

LAPIDARY WORKSHOP – GEMSTONE CUTTING

We at the Tuscarora Lapidary Society (TLS) are looking forward to seeing you for the lapidary workshop on cutting and polishing cabochons for which you have registered through Main Line School Night. Here is some important information concerning the workshop.

LOCATION: The workshop will take place at the TLS Education Center, 24 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015. Please see below for directions. The Education Center phone (610-490-5252) normally goes to voice mail, but it is answered when a class is in session. Use this number if you do not have a cell phone and need to leave a number at which you can be reached during the workshop.

MOTEL: If you are coming a long distance, you may want to stay over nearby on Friday and/or Saturday nights. The most convenient motel to our location is the McIntosh Inn in Media, PA at the intersection of Routes 1 and 352 (4 S New Middletown Road (Rte 352), Media, PA 19063, 610-565-5800). This is a nice motel in a safe location and only a few miles north up Rte 352 from our location. Other participants in our programs have stayed there and recommend it. (Note: Rte 352 has several local names – S New Middletown Road near the intersection with Rte 1, but Edgmont Avenue further south in Brookhaven, PA.)

CONTENT: In this two-day workshop you will learn how to shape and polish cabochons (rounded gemstones typically set in bezels as contrasted with faceted stones that are usually set with prongs). A variety of natural materials such as jaspers and agates will be available for your use. You will learn how to use a diamond trim saw as well as diamond grinding, sanding and polishing equipment. It's lots of fun - making something beautiful out of rough rock!

TIME: The workshop will be 9AM to 5PM, both days. Please try to arrive by 8:45AM so that we may start on time. We will open the facility by 8:15AM each day of the workshop. You are welcome to come anytime after that.

STAFF: Three experienced cabochon instructors will work with you each day, so you will each have a lot of individual attention. All of us are members of the Tuscarora Lapidary Society.

LUNCH: If you would like to bring lunch, there is a refrigerator in which to keep your food. If it is not convenient to bring lunch, there are places nearby in Brookhaven where one can get take-out. TLS will have a supply of sodas and small snacks available at a very modest charge.

SUPPLIES: TLS will provide all of the materials you will need for the 2-day workshop including a variety of slabs of different types of rough material suitable for making cabochons. If you have any slabs of stone that you would like to form into a cabochon, please bring them as well. We are also always happy to check out any interesting stones, slabbed or not, that you would like to show to the class.

DRESS: Please dress comfortably in clothes that can withstand soiling. The saws are cooled with oil and the other equipment with water. It can get sloppy at times! Please avoid loose long sleeves. Long hair must be tied back for safety.

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT:

1. Bring a full-length fabric or vinyl work apron if you have one. If you don't have one, that's fine. We will supply you with a plastic apron.
2. If you have safety glasses, please bring them. We will supply safety glasses when you need them if you don't have a pair.

3. Bring an old hand towel if you have one.
4. Bring an Ultra Fine Point Sharpie, if you have one.
5. Bring a pen or pencil and some note paper, and a small box or sandwich bag to carry home your stones.
6. Bring a loupe or magnifying glass if you already own one. If you don't have one, that's fine.

Course notes with illustrations will be provided at class.

DIRECTIONS

TUSCARORA LAPIDARY SOCIETY, INC
24 UPLAND ROAD
BROOKHAVEN, PA 19015

The TLS Education Center is located on Upland Road, just off Rte 352 (also known as Edgmont Avenue) at the southern end of the Brookhaven Shopping Center, about 3 1/2 miles SW of Media, PA. The Education Center is a yellow brick building with a flagpole in the front lawn and the letters T L S on the front of the building, just behind the CVS Pharmacy that is on the corner of Upland Road and Rte 352.

If you are using a GPS, **BE CAREFUL**. TLS is located on Upland **Road**, NOT Upland Avenue which is a mile or so away from our location.

From US-1, go south on Rte 352 (Edgmont Avenue) for about 3.5 miles. At the end of the Brookhaven Shopping Center, the right lane of Rte 352 is forced to turn right onto Upland Road. Make that turn. We are the first building on the right after the pharmacy.

If you are going north on I-95, take exit 6 for Rte 352 (Edgmont Avenue) north and go about 1.5 miles. Upland Road comes in on the left at the point where Rte 352 widens from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. A CVS Pharmacy is on the far left corner of that intersection. Turn left onto Upland Road at that intersection. We are the first building on the right after the pharmacy.

If you are going south on I-95, take exit 6 for PA-320 (Providence Ave) toward PA-352 (Edgmont Ave). Follow the signs for Rte 352. **Caution:** At the end of the exit ramp off of I-95, you make a left onto Chestnut Street, and then an immediate right onto E 12th Street, just after going over I-95. E 12th Street will take you to Rte 352. Turn right (north) on Rte 352. Once on Rte 352, go about 1.5 miles. Upland Road comes in on the left at the point where Rte 352 widens from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. A CVS Pharmacy is on the far left corner of that intersection. Turn left onto Upland Road at that intersection. We are the first building on the right after the pharmacy.

Here is a link to the Google Map for 24 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015:
<https://goo.gl/maps/MktGu>