



# THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow TLS members! Spring has sprung... and so has the spring semester. For those of you taking classes, I hope you're enjoying them and making unique and beautiful creations.

There was a great turnout for the recent cleanup day held on March 30th. Many thanks go to John Chickadel for coordinating the effort and to all who participated to help tidy up the Ed Center.

We had very nice attendance at the April general meeting for the Somewhere in the Rainbow program, presented by Shelly Sargent and Jeff Hapeman. Shelly and Jeff were such gracious guests. Their presentation on gemstones from the University of Arizona Gem and Mineral Museum and the lapidary artists who created these incredible treasures was both dazzling and informative. It was especially thrilling to be able to hold some of the gemstones from the collection in our hands and examine these amazing creations in close detail!

Next month we will have another wonderful program on Making Freeform Gemstone Bowls by Frank Warner. Be sure to attend in person if you can, as Frank will be bringing quite a few examples of his work for us to examine and enjoy.

June brings the event many of us have been so eagerly anticipating... our dinner and awards banquet at Charlotte's Restaurant! Our annual awards banquet is held to celebrate and recognize our volunteer teachers and the many other TLS members who so graciously and selflessly donate their time and energy to help make TLS the terrific organization it is today. We had to postpone our annual dinner for several years due to the pandemic, but we are finally able to resume our in-person event, which is very exciting! Though we did hold the award ceremonies virtually during the pandemic, it will be especially wonderful to be able to do it in person this year. If you have not done so already, please submit your reservation form and check to Kathy Lopez to secure your spot. While you're at it, don't forget to submit a cabochon or faceted stone (or one of each!) for the Single Stone case that will be on display at the dinner. Please also submit your nominations for the Coren and Colio awards to Gary Cummings. These citations are presented at the June dinner as part of the awards ceremony and recognize two special TLS members who have gone above and beyond the normal call of duty to help TLS. I am very much looking for-



**JUNE BULLETIN DEADLINE**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 19**

ward to this event and enjoying the celebration of TLS and its members with all of you.

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



## NEWS AND NOTES

-Condolences on the passing of Gil Fountaine. Gil had been a TLS member since 1973.

-Congratulations to Marley and Ron Batter on their 50th wedding anniversary. They are celebrating with a trip to the Jersey Shore!



## DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

**May 3:** TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

**May 10:** TLS General Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Springfield Township Building.

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

**June 14:** TLS Awards Dinner; 6:30 p.m., Charlotte's Restaurant. (Reservation form on page 3; **due by May 31.**)



—From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary

## BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The April 5 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The minutes of the March Board and General Meetings were approved as distributed.

Announcements: Stacey Segal wished a Happy Passover to all who celebrate. Barry Messino invited anyone who wants to help with grab bags for Gemarama to join her on April 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ed Center.

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

### Committee Reports:

Membership: Stacey Segal reported on behalf of Gary Cummings that there are no new memberships for approval this month, but we do have a few candidates who need to meet the requirements for membership.

Community Programs/DCAC: Linda Green reported that discussions at the Delaware County Arts Consortium Meeting included the various grant opportunities that are available, and reaching out to high schools for volunteers and organization collaboration. Go to [delcoarts.org](http://delcoarts.org), to see all the arts' activities

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available in Delaware County. For community programs, Linda announced that Kathy Lopez will be sending out notices to pick a date for a meeting to develop programs for Scout troupes.

**Programs:** Kathy Lopez reported on the upcoming programs for the General Meetings. The April meeting is all set as an in-person presentation with speakers Shelly Sergent and Jeff Hapeman. Members are urged to attend. A Zoom link will be provided for those who cannot attend. The May program will be a presentation by Frank Warner. June is the Awards Dinner at Charlotte's. September and November programs are being planned.

**Ed Center Director:** Vincent DiAngelus reported that he is working with PECO to come back out to fix the meter placement. Vince also reported that the shade on the front door is having an issue and is looking at replacement options. Don Schwarzkopf shared that the lock on that door is worn and may need to be replaced, as well as the panic bar on the back door. Vince stated that he will contact a locksmith for solutions. Stacey Segal shared that John Chickadel let her know that the last cleanup day was successful and sent thanks to all who participated.

**Class Manager:** Steve Hansen reported that spring classes have started up. Steve also announced that Joanne Morris had to stop her duties for her sessions for medical reasons. Replacement instructors are in place for all but an evening cabbing session and assistance will be needed for the summer sessions. The May Main Line School Night session is sold out and the June session has one registrant. A Main Line School Night announcement will be sent out in a couple of weeks. Virtually EverCrafting classes with low registration will be cancelled. An open beading session will be open in early July to judge interest and development of a future course in the fall.

**Equipment and Facilities:** Don Schwarzkopf reported that the Covington saw has been modified and repaired. The addition of the larger motor pulley will allow the blades to move faster and not work so hard. Additionally, this will extend the life of the blades, and the belts shouldn't burn out anymore.

**Library and eBay:** Stacey Segal announced that the two wheels from cleanup day will be sold on eBay.

**Gemarama:** Barry Messino reported that the next Gemarama meeting is in May. Barry also shared that Gemarama bookmarks can now be placed in stores and libraries and that she is reaching out to advertise in Doylestown.

**Webmaster:** Zasha Morales-José reported that updates were made for the spring classes as well as the Summer 2023 page. Zasha also shared that the summer schedule will be out on May 22.

#### **Old Business**

- Stacey Segal reported that the audit for the financial records for TLS took place on March 22 and that everything looked good. Stacey thanked the Audit Committee: Frank Warner, Tina Brunner and Joyce Babiarz.

#### **New Business**

- Tina Brunner shared that she recently became a member of the Lancaster Valley Fossil and Mineral Club and she re-

ported that they are looking into ways to enhance their next show, July 22-23. Tina proposed asking for TLS volunteers to provide lapidary demos at the show. More info is on page 7.



The April 12 General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The meeting was held in person at the Springfield Township Building. In attendance were 30 members and 13 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:

- Linda Green reported that September 30 - October 8 will be Delco Arts Week and that TLS will host an Open House on October 6 from 5-8 p.m..
- Stacey Segal reminded that gemstones for Single Stone and nominations for Coren and Colio Awards can be submitted.
- Steve Hansen reported that the May MLSN session is sold out and he encouraged those who know anyone with interest that they can register for the June session. Steve also asked anyone interested in instructing a summer cabbing class to reach out to him.
- Stacey Segal reported on behalf of Doug McNicol that there is an acquisition of faceting materials for the silent auction donated by Frank Warner.

Following the meeting, Kathy Lopez gave a warm and welcoming introduction to the speakers, Shelly Sergent and Jeff Hapeman, who gave a wonderful presentation called Somewhere in the Rainbow - American Lapidary



—Tina Brunner, Assistant Program Chair

## **MAY PROGRAM**

TLS member Frank Warner will speak on *Making Free-form Gemstone Bowls*, including how he got started carving bowls, the equipment needed, the challenges involved, and examples of bowls he has carved. Frank will be sharing the techniques he learned by observing the world-famous gemstone carvers at Idar-Oberstein, Germany. This meeting is an in-person meeting at the Springfield Township Building at 7:30 pm on May 10. Members are strongly encouraged to attend. A Zoom link will be available for those unable to attend.

For more information on Frank, please see the Member Spotlight article on page 9 in the December 2022 issue of the Bulletin.



To learn more about the fascinating history of Idar-Oberstein, please see here:

<https://www.gia.edu/gems-gemology/winter-2017-gem-virtuosos> and here:

<https://www.gemporia.com/en-us/gemology-hub/article/1470/the-story-of-idar-oberstein/>.

**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.

—Gary Cummings, Vice President

**COLIO/COREN AWARDS**

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

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

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

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

**ANNUAL TLS AWARDS DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please ✓ Choice)

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

Dietary Restrictions? Please list \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Questions: Email Kathy: [kathy.lopez@me.com](mailto:kathy.lopez@me.com)**

**Reservation Deadline: May 31, 2023**

**COLIO/COREN AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Colio Award Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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Coren Award Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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Submit nominations by mail to Gary Cummings, 610 Farnum Road, Media, PA 19063-3001, or by email to [Garycummings140@gmail.com](mailto:Garycummings140@gmail.com)

**Deadline: May 15, 2023**

**2023 EVENT CALENDAR**

- April 29:** 4th Annual South Jersey Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, Cherry Hill, NJ
- May 6 & 7:** Berks Mineralogical Society’s World of Gems and Minerals, The Pavilion at Leesport Farmers Market, Leesport, PA
- May 13 & 14:** Annual Quartz Fest at the Civic Center, Canandaigua, NY
- May 17-21:** Annual NY-NJ Gem Show, Edison, NJ
- May 20-21:** Cape Atlantic Rock Hounds Spring Gem and Mineral Show, GPS: 2653 Cologne Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ
- June 3:** Annual Mineralfest Gem & Mineral Show Macungie, PA
- June 3 & 4:** Orange County Mineral Gem Jewelry Show, Museum Village, Monroe, NY
- 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

—From Tina Brunner, Assistant Programs Chair

**FUTURE PROGRAMS**

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

- June 14, 6:30 p.m. – Annual awards dinner, Charlotte’s Restaurant
- July/August - No General Meetings



**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.

—Jay Rosa, Single Stone Chair

**JUNE DINNER  
SINGLE STONE EXHIBITION**

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

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



—Barry Messino & Anthony Lombardo, Gemarama Chairs

**NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN  
GEMARAMA 2023!**

As Gemarama 2023 approaches, you may be enjoying your classes at the Education Center and wondering if you should be more involved in this awesome production! You can start by attending our next Gemarama Planning Committee meeting on May 17 at 7:30 via Zoom. Just send Anthony Lombardo ([molybdenite@comcast.net](mailto:molybdenite@comcast.net)) an email requesting and you will be sent an invitation. During the meeting, you will see the activity leaders report on their progress and continued needs. This is where you might say, “I can help with that!” 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 our members like you that Gemarama has been a success! We look forward to seeing you!



**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 [jodyshawtles@gmail.com](mailto:jodyshawtles@gmail.com).

The Rockhounding Podcast has hundreds of videos for your viewing! Join Karen, Kurt, Kyle, and Theo Kellison while they talk about rocks, rockhounding, lapidary, and everything that falls into the rockhounding/lapidary world. <https://www.youtube.com/hashtag/rockhoundpodcast>.

—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

**FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES**

June	Friday, May 19
Summer	Friday, June 23
September	Friday, August 4
October	Friday, September 22
November	Friday, October 20
December	Friday, November 17



—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

This month’s spotlight is on Mollie Rossi. A newer member, she describes herself as easy-going, artistic, and ambitious.



Mollie grew up locally, in Havertown, PA. She went to college at the University of the Arts for illustration. After school, she worked as a graphic designer, then she started to pursue jewelry making. Her family is creative and has been very supportive of her art, even encouraging the pursuit of artistic fields. Her mother did beadwork for a number of years, but after taking a beginner metalsmithing class in college, Mollie decided this was the creative path she would like to follow.

Other hobbies that Mollie enjoys include hiking, taking care of her plants, and taking care of her reptiles. She has two bearded dragons, a blue tongue skink, and a tortoise. She also enjoys traveling. She loved a visit to New Zealand and it’s beautiful landscapes, which



was her first trip out of the country. On this trip, a bunch of wild parrots (Kea birds) attacked the rental car and started ripping it apart while she tried to take pictures!



One of Mollie’s fondest memories was when she pulled her first quartz crystal out of the ground in Pennsylvania. It was tiny and of low quality, but very special to her, nonetheless. She still loves rock-



hounding and goes up to Schuylkill County to find crystals and fern fossil specimens.

When asked what websites and artists she follows, Mollie says she loves the page called Metalsmith Society (@metalsmithsociety) on Instagram. She has learned so much there from other jewelers who send in tips and tricks.

Mollie sells her work and is revamping her website, Esme Boho Jewelry. Check it out at [esmebohojewelry.com](http://esmebohojewelry.com).

—Dennis Coren

Please visit this Facebook page to share TLS information- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/107044841397035>.



—Lisa Laffend, Records Manager

**TLS MEMBERSHIP LIST**

By now, you should have received a copy of the 2023 Membership List in the mail or at the last General Meeting. Please check your entry and let me know if you find any errors. You can find the same membership list in our members-only Dropbox, by clicking the link at the bottom of this article. That copy is updated through the year as needed. In the past, a smaller version that can be printed on a single double-sided sheet has been included in the Bulletin, but to maintain the privacy of our members, that practice has been discontinued. That smaller version is now available in the members-only Dropbox. If you’d like a hard copy of the single double-sided sheet, just let me know and I’ll get one to you in the mail.

Here is a link to the TLS Members Dropbox Folder. The folder is password protected; contact me at [kokopelli915@yahoo.com](mailto:kokopelli915@yahoo.com) or 302-668-5072 to receive the password.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ht8ymfv2t1z3y0l/AABAB4NkRfT9JT0KiD4jYs6a?dl=0>

Once you click the link, you’ll see several folders with information about TLS. Choose the folder named “Membership List” to see the current list, the small version, and the phone tree.

—From Frank Warner

### TLS History Series #24 TLS Classes

Since teaching is at the core of the TLS mission and motto (Teaching Learning Sharing), the subject of TLS educational offerings is quite large. We will take an overall look here and may revisit portions of the story in more detail in future articles.

In the early years, much instruction was one-to-one in member's homes. Even then, and especially in the 1970s, there were also classes taught by TLS members in various local adult education programs including at Springfield High School, Marple-Newtown HS, Ridley Township HS, and the Main Line School Night programs at Conestoga, Radnor and Lower Merion schools. Members involved in teaching these courses included Walter and Evelyn Lawn, Ben and Chesna Coren, Joe Schweiger, Paul Longnecker, Harry Beadle, Joe Sharbaugh, Roger Kettimon, Frank Lochel, and Ed McHale, (*Bulletins*: 2/73, 11/74, 9/75, 9/76, 4/78).

When the first TLS Workshop opened in 1976 at 10B Smedley Lane in Newtown Square, classes and seminars were for members only. The Newtown Square workshop closed at the end of 1978. In January 1979, classes began for members at the new TLS Skill Center in rented basement space at 105 West Jasper Street in Media. The decision to expand TLS educational offerings to adult members of the general public was made at the September 1980 General Meeting.

The need for a larger and better facility became apparent early on. At the May 1991 meeting (June 1991 *Bulletin* V28#6), President Shirley Heyburn asked members to be on the lookout for another location for our Skill Center. "We have outgrown our present one," she said.

On August 11, 2010, Pete Santucci saw a for-sale sign at the former US Post Office building at 24 Upland Road in Brookhaven. By November 2010, TLS was the proud owner of that property. Renovations were completed over the next 9 months. The TLS Education Center opened for classes in September of 2011.

Initially at the Skill Center, classes were divided into winter, spring, summer and fall quarters of 12 weeks each. This evolved eventually into winter, spring and fall terms of 10 weeks each, and a summer term of approximately 5 weeks. Most courses ran the full length of a term although occasional courses ran for shorter periods.

In the 48 years in which TLS has been offering classes, basic courses in cabochons, faceting and jewelry-making have been given almost every term. The total number of courses of all types taught from 1976 through winter 2023 is 1329. An additional 116 courses were offered but canceled due to lack of enrollment, bad weather, or illness of the instructor. Unfortunately, we do not have a record of enrollments for this entire period, but extrapolating from a large period for which we do have enrollment data, one can estimate that TLS has had over 7000 total enrollments in these 1329 classes and workshops.

Open shop sessions were formalized in 2009 in anticipation of an eventual New Home for TLS classes. Offerings of open shop sessions for both members and non-members ex-

panded greatly once the Education Center opened and now may include open cab, open slab-saw, open metal, open enamel, open torch, open fusing, open beading, and open vulkanizing. A total of 1073 open sessions have been offered at the Education Center through winter term 2023, with total open shop enrollment in excess of 3100. Adding this to the estimated number of enrollments in classes and workshops yields a grand total of well over 10,000 enrollments.

Although most courses have been taught by our volunteer member teachers, we have been fortunate to have 86 of our classes or workshop taught by an extraordinary group of 13 guest instructors who have taught opal carving, silversmithing, enameling, glass flameworking, and metal clay.

The list of courses offered by TLS is summarized in the following list that includes the number of times courses have been taught. The "other" category includes courses such as Scrimshaw and seminars such as Judging Stones, or Labeling for Displays. Some courses were specialties of members who are now deceased and whose expertise has been lost, but hopefully only temporarily. Examples are Carving and Scrimshaw. Some were special topic classes. For example, three advanced cabbing classes in 1984 and 1985 were on jade. Several early metal classes were devoted to the use of copper. Classes grouped under wire were primarily wire-wrap classes.

Type of class or workshop	# times taught
Beginning/Intermediate Cabs	237
Advanced Cabs	150
Faceting	138
Beginning/Intermediate Metal	104
Wire	83
Bead Stringing	77
Advanced Metal	65
Chain Maille	59
Opals and Opal Cutting	50
Channel Jewelry	34
Glass Bead-making	33
Gem ID	32
Intarsia	31
Enameling	29
Metal Casting	29
Carving	26
Wax Modeling	21
Gem Trees	19
Bead Crochet	16
Viking Knit	14
Advanced Glass Flameworking	12
Sphere Making	11
Art Clay Silver	10
Pâte de Verre	8
Flameworked Marbles	7
Chain Making	5
Glass Fusing	5
Jewelry Photography	5
Vulkanizing	2
Other	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1329</b>

### 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.

—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 capping 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.



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



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- When chemists die, apparently they barium.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, you know urine trouble.
- Broken pencils are pretty much pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- I dropped out of the Communism class because of lousy Marx.
- All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. As of now, it appears the police have nothing to go on.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.