

THE TUSCARORA BULLETIN



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Happy New Year!

I am so honored to take on the role of the TLS President for 2024, and to follow in the footsteps of our past great TLS Presidents! I am thankful that Stacey Segal has graciously assured me she will make my transition effortless. This solidifies that TLS is a phenomenal family that is always there to support all its members and guide all our new students into the endless world of lapidary and jewelry arts.

As we start 2024, I would like to thank the Board Members, the Committee Chairs, and their Assistants for volunteering to manage the workings of this great organization behind the scenes in such a seamless manner. Also, additional kudos go to all our members who generously volunteer their time to teach our students about the construction and artistry of their areas of expertise in lapidary, silver, and glass.

Tina Brunner has noted that we have a full slate of guest speakers for both the Winter and Spring sessions. Foremost, coming in January, we will have Scott Sucher, a noted gem cutter and diamond historian, provide us with a Zoom lecture on opal mining in Australia.

As we start our regular winter weekly classes and workshops in January, we will also have two exceptional international guest instructors: Sulie Girardi for several workshops on the unique artistry of metal clay and Mokume Gane, and Storm Rise on the intricacies of gemstone carving and setting. Many of our classes are very popular and fill up quickly, so it is imperative to sign up to avoid missing out. In addition, throughout the winter session, we offer many open shop sessions in cabbing, slab saw, metalsmithing/soldering, metal clay, torch applications for glass bead/marble/flower design, glass fusing, and vulcanizing. It is important to note that registrations close one week before the start of any open shop session, workshop, or class. Besides, taking our various classes and workshops, these open shop sessions allow you to work at your own pace to refine your skills or even start on a new project.

I look forward to catching up with old acquaintances and getting to know our new members in the new year.

With all the best of health and artistic inspiration in the New Year!

Ingrid Ratsep, TLS President

February Bulletin Deadline Friday, January 19

News and Notes

-A warm welcome to the five new members approved this month: Michelle Hallman, Stefanie Anderson, Susan Sweeney, Paige Appler, and PJ Carucci. We look forward to getting to know you!

-Get well wishes to Ron Batter, Marley's husband, after successful heart surgery.

Dates to Remember . . .

January 3: TLS Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m., by ZOOM. January 10: TLS General Meeting; Scott Sucar will talk about Opal Digging in Australia; Zoom only, 7:30 PM.

Board Meeting

Minutes/Highlights

The December 6 Board Meeting by Zoom was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Stacey Segal. The minutes of the November Board meeting were approved as distributed. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Ken Dahl reported cash inflow and outflow for the month of November.

Committee Reports:

<u>Membership</u>: Gary Cummings reported that a total of five individuals have met the requirements for membership. A motion was made to approve Michelle Hallman, Stefanie Anderson, Susan Sweeney, Paige Appler, and PJ Carucci for full membership. All were approved.

<u>Community Programs/DCAC</u>: Stacey Segal reported, on behalf of Linda Green, that Linda attended today's DCAC meeting which included discussion on the Delco Gives fundraising program in 2024. Stacey also announced that Linda will be stepping down as Community Programs chair. Stacey gave thanks to Linda for her dedicated service in all the work that she has done in this role

<u>Programs</u>: Tina reported that, in addition to the previously reported lineup of programs, Frank Schaefer, a diamond cutter, will give a presentation next fall. Tina also announced that the first scouting program will take place tomorrow with a Havertown Juniors troop. As a reminder, Stacey Segal stated that next week's General meeting will be the Holiday Party and election of officers.

<u>Ed Center Director</u>: Vincent DiAngelus reported that during routine HVAC maintenance, the technician noticed damage to the roof. A roofer came and the evaluation of the damage included rips, tears, ponding, flashing separation, and cracks. Vin-

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cent stated that repair and patching of the damaged areas was completed last Thursday. In the spring, we will need to recoat the roof, at a cost in the 10-12 thousand dollar range. Vincent also reported that the rear door panic bar was repaired by moving the interior bar to the exterior and thanked Don Schwarzkopf for all his help with this task. In the new year, door locks are to be re-keyed. Vincent added that Thursday, December 28, from 9 a.m. to noon, John Chickadel will be holding a clean up day at the Ed Center. Any help is encouraged.

<u>Class Manager</u>: Stacey Segal reported, on behalf of Steve Hansen, that fall classes and workshops are winding down and that winter registration is open and ongoing. The Storm Rise workshop on gemstone freeform carving sold out quickly and a second session was added for that following Tuesday. <u>Equipment and Facilities</u>: Don reported that when there is a break in classes at the Ed Center he will address the motion sensor issue.

Library and eBay: Stacey Segal reported that the three remaining old faceting machines were sold on eBay. The Mark VXL with digital angle display sold for \$1545.49; the Mark IV with digital angle display sold for \$1130.07 and the standard Mark IV sold for \$728.23. Total sale was \$3402.79. Stacey added that several old wheels and old books will be up for sale in the coming months.

<u>Webmaster</u>: Zasha Morales-José reported that the website was updated to include the additional Storm Rise workshop. It was also stated that the January to June meeting schedule will go up after next week's General meeting.

Old Business

• Frank Warner reported that Ken Dahl set up an account for TLS with Stripe as an alternate payment system to PayPal. We hope that the system will be functional in time for spring registration.

• Stacey Segal announced the proposed slate of officers for 2024. For the Holiday Party, Janice Lawson will bring paper products, Vince DiAngelus will bring bags of ice and Tina Brunner will supply the beverages. Stacey expressed her appreciation for having the privilege of serving as President for the past two years. Appreciation was also shared from meeting attendees to Stacey for all her hard work and dedication in her role as President.

New Business

• Jody Shaw led discussion and proposed the purchase of the Adobe Suite software which includes the program, In Design, which will allow easier coordinating of the development of the Bulletin with Christina Groff than the current software QuarkX-Press. Stacey Segal made a motion for the purchase of a yearly subscription for the proposed Adobe Suite software. It was approved.

• Stacey Segal reported that we presently have 8 Flex Shafts and we would need 11 Flex Shafts to accommodate each station in the jewelry room for classes. Stacey researched and found a deal for the Fordum SR Flex Shaft with accessories at \$299 each and a maintenance kit would be \$21. Stacey made a motion that TLS purchase 3 new Flex Shafts and a maintenance kit. It was approved.

- Frank Warner led discussion on Gemarama income for 2024.
- Ken Dahl led discussion on the proposed budget for 2024.

The December 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. Attendance included 27 members and 4 guests. Stacey Segal welcomed all new and old members.

Stacey Segal announced that on Thursday, 12/28/23, John Chickadel will be holding a prep and clean-up day at the Ed Center from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

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

• Stacey Segal requested that any outstanding books be returned to the Library.

Barry Messino and Anthony Lombardo thanked everyone who participated and volunteered at Gemarama for the cooperative effort. Anthony stated that preparation is beginning for next year's Gemarama and encouraged volunteers to participate. Anthony shared next year's theme: Phenomenal Gems.
Stacey Segal proposed the following slate of officers for 2024: President, Ingrid Ratsep; Vice President, Doug McNicol; Corresponding Secretary, Anna Thompson; Director positions, Sheryl Dahl and Christina Groff. Continuing officers: Treasurer, Ken Dahl; Janice Lawson, Recording Secretary; Tina Brunner, Director. All were approved.

Ingrid Ratsep and Steve Hansen announced appreciation to Stacey Segal for all her hard work and dedication in her role as President these past three years. They presented her with a gift: a citrine with a frost crown pattern called Tiger Yin Yang that was cut by member Karl Kobe in the design by Andrew Ian Brown. Stacey expressed her gratitude for the honor to be of service to TLS as President.

Following the meeting all members and guests enjoyed time together at the Holiday Party.

-From Steve Hansen, Class Manager

TLS Guest Instructor Workshops

TLS is proud to present workshops by guest Instructors Sulie Girardi and Storm Rise in January 2024. These workshops focus on Metal Clay (Sulie) and Gemstone Carving (Storm) and will introduce skills beyond our normal offerings. This year, join the fun and learn a new skill at TLS. Both Sulie and Storm are in our area as a part of Metal Immersion – Wilmington on Jan 11-14, 2024 (<u>https://www.theurbanbeader.com/metal-immersion-2024/</u>). If you are unable to attend at TLS, please consider attending one of their workshops there.

-From Steve Hansen, Class Manager

New Saturday Open Cabbing Sessions Added

Our Saturday Open sessions have been filling quickly. In order to meet your needs for additional machine time, we have added three Saturday Open Cabbing (and Open Saw) sessions on January 27, March 2, and March 30.

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—From Bill Mattis, Gemarama Exhibit Chair

Gemarama Exhibits 2023

The World of Quartz: Our exhibitors demonstrated what a wonderful world it is! Karenne Snow of Philadelphia

Mineralogical Society received the award for Best Theme Display, demonstrating the methods of collecting the most abundant mineral of the earth's crust. Pam Pollister and Vince Albicelli of the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society won the Most Educational Award with a fascinating presentation of quartz with inclusions, complete with a magnifying glass. Wayne Urion of the Delaware Mineralogical Society offered a museum quality arrangement of quartz varieties, earning him the Best Non-Member Display. Lisa Laffend delighted us with exquisite glass birds, leaves and flowers, and was awarded the Best Small Case. The Director's Award was captured by first time exhibitor Christina Groff, for an impressive amphitheater to hold her diversified quartz items. An outstanding demonstration of mastery of lapidary and metalwork craftmanship with her quartz motif brought Stacey Segal the well-deserved Best in Show.







Always popular Chinese snuff

bottles from John O'Hara featured a multi-colored guartz group, following this year's theme. Chuck Buski's coin and lapidary jewelry combinations were creatively unique in design. Lynn Bibolet and Jody Shaw brought amazing fused glass examples, with Jody adding a "Where in the World of Quartz" theme. Kathy Statton used colorful directional strings from her quartz specimens to worldwide map locations that challenged both adults and children in modern geography. Marina and Tina Brunner presented a large body of work that took hundreds of hours to complete in their first exhibit experience. First time exhibitor Adam Wechsler delivered a tutorial of his first 30 cabochons, even self-critical, as he analyzed his progress in very artistic arrangement. Garr Groff submitted magnificent specimens of the quartz family in his first-time exhibit. Ellen Schwarzkopf displayed her expertise in wire wrapping with her attractive quartz pendants.

Hans Van Binsbergen of Delaware Mineralogical Society brought an excellent grouping of his quartz collection. Logan Antonowski provided us with a beautiful array of minerals, receiving many approving comments from show attendees. Polina Fenik's clever pairing of jaspers and matching photographs always delights us, and begs the question, "which came first?" Frank Warner arranged his spectacular lapidary bowls, viewers wondering about such excellence. Bill Mattis chose a selection of his Australian opals, as silica gems are members of the quartz family.

We had several special exhibits, beginning with the two historically important Memorial cases, the Liberty Bell and Indian intarsias, a sphere making class display, and an attractive silver jewelry class offering, all at the direction of Show Chair Barry Messino. In addition, we appreciate the work of Christina Groff who collected the items for the Single Stone Exhibit. We especially remember the crowd pleasing, awesome Christmas diorama constructed by the late Betty Smith. Thanks also to Christina Kulp for setting up the extensive Ed. Center Tool Display. Finally, thanks to the judging committee: Sheryl Dahl, Lola Fields, Barry Messino, and Bill Mattis.

-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 <u>Kathy.lopez@me.com</u> or Tina Brunner at <u>zebu25may@protonmail.com</u> with your ideas.

• January 10, 2024 at 7:30 PM – Scott Sucher of Museum Diamonds (<u>https://museumdiamonds.com/</u>) will give a presentation on "Opal Digging in Australia". This program is Zoom-only.

• February 14, 2024 at 7:30 PM – Justin Prim will give a presentation on "How the Other Side Cuts", contrasting mast machine faceting with handpiece machine faceting, Spring-field Township Building and Zoom.

• March 13, 2024 at 7:30 PM – Silent Auction, Springfield Township Building. Please consider donating good-quality rough, cut stones, lapidary and jewelry tools, finished jewelry, supplies, books, and other items for which you no longer have a need.

• April 10, 2024 at 7:30 PM – Storm Rise, a New Zealand metal and lapidary artist, jewelry instructor, and owner of Gilded Poppy Makery in Melbourne, Australia (<u>https://www.gildedpoppy.com/</u>), will give a presentation on gemstone carving. This program is Zoom-only.

• 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, Location TBD

Many thanks to Steve Hansen and Vince DiAngelus for their program suggestions.

Future Bulletin Due Dates

February	Friday, January 19
March	Friday. February 23
April	Friday, March 22
Мау	Friday, April 19
June	Friday, May 17

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 Doug McNicol at <u>tlsmcnicol@comcast.net</u> or 610-500-9562.

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	
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Please indicate type of membership.	
□ 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 Willmington, DE 19803	

2024 Event Calendar

March 2-3: Delaware Mineralogical Society's Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, Wilmington, DE

March 16-17: GLMSMC Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Gaithersburg, MD

March 23-24: Che Hanna Rock and Mineral Club Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Wysox, PA

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

Lapidary Links

With this new 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.

The Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History has a GeoGallery of their mineral and gem collection online. It is one of the largest in the world. You can search the stunning photographs by keyword, name, and location, and information is given about each specimen in this collection. The database can be found at https://naturalhistory.si.edu/explore/collections/geogallery

In The News

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

Is Gem-Cutting a Dying Art?

https://rapaport.com/magazine-article/is-gem-cutting-a-dying-art/ Captivating Beauty: Exploring 6 Types of Iridescent Gemstones https://www.geologypage.com/2023/11/six-types-of-iridescent-gemstones.html

Ancient Rocks Tell a Billion-Year-Old Tale: The Evolution of Animal Diets

https://scitechdaily.com/ancient-rocks-tell-a-billion-year-old-talethe-evolution-of-animal-diets/

-From the Nominating Committee

Annual TLS Elections

At the December General meeting, the election of TLS Officers and Board Members took place. On the recommendation of the nominating committee, the Board recommended and the membership approved unanimously the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2024.

President - Ingrid Ratsep Vice-President - Doug McNicol Treasurer - Ken Dahl Recording Secretary - Janice Lawson Corresponding Secretary - Anna Thompson Directors - Sheryl Dahl and Christina Groff Tina Brunner will continue in the second year of her term

as Director. Vincent DiAngelus will continue as the Education Center Director. Barry Messino's appointment as Gemarama 2024 Chair will be continued, and Anthony Lombardo will continue as Gemarama 2024 Co-Chair.

Visit the TLS EBay Site

Check out the TLS eBay site. As a fundraiser for TLS, a variety of items are sold on eBay. Auctions always start and end on Sundays and TLS members, family, and friends are encouraged to check out items and bid on them if they wish. To search for items for sale by TLS on eBay, simply click <u>HERE</u> and then click Items for Sale, or:

- Go to www.eBay.com
- At the top of the page, click the "Advanced" link (right next to the green "Search" button).
- Under "Find Items", click on the "By Seller" link.

• In the "Enter Seller's User ID" field, type in tuscarora_lapidary (don't forget the underscore) then click the "Search" button.

You'll then see everything we have for sale and can place your bids accordingly.

— From Linda Green, Community Programs Chair

TLS Needs Your Help!

Social Media is a great way for TLS to reach out to members, students, jewelers, rock hounds and the community in general. Over the past few years our Social Media presence has been growing. TLS is on Facebook, Instagram and You-Tube; links can be found on our website, by searching each channel, or on page 6 of this Bulletin.

In order to build our following, TLS needs your help! Here are some ways you can help spread the word about our great organization and all the classes and activities we offer.

- FOLLOW us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.
- LIKE and COMMENT on our posts on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.
- SHARE with your friends and family and encourage them to follow us and like our posts as well.
- WE NEED PHOTOS! Please send photos from classes and other TLS events for posting on Facebook and Instagram to Linda Green (<u>ldgreensniffles@me.com</u>).
- If you post to your own Facebook and Instagram pages about classes, items you have made in class or other TLS activities, please remember to TAG us. We may feature your post in our STORIES.

If you are interested in helping create YouTube videocontent for the TLS YouTube Channel please let us know. Remember we need everyone's help to grow our Social Media presence. PLEASE, we need more photos.

Follow TLS on Instagram

In addition to Facebook we are on Instagram (@tuscaroralapidary). Please "Follow" us and "Like", "Comment" and "Share" our posts. Feel free to repost our posts on your feed but please indicate that the post came from @tuscaroralapidary.

Please use the following handles and hashtags when posting TLS content to your feeds or stories:

@tuscaroralapidary #gemarama #picturesinstone

TLS Has a Facebook Page

Our online presence, particularly on Facebook, is a great way for TLS to share and connect with members, potential new members, and the community in general. In order to build our fan base, we need your help! Here are some ways in which you can assist.

- "Like" the Tuscarora Lapidary Society page on Facebook.
- Share information about TLS on Facebook, and invite your friends to "like" the TLS page.
- Send photos from classes and events to post on the TLS page. Be sure to give a few details, such as when and/or where the photo was taken, and who and/or what is pictured.
- Send event information, announcements, or reminders that you would like posted on the TLS Facebook page to Linda Green at ldgreensniffles@me.com.
- If you post about TLS classes or events on your own Facebook page, be sure to tag us.

TLS YouTube Channel

You can gain access to our channel by clicking the red YouTube logo in the "Follow us on Social Media" section at the bottom of our website home page, lapidary.org, or go to page 7 here in the Bulletin and click on the YouTube logo. The channel contains eight videos: Making a Faceted Gem, Micromounts by Alfred C. Webber, TLS Glass Program, Gemarama Exhibit Highlights, Making a Cabochon, TLS Lapidary Program, Building the Tuscarora Lapidary Society Education Center, and the TLS Jewelry Program. The Making a Cabochon video has now been viewed over 7,200 times and the TLS Lapidary Program video has over 8,700 views!

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.

—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 -- <u>TuscaroraLS@outlook.com</u> -and include receipts with the request, or leave the paperwork in the cubby of the desk at the Ed Center. Thank you! PAGE 6

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2024 TLS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Event Calendar.	Lisa Laffend
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Quotes for the New Year

- Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." Oprah Winfrey
- I haven't been this excited about a new year since last year." —Unknown
- Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to." -Bill Vaughan
- 8 p.m. is the new midnight!" Unknown
- Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." -Brad Paisley
- Don't be so worried about what you eat between Christmas and New Year's.
 Worry more about what you eat between New Year's and Christmas."—Unknown
- Let's not spend New Year's Eve trying to figure out where to spend New Year's Eve." -- Unknown
- Last year's resolution was to lose 20 pounds by Christmas. Only 30 pounds to go." ---Unknown
- I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter." --- Unknown
- This New Year's, I was going to make a resolution never to be late again, but I didn't wake up until January 2." -- Melanie White