Jim most definitely embodies that spirit. It was my great pleasure and a true honor to present him with the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of TLS. Congratulations Jim, and thanks again for all of your contributions and support!

Not to detract from the high-spirited tone of the evening, but

I do feel the need to acknowledge one small hiccup... The start of the meeting was delayed slightly when it was discovered that the link to the Zoom meeting was not working correctly. Due to the swift action of Lola Fields sending out workaround instructions to our members and guests via email, most online attendees were able to get in and we were able to continue on as planned with the Zoom portion of the meeting. Thank you, Lola! We apologize to those who were unable to attend via Zoom due to this technical issue. Thanks also to those who attended in person for your patience as we worked out the issue. There are plans in the works to make both Frank's presentation and Jim's Lifetime Achievement Award presentation available for viewing. Please stay tuned for an upcoming announcement as to when those will be available.

Last but not least, I am greatly looking forward to the June awards dinner at Charlotte's Restaurant! If you have not done so, please submit your reservation form and check to secure your seat(s) at the big event. The deadline to RSVP is May 31st. We'd love to see as many people as possible attend and celebrate our wonderful organization and dedicated volunteers. I look forward to seeing you there!

Until then, please take care and be well...

—Stacey Segal, TLS President

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—TLS Board

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTED TO JAMES JOHNSTON

Jim joined TLS in October of 1998 and rapidly became very active in all aspects of the Society's operations. Jim's leadership, his immersion in TLS activities, his mentoring of new members, his vision for the future of the Society, and his generosity, have had a profound effect on the development of the Society. We think it is accurate to say that Jim's contributions played an essential role in achieving the strong status the Society occupies today as a lapidary, jewelry, and glass arts educational corporation, that attracts students from a large segment of the Eastern United States.



At various times Jim served as Program Chair, Director, Vice President, President, Corresponding Secretary, and Field Trip Chair. He served as Gemarama Chair, Co-chair, Admissions Chair, and Security Chair. He taught Beginning & Intermediate or Advanced Cabs many times and helped start

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our weekend version of Beginning Cabs. Jim gave six General Meeting programs and developed programs for Scout troops.

Jim became Chair of the New Home Committee in 2005 and played a critical role in the search for, purchase of, and renovation of our new facility in Brookhaven.

Jim was previously recognized with the Coren Award in 2001 and Colio Award in 2003. It is with great pleasure and many thanks for all of his many contributions that the TLS Board enthusiastically presented James Johnston with the Frank W, Warner III Lifetime Achievement Award at the May 2023 General Meeting. Congratulations, Jim!



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— From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary

### BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The May 3 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The minutes of the April Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

**Announcements:** Stacey Segal announced that Paul Stieff had surgery yesterday. Linda Green shared that Paul is well and is home resting. Stacey wished Paul a speedy recovery. Stacey then announced that Kathy Lopez's mother-in-law passed away. Heartfelt condolences to the Lopez family. Get well and sympathy cards will be sent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ken Dahl reported cash inflow and outflow for the month of April showed a positive net inflow.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Gary Cummings reported that new membership applications from Donald Logeman and John Ehlen met all requirements. The reinstatement application of a previous member, Kathy Polansky, was also submitted. All were approved.

**Community Programs/DCAC:** On behalf of Linda Green, Stacey Segal reported that there is a grant available through the PA Council of the Arts called the Creative Sector Flex Fund: a \$5000 grant for Arts organizations. Stacey stated she will do some research to be sure this is something which qualifies TLS to apply. Stacey also mentioned that Kathy Lopez is working on sending out an email to interested parties for the scouts program.

**Programs:** Tina Brunner reported on the upcoming programs for the fall General Meetings. September will be a presentation by Chris Hafner. October will be the silent auction. Tina shared that she is working on planning the November program. Stacey Segal shared that Kathy Lopez gave her an update on the RSVP for the June Dinner at Charlotte's, which is a total of 17 so far. Tina offered to create a writeup for a reminder to submit reservations for the Bulletin.

**Ed Center Director:** Vincent DiAngelus stated there are no new updates. Upcoming work will include the repair to the caulking on the exterior glass block windows, and the protection of the gas meter.

**Class Manager:** Steve Hansen reported that Virtual Evercrafting workshops this past weekend went well. Steve expressed thanks to Lisa Laffend for all her help. Main Line School Night session is this weekend. Steve encouraged tidying up at

the Ed Center. The summer schedule is circulating among the instructors.

**Equipment and Facilities:** Don Schwarzkopf will be working on the leak in the dryer for the compressed air system.

**Gemarama:** Barry Messino and Anthony Lombardo reported that the next Gemarama meeting is May 17. Barry also shared that the committee will begin going through the bins for the grab bags in June. A box will be available in the Ed Center for grab bag donations. Barry stated that she placed some of the Gemarama bookmarks in some libraries. Frank Warner stated that the new discount coupon bookmarks will be ready for use in June along with the online ticketing.

**Webmaster:** Frank Warner reported that Zasha Morales-José will be taking care of the summer class page. Frank also shared that the class page will be organized and rearranged so that the classes will be near the top of the webpage.

**New Business**

- Ken Dahl announced that the estate of the late Barbara Jacobson, a dedicated member of TLS along with her late husband Bob, has bequeathed \$20,000 to TLS. Frank Warner added that there will also be items for the memorial case.
- After some review and discussion, Stacey Segal made a motion to approve Steve Hansen's proposal for the purchase of six new UltraTec faceting machines to enhance the growth of the TLS Faceting Program. The proposal was unanimously approved.
- Stacey Segal reviewed the details of a jewelry program proposal and made a motion to approve the purchase of new equipment including flex shafts, a 35lb anvil and stump, a 20 ton hydraulic press, plus a workbench and cabinets, to support the TLS jewelry program. It was unanimously approved.
- Stacey Segal made a motion for the purchase of a new refrigerator for the Ed Center to replace the old, inefficient one. Following approval, there was discussion about the best plan to have the old refrigerator removed.
- Stacey Segal announced that Doug Klieger will be stepping down from his role as Webmaster and that he has submitted his official resignation. Stacey then made a motion to appoint Zasha Morales-José as our Webmaster for TLS, as she has been well prepared in the duties for this role. It was approved. Frank Warner added that he has changed ownership of both the Bluehost and Network Solutions accounts to Ken Dahl as it is best to have the Treasurer be the owner of these accounts.
- Gary Cummings gave an update on the Coren and Colio awards. Gary encouraged anyone who hasn't voted to email their nominations by May 15th.

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The May 10 General Meeting was called to order at 7:48 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The meeting was held in person at the Springfield Township Building and by Zoom. In person attendance included 20 members and 2 guests, plus 18 members and 1 guest by Zoom. Stacey Segal gave a welcome to all of our guests in attendance. Stacey also wished all teachers past, present, and future a Happy Teacher Appreciation week. Committee and other items discussed at the Board Meeting were briefly presented. In addition:

- Stacey Segal shared get-well wishes to Paul Stieff who had surgery last week. Stacey also expressed condolences to Kathy Lopez and her family in the loss of her mother-in-law.

- Kathy Lopez reported that the program for June will be the Awards Dinner and that RSVPs are encouraged with the deadline at the end of May.
- Stacey Segal reminded everyone that nominations for the Coren and Colio awards are due by May 15th and can be emailed to Gary Cummings. She also shared that submissions for Single Stone can be placed in the library and that Jay Rosa can be contacted with any questions.
- Steve Hansen reported that the summer schedule has been completed and should soon be out for registration on May 22. The MLSN workshop this past weekend went well and, if anyone is interested, there are seats available for the next session, which will be the first weekend in June.
- Stacey Segal announced that Doug Klieger will be stepping down from his role as Webmaster. Stacey gave heartfelt thanks to Doug for his 16 years of hard work and service updating the TLS Website. Stacey then announced that Zasha Morales-José has graciously volunteered to take the role.
- Stacey Segal announced that the estate of the late Barbara Jacobson has bequeathed money to TLS. Stacey gave a wonderful history of Barbara and Bob's lives and dedication to TLS. On behalf of TLS, Stacey expressed deep appreciation for this most generous bequest.
- Stacey Segal gave an inspiring presentation of the history of the selfless years of work and service of TLS member, James Johnston, who began his membership in October, 1998. Following the presentation, Jim was awarded the Frank Warner, III Lifetime Achievement Award. All present gave Jim a warm round of applause and congratulations!

Following the meeting Kathy Lopez gave a warm introduction to the speaker, TLS member, Frank Warner, who gave a wonderful and interesting presentation, "Making Freeform Gemstone Bowls".

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

- Condolences to Lynn Bibolet on the passing of her mother.
- Condolences to Kathy Lopez on the passing of her mother-in-law.
- Get well wishes to Paul Steiff after his surgery.
- A warm welcome to new members Donald Logeman and John Ehlen.
- TLS received notice of a significant bequest from the estate of our late member Barbara Jacobsen, and wishes to express deep appreciation for her very generous way of remembering her many years of active participation in TLS and contributions to our activities.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER . . .**

- June 7:** TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.
- June 14:** TLS Awards Dinner; 6:30 p.m., Charlotte's Restaurant. (Reservation form on page 6; **due by May 31.**)
- June 21:** Gemarama Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

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**SUMMER BULLETIN DEADLINE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

**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. 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.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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@mc.com](mailto:kathy.lopez@mc.com)**  
**Reservation Deadline: May 31, 2023**



## SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN JULY 6, 2023

### TLS EDUCATION CENTER,

24 UPLAND ROAD, BROOKHAVEN, PA 19015

TLS offers classes to adults interested in pursuing lapidary and jewelry arts. No previous experience is needed unless a prerequisite is noted. In some courses and workshops there is an additional charge for supplies and equipment. Pricing for classes is listed for members (M) and non-members (NM). Membership requires completion of Beginning Cabochon or Faceting class, participation in two TLS monthly meetings and willingness to participate as a volunteer in TLS activities. Course details, including the required supply and tool lists for many classes, and our online registration system, may be found at <https://www.lapidary.org/classes-summer-2023>. Fees for supplies are payable to the instructors and may depend on the choice of materials.

**REFUND POLICY:** If you wish to withdraw from a class, workshop, or open shop session, you must notify the Registrar by phone or email. Payment will be refunded 100% if you withdraw before the course, workshop, or open shop session begins. For multiday courses (not workshops or open shop sessions), payment will be refunded 80% if you withdraw before the second class. No refunds are given after the second meeting of a multi-day course. No refunds are given after the first day of a multi-day workshop. No refunds are given for missed open shop sessions (Exception: Members may receive a 50% refund, if requested, after missing an open slab-saw session).

Students are enrolled in the order that online payments or checks and registration forms are received. Please note: Checks for full tuition must accompany the registration form in order to reserve a spot in the class. Send registration form and check to Bill Frampton, Registrar, 168 Creek Dr., Elkton, MD 21921. For additional questions or more information contact Bill Frampton, [w.h.frampton@gmail.com](mailto:w.h.frampton@gmail.com), 443-553-5805.

### WEEKDAY CLASSES

#### MONDAY

(Su23AC7-10) **Advanced Cabochons:** (6 weeks beginning July 10) 7:30-9:30PM. Members only. Limit 5. Instructor: Stacey Segal. Tuition: M\$40.

#### WEDNESDAY

(Su23OO7-12) **Opals:** (5 weeks beginning July 12) 7-9PM. Limit 6. Pre-requisite: One TLS Beginning Cabochon course. Hear from the opal master himself. Learn how to value and everything else about opals. Instructor: Bill Mattis. Tuition: NM\$60/M\$35.

#### THURSDAY

(Su23BC7-6) **Beginning/Intermediate Cabochons:** (6 weeks beginning July 6) 7:00-9:30PM. Limit 7. Learn how to cut and polish rounded gemstone shapes. Open to new students and those honing their skills in cutting and polishing cabochons. **Non-members have priority.** Members must send registration requests and checks to the Registrar and, if possible, will be enrolled one week before the class is to begin in the order reg-

istrations are received. Instructors: Vince DiAngelus and Alejandro Lopez. Tuition: NM\$80/M\$45.

### WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

(Su23GA7-15) **Glass Bead-Making:** (Two-day workshop, Saturday & Sunday, July 15&16) 10am-5pm. Limit 9. For those with some bead-making experience. There will be two main topics: the application of color theory to making coordinated bead sets, and how to make hollow beads. Guest Instructor: Louise Mehaffey. Tuition: NM\$220/M\$160. Puffy mandrels for making hollow beads will be available for purchase at the workshop for \$10 each.

(Su23FT7-22) **Gem Faceting:** (Two-day workshop, Saturday & Sunday, July 22 & 23) 9AM-5PM. Limit 4. Prerequisite: One TLS faceting course or equivalent (as approved by instructor). We will cut a round brilliant. Instructors: Steve Hansen and Ingrid Ratsep. Tuition NM\$120/M\$60. Materials fee, payable to the instructor, depends on the material selected.

(Su23SM8-5) **Sphere Making:** (Two-day workshop, Saturdays, August 5 & August 12) 9AM-5PM. Plus one initial session to be scheduled with the participants. Members only. Limit 4. Learn how to make spheres out of lapidary material 'by hand.' Instructors: John Chickadel and Stacey Segal. Tuition: \$115. The cost of a preform will likely range between \$40 and \$60.

(Su23OP8-6) **Sunday Opal Cutting:** (Two-day workshop, Sundays, August 6 & August 13) 10AM-5PM. Limit 5. Prerequisite: One TLS Gateway (Beginning) Cabochon course. Opal cutting for current or prospective opal addicts. Facilitators: Steve Hansen and Anna Thompson. Tuition NM\$120/M\$60. Materials fee, payable to the instructor, is estimated to be \$25.

(Su23FT8-27) **Virtual Faceting Using Gem Cut Studio:** (Sunday, August 27) 1PM-4PM. Minimum 3. ZOOM WORKSHOP. We will have a tutorial on how to use Gem Cut Studio software (Rej Poirer; [www.gemcutstudio.com](http://www.gemcutstudio.com)). We will use Gem Cut Studio to modify existing faceting designs, generate faceting designs from a sketch, and look at the steps required to generate new faceting designs. Instructor: Steve Hansen. Tuition: NM\$40/M\$20.

### OPEN SHOP SESSIONS

(Su23OC) **Open Cabbing:** (Saturdays, 7/8, 8/26) 10AM-4PM. Limit 5. Prerequisite: One TLS beginning cabbing class. Fee: NM\$33/M\$27 per day. Supervisor: Stacey Segal.

(Su23OS) **Open Slab Saw:** (Saturdays, 7/8, 8/26) 10AM-4PM. Members Only. Prerequisite: Must be certified for slab saw use. May be taken concurrently with open cabbing. Supervisor: Stacey Segal. Fee: \$10 per hour. Indicate date and preference for AM or PM. The Registrar will schedule actual times.

(Su23OB) **Open Beading:** (Sunday, 7/9, 8/13) 1PM-4PM. Minimum 3, Limit 10. Supervisor: Tina Brunner. Fee: NM\$15/M\$10 per day.

(Su23OM) **Open Metalsmithing/Soldering:** (Saturday, 7/22, 8/19) 10AM-4PM. Limit 10. Prerequisite: One TLS silver class or equivalent (as approved by supervisor). Supervisor: Stacey Segal. Fee: NM\$33/MS\$27 per day.

(Su23OT) **Open Torch (Bead-making):** (Saturday and/or Sunday, 7/29 & 7/30, 8/26 & 8/27) 9AM-5PM. Limit 9. Prerequisite: One TLS glass bead-making class. Fee: NMS\$44/MS\$36 per day. Coordinator: Frank Warner.

**TLS CLASS REGISTRATION SUMMER 2023**

Please list classes wanted, including class codes:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

A CHECK FOR FULL TUITION (PAYABLE TO TLS) MUST ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION FORM.

Mail form and check to: Tuscarora Lapidary Society, c/o Bill Frampton, Registrar, 168 Creek Drive, Elkton, MD 21921

### 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.



—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.

—Tina Brunner, Assistant Program Chair

### TLS AWARDS DINNER!

If you haven’t already signed up for the Annual Awards Dinner, to be held at Charlotte’s Restaurant in Newtown Square on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 pm, please do so as soon as possible. The deadline for registration is May 31. TLS will be paying half the cost of the meal, so the cost per member is just \$30. This is the first awards dinner TLS will be holding since the start of the pandemic, so we’d love to see everyone there.

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### 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.



### 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.

### 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

- June 3:** Annual Mineralfest Gem & Mineral Show Macungie, PA
- June 3 & 4:** Orange County Mineral Gem Jewelry Show, Museum Village, Monroe, NY
- June 10:** Annual Gem, Mineral and Antique Machinery Show, Kent, CT
- July 8 & 9:** Annual Syracuse Gem & Mineral Show at the NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
- July 7-9:** EFMLS Annual Convention, hosted by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY
- July 15 & 16:** Annual Herkimer Diamond Gem and Mineral Show at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY
- July 22 & 23:** Lancaster Valley Fossil and Mineral Club's "Christmas in July", Farm and Home Center, Lancaster, PA
- August 11-13:** Annual Northeast Gem & Mineral Show, West Springfield, MA
- August 18-20:** Annual Summer Gem Miners Jubilee, Lebanon, PA
- August 26 & 27:** Annual St. Lawrence County Gem & Mineral Show, Canton, NY
- October 28 & 29:** 2nd Annual Mount Bethel Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Mount Bethel, PA
- November 4-5: Gemarama,** Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA
- November 18-19:** Annual FALL Gem Miners Jubilee, Lebanon, PA

### 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 7,000 times and the TLS Lapidary Program video has over 8,600 views!

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### LAPIDARY LINKS

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

Metalsmith Benchtalk is an oldie but goodie! The podcaster, Ken Bova, is a past president of the Society of North American Goldsmiths and whose work is in the Smithsonian and elsewhere. He is well published and has received teaching awards. Benchtalk is on an indefinite break and is no longer broadcasting live, but you can enjoy over 6 years of archived shows in the meantime!  
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/metalsmith-benchtalk/id1488951741>

—Barry Messino & Anthony Lombardo, Gemarama Chairs  
**GEMARAMA 2023 UPDATE!**

The Gemarama 2023 planning committee has been finalizing its list of vendors for the November show at the Greater Philadelphia Convention Center. TLS Gemarama has such a wonderful reputation as one of the best lapidary, rock, and mineral shows available, that we have a waiting list for vendors wanting to participate! There is still much to prepare for a production of this size and complexity. Our next Gemarama Planning Committee meeting will be held on June 21 at 7:30 via Zoom. If you would like to be invited to the session, send Anthony Lombardo ([molybdenite@comcast.net](mailto:molybdenite@comcast.net)) a request for a Zoom meeting link. There are many opportunities available for your participation. Let me assure you that your involvement is most gratefully welcome, no matter how big or small. It is only through the collective efforts of members like you that Gemarama has been a success! We look forward to seeing you!

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### 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.

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### IN THE NEWS

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

Rarest of Rare 'Diamond Within Diamond' Unearthed in India  
<https://www.geologyin.com/2023/04/rarest-of-rare-diamond-within-diamond.html>

Gemstone once on display at UA's Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum heads to Smithsonian

<https://www.kgun9.com/news/local-news/gemstone-once-on-display-at-uas-alfie-norville-gem-mineral-museum-heads-to-smithsonian>

Study: Lightning Strikes Can Create Phosphites on Earth's Surface

<https://www.sci.news/geology/new-port-richey-fulgurite-11822.html>



—From Frank Warner

**TLS History Series #25  
TLS Meetings and Programs**

The TLS Bylaws state that regular meetings of the Society “shall be held preferably on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month, except that no stated meetings shall be held in the months of July and August.”

The initial meeting was held March 13, 1957, in the home of Roger Kettiman. Subsequent meetings that initial year were held in members’ homes. Membership grew to a point that taxed the capacity of members’ homes for meetings, making it necessary in May 1958 to set a limit of twenty members. The membership limit was increased to forty at the November 1958 Board meeting after it was announced that TLS could use a meeting room in the Broomall Library as of December that year.

In April 1963, when the membership count was 31, space was offered for meetings in the Delaware County Institute of Science in Media. Meetings were held there from April 1963 through May 1985. In September 1985, meetings were moved to the Princeton Presbyterian Church on Baltimore Pike in Springfield. In January 1989, meetings were moved to the current location in the Springfield Township Building at 50 Powell Road, Springfield, PA.

With the incorporation of TLS in 1967, and with the decision in 1960 that the Board of Directors would meet separately on 1st Wednesdays, the ‘regular’ meetings of the membership effectively became what are known as ‘general’ meetings of a corporation.

The Bylaws specify that, “an annual meeting of the members of the Society shall be held for the election of Officers and Directors. This meeting shall take place in December, the last stated meeting of the calendar year.” In addition to the election of Officers and Directors, the December meeting has become an annual holiday party. The June 1962 meeting began the tradition of an annual dinner meeting.

The remaining eight meetings per year are planned by the Program Chair. A complete list of all of the programs from the initial 1957 meeting through 2022 is far too long to publish in the Bulletin. The full list of meeting programs may be found at [lapidary.org/IMAGES/programs.pdf](http://lapidary.org/IMAGES/programs.pdf). The list of dedicated and hard working members who have planned all of these programs follows. Program Chairs are appointed by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors and serve an indeterminate term.

**Program Chairs**

1957	Roger B. Steelman
1958	Joseph Seckler
1959	Herman Richter & Roger Steelman
1960	Mrs. Paul J. Bankes
1961	Laurie Markuson
1962-1963	David Smith
1964	Lou Privoznik & Jim Johnson
1965	Don Naples
1966	Bill Colio

1967	Walter Lapinsky
1968	Edward McHale
1969	Joe Schweiger
1970	Donald Coffman
1971	Ray Edwards & Joe Schweiger
1972	Philip Delano
1973	Morris Goldsmith
1974	Leonard Kelly
1975	Herman Jankowski
1976	George Hebard
1977	Edwin Abel
1978	Joseph Schweiger
1979	Kenneth Wilchek
1980-1981	George Franklin
1982	George Franklin & Drew Davis
1983	Drew Davis
1984	Peter Santucci
1985-1987	Edwin Abel
1988	Members coordinated by Ed Abel
1989-1990	Edwin Abel
1991	Bob Hughes, Toni Rowley, Mary Lee Price
1992	Committee
1993	Betty Witworth & Bruce Getty
1994-1998	Joyce Babiarz & Barry Messino
1999-2005	Jim Johnston
2006-2007	Fizal Nabbie & Jim Johnston
2008-2013	Fizal Nabbie
2014-2015	Fizal Nabbie & Jim Johnston
2016-2018	Fizal Nabbie & Rick Hellman
2019-2020	Rick Hellman
2021-2022	Kathy Lopez
2023...	Kathy Lopez & Tina Brunner

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—Tina Brunner, Director

**SISTER CLUB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

The Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club is looking for experienced lapidaries to demonstrate the art of cutting cabochons and faceted stones at their annual “Christmas in July Extravaganza” show. The show will take place at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster PA from July 22-23, 2023. If you have your own cabbing or faceting machine and would like to lend a hand, please email Tina Brunner at [zebu25may@protonmail.com](mailto:zebu25may@protonmail.com). This is a great opportunity to help out another member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, and a fantastic chance to increase the membership roster at TLS.

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—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

**FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES**

Summer	Friday, June 23
September	Friday, August 4
October	Friday, September 22
November	Friday, October 20
December	Friday, November 17

–From Jody Shaw, Editor

## OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE BUSINESS LISTINGS FOR TLS MEMBERS

Resuming a practice that ended in 2014, TLS members who have jewelry or lapidary related businesses will have the opportunity to place a business card in the summer issue of the Bulletin. Normally, the Bulletin doesn't carry advertisements, but this once-a-year courtesy will be available to members who would like to share their work with the readers of the Bulletin.

If you are interested in advertising your business, please fill out the form below. Your listing will include your name, your company name, and the types of product(s) and/or services your business provides. Also, include your contact information. In addition, how your product is marketed (website, craft shows, Etsy, etc.) and acceptable forms of payment should be included. A sample listing is below. If you are interested, fill out the form below and mail it to me at the address below or email the information to [jodyshawtls@gmail.com](mailto:jodyshawtls@gmail.com). The deadline for your listing information submission is Monday, June 19.

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Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Jody Shaw

2303 Chew Avenue

Franklinville, NJ 08322

OR

Email to: [jodyshawtls@gmail.com](mailto:jodyshawtls@gmail.com)

Deadline: Monday, June 19, 2023

– From Ellen Schwarzkopf, Gemarama Silent Auction Coordinator

## GEMARAMA SILENT AUCTION

I'm asking for your help to make this year's Gemarama Silent Auction a huge success. It has been a major contributor to the overall income of Gemarama for many years. This is only possible due to the donations of our members. My goal this year is ONE donation from every TLS member. If everyone participates and does their fair share, that's more than 100 items!

Think about what YOU can contribute to this effort. Maybe you're working on a new style of jewelry and are making a few to perfect your design. Donate one to the Silent Auction. Maybe you'll be cleaning this fall and discover rough that you'll never cut or tools that you don't use anymore. Maybe you're rearranging your home (or moving) and realize that you don't really need that particular specimen or have too many books for your shelves.

Remember, this is not a White Elephant sale; we need high-quality pieces. Items need not be terribly expensive; they must, however, be up to the quality TLS members and Gemarama attendees are accustomed to. Rough slabs, mineral specimens, faceting material, fossils, carvings, faceted stones, cabochons, pins, necklaces, bolos, other finished jewelry, books, tools, etc. are just a few suggestions.

Let me know if you can help. I can be reached by email at [eschwarzkopf@verizon.net](mailto:eschwarzkopf@verizon.net) or by phone at (215) 901-2126.

### GEMARAMA SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

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### 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:

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<https://ponbee.com/funny-sayings-about-getting-older/>

### HUMOROUS QUOTES ABOUT GETTING OLDER

1. "As we grow older, our bodies get shorter and our anecdotes longer." — Robert Quillen
2. "Middle age ends and senescence begins the day your descendants outnumber your friends." — Ogden Nash
3. "Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened." — Jennifer Yane
4. "For the first half of your life, people tell you what you should do; for the second half, they tell you what you should have done."  
— Richard J. Needham
5. "As you get older, the pickings get slimmer, but the people don't." — Carrie Fisher
6. "An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have: the older she gets, the more interested he is in her." — Agatha Christie
7. "There is still no cure for the common birthday." — John Glenn
8. "I've reached the age where my brain went from 'You probably shouldn't say that' to 'What the heck, let's see what happens.'"  
— Unknown
9. "Old age is not so bad when you consider the alternative." — Maurice Chevalier
10. "Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician." — Unknown
11. "I complain that the years fly past, but then I look in a mirror and see that very few of them actually got past." — Robert Brault
12. "Respect old people — they graduated school without Google or Wikipedia." — Unknown
13. "I refuse to admit I'm more than fifty-two, even if that does make my sons illegitimate." — Nancy Astor
14. "Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach eighteen." — Mark Twain

**GEMARAMA 2023 APPLICATION FOR EXHIBIT SPACE**  
**THE TUSCARORA LAPIDARY SOCIETY'S 54th ANNUAL SHOW**  
**NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2023**  
**HALLS D & E, THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA EXPO CENTER, OAKS, PA**

Here are descriptions of competitions, judging, and awards. AFMS Uniform Rules will not be used in the evaluation of cases and the selection of awards. Material selection, craftsmanship, presentation, and showmanship are the key factors.

**\*\*GROUND RULES FOR EXHIBITORS & AWARD SELECTION\*\***

**JUDGING:** Judging will take place prior to the opening of the show on Saturday; identifying labels will be added to the cases when judging is complete.

**AWARD SELECTION:** A committee of judges will evaluate all cases and select winners of the four category awards:

*Most Educational* (All educational exhibits are eligible.)

*Best Theme Display* – "WORLD OF QUARTZ" (All exhibits of theme material are eligible.)

*Best Non-Member Display* (Cases by non-members only are eligible.)

*Best Small Case* – 18" x 12" (Cases by TLS members only are eligible.).

Judging committee will select cases for *Best in Show* and *Director's Award*.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS:** An exhibitor may win only one of the four category awards; all cases, including winners of category awards, are eligible for Best in Show or Director's Award. An exhibitor cannot receive an identical award two years in a row. For example, the winner in 2022 of the Educational Award is not eligible for the Educational Award in 2023. Certain TLS exhibits are not eligible for awards (Single Stone exhibition, Education Center display, Memorial cases, Intarsias, etc.).

**APPLICATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)  NON-MEMBER  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 THEME ("WORLD OF QUARTZ")  
 SMALL CASE (18" x 12" TLS MEMBERS ONLY)

Description \_\_\_\_\_

a)  I will provide a case that I personally own. This case:  requires a table OR  is freestanding.

Case size if other than standard TLS case (4' x 2'). \_\_\_\_\_

b)  I will use a TLS case in my possession.

c)  I wish to have a standard (4' x 2') TLS case furnished.

d)  I wish to have a small (18" x 12") TLS case furnished (TLS members only).

An exhibitor providing lights must observe the 100 watts maximum.

The TLS Show Committee assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to exhibitors' property, material, or specimens displayed at the show. TLS will provide security guards from 5 p.m. Friday, November 3, through 5:30 p.m. Sunday, November 5, 2022. Set up may begin at 3 p.m. Friday and must be complete and ready for judging by 9 a.m. Saturday; tear down will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday.

I understand that all risks are my own and that the Tuscarora Lapidary Society has no insurance that applies to my exhibit.

Signature of Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return forms to: Bill Mattis, 228 Sagamore Road, Havertown, PA 19083-3912. Questions? Call Bill at 610-449-9945 or e-mail him at [mattisopal@aol.com](mailto:mattisopal@aol.com).

**Forms must be returned by October 15, 2023; you will receive confirmation.**