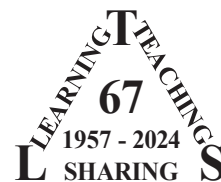




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Phenomenal Gem Journey

As spring sets in and nature begins to awaken at a feverish pace, her splendors of beauty icipiently inspires and motivates us. This is a great time to evaluate your stash of rocks, which you may have acquired years past or recently at the TLS March Silent Auction. After you have found that perfect rock, it is time that you incorporate your lapidary skills to create a “phenomenal gem,” whether it be a faceted stone or cabochon. If you need to hone your skill set, do not hesitate to enroll in the various Spring classes or our open studios. This allows access to machinery/tools and the opportunity to seek advice from the attending instructor.

But do not stop there. After you have completed your “phenomenal gem,” consider submitting it to the Skill Improvement Program (SKIP) for evaluation and commentary. There are three levels of achievement: Apprentice, Journeyman, and Master, each allowing you to earn one of the various TLS feathers created by Dennis Coren.

In addition, please join us for the in-person April General Meeting at the Springfield Township Building, where Bill Mattis, an opal cutter and appraiser “extraordinaire,” will have an exciting demonstration to show us how to set up a display case for all your “phenomenal gems” for Gemarama. Bill will provide advice and tips on how to set up your display case to be eye-catching and in the running for a potential ribbon. Just a quick side note: you cannot go wrong about exhibiting this year because the theme for Gemarama is “Phenomenal Gems.”

Thanks to all who donated items and worked to make the March Silent Auction successful. Special kudos to Doug McNicol and Doug Klieger for labeling/pricing the many stones contributed to TLS and for assembling and taking down all the long conference tables. Likewise, thanks to Sheryl and Ken Dahl, and Stacey Segal for collecting the paperwork and proceeds from the Silent Auction.

Looking ahead, make sure to reserve the June 12th General Meeting date on your calendar for our annual TLS dinner at DiFabio’s, located at 1243 N. Providence Road in Media. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

—Ingrid Ratsep, TLS President



May Bulletin Deadline

Friday, April 12

News and Notes

-A warm welcome to new member Maria Soscia. We look forward to getting to know you!



Dates to Remember . . .

April 3: TLS Board Meeting, by ZOOM, 7:30 p.m.

April 10: TLS General Meeting; Bill Mattis: How to Present a Gemarama Showcase, Springfield Township Building, 7:30 p.m.

April 17: Gemarama Meeting, by ZOOM, 7:30 p.m.



—From Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary

Board Meeting

Minutes/Highlights

The March 6 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Ingrid Ratsep. The minutes of the February Board meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer’s Report: Ken Dahl reported cash on hand at the end of February. Transactions for the month of February were reviewed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Doug McNicol reported that one individual has met the requirements for membership. A motion was made to approve Maria Soscia for full membership.

Community Programs/DCAC: Linda Green, interim chair, announced that she attended today's DCAC meeting by ZOOM which included discussion on the Delco Gives program which will be May 8 and 9. Linda stated that she and Ken Dahl completed the application for this event. It was approved and Linda is in the process of creating the TLS information for the dashboard. Linda suggested, as part of Delco Gives, having an Open House at TLS Friday, May 3, from 5-8 PM. To promote Delco Gives, a donation box will be available at the Ed Center as well as at the General meetings. An email notification for donations will be sent out. Donations will be accepted between April 1 and May 9. Other events include Delco Arts Week from September 21 - September 29, with the TLS Open House on September 27, and America 250 in 2026. Linda then led discussion on the fiberglass Liberty Bells to be displayed and how TLS could enter.

Programs: Tina Brunner reported that Storm Rise will not be able to present at the April General meeting and arrangements were made with Bill Mattis to present on Gemarama Showcases. Diamond cutter, Frank Schaffer will present at the November General Meeting. The rest of the year's programs are all in place except for September. Tina recommended a member presentation about attending the Tuscon Gem and Mineral Show. Kathy

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Lopez has arranged the June dinner on June 12, at DeFabio's restaurant in Media. Information about the dinner is on page 3.

Education Center Director: Vincent DiAngelus reported on the status of the tool chest and thanked Barry Messino for bringing it to the Ed Center. Vince then reported on the Jewelry Room reorganization, thanking Barry for the new second shelf which is set up in the small bathroom. The old shelf has been set up in the big bathroom. Fire blanket research is still in progress. Vince announced that he and Anthony Lombardo are working together to record a video series of Ed Center systems to be a reference resource to access when necessary. Vince thanked Don Schwarzkopf for his participation in the first segment.

Class Manager: Steve Hansen reported that Spring registration is under way. Minor adjustments were made to the schedule due to the cancelation of Storm Rise's classes. Most of the faceting classes are sold out. There are plenty of open cab sessions. Main Line School Night registration is open and only a few signed up so far. Summer schedule is in development. Steve then reported that the Ultratec VL faceting machine has been ordered and will be delivered in mid-April.

Registrar: Barbara Bates reported that she is busy with Spring registration and that there are some PayPal issues which she is able to manually rectify.

Acquisitions: Doug McNicol reported that material for the Silent Auction is ready.

Equipment and Facilities: Don reported that he found fire blankets for \$30 each and will send the link to Vincent DiAngelus.

Gemarama: Barry Messino reported that she and Anthony Lombardo met last Tuesday at TLS to prepare the agenda for the next Gemarama meeting on March 20.

SKIP: Dennis Coren encouraged participation in the SKIP program. Dennis also presented feather castings that he created as the model to accompany SKIP awards and will present them next week at the General meeting.

Old Business

- Don Schwarzkopf reported that he will be contacting the locksmith in the spring for rekeying of Ed Center locks.
- Lisa Laffend reported the dues cycle ended February 15 and there are 10 -15 members that have not renewed their memberships. New membership cards will be handed out to those in attendance at the next General meeting.
- Frank Warner reported on the issues regarding authentication of the email addresses TLS uses on MailChimp that are not yet resolved, as well as alternate solutions.

New Business

- Sheryl Dahl led discussion on the benefits of having a digital microscope for classes at the Ed Center which included having a small screen MDI hookup for the TV screen and an SD card. Sheryl proposed the purchase of a digital microscope for \$129.00. It was approved.
- Sheryl Dahl led discussion about adding a TLS link on the Rio Grande website within the Jewelry Making Classes section.



The March 13 General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Ingrid Ratsep. The meeting was held at the Springfield Township Building. Attendance included 41 members and 5 guests. Ingrid Ratsep welcomed all members and guests.

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

- John Chickadel announced that Thursday, March 28 from 9AM - 12 noon will be a clean-up day at the Ed Center for the upcoming spring session and that volunteers are welcome.
- Steve Hansen reported that the spring schedule is open and registration is filling. Steve also reported that the Storm Rise sessions are cancelled. MLSN registration is open and that this is an opportunity for friends to learn cabbing.
- Barbara Bates reported that registration is going well and issues with the PayPal system are mostly ironed out.
- Doug McNicol announced two acquisitions: a set of books from Joan Frampton and cases from Pam Levin.
- Stacey Segal reported that any items not sold at the Silent Auction will be placed on eBay.

Following the meeting was the Silent Auction. Before the start of the auction, Ingrid Ratsep shared the process which included the rules for bidding, closing of tables, and retrieval/payment of items won. Pam Wingrod announced that there are also beads for sale separate from the Silent Auction items.



—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 -- and include receipts with the request, or leave the paperwork in the cubby of the desk at the Ed Center. Thank you!



APRIL PROGRAM

The program for April will be given by TLS Life Member Bill Mattis.

Bill Mattis, besides being known as a certified Opal-holic, is also known for being the Gemarama Exhibits chair for over 20 years. Bill will use his expertise to demonstrate how to present a Gemarama showcase.

Those who have not yet participated as a Gemarama exhibitor may have questions: How do I apply? How big are the cases, and do I need my own? Can I exhibit with someone else? Who sets up the cases and takes them down? And what makes a good display – do I need to relate my display to the Gemarama theme?

Bill's program is designed to answer all these questions and more. Even if you aren't sure you're ready to put together an exhibit, you can come and find out how it's done. As part of the program, we will share slides of examples of cases from terrific Gemarama exhibits over the past two years, along with some step-by-step guides to some of our members' inspirations and creative processes. We will go over how the cases are put together and taken down, and we will have a large case liner and a small case on display for you to inspect.

Bill Mattis will run the program with assistance from Adam Weschler, Christina Groff, Kathy López, and Tina Brunner. Special thanks to Bill for putting together this presentation at the last minute because our previously scheduled speaker will be unavailable!

—Tina Brunner, Assistant Program Chair

TLS Awards Dinner

The annual TLS Awards Dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 12th, at DiFabio’s Restaurant in Media, PA. We will be in the Rose Tree Room, and guests may arrive at 6:30. Dinner will be served at approximately 7 p.m. and includes hors d’oeuvres, soft drinks, salad, a pasta course, and a choice of one of three entrees, followed by dessert and coffee/tea. There will be a cash bar. Entrée choices include: Prime Rib, Chicken Parmigiana, or Stuffed Zucchini (vegetarian option)

All meals will be accompanied by garlic roasted potatoes and a roasted vegetable medley. These sides, the salad, and pasta course are all served family-style. Please let us know if you require a vegetarian option or have dietary restrictions.

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 \$35. The reservation deadline is May 31; if you mail your check close to this deadline, please email Tina Brunner (zebu25may@protonmail.com) so that we may include you in the final headcount, due June 2.

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 1243 N. Providence Rd., Media PA 19063.

—Douglas McNicol, 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 Douglas McNicol 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: Doug Klieger, Stacey Segal, Joe Rokosky, John Chickadel, Christina Kulp, Lisa Laffend, Linda Green, Steve Hansen, Barry Messino, and Bill Frampton.

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:

2021: Vincent DiAngelus, Gail Gingrich, Marguerite Rutkowski, Celia Shevlin, Mara Wolff, Kezia Wolf, Mollie Rossi, Matthew Kehler, Zasha Morales-José, Tina Brunner, Kay Greer, and Karen Audi.

2022: Helen Driggs, Megan Royer, 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.

2023: Christina Sirochman, Robert Warnick, Heidi Hopf, John Ehlen, Mauricio Riaño, Kira Hecht, Glenn Hassig, Helen DiCaprio, Lauren Deacon, Cheri Crow, Jess Heindel, Lynn DiDonato, Marianna Burns, Michelle Hallman, Stefanie Anderson, Susan Sweeney, Paige Appler, PJ Carucci.

The last 10 Coren recipients are: Cristin Weber, Joseph Rokosky, Fredric Hellman, Linda Lakitsky, Steve Hansen, Bill Frampton, Jody Shaw, Mimi Favre, Anthony Lombardo and Dennis Coren.

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
Prime Rib			
Chicken Parmigiana			
Stuffed Zucchini			

Dietary Restrictions? Please list _____

Please enclose \$35 for each meal and make checks payable to TLS.

**Mail to: Tina Brunner
845 Evergreen Street
Denver, PA 17517**

**Questions: Email Tina Brunner:
zebu25may@protonmail.com**

Reservation Deadline: May 31, 2024

COLIO/COREN AWARD NOMINATIONS

Colio Award Nominee _____

Reasons for Nomination _____

Coren Award Nominee _____

Reasons for Nomination _____

Submit nominatons by mail to Douglas McNicol, 46 Concord Meeting Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342, or by email to

TLsmnicol@comcast.net

Deadline: May 15, 2024

—From Tina Brunner, Assistant Programs Chair

FUTURE PROGRAMS

We have scheduled nearly all speakers for 2024. We welcome your suggestions for speakers or presentations. Please contact either Kathy Lopez at Kathy.lopez@me.com or Tina Brunner at zebu25may@protonmail.com with your ideas.

May 8, 2024 at 7:30 PM – Matt Moskal, a gifted local wire-wrapping genius, and owner of Matt’s Crazy Art Youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@MattsCrazyArt/videos>) will give a presentation on wire wrapping; Springfield Township Building and Zoom.

June 12, 2024 – Annual Awards Dinner
Doors open at 6:30 PM, Dinner served at 7:00 PM
DiFabio’s Restaurant, Media PA

July and August– Summer Vacation, no meeting



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.



Delco Gives and TLS Open House

Delco Gives Day is a 24-hour county-wide day of giving/community celebration, where people can make donations to their favorite nonprofits or peruse new ones. Each donation is eligible for bonus money provided by the Foundation of Delaware County, and there will be cash prizes sponsored by local businesses given out throughout the day. The inaugural Delco Gives Day will be held May 8 - 9, 2024 (7:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.), however all donations marked as Delco Gives from April 1 - May 9 will be eligible for bonus money. TLS will be participating in Delco Gives Day. Donations may be made in person, via mail or via the DelcoGives website (DelcoGives.org).

As part of the Delco Gives celebration, Tuscarora Lapidary Society will be holding an Open House at the Ed Center on Friday, May 3 from 5 - 8 p.m. Various members will be giving demos of cabbing, faceting, lampworking, and metalsmithing as well as tours of the facility. Donations for TLS on behalf of Delco Gives will be accepted. We welcome members, friends, family and neighbors to attend.

We will also have a box for collecting donations beginning April 1 at the Ed Center and at the April General Meeting. Please follow us on Social Media for more updates about Delco Gives and the Open House.

—From Ingrid Ratsep and Jody Shaw

Member Spotlight

I had the pleasure to interview our TLS Bulletin Editor, Jody Shaw, for this month’s Member Spotlight.

Jody was born in Brooklyn, New York, and when she was two, her parents moved to Bergen County, New Jersey. She grew up in a very artistic family. Her father was a commercial artist who did graphic artwork for television commercials in Manhattan, and loved oil and watercolor painting. Her mother was a talented stained-glass artist and an accomplished seamstress. Jody’s house is filled with their work.



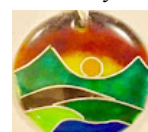
At a young age, Jody also gravitated toward the arts, such as jewelry, ceramics, and sewing. While in high school, during the summer, she taught at day camps for children, which led her to develop a love for teaching young children. When it was time to focus on a career, it was clear that Jody wanted to become a teacher. Jody graduated from the University of Delaware with a dual teaching degree, which led to 36 years of teaching young children. She taught pre-school (4–5-year-olds) and kindergarten (5-6-year-olds) in Gloucester County, New Jersey, while at the same time getting a Master of Science degree in Administration and Supervision, playing on regional volleyball teams and finding time to tend to her garden of more than 100 varieties of daylilies.

In 2016, she retired and is currently teaching and playing competitive pickleball, almost daily. She also continued with her interests in the arts, such as beading and jewelry making. She learned about TLS from a jewelry instructor at Rowan College at Burlington County. She also spends a significant amount of time researching her family history, which has led to fascinating trips that included Israel, Egypt, Romania, Ukraine, and Poland.

John Shoffner, her “significant other,” an engineer, and Jody both took cabbing at TLS, which led them to acquire a Genie to continue cabbing at home. However, after taking faceting classes, John has settled on refining that lapidary skill. Hunting for unakite, a beautiful pink and green mottled stone, has become a favorite pastime when visiting Virginia where her mother lives. After cabbing her stones, Jody enjoys mounting them in an embroidered bead setting, wire wrapping, or setting in silver.



Jody continues diversifying her interests in the lapidary arts and has expanded to fusing glass with some lampwork practice when time permits. Presently, she co-teaches glass fusing at TLS with Lynn Bibolet. In addition, shortly after joining TLS five years ago, she volunteered to become the editor of the monthly TLS Bulletin as a means of contributing to TLS. Editing the TLS Bulletin requires a substantial amount of time and a yeoman’s amount of effort to coordinate with all the contributors and fact-checking the submitted material. For all her unrelenting contributions to TLS, Jody was awarded the Coren Award in 2020.



—From Linda Green, Social Media Chair

Publicity and Social Media—Linda Green

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.

“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.

Please send photos from classes and other TLS events to post on the TLS page. I never have enough photos. You can email them to ldgreensniffles@me.com

Feel free to repost our posts on your Instagram feed or stories but indicate that the post came from @tuscaroralapidary.



—Dennis Coren, Skill Improvement Program Chair

Take the TLS Challenge

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



How?



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

What is the SKIP Program?

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

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

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

For more information go to: [SKIP Booklet](#) or contact Dennis Coren: Houdini@comcast.net or 215-817-4444.



2024 Event Calendar

April 13: Annual North Jersey Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, Midland Park High School, Midland Park, NJ

April 19-21: International Gem & Jewelry Show, Expo Center, Oaks, PA

April 20: Chesapeake Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show, West Friendship, MD

May 4-5: Haverford Guild of Craftsmen 2024 Spring Art and Fine Craft Show, Haverford, PA

May 15-19: NJ Mineral, Fossil, Gem & Jewelry Show, NJ Expo Center, Edison, NJ

June 8-9: Gem Miner's Spring Show, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

July 20-21: Herkimer Diamond Gem Show, Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY

August 16-18: Gem Miner's Jubilee Gem and Jewelry Show, Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds and Expo, Lebanon, PA

August 24-25: St. Lawrence Rock & Mineral Club's 57th Annual Show, Canton, NY

November 2-3: Gemarama, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA.

November 15-17: Gem Miner's Holiday Gem Jewelry & Gift Show, Lebanon Valley Expo Center, Lebanon, PA

Lapidary Links

This year, Lapidary Links will focus on databases relating to lapidary, metal, and glass. Please forward any that you visit for inclusion in this feature to jodyshawtls@gmail.com.

MineralExpert.org has an extensive list of minerals and localities along with photos of each. There are also many interesting articles about minerals all over the world. Visit <https://mineralexpert.org/>



In The News

If you see something newsworthy to share with our members, please send link to JodyshawTLS@gmail.com.

Unsaid Gives New Meaning to Term “Fantasy Cuts”
<https://www.jckonline.com/editorial-article/unsaid-fantasy-cuts/>

What Is Petroleum Quartz?
<https://www.geologyin.com/2024/03/petroleum-quartz-properties-uses.html>

Is the Mars Rover's Rock Collection Worth \$11 Billion?
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-00831-0>



—Jody Shaw, Bulletin Editor

Future Bulletin Due Dates

- May.....Friday, April 12
- June.....Friday, May 10
- July/August.....Friday, June 21
- September.....Friday, August 2
- October.....Friday, September 20

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Weird Fun Facts

- 1. Australia is wider than the moon.
- 2. Scotland chose the unicorn as its national animal.
- 3. Avocados are not vegetables.
- 4. The Eiffel Tower gets taller in the summer.
- 5. Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves.
- 6. Switzerland prohibits the ownership of just one guinea pig.
- 7. Tigers have striped skin.
- 8. A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- 9. We are more creative in the shower.
- 10. Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins.
- 11. Froot Loops are all the same flavor despite their different colors.
- 12. Supermarket apples can be a year old.
- 13. Most wasabi paste isn't real wasabi. It is horseradish.
- 14. Venus is the only planet that spins clockwise.
- 15. People used to say prunes instead of cheese when taking pictures.
- 16. Large quantities of nutmeg can be a hallucinogen.
- 17. McDonald's serves spaghetti in the Phillipines.
- 18. Competitive art was once an Olympic sport.