



# THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow TLS members! Guess what time it is...

It's GEMARAMA time! The big event is finally upon us. Excitement is building as we make the final preparations for our annual show. As always, there will be lots of great vendors, fun activities for kids, demonstrations, educational exhibits, silent auctions and much, much more. Gemarama is one of the largest and most successful gem, jewelry and mineral shows on the East Coast. We owe our success largely to the many selfless contributions made by our members, who volunteer their time, energy and talents to help ensure everything runs smoothly.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who is signed up to help so far, and to those who have submitted gemstones for the Single Stone display case. We are still in need of additional help to ensure that we have a successful show. If you have not signed up yet, please do so either on the sign-up sheets at the Education Center or online via SignUpGenius. Tasks include loading/unloading the truck, setting up tables, chairs, exhibits, and demo equipment, manning the various booths and admissions area, demonstrating lapidary and jewelry techniques, plus tearing down and packing everything up after the show is over. To our younger and/or stronger members, please consider signing up for the truck loading/unloading and breakdown after the show, as we need extra help during those times.

Don't forget to plan for plenty of time to shop! There will be 28 terrific vendors with an excellent assortment of rough, rocks, fossils, mineral specimens, gemstones, beads, carvings, tools and so much more.

Participating at Gemarama is a wonderful opportunity to see old friends as well as make new ones. It's also a great time to show off our talents, share our passion for the lapidary, glass, and jewelry arts, as well as keep our guests informed about our classes and community outreach. I'm greatly looking forward to another fun and successful show. I hope to see you all there!

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

—Stacey Segal, TLS President



**DECEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINE  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

## NEWS AND NOTES

- A warm welcome to new member Glenn Hassig. We look forward to getting to know you!
- Congratulations to Christina Groff on her appointment as Assistant Bulletin Editor! Her expertise and input in our monthly newsletter is welcomed!



## DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

- November 1:** TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.
- November 3:** Gemarama 2023 set up begins; 8 a.m., Hall D, Philly Expo Center, Oaks, PA. Unload the truck, set up dealer tables and signs, followed by the TLS Booth, Demonstrations and Exhibits areas, Admissions, and the Kid's Table.
- November 4-5:** Gemarama 2023, TLS's 54th Gem, Jewelry, and Lapidary Show, Hall D, Philly Expo Center, Oaks, PA; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday.
- November 5:** Tear down begins at 5 p.m. on Sunday; please stay to help.
- November 8:** TLS General Meeting; Bob Rush from Rock and Gem Magazine presents "Cutting Star Rose Quartz", 7:30 p.m. by ZOOM.
- November 15:** Gemarama Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.



— From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The October 4 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Dahl reported cash inflow and outflow for the month of September.

### Committee Reports:

Membership: Gary Cummings reported that Glenn Hassig has met the requirements for membership. His membership was approved.

Community Programs/DCAC: Linda Green reported that today's DCAC meeting included discussion on the Delco Arts Week's activities. A number of activities are upcoming and the calendar of events can be found on [delcoarts.org](http://delcoarts.org). This Friday is the TLS Open House from 5-8pm. Doug McNicol reported that many visited the TLS booth on Brookhaven Family Day who had interest in education and possibly attending our Open House.

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are also needed for the TLS booth - grab bag and wheel prizes can be placed in the hot pink donations bucket at the Ed Center. Lisa Laffend then announced the various ways available to sign up for volunteering at Gemarama: the sign up sheets, the electronic sign up via the QR code, or that anyone can email Lisa directly. Lisa also mentioned that volunteering at Gemarama does satisfy a requirement for membership. Stacey Segal then encouraged participation for the Single Stone Display - one faceted stone, one cabochon or one of each can be submitted. If interested in submitting please email Single Stone chair, Christina Groff. Lastly, Anthony stated that volunteers are needed for set-up and breakdown before and after Gemarama as well as the hanging of signs on Thursday, November 2, from 8-10am.

•Dennis Coren encouraged participation in SKIP.

Following the meeting, Stacey Segal shared the process and rules for the Silent Auction. A good time bidding was had by all! Many thanks to those who donated items to make this auction a success!



—Debbylynn Bradley, Gemarama Caterer

## ENJOY BAKING OR MAKING DESSERTS OR APPETIZERS?

Donations are greatly appreciated for Friday, November 3, 2023, for our Gemarama lunch and dinner. Bake, make, or buy your favorite to share with your rockin' friends! Contact Debbylynn Bradley at [debbylynn123@yahoo.com](mailto:debbylynn123@yahoo.com) with questions. Thank you!



Attention:  
**GEMARAMA  
T-SHIRTS**  
Will be on Sale at the TLS Booth,  
Throughout Gemarama, November 4 & 5  
\*While Supplies Last

—John Chickadel

## FALL EDUCATION CENTER CLEANUP

(Sorry for the delay in posting this article. John Chickadel sent it last month but it was lost in the editor's email spam folder.)

We had a great turnout (I think we set a new record) on Thursday, August 24th to help with our Fall class preparation session. Our very enthusiastic group, who graciously volunteered, replaced and cleaned cabbing wheels, maintained our trim and slab saws, refreshed the dopping station, organized both the casting and jewelry studios, replaced smoke detector batteries and performed general clean-up and resupply chores. In attendance were Marina Brunner, Tina Brunner, Bill Frazier, Bill Frampton, Steve Hansen, Doug McNicol, Maxine Burkholder, Lola Fields, Ken Dahl, Dennis Coren, Barry Messino, Linda Green, Paul Stieff, Frank Warner, Janet Young, Kathy Lopez, Mauricio Riano, John Frymyer, and John Chickadel. Thank you everyone!

## GEMARAMA STILL NEEDS YOU!!!

We still need our membership to help us at the show. Please consider volunteering at least two hours of your time by signing up at the following site.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CAEA822ABFD0-gemarama4#/>

At the SignUp Genius site, you can select from a variety of activities and times. We really need the help of our members, especially during the setup and breakdown phases of our production. The following is a description of the help most needed.

Thursday, November 2, 2023: We need help in loading all the show equipment and supplies into a truck at the education center starting at 3PM.

Friday, November 3, 2023: This is a fun day! Starting at 8AM, we will spend the day setting up for the show. This involves setting up tables, exhibit cases, chairs, signs, and drapes. We provide our wonderful volunteers with lunch and (if you stick around long enough) a dinner from Cracker Barrel!

The Show Days, Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5: Our volunteers help run the TLS Booth, Silent Auction, Admissions table, Demonstrations Area, Kids Activities Table, the Education Center Booth, and much more. It's an awesome experience!

The Sunday Evening Breakdown, November 5:

Here is where able volunteers are really needed! Starting at 5PM, volunteers are needed to stack tables, disassemble exhibit cases, pack TLS equipment, and load the truck for its return to the Education Center where a crew is needed to unload and store the equipment. Part of the breakdown crew is needed to remain at the EXPO Center after our truck leaves to continue collapsing and stacking tables as the vendors finish packing and leave.

I know that it sounds like a lot of work, and it is, but with your commitment of at least two hours of your time, we can make this happen! So please go the Sign-up Genius site to be a part of this incredible experience or use this QR code!



We would welcome any able-bodied family members you may wish to bring with you, especially during our breakdown sessions either at the Expo Center or the TLS Education Center in Brookhaven. We thank you for supporting our awesome organization and Gemarama 2023.



—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

## FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

December	Friday, November 17
January	Friday, December 22
February	Friday, January 19
March	Friday, February 23
April	Friday, March 22
May	Friday, April 19
June	Friday, May 17

— 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.

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 and discover rough that you'll never cut or tools that you don't use. 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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Item donated (with description): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fair market value: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Materials used: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

#### TLS Class/Meeting Cancellation 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.

### GEMARAMA 2023 COMMITTEE

Chair.....Barry Messino  
 Co-Chair.....Anthony Lombardo  
 Dealer Chair.....Mimi Favre

#### Facilities

Electrical.....Don Schwarzkopf  
 Expo Center Coordinator.....Kenneth Dahl  
 Floor Map.....Frank Warner/Lisa Laffend  
 Security.....Gary Cummings  
 Assistant.....Don Schwarzkopf  
 Signs-Street.....Chuck Buski  
 Signs-Indoor.....Anthony Lombardo/  
 Dennis Coren/Janet Young  
 Table Setup/Takedown.....TLS Members  
 TLS Equipment.....TLS Members  
 Truck Rental.....Gary Cummings/  
 Steve Hansen/Vincent DiAngelus

**Friday Lunch**.....Barry Messino  
**Friday Dinner**.....Debblynn Bradley

#### Program

Admissions.....Tina Brunner/Doug McNicol  
 Awards.....Anthony Lombardo  
 Demonstrations.....Sheryl Dahl  
 Education Center Table.....Lisa Laffend  
 Exhibits.....Bill Mattis  
 Assistant.....Dennis Coren  
 Kid's Table.....Janet Young  
 Assistants.....Lily Bieling  
 Liberty Bell Intarsia.....Barry Messino  
 Memorial Case.....Barry Messino  
 Silent Auction.....Ellen Schwarzkopf  
 Assistant.....Maxine Burkholder  
 Single Stone.....Christina Groff  
 Theme Article.....Tina Brunner  
 TLS Booth.....Anthony Lombardo  
 Grab Bags.....Barry Messino/Marley Batter  
 Treasure Wheel.....Anthony Lombardo  
 Volunteer Coordinator.....Lisa Laffend  
 Assistant.....Joanne Morris

#### Publicity

Dealer Signs.....Paul Stieff  
 Email Publicity.....Lola Fields  
 Journal Listings.....Linda Green  
 Mailing List.....Lisa Laffend  
 Newspapers/Social Media.....Linda Green  
 /Anna Thompson  
 Program.....Pam Wingrod  
 Ticket Sales.....Frank Warner/Sheryl Dahl  
 Typesetting/Printing.....Frank Warner  
 /Lisa Laffend/Paul Stieff  
 Web Site.....Zasha Morales/Frank Warner

—From Linda Green, Social Media Chair

## HELP US PROMOTE TLS AND GEMARAMA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media presence on Facebook and Instagram is a great way for TLS to share and connect with current members, potential new members, students, and the community in general. Help us “spread the word” and build our fan base. Here are some ways you can assist:

- Follow us on Facebook (Tuscarora Lapidary Society) and Instagram (@tuscaroralapidary).
- “Like” our posts on Facebook and Instagram. “Comment” on our posts and “Share” them with your friends and followers. If you post photos from TLS classes or Gemarama on your Facebook or Instagram page please “Tag” us so we can comment back or repost them. If you post photos of Gemarama vendor booths be sure to ask permission from the vendor and tag them with their handle or hashtag and of course our handle as well. This can help increase the reach of our posts. Social media played a big role in the number of out of town guests who attended Gemarama 2022. Hopefully the same thing will happen this year.
- Please send photos from classes and other TLS events to post on the TLS page. I never have enough photos.
- Feel free to repost our posts on your Instagram feed or stories but indicate that the post came from @tuscaroralapidary. In addition to our handle @tuscaroralapidary, please use the following hashtags as appropriate: #gemarama2023 and #worldofquartz
- There will be signs posted at Gemarama reminding everyone of our handle and hashtags. Contact Linda Green with any questions ([ldgreensniffles@me.com](mailto:ldgreensniffles@me.com)).

## 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).

For you faceters, the International Faceting Academy has a blog! Here you’ll find the latest gem and faceting stories, photos of the latest gem information, news about faceting-related shows, classes, and events, new faceting tools and techniques, new faceting designs, and more!  
<https://facetingacademy.com/faceting-academy-blog/>

## IN THE NEWS

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

The Star of India Sapphire

<https://www.geologyin.com/2023/10/the-star-of-india-sapphire.html>

Webb Detects Quartz Clouds in Atmosphere of WASP-17b

<https://www.sci.news/astronomy/webb-quartz-clouds-atmosphere-wasp-17b-12358.html>

Metal Detectorist Unearths Bronze Age Jewelry in Swiss Carrot Field <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/bronze-age-jewelry-uncovered-in-carrot-field-in-switzerland-and-180983109/>

—From Tina Brunner, Assistant Programs Chair

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

We are beginning to schedule speakers for 2024. We welcome your suggestions for speakers or presentations. Please contact either Kathy Lopez at [Kathy.lopez@me.com](mailto:Kathy.lopez@me.com) or Tina Brunner at [zebu25may@protonmail.com](mailto:zebu25may@protonmail.com) with your ideas.

December 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM – Holiday Party and Election of Officers, Springfield Township Building. Please bring a covered dish or dessert.

—From Tina Brunner, Assistant Programs Chair

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The speaker for November is Rock and Gem Magazine’s Bob Rush. Bob writes the popular “Bench Tips” column for Rock and Gem and is well known throughout the lapidary world for his “mega” cabs. Bob will be giving a presentation on cutting star rose quartz using his own home-built equipment.

Bob began his lapidary journey in 1958, when his uncle taught him how to make a cabochon from locally sourced agate. His family would regularly travel to various locales in California and Oregon looking for agate, jasper, and obsidian.

Fate led Bob to enlist in the Navy for seven years as a submariner. He then worked for Kodak in Palo Alto, CA while simultaneously earning his college degree and spending all his free time expanding his lapidary skills. He worked for Kodak for 25 years and, upon leaving, took a year off from work to attend the Revere Academy of Jewelry Arts in San Francisco, studying under the legendary Alan Revere.

Bob then went to work for a pharmaceutical company while beginning to teach lapidary, jewelry making, and casting in the evenings. Upon his retirement from work in 2007, Bob returned his focus to lapidary work, and for the past six years has authored the “Bench Tips” column. Bob has also found the time to teach a lapidary workshop every summer sponsored by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

The current focus of Bob’s work is agate. He is integrating carving and sharply concave areas into his cabochons.

As Bob lives and works in California, this program will be presented remotely and the meeting will take place by Zoom. We hope to see you all there!

—Doug McNicol

## CUTTING GEODES!

Ken Dahl, Doug Klieger, and Doug McNicol plan to cut geodes at the Education Center on November 30, weather permitting. Start time will 10 AM. We want to extend an invitation to other TLS members who want to participate. We will be using the tile saw that TLS owns. This process requires multiple people rotating in and out of the cutting process as the cutter’s hands usually tire easily. This process is very loud and dirty so wear appropriate clothes and provide your own ear and eye protection. We have plenty of material to cut. Contact Doug McNicol (610-500-9562 or email [805pine@comcast.net](mailto:805pine@comcast.net)) if you are interested in participating.

—Linda Green, Community Program Chair

### TLS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Fall is a busy season for TLS. In addition to the fall class schedule and preparations for Gemarama, there are several community programs that deserve special mention.

TLS had a table at the Mineral Treasures Outdoor Show sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society. Thank you to Doug and Lois McNicol for running this activity with the help of Ken Dahl, Vince DiAngelus, Christina Groff and Paul Stieff. Lots of rough, cabs and slabs were sold. It was also an opportunity to promote TLS and Gemarama.

We also had a table at Brookhaven Borough Family Day on September 30th. Thank you to Doug McNicol and Bill Mattis for participating in this activity. Again it was an opportunity to promote TLS and Gemarama.



The Delaware County Arts Consortium, of which TLS is a member, held Delco Arts Week from September 30 through October 8. As part of Delco Arts Week, TLS held an Open House at the Education Center on October 6 from 5-8pm with tours of the facility and demonstrations of cabbing, faceting, metalsmithing, and lampworking. We had a good turnout, with a lot of interest expressed in the classes we offer. I wish to thank Stacey Segal, Lisa Laffend, Barry Messino, John Chickadel, Paul Stieff, Christina Groff, Bill Mattis, and Vince DiAngelus for their help.

All these activities help TLS reach out to the public, which is an important part of our mission as a PA Purely Public Charity. Also, be sure to check out the Delaware County Arts Consortium (DCAC) website ([www.DelcoArts.org](http://www.DelcoArts.org)) to see what is happening in the arts in Delaware County.

#### 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

- October 7:** Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Assn Fall Mineralfest, Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA
- 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 11:** Friends of Mineralogy - Pennsylvania Chapter Symposium, Johnstown, PA
- November 18-19:** Annual FALL Gem Miners Jubilee, Lebanon, PA
- November 18-19:** Northern Virginia Mineral Club 31st Annual Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, Fairfax, VA

#### 2024 EVENT CALENDAR

- March 2-3:** Delaware Mineralogical Society's Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, Wilmington, DE
- March 23-24:** Che Hanna Rock and Mineral Club Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Wysox, PA

### TLS DUES FOR 2024

TLS has an online system that members can use, if they wish, to submit updates to their membership information and to pay dues. TLS 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 our usual way 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 at <[garycummings140@gmail.com](mailto:garycummings140@gmail.com)> or 610-476-5302.*

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.

**2024 TLS DUES**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate type of membership.

Individual full member ..... \$40

Couple (both spouses are full members ..... \$60

Auxiliary member (spouse of full member) ..... \$20

Junior member..... \$10

Newsletter only ..... \$15

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**

—From Frank Warner

### TLS History Series #28 TLS Life Members

The category of Life Member in the Tuscarora Lapidary Society was proposed and adopted in the Bylaw revision of November 1967. Candidates for Life Member were required to be members in good standing for at least five years with a record of active participation in and major contributions to the activities of TLS. Any member in good standing could nominate a member for Life Member by delineating his or her qualifications in a written proposal to the Secretary. Proposals were referred by the President to a five-member committee. Election required a two-thirds vote of the votes cast by that committee as well as approval by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds majority of votes cast. It was stipulated that there could be no more than six Life Members at any one time. It was also stipulated that Life Members may not hold office, but that they may participate in committee activities. Life Members would pay no dues and would receive honorary privileges at all TLS functions.

The restriction on Life Members holding office was removed in November 1977. From that point on, the Bylaws have stated that, "Life Members may participate in Society activities in any capacity." In February 1972, the notion of an Inactive Life Member was adopted, and the limit on the number of Life Members was changed to no more than six active members. However, this provision for Inactive Life Membership eventually fell out of favor. In the Bylaw revision of December 1986, the Life Member limit is given as six with no reference to active or inactive status and, in December 1988, the concept of Inactive Life Member was eliminated from the Bylaws.

The initial requirement that election to Life Member required approval by two-thirds of the votes cast by the five-member review committee was changed to three-fifths in April 1975, and to a majority in November 1997. It is interesting to note that two-thirds, three-fifths, and majority for a five-member committee are all equivalent if all members vote! The December 1986 Bylaw revision added the requirement of approval by two-thirds of the votes cast by regular members at a regularly scheduled meeting. This provision was changed to majority vote in November 1997, and the Board approval was changed to majority vote at the same time.

The December 1986 revision instituted a limit of at most one new Life Member per year, although this restriction has been waived on several occasions (1997, 2001, 2013) by votes of the membership on recommendation by the TLS Board. In November 1997, the basic requirement for consideration as Life Member was modified and simplified to read, "Any active ten-year member in good standing who has made major contributions to the Society's progress may be proposed for Life Membership."

The first Life Members (1967) were the Society's founder, Roger D. Kettimon and his wife Weltha. Since that time twenty additional members have been proposed and elected as Life Members.

#### Life Members:

1967	Roger D. Kettimon (deceased)
1967	Weltha Kettimon (deceased)
1968	Herman P. Richter (deceased)
1970	Paul Longnecker (deceased)
1972	James F. Johnson (deceased)
1972	Walter Lapinsky (deceased)
1981	T. Norman Mansell (deceased)
1982	Lee R. Grote (deceased)
1982	Alfred C. Webber (deceased)
1984	L. Howard Freeman (deceased)
1997	Louis Privoznik (deceased)
1997	Geraldine Privoznik (deceased)
1999	Maxine Grote (deceased)
2001	Ben Coren (deceased)
2001	Elizabeth S. Murphy (deceased)
2004	Shipleigh Newlin (deceased)
2005	Meyer Wingrod (deceased)
2009	Gary Statton (deceased)
2010	Pamela Wingrod
2013	Kathy Statton
2013	Peter Santucci
2022	William Mattis

#### 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 Doug McNicol

#### TLS SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, TLS sponsors a \$1000 college tuition scholarship for a graduating senior, selected by the arts and sciences faculty at Sun Valley High School. This is a high school in the Penn-Delco School District, which includes Brookhaven, where our Ed Center is located. TLS wishes to encourage and support continued interest and study of the sciences and arts.

At the Brookhaven Family Day, Emily Willow, the Art Teacher at Sun Valley High School, expressed the school's appreciation for the scholarship that TLS provides to a graduating senior.

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

2023 TLS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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MORE TOTALLY USELESS FACTS

- Golf balls tend to have 336 "dimples."
Montpelier, Vermont, is the only U.S. capital without a McDonald's.
Apple seeds contain cyanide.
Mulan has the highest kill-count of any Disney character.
A cubic inch of human bone can bear the weight of five standard pickup trucks.
A frigate bird can sleep while it flies.
Jupiter is twice as massive as all the other planets combined.
Your body contains about 100,000 miles of blood vessels.
The little dot above a lowercase "i" and "j" has a name. (It's a tittle.)
The chicken and the ostrich are the closest living relatives of the Tyrannosaurus Rex.
There's a trademark on the world's darkest shade of black.
The average American spends about 2.5 days a year looking for lost items.
If you plug your nose, you can't taste the difference between an apple, a potato, and an onion.
Punctuation wasn't always a part of our written language.
The real name of Monopoly mascot Uncle Pennybags is Milburn Pennybags.
The infinity sign is called a lemniscate.