



# THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow TLS members! Fall is upon us, and we are off to a great start with a new semester full of terrific courses. Plus, our general meetings have resumed again after the summer break, with several interesting and informative programs to be offered.

For the October general meeting, in lieu of a presentation, we will be having a silent auction. Silent auctions are always a fun time, with lots of goodies and treasures to bid on. Do you have lapidary materials, books, jewelry tools, or supplies gathering dust in your studio or workspace? We welcome you to bring those items to the meeting. Donations to our silent auctions are always appreciated, as they help us fund our programs and operations.

November is right around the corner. You know what that means...it's Gemarama time! The Gemarama committee has been working hard all year to plan our annual show. We encourage all members to volunteer and help with a wide variety of important tasks to ensure our success. There are sign-up sheets at the Ed Center or you can volunteer online through SignUpGenius. From setup on Friday, to breakdown on Sunday evening, and every moment in between...we rely on your help to ensure everything runs smoothly and seamlessly. More information on how you can help at Gemarama is contained in this edition of the Bulletin. Lastly, don't forget to submit a cabochon or faceted stone (or one of each!) for our Single Stone display case. We have a lot of talented people in our membership, and it's always great when we can show off those talents to the general public!

On a sad note... I would like to again acknowledge the passing of one of our long-time members, Jim Johnston. Jim passed away on Wednesday, September 6th. He was at home surrounded by his family. Jim was a terrific guy – a knowledgeable and helpful teacher, a trusted mentor, a respected leader, and a great friend to so many at TLS. In May of this year, the Board presented Jim with the Frank W. Warner, III Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his significant achievements and with great appreciation for his many years of tireless dedication, commitment, and invaluable contributions to our organization. Jim's actions over the years embody the true spirit of volunteerism. His kindness and gentle, caring nature will never be forgotten. TLS sends our heartfelt condolences to his wife Peg, his family, and friends.

That's all for now. I hope to see you all at an upcoming class, meeting, or other TLS gathering. Until then, please take care and be well.

—Stacey Segal, TLS President

## NEWS AND NOTES

-A warm welcome to new members Mauricio Riaño and Kira Hecht (junior membership). We look forward to getting to know you!

-Condolences to the friends and family of Jim Johnston, who passed away this month. Jim was a long-time member of TLS, whose dedication was both inspiring and very much appreciated.

-Get well wishes to Frank Warner who is recuperating at home after a brief hospital stay.



## DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

**September 30:** Brookhaven Family Day

**October 4:** TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM.

**October 6:** Open House as part of Delco Arts Week, TLS Ed Center, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**October 11:** TLS General Meeting and Silent Auction, Springfield Township Building, 7:30 PM

**October 18:** Gemarama 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.



— From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES/HIGHLIGHTS

The September 6 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The minutes of the August Board meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Dahl reported cash inflow and outflow for the months of July and August. August numbers are delayed due to manual class registrations.

### Committee Reports:

Membership: Gary Cummings reported that two individuals have met requirements for membership; Mauricio Riaño and Kira Hecht (junior membership). Both were approved.

Community Programs/DCAC: Linda Green reported that today's DCAC meeting included discussion for Delco Arts Week,

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September 30 - October 8. The calendar of events can be found on [delcoarts.org](http://delcoarts.org). The TLS Open House for Delco Arts Week will be October 6, from 5-8pm. Linda shared that TLS will have tables at two upcoming community programs, which include Philadelphia Mineralogical Society's Mineral Treasures in Mont Clare, PA on September 9, and Brookhaven Family Day on September 30.

**Programs:** Tina Brunner reported on the upcoming programs for the Fall General Meetings. September will be an in-person presentation by Chris Haefner. October will be the silent auction. November will be a Zoom presentation given by Bob Rush from Rock and Gem magazine, and December will be the holiday party and election of officers. Tina then reported on additional information for a TLS field trip to the National Gem Collection at the Smithsonian. Quotes for bus tours have been around the \$2000 mark, with a minimum of 30 passengers. Tina stated that with travel time there would be about 5 hours of tour time in the museum. Discussion on this topic resulted in moving forward with a survey to gauge interest. Stacey Segal reported that Kathy Lopez has scheduled a meeting for the 11 members interested in outreach for education, which includes starting the Scouts program.

**Ed Center Director:** Vincent DiAngelus reported that a good number of people showed up for the recent cleanup, run by John Chickadel. Vincent also reported that the issue with PECO needing to work on the meter and downspout relocation is ongoing. Don Schwarzkopf offered to price panic bar replacement parts for the back door, next time he visits the scrapyard.

**Class Manager:** Stacey Segal reported, on behalf of Steve Hansen, that fall classes start this week. Another faceting workshop and several open cabbing sessions were added for December. The October 14 - 15 MLSN session sold out quickly. Another MLSN session was added for October 28 - 29. Steve wanted to express thanks for the flexibility of our glass program and beginner cabbing instruction staff for making that happen. Development of the winter 2024 schedule is under way, to be ready for publication at Gemarama. Any classes you would like to take or teach, please reach out to Steve.

**Registrar:** Bill Frampton gave thanks to Barbara Bates, Sheryl Dahl, and Frank Warner for their efforts during the alternate registration process period. Registrations have been successful via email communication while waiting for the online system to be repaired. Additional thanks were expressed to Bill Frampton, Ken Dahl and Zasha Morales-José.

**Library and eBay:** Stacey Segal reported that she has a number of wheels to list on eBay as well as faceting machines that do not sell to members at the next silent auction.

**Gemarama:** Barry Messino reported that she has put up Gemarama flyers, along with discount tickets, and encouraged others to do so as well. Lisa Laffend shared that Gemarama volunteer sign up sheets and a poster with a QR code for online sign up are available at the Ed Center. Barry encouraged students to sign up. Lola Fields will also be sending out emails. Anthony Lombardo added that there will be an article with changes to the Gemarama floor plan in the next Bulletin.

**SKIP:** Dennis Coren reported that five SKIP awards will be presented at the next General Meeting.

**Webmaster:** Zasha Morales-José reported on the website launch with the fall class schedule and has been keeping the Gemarama vendors listings up to date.

### **Old Business**

- Stacey Segal reported, on behalf of Frank Warner, that the PayPal button on the online registration system is working again. Long term solutions are in development and will be reported next month.
- Ken Dahl reported that the PA Sales Tax Renewal application is in. Ken stated that he received some questions regarding the application and, with the assistance of Stacey Segal and Eileen Magee, will work on the reply.
- Stacey Segal reported that three members, Linda Green, Lisa Laffend, and Steve Hansen, are on the committee to discuss nominations for the board for 2024.
- Stacey Segal announced and thanked Christina Groff for volunteering for the Single Stone Chair position. Stacey will show Christina the case set up for Gemarama.
- Stacey Segal reported that all purchases were made for the jewelry program with the exception of the tool cabinet. On behalf of Steve Hansen, Stacey gave the update for the faceting program. All six Ultratec faceting machines were received and put in service. The old Graves machines were boxed up for sale. TLS will keep one for demonstration use and one for display. Five Graves Mark 5XL faceting machines, one premium lot and four standard lots, will be for sale. A motion was made, according to Steve's proposal, to outright sell the standard lots for \$1000 and the premium lot for \$1500 to members. Members should contact Steve if interested.
- Stacey Segal reported that the rolling mill was purchased and delivered and will soon be installed on the workbench. Thanks to Dennis Coren for securing the discount price.

### **New Business**

- Stacey Segal gave a sincere thanks to everyone involved with troubleshooting the website issues caused by PayPal. Stacey added that it was a huge undertaking of manual work that was successful because of great teamwork: the spirit of volunteerism at its best!



The September 13 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 and by Zoom. In person attendance included 15 members and 12 guests, plus 14 members and 1 guest by Zoom. Stacey Segal welcomed all new and old members.

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

- Stacey Segal shared get well wishes to Frank Warner, who was hospitalized for a few days but is home recovering. Stacey also expressed condolences to the friends and family of Jim Johnston. A moment of silence was shared to honor his memory.
- Kathy Lopez reported that there will be a meeting for community outreach and scout and school programs on September 20 for all those who showed interest. A ZOOM link will be sent.

- Steve Hansen reported that fall classes are under way and that there are openings available at some of the weekend workshops.
- Bill Frampton reported that registration is slowing down and gave thanks to all who were involved with the recent manual registration process. Bill encouraged all who are registered for open cab and metal sessions to have reminders in place so that if you need to cancel, you can do so well enough in advance so that those on the waitlist can have the opportunity to attend.
- Doug McNicol reported that he has been preparing items for the silent auction.
- Stacey Segal reported that she will be sending out emails for any outstanding books needing to be returned to the Library.
- On behalf of Dennis Coren, Stacey Segal presented SKIP awards to the following members: Tina Brunner, Apprentice in Sphere Making; Ken Dahl, Apprentice in Sphere Making; Anna Thompson, Apprentice in Sphere Making; Barry Messino, Masters in Sphere Making and Alejandro Lopez, Journeyman in Cabochons.
- Stacey Segal announced that she formed a nominating committee with three members and herself, meeting to discuss the upcoming slate for the December elections. Positions to be filled are President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and two Directors.
- Stacey Segal announced and thanked Christina Groff for volunteering for the Single Stone Chair position. Thanks were also shared to Jay Rosa for his fantastic job in the position.
- Stacey Segal gave thanks to all individuals who tirelessly went above and beyond to ensure that registration was successful during the online PayPal button issue that interfered with the online process.

Following the meeting Tina Brunner gave a warm introduction to the speaker, amateur paleontologist Chris Haefner and his wife, Catherine Haefner, who gave a wonderful and informative presentation which included his discovery of a unique fossil, *Yorkicystis haefneri*.



—From Barry Messino and Anthony Lombardo, *Gemarama Chairs*

## CHANGES AT GEMARAMA 2023

Attention all TLS members and non-members! Gemarama 2023 is almost here! The beauty of our beloved society is that we are volunteers sharing a common passion for lapidary art and skills. From our humble beginnings, the collective sharing of time and talent has produced an outstanding organization with an outstanding educational facility. The annual Gemarama Show has been our organization's crowning achievement for decades. With your help, the TLS Gemarama Show will continue to be one of the best productions of its kind in the tri-state area!

If you are familiar with Gemarama shows of the recent past at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, you will notice some changes in 2023. The show is still being held in Halls D and E, but the TLS Booth and the Silent Auction display cabinets have been moved to Hall E, leaving the area near the entrance in Hall D to be occupied by vendors. Hall E will also

contain the TLS Ed Center table, Kids activities, Exhibits, and the TLS Demonstration area.

### *Helping before the show!*

There are many ways you can help promote Gemarama on social media. Post as often and as frequently as possible on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Place Gemarama flyers on bulletin boards at stores, supermarkets, libraries, workplaces, and community centers. Flyers are available at the Ed Center and at the October 11 TLS General Meeting. Members should pass out discount bookmarks, or sign and give the green complimentary tickets to family and/or friends. You will be billed \$2.00 after the show for each complimentary ticket used.

### *Helping at the show!*

We are counting on your help by signing up to provide a couple of hours of your time. Here are the general day-by-day happenings for your consideration.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023:

Morning at the Expo Center: Meet at 8:30 AM to help tape signs to the front windows of Hall D and receive tables from Taylor Rental. This task should only take about 1.5 hours. We still need two additional people. If you are available to help, please contact Anthony Lombardo at [molybdenite@comcast.net](mailto:molybdenite@comcast.net).

Afternoon (3 PM) at the TLS Education Center, 24 Upland Road, Brookhaven: Help load the Gemarama supplies such as exhibit cases, liners, and bins onto the truck. This should take about 1.5 hours. You are welcome to bring able-bodied friends and family. See the "Gemarama Needs You" article on how to sign up!

Friday, Nov. 3, 2023:

Set up at EXPO Center, Hall D and E starting at 8AM: Tasks include unloading the truck, table setup, exhibit case setup, and dealer sign placement. Lunch and dinner are provided for our TLS helpers. See the "Gemarama Needs You" article on how to sign up!

Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5, 2023:

8AM: SHOW DAYS! Volunteers are needed to run the TLS Booth, Silent Auction, Admissions, Demonstrations, Kids Table, and Education Center tables. See the "Gemarama Needs You" article on how to sign up!

Sunday Evening, November 5, 2022:

BREAKDOWN! After the show at 5 p.m., everyone will be needed to break down the tables, store the supplies, and load the truck.

TEAM A will remain at the Expo Center to continue breaking down and stacking the tables.

TEAM B will meet at the Education Center, at 7 PM, in Brookhaven, to unload the truck. Once again, you are welcome to bring able-bodied friends and family to help with the unloading! Please see the "Gemarama Needs You" article on how you can sign up to help!

On behalf of the TLS and the Gemarama Committee members, we thank you for your contribution to making this organization and our show a success!



—Lisa Laffend, Gemarama Committee

### GEMARAMA NEEDS YOU!

Gemarama is coming up quickly and we need your help to make the show successful and fun for everyone. There are lots of ways to be involved and something for everyone! It's a great way to get to know each other a little better, and very satisfying to see the hall change from a big empty room to an inviting and exciting showplace!

There are several ways to volunteer. There are more details about the different opportunities below.

- Sign-up sheets are at the Ed Center in the classroom and will also be at the General Meetings at the Springfield Township Building!
- Joanne Morris will make phone calls to see how you can help.
- Sign up online! SignUpGenius is a popular and secure application used by many volunteer organizations. Follow the link below or use the QR code and sign up for as many slots as you like. You do not need an account, but if you provide your email address, SignUpGenius will send you a confirmation and a reminder, and you can make changes later if necessary. It's very user friendly, and if you have any trouble or issues, please reach out to us. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CAEA822ABFD0-gemarama4#/>



- Teachers, please encourage your students to share their enthusiasm in the Demo Area and/or share their time in the volunteer areas! Remember that a two hour commitment at Gemarama can replace one meeting requirement for prospective members.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

##### *Pre-show activities:*

On Thursday afternoon, we start loading the truck at the Ed Center with everything we'll need at the show. Then, starting at 8:00 Friday morning at the Expo Center, we'll unload the truck, set up tables, cover them, put up signs, and get everything ready for opening Saturday morning. We provide lunch for volunteers on Friday and dinner for the volunteers and our vendors.

##### *During the show:*

Demos: Bring your enthusiastic, talented self and show off your skills and talents! We'll have cabbing and faceting machines available, and space for you to demo or discuss any jewelry related process you'd like: wire wrapping, wax carving, beading, chain maille, metalsmithing, PMC, channel, intarsia, and lampworking, or any other jewelry craft. We won't have torches, but you can still bring your work to show off.

Admissions: We now have an online ticketing system. We need people to collect tickets and money at the door and to keep track of and direct people coming in.

TLS Booth: This is our operations center for the show, and you'll help with the Treasure Wheel, Grab Bags for the kids, and other activities.

Silent Auction: The silent auction volunteers help visitors sign up to bid and help organize and distribute the winnings at the end. This is a very popular event at the show and raises a

lot of money for TLS!

Kid's Table: The Kid's Table is fun for the whole family, with crafts and a scavenger hunt. Volunteers will help make sure they have the supplies they need, but adults are required to stay with their children.

Education Center Table: Located by the Demo area, this is an opportunity to talk to our visitors about TLS. We'll have printed information about TLS, a draft of the upcoming winter class schedule, and more.

##### *Post-show activities:*

What goes up must come down! These last items are VERY IMPORTANT parts of our effort to put on a great show and cannot be left to just a few members. These tasks do require lifting of some heavy objects. Please volunteer to help.

From 5pm to about 7pm on Sunday, we will pack up TLS equipment, including the exhibit cases, and load the truck with everything that came from the Ed Center. We will start to fold and stack the tables and chairs as the TLS booths are packed up.

Once the truck is loaded, it will return to the Ed Center. Some volunteers will go to the Ed Center to unpack the truck and put everything away in the storage room. This is a great opportunity for people who live near the Ed Center to help! If you want to help, but were not at the show, we can contact you to let you know when the truck will arrive. Generally, this activity will take place from 7pm to 9pm.

In the meantime, volunteers are needed at the Expo Center, too, to continue to collapse and stack the tables and chairs as the vendors are packing up their booths. The last vendor is usually out by 9pm.



**SINGLE STONE EXHIBITION**  
**GEMARAMA 2023**  
**"A WORLD OF QUARTZ"**

**WE ARE INVITING YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR WORK**  
 Members and Non-Members are invited to submit a cabochon and/or a faceted stone (up to one in each category) to display in our Showcase at Gemarama (Nov. 4+5).

*\*In addition to being part of the showcase you will receive written feedback of your work (for your eyes only), and a certificate for your submission.*

**SUBMISSIONS DUE BY OCTOBER 20TH**  
 Stones can be submitted in the TLS Ed. Center Office or at the October General Meeting (on the 11th)

*\*Follow submission instructions posted on the Library desk and will be reviewed at the meeting*

Any questions, contact Christina Groff, Single Stone Chair ([christina.rose93@gmail.com](mailto:christina.rose93@gmail.com)).

— 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 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.

—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!



—From Tina Brunner

### 2023 GEMARAMA THEME WORLD OF QUARTZ

Quartz is the second most common mineral on Earth. It is composed of silicon and oxygen. It is a component of most of the rocks on Earth, and makes up most of the sand on Earth. Pure quartz is colorless, but can become colored from impurities. Quartz comes in every color of the rainbow. It is a fairly hard gem, ranking at 7 on the Mohs hardness scale.

The quartz family of gemstones is enormous. Amethyst, citrine, rose quartz, smoky quartz, agate, jasper, chalcedony, carnelian, aventurine, tiger's eye, onyx, prasiolite, rock crystal, Herkimer diamonds, gem silica, and chrysoprase are all members of the quartz family.

Quartz can be macrocrystalline, meaning that the crystals are visible to the eye, or cryptocrystalline, meaning that you need a microscope to see the crystals. Amethyst and smoky quartz are macrocrystalline, while agate and jasper are cryptocrystalline.

Quartz gemstones can have some interesting optical effects. Tiger's eye is chatoyant, or displays a cat's eye when light is moved across the stone. Rose quartz and yellow quartz can display asterism, which means a star is visible on the surface of the stone because of the way other mineral crystals are aligned inside the stone. Aventurescence is a phenomenon named after aventurine quartz, and means that the gemstone has small particles of a metallic substance embedded that look like glitter. In the case of aventurine, this is usually mica flakes or hematite particles that give the appearance of gold or silver glitter.

Besides being an outstanding gemstone, quartz is also used in industry. Quartz has been used since ancient times to make glass, and synthetic quartz crystals are used to make many things from watch crystals to cell phones to computers because of their electrical properties. Because quartz is so hard, it is used as an abrasive in sandpaper, soap, and toothpaste.

You will be able to see many quartz gemstones on display in the Tuscarora Lapidary Society's exhibition showcases in Hall E, and you will be able to purchase quartz gemstones of every variety imaginable from our wonderful selection of gemstone and mineral dealers. We hope you enjoy the show!

—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, and the community at large. In order to “spread the word” and build our fan base, we need your help!

Here are some ways in which you can assist:

- Follow us on Facebook (Tuscarora Lapidary Society) and Instagram (@tuscaroralapidity).
- “Like” the Tuscarora Lapidary Society posts on Facebook. “Comment” on our posts and “Share” them with your friends and followers. Invite your friends to “like” the TLS page. If you post photos from TLS classes or Gemarama on your Facebook page please “Tag” us.
- In addition to Facebook, we are now on Instagram (@tuscaroralapidity). Please “Follow” us and “Like”, “Comment” and “Share” our posts. Feel free to repost our posts on your feed, indicating that the post came from @tuscaroralapidity.
- At Gemarama please help us promote our show by posting photos on Facebook or Instagram. Be sure to tag us (FB: Tuscarora Lapidary Society or IG: @tuscaroralapidity). In addition, please use the following hashtags for IG posts: #gemarama2023, #gemarama, #worldofquartz, #gemshow, #gemandmineralshow. During the show, I will be monitoring these tags and hashtags and reposting to expand our reach. When taking photos of vendor’s booths, be sure to ask permission. Also post photos of items that you purchase at the show and indicate the handle and hashtags for the vendors on your posts.
- If you do not use social media, please send photos from classes and other TLS events to post on the TLS pages. Be sure to provide information about where and when the photo was taken and who or what is pictured. Photos can be sent to [ldgreensniffles@me.com](mailto:ldgreensniffles@me.com).
- There will be signs posted at Gemarama reminding everyone of our handle and hashtags.



—Tina Brunner, Assistant Programs Chair

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

All fall speaking slots have been filled, and we have received some fabulous recommendations for programs for 2024. If you have an idea for a program, 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) and we’ll try to make it happen.

October 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM – Silent Auction, Springfield Township Building and Zoom. Please considering donating high quality rough, lapidary and jewelry tools, books, and other items for which you no longer have a need.

November 8, 2023 at 7:30 PM – Bob Rush, author of the “Bench Notes” column for Rock & Gem Magazine, will give a Zoom presentation on how he cuts star rose quartz using his own home-built equipment. Attendance is by Zoom.

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

### HOW DOES THE SILENT AUCTION WORK?

First, bring something you wish to donate to TLS: rough, slabs, cabs, cut stones, findings, finished jewelry, equipment, tools, supplies, books, or whatever (not junk). Forms are available at this link:

<https://www.lapidary.org/IMAGES/TLSSilentAuctionForms.pdf>

Blank forms will also be available at the show. If you don’t know what to put down for the price, leave it blank; help will be available at the meeting. If you have more than three items to donate, copy the auction forms; there also will be extra forms at the meeting.

Please remember, while you can look at things ahead of time, Silent Auction bidding begins only after the General Meeting is adjourned.

Here’s how it works: When you see something you want, write your name and your bid on the item’s slip; your bid must be just one increment over the last bid. If someone ‘ups’ your bid, fill in your next offer. When the table is closed, the last name on the list (the highest bid) gets to purchase the item for



### SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

The October 11 Silent Auction will have several higher value items available for purchase:

- A Pro-Craft Model 45.506-1 Electro-plater still in the original box. A packing list is included and all the items shipped by the manufacturer are in the box – some unopened. The Rectifier has not been tested so the whole unit will be sold “As-Is”.
- A Vigor Centrifugal Casting Machine Model CA-1020J. Pictures will be at the Silent Auction and the unit can be picked-up at the Education Center. The arm rotates under its own power (spring) but the unit will be sold “As-Is”. The retaining fence is about 36” across.
- A Vigor Electric Burnout Furnace Model CA/1510. It has a power switch with a rheostat and a temperature meter. Full scale is 2500 degrees F. The unit has been tested to 350 degrees F. Unit will be sold “As-Is”.
- Two Graves Mark 5XL faceting machines (TLS teaching machines) with digital angle indicator. Machines tested and shown operational and are offered as a standard package. These sales lot includes transfer stand, 45 degree table dop, assorted dops, and some spare parts.
- Two Graves Mark IV faceting machines (TLS teaching machines). These are analog machines with a protractor angel adjustment. The machines were tested and demonstrated to be operational. One unit is offered as a standard unit and one is offered as an economy unit, based on the equipment condition and included accessories. Both units include a transfer stand, a 45 degree table dop, assorted dops, and some spare parts.
- Assorted faceting laps, including used teaching laps and laps from equipment donations not suitable for class.



### NOVEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20



—From Linda Green, Community Programs Chair

**FALL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

Fall is here and Gemarama planning is well underway, but that’s not all that is going on. In addition to a wide array of classes and workshops, we have several community programs scheduled this Fall. TLS will be participating in the Delco Arts Week (September 30 through October 8). We will be holding an Open House at the Education Center on Friday, October 6 from 5-8 pm with tours of the facility, demonstrations of cabb- ing, faceting, metalsmithing, and lampwork. In addition, some of our students and instructors will be sharing some of their work. Please encourage your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to come visit us and see what we do and why we are so proud of the TLS Education Center.

We will also have a table at Brookhaven Borough’s Family Day on Saturday, September 30 from 12 noon until 4 pm, where we will be demonstrating cabb- ing and providing information about TLS classes and of course, Gemarama.

And finally we had a table at the Mineral Treasures Outdoor Show 2023, sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society earlier this fall. We had mineral specimens, slabs, cabs, jewelry, and more for sale.

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 ([delcoarts.org](http://delcoarts.org)) to see what is happening in the arts in Delaware County.



—From Douglas McNicol, Acquisitions Chair

**TLS MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN PHILADELPHIA MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OUTDOOR SALE**

Ken Dahl, Vince DiAngelus, Paul Stieff, and Doug and Lois McNicol staffed a booth at the PMS Mineral Treasures Outdoor Show September 9th. Christina Groff helped during the takedown at the event’s close. The event ran from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at St. Michael’s Grove in Mont Clare, PA. The weather was intermittently sunny or overcast, and the temperatures and humidity hovered around the point of being uncomfortable.

Over half of the rough, slabs, cabochons and other lapidary-related items offered for purchase were sold. Buyers were plentiful, very friendly and interested in the workings of TLS. Quite a few of the buyers listened intently to the various explanations of rock formation and lapidary given by the TLS members.

The sale’s gross proceeds amounted to \$471.00; after paying the PA Sales and Use Taxes, TLS will net \$443.02 for this activity.

TLS plans on having a booth in 2024 in the pavilion. Potential members trying to qualify to join TLS should be made aware that assisting with our sales booth counts toward the meeting attendance requirement. The unsold items will be available at the October Silent Auction.

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

—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

### VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

Caveny International will be at Gemarama again this year! Joe and Dee Bonetti from Fort Mill, SC will travel up to Oaks for the show.

They have been in the gem, mineral and associated jewelry business since 1971. Right now there are three generations of the family involved with Caveny.

Caveny started at a local “flea market “and have grown and prospered from there. They do not have a store and only sell at shows across the country.

They offer loose gemstones, cabochons, gemstone jewelry, Native American works, including jewelry, pottery, artifacts, and associated gift items. They also offer fossils, sterling silver chains, and various wood carvings including “Tree Spirits “.

Caveny is not on “Social Media“ nor do they have a Website. Contact is only by email ([cavenycom@comporium.net](mailto:cavenycom@comporium.net)) or phone (803-802-7327), so check them out at Gemarama!



### IN THE NEWS

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

Earth's biggest cache of pink diamonds formed in the breakup of the 1st supercontinent 'Nuna'

<https://www.livescience.com/planet-earth/earth-sciences-pink-diamonds-under-argyle-linked-to-ancient-supercontinent-breakup-images>

Gem-Quality Augite from Dong Nai, Vietnam

<https://www.gia.edu/gems-gemology/summer-2023-augite-from-vietnam>

Girl Celebrating 7th Birthday Finds 2.95-Carat Diamond

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/news/girl-celebrating-7th-birthday-finds-295-carat-diamond/ar-AA1gXuxW.htm>



—From Ken Dahl, Treasurer

### REIMBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASES

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



—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.

### 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

### 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).

The premier podcast features conversations with the world's finest artists working in glass. The Talking Out Your Glass podcast features conversations with glass artists working in glassblowing, fusing, kilnforming, flameworking, torch working, stained glass and architectural glass. As editor of Glass Art magazine from 1987 to March 2019, Shawn Waggoner has interviewed and written about multitudes of the world's greatest artists working glass in the furnace, torch and on the table. Featured are 8 seasons with a multitude of featured artists.

<https://talkingoutyourglass.com/>



### 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.



—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

### FUTURE BULLETIN DUE DATES

November	Friday, October 20
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



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### JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH

- Two boys were walking home from Sunday school. After hearing a strong preaching on the devil, one said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?' The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'
- Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.' The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'
- A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'
- Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$50.' The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.' The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'
- A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!' While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late, but please don't shove me either!'

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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.**