

TLS General Meeting Programs

1957 - 2022

1957

- 3/57 Initial meeting, refreshments served
- 4/57 John Anthony — jeweler
- 5/57 Constructive criticism of member stones
- 6/57 Paul Bankes, Jr.: Obsidian, plus Paul Bankes, Sr.: Display of his collection
- 9/57 Visit to the host's workshop (Roger Kettimon)
- 10/57 Roger Steelman read article on the formation of Petrified Wood
- 11/57 Kenneth Fisher: Mineralogy
- 12/57 No meeting

1958

- 1/58 No program listed
- 2/58 Joseph Seckler: Jaspers; Polishing demo by Mr. Bankes
- 3/58 R. Kettimon: Hardness, and specific gravity
- 4/58 Joe Chadwick: Feldspar, samples from Mineral Hill
- 5/58 Mr. Layton Sprakes: Hand-cut glass
- 6/58 Joseph Seckler: Gem stone slides
- 9/58 Reports on the Eastern Federation Convention
- 10/58 Joseph Seckler: More Gem Stone slides
- 11/58 Slides of convention at Newark; visit to Kettimon workshop
- 12/58 Each member to bring an unusual stone

1959

- 1/59 Match stones with species cards — “one of their most interesting meetings”
- 2/59 Went to coffee shop
- 3/59 Cutting and polishing problems
- 4/59 Members judged each other's stones
- 5/59 Discuss stones members had cut
- 6/59 No program listed
- 9/59 Mr. Taylor gave resume of trip west
- 10/59 Reading of A Rock Hound is Born (E. Barrett, 4/59 Lapidary J.)
- 11/59 No program listed
- 12/59 Mr. Frank Sterling: Indian Archaeology

1960

- 1/60 Discussion on value to charge when selling jewelry
- 2/60 Clayton Hamilton (Lapidabrade): Grinding wheel construction - how it affects their use. Also refractive index, crystal structure, and how to find the C-axis.
- 3/60 Paul Longnecker: Faceting
- 4/60 Roger Kettimon: Origin of birth stones
- 5/60 Herman Richter: Trips to Conventions, 58 Asheville, 59 Boston
- 6/60 No program listed
- 9/60 Von H. Byre: Amethyst
- 10/60 Members showing summer collection
- 11/60 Mr. McHale: Feldspar
- 12/60 No meeting

1961

- 1/61 Roger Kettimon: History and superstition of stones
- 2/61 Swap night — good time in old-fashion barter
- 3/61 Paul Longnecker and Evelyn Smith: Techniques in making a ring
- 4/61 Paul Seel: Tape of John Sinkankas' speech at Ashville convention, plus Fred Muth: Gemology instruments
- 5/61 Harold Arndt (Delaware County Institute of Science): Minerals and wild flowers
- 6/61 Elwin A. Wolfe: Minerals of Southwest Africa, plus local spots for rock hunting
- 9/61 Report on National Convention
- 10/61 Mr. Kettimon: Ruby
- 11/61 Mr. Von Byre: Iolite
- 12/61 Party

1962

- 1/62 Jack Taylor: Opal
- 2/62 Swap night
- 3/62 Show and tell: Material for the Western Savings Fund display
- 4/62 Herman Richter: Jade
- 5/62 Clayton Hamilton (Lapidabrade): Trip to gold- and silver-

collecting areas of Canada

- 6/62 First dinner meeting (Rose Tree Inn, Media) (dinner cost \$4.50)
- 9/62 Paul Longnecker: Peridot and olivine
- 10/62 Mr. McHale: General talk on lapping
- 11/62 Members identify 30 different kinds of rough
- 12/62 Party

1963

- 1/63 Ralph Morgan: Crystal forms and their classification
- 2/63 Mr. Harold Arndt: Florida Everglades trip
- 3/63 Swap night
- 4/63 Mr. I. Brown, Jr. (Linde Co): Linde synthetics, discovery of the Linde star, plus associated films
- 5/63 Mr. C. Franklin Miller: History of gemstones
- 6/63 Dinner meeting (Springfield Country Club)
- 9/63 Laurie Markuson: Turquoise
- 10/63 Walter Lapinsky: Rhodochrosite, plus slides of Lake Placid show
- 11/63 Mr. Arndt: Trip to Ontario and Quebec for minerals
- 12/63 Party

1964

- 1/64 Spencer Kohler: Polishing techniques
- 2/64 Jim Johnson: Labradorite, plus sound film on diamonds
- 3/64 Panel discussion: selecting and orienting gem materials
- 4/64 EFMLS program: Art of jewelry making — settings
- 5/64 Paul Seel: Advantages of membership in EFMLS
- 6/64 Dinner meeting (Springfield Country Club)
- 9/64 Swap night, also Don Naples: Creation of a gem malachite and gold bead necklace
- 10/64 Lou Privoznik and Jim Johnson: Polishing undercutting materials
- 11/64 EFMLS Program: Lapidary equipment made by Boeing Aircraft Seattle employees from scrap airplane parts
- 12/64 Party

1965

- 1/65 Von Byre, Paul Longnecker, Ed McHale: Symposium on stone-setting techniques
- 2/65 John Anthony, jeweler: Precious stones — varieties & trends
- 3/65 Slide and tape show: Rocks and Minerals
- 4/65 Paul Longnecker: The art of carving gem stones
- 5/65 Intra-club show — 3 stones from each member for exhibition and judging, plus Slide program: Minerals of Bancroft Area, Canada
- 6/65 Dinner meeting (Springfield Country Club)
- 9/65 Don Naples and Ralph Morgan: European summer
- 10/65 Harold Arndt: Trip west
- 11/65 Paul Seel: South from El Paso with Paul Desautels
- 12/65 Party and silent auction

1966

- 1/66 Evelyn Smith: The National Gem Show — Yakima '65
- 2/66 Representative from 3M: New diamond-coated abrasive papers and lapidary discs
- 3/66 Ed McHale: Elements of faceting
- 4/66 Norm Mansell: Collecting rocks in various parts of the U.S.
- 5/66 Silent auction
- 6/66 Dinner meeting (Springfield Country Club)
- 9/66 unknown
- 10/66 unknown
- 11/66 Talk by Vernon and Ruth Wertz (Secretary of EFMLS and editor of Rocks and Minerals)
- 12/66 Party and election night

1967

- 1/67 Question and answer night
- 2/67 Member display of lapidary accomplishments
- 3/67 Slide show: On the Asbestos Trail (Gregory Museum)
- 4/67 unknown
- 5/67 Carolyn London, author of Petra, A City in Stone (in Gems and Minerals)
- 6/67 Dinner meeting (Springfield Country Club)
- 9/67 Club show, plus Roger Kettimon: Orientation of stones
- 10/67 Silent auction
- 11/67 Lapinsky, Wattman, & Naples slides; Jim Johnson: Polishing jade
- 12/67 Party, plus slides by Norm Mansell

1968

- 1/68 Question and answer program
- 2/68 Harold Arndt: The geology and mineralogy of the Blue Route
- 3/68 Unknown — no Bulletin this month
- 4/68 Silent auction
- 5/68 Slide show on TLS's first show
- 6/68 Dinner meeting (Springfield Country Club)
- 9/68 Surprise program
- 10/68 Slide show on safety
- 11/68 Silent auction
- 12/68 Party

1969

- 1/69 Don Naples: The faceting of peridot, plus EFMLS slide show: Gems and Ornamental Materials
- 2/69 Clay Hamilton (Lapidabrade): Minerals and mining locations in Arizona; Ken Wattman: Cutting and polishing faceted stone tables
- 3/69 Slide dissertation on faceting by NJ Lapidary Society, narrated by Ken Black (Wilchek)
- 4/69 TLS movie: Pursuing the Lapidary Hobby, plus Don Naples discussing his method for making bezels
- 5/69 Ed McHale: Preparation of thin sections for microscopy, plus Jack Kolendo on one of his jewelry creations
- 6/69 Dinner meeting (Springfield Country Club). Joe Schweiger's slides on his trip to Australia.
- 9/69 Roger Kettimon: Lapidary therapy (Roger was instrumental in getting the Haverford Hospital for the Mentally Ill to add lapidary as a hobby.), plus slides on the Rochester show
- 10/69 Bill Maloney: How to select faceting rough
- 11/69 Silent auction
- 12/69 Party

1970

- 1/70 Bell Telephone Company film: Diamonds are Different
- 2/70 Mr. Warren West: DuPont diamonds
- 3/70 Panel on proper ways to cut and polish stones for exhibit
- 4/70 What makes a display case Best-in-Show?
- 5/70 EFMLS slide library: Operation Silversmith
- 6/70 Dinner meeting (Springfield Country Club), plus Norm Mansell: A trip West
- 9/70 Ken Wattman: Trip to Russia, plus Ben Coren: How to make stands for geodes and slabs
- 10/70 Gemarama preparation, plus EFMLS slide program on intarsia
- 11/70 Silent auction
- 12/70 Election and party

1971

- 1/71 EFMLS slide program: Investment Casting
- 2/71 Ray Edwards: Gems and ornamental minerals — rough and cut, plus Joe Sharbough: How to fix flats
- 3/71 Slide show: Operation Silversmith
- 4/71 Don Naples: Design and construction of contemporary jewelry
- 5/71 Paul Longnecker: Thin section identification of minerals
- 6/71 Dinner (Stone Barn Rt 824), plus Norm Mansell: Spain
- 9/71 Past President night
- 10/71 Paul Seel: Characteristics of tourmaline
- 11/71 Silent auction
- 12/71 Holiday party

1972

- 1/72 Canceled
- 2/72 Choosing stones for display
- 3/72 Representative of Foote Minerals (major supplier of the exotic metal beryllium)
- 4/72 Club show — members displaying their own works
- 5/72 Helen Naples: A unique method of displaying mineral specimens
- 6/72 Dinner meeting (Springfield Country Club); Al Webber: Russia
- 9/72 Surprise
- 10/72 Steve Horvath (opal dealer): Opal film/slides, plus panel discussion (Norm Mansell, Jack Kolendo, Joseph Monteleone): Buying and cutting opal
- 11/72 Silent auction
- 12/72 Joseph Schweiger: African safari; sale from Don Coffman's collection

1973

- 1/73 Potato Night: Faceting a potato in the brilliant and emerald cuts and judging the results
- 2/73 Dr. George Meyer (Temple Univ.): Epidote
- 3/73 Joseph Cahill (Lab. Dir. Motley Bishop Co.): Platinum — How obtained and uses
- 4/73 Bill Maloney: Buying equipment; Morris Goldsmith: Buying a stereo microscope
- 5/73 Member Show
- 6/73 Dinner meeting (Springfield Country Club), Don Heritage: Mexico
- 9/73 Informal general discussion; Gemarama preparation
- 10/73 Dr. Peter Leavens (Univ. of Delaware): Aesthetics of minerals
- 11/73 Silent auction
- 12/73 Party, plus Norm Mansell: Trip West

1974

- 1/74 Movie: Opal hunting in Australia
- 2/74 Amateur night — become a SKIP apprentice; Walt Lapinsky: SKIP requirements; Lee Grote: types of polish and laps
- 3/74 Charlie Hamilton of Lapidabrade: Trends in the lapidary supply business. Also Frank Warner: Making spheres by hand
- 4/74 Club show — certificate for all who participate plus some awards
- 5/74 Silent auction and regular auction with members receiving 90% and club 10%
- 6/74 Dinner meeting. Joe Schweiger: Trip to Hong Kong.
- 9/74 Gemarama preparation
- 10/74 Slide program (Graves Co.): Let's Cut a Cabochon
- 11/74 Slide shows: Intarsia - an Ancient Art & A Method of Making Intarsia
- 12/74 Party, plus "Stump the Experts" with Norm Elliott on polishing, Norm Mansell on capping, and Eldridge Mount on faceting

1975

- 1/75 Paul Seel: Intarsia, the story of the Taj Mahal
- 2/75 Amerind Artisans of Newark, NJ: Turquoise and American Indian Jewelry
- 3/75 Leonard E. Gerhart of MSP: Slide show — Collecting areas in the Northeast; Norm Elliott: Selection and the working of turquoise and malachite
- 4/75 Club member show
- 5/75 EFMLS slides: Lost wax casting and metalwork; Panel discussion by Walter Lawn, Mack Lingenfelter, Dick Urian
- 6/75 Dinner meeting (Media Inn), Joe Schweiger, Travelogue
- 9/75 Gemarama preparation, plus rock swap
- 10/75 Paul Seel: Diamond mining and diamond digging in Africa
- 11/75 Dr. & Mrs. John Hallahan: Iceland & Greenland
- 12/75 Party and Dutch auction

1976

- 1/76 Norm Mansell: Use of vibrating lap in finishing flats
- 2/76 SKIP slide shows: Spheres by Walt Lapinsky and Lee Grote, Simple Jewelry by Barbara Connor
- 3/76 Paul Longnecker: Carving
- 4/76 Al Webber: Intarsia
- 5/76 Harold and Shirley Comfort: How to set up a show case
- 6/76 Dinner meeting (Paxon Hollow Country Club); Norm Mansell: Slides on travels west
- 9/76 Gemarama preparation meeting
- 10/76 Norm Mansell: Doublets and triplets
- 11/76 Silent auction
- 12/76 Party, plus Howard & Dorothea Freeman: Monhegan Island, ME

1977

- 1/77 Juliet Reed (MSP): West to the Harding Mine in New Mexico
- 2/77 Panel of experts on flats, spheres, cabs
- 3/77 Walter and Evelyn Lawn: Use of Crystolite diamond compound on wood wheels
- 4/77 Bill Shaw: Rockhounding trip to Richards Ranch in Oregon
- 5/77 Charlie Hamilton, Joe Schweiger, Dick Urian, Ben Coren, and Jack Kolendo: New and self-made lapidary equipment
- 6/77 Dinner meeting (Paxon Hollow Country Club) plus slides of the King Tut exhibit
- 9/77 Gemarama preparation; Ken Wilchek: Slides of the EFMLS show
- 10/77 Slide show: Turquoise and Indian Jewelry (Arizona Highways)

11/77 SKIP Program
12/77 Party and silent auction

1978

1/78 Dr. Robert Middleton (Phila. Academy of Natural Sciences):
The golden age of mineral collecting in America
2/78 Meeting cancelled due to blizzard
3/78 Don Laufer (formerly of Lapidabrade): Cutting diamonds
4/78 John Hallahan: Northwest to the Arctic Circle
5/78 Elaine Cooper: Why we love gems
6/78 Dinner meeting (Paxon Hollow Country Club); Program by Bill
Maloney (President EFMLS)
9/78 Herman Barcus: Unusual rock formations on Easter Island, plus
Gemarama preparation
10/78 Panel discussion: Polish your lapidary skills
11/78 Paul Seel: Diamonds and diamond mining
12/78 Party and silent auction

1979

1/79 Travelogue by Herm Barcus
2/79 Russell Jensen (Museum of Natural History, Greenville, DE):
Ruins of Mexico
3/79 Floyd Carpenter: Sources of lapidary materials
4/79 Doug and Fran Toland of Haines, Alaska: Collecting epidote on
Prince of Wales Island
5/79 Member panel
6/79 Dinner meeting (Paxon Hollow Country Club); Speaker:
Dr. Robert Middleton (Philadelphia Academy of Natural
Sciences), plus silent auction
9/79 Al Webber: Slides on Tampa show, plus Gemarama preparation
10/79 Herman Burger (gemstone carver): Lecture/slides
11/79 Silent auction
12/79 Party, plus Howard Freeman: Wildacres workshop

1980

1/80 Ken & Jo Wilchek: Trip through Colorado and Arizona
2/80 Talk on the oil shortage: Rip-off or Reality
3/80 Peter Marcin (master engraver and carver): Slide show on carving
4/80 Dr. Peter Leavens: The Field of Jade
5/80 John Hallahan: Opals - collecting in Mexico, Australia, and the U.S.
6/80 Dinner (Paxon Hollow Country Club), plus Harriett and Russell
Stark: Slides of a western trip, plus silent auction
9/80 Panel: Cutting and polishing opal and turquoise; faceting;
preparing and polishing silver
10/80 Howard Freeman and Ray Getty: Gemstones of the Bible
11/80 Silent auction
12/80 Election, party

1981

1/81 Bob Jacobsen: 1980 AFMS show at Lincoln, NE
2/81 Bruce Dunnington: New developments in diamond tools
3/81 Barbara Connor: Let's make a ring
4/81 John Hallahan: Slides of trip to Australia and Tasmania in 1978
5/81 George Franklin: Minerals used for gems and ornamentation
6/81 Dinner (Paxon Hollow Country Club), silent auction, Charles
Groman: Herkimer Diamonds
9/81 Harold Comfort: Let's make an intarsia
10/81 George Franklin: A week at Wildacres
11/81 Silent auction
12/81 Party

1982

1/82 Film: Man and his Gold (canceled by snow)
2/82 Barbara Jacobsen: My lapidary methods
3/82 Film: Sterling Heritage
4/82 Frank Faff (dealer): An introduction to gemology
5/82 George Franklin narrator: Slide program Quartz Family of Minerals
6/82 25th Anniversary Dinner (location ?), mini silent auction, plus
GIA film: Gems of the Americas
9/82 George Franklin narrator: Slide program So You Want To Make A
Sphere
10/82 Gil Fontaine: Jade
11/82 Silent auction
12/82 Party

1983

1/83 Movie: A Touch of Gold
2/83 Ernestine Whiting: Alaska. Its geology, gold, animals, people
3/83 Drew Davis: The geology of the Northwest
4/83 Jay Lininger: Mineral localities in PA
5/83 Frank Faff (Gemarama dealer): Gold
6/83 Dinner meeting, movie, and silent auction
9/83 Program not announced
10/83 Film: Three American Goldsmiths
11/83 Silent auction
12/83 Party

1984

1/84 canceled by snow
2/84 Bob Jacobsen: Charlestown, W. VA show
3/84 film canceled due to burned out bulb
4/84 Charles Groman: Herkimer diamonds
5/84 Surprise presentation by Peter Santucci
6/84 Dinner meeting (Log Cabin Inn), silent auction, slide show on
Birthstones of the Months by Peter Santucci
9/84 Mary Mellville: Slides of a travel tour
10/84 Bob and Barbara Jacobsen: The National Show in San Diego
11/84 Silent auction
12/84 Party

1985

1/85 unknown
2/85 Slide show: Cabochons, followed by questions and answers
3/85 Vaughan Roud: Diamond
4/85 Movie: Our Mineral World
5/85 John and Marion Hallahan: Mineral collecting in Northern
Mexico and Baja California
6/85 Dinner meeting (Paxon Hollow Country Club)
Guest speaker Julia Reed, Asst. Curator of the Mineral
Collection at Bryn Mawr College
9/85 George Franklin: Use and care of diamond equipment, Part 1
10/85 George Franklin: Use and care of diamond equipment, Part 2
11/85 Max Tietjens: Fluorite — the mineral
12/85 Party, Pot luck dinner, also silent auction

1986

1/86 Show 'N Tell
2/86 Al Webber: The comet
3/86 John and Marion Hallahan: The bright side of the dark continent
- a natural history of Southern Africa, part 1
4/86 Barbara and Bob Jacobsen: Quartzite
5/86 Ted Silver Hand (a direct descendant of the Tuscarora Tribe):
Tuscarora Nation's History and Folklore
6/86 Dinner meeting (Rolling Green Golf Club, Springfield, PA)
Vaughn Roud: Colored stones
9/86 Al Webber: Haley's Comet revisited
10/86 Ken Wilchek: Slides of American and Midwest Federation Show
11/86 Mt. St. Helens Eruption — slide/tape program
12/86 Party and silent auction

1987

1/87 Slides of the Grand Canyon
2/87 Samuel Bruner (certified gemologist): Colored stones and diamonds
3/87 John and Marion Hallahan: The bright side of the dark
continent, part 2
4/87 Peter Dodson (U of PA): Expedition to Montana for dinosaur bones
5/87 Dorothea & Howard Freeman, Shirley & Harold Comfort,
Bob Jacobsen: Making your exhibit look professional
6/87 Dinner (Rolling Green Golf Club)
9/87 Slide show: Utah Trails and Treasures (from EFMLS)
10/87 Slides of Gemarama 87 fashion show: A Parade of Birthstones
11/87 Canceled by snow
12/87 Party plus silent auction

1988

1/88 John and Marion Hallahan: South Korea: Land of the Morning Calm
2/88 Harold and Shirley Comfort: How to make an intarsia
3/88 The Heyburns and Jacobsens: "Eye Witness News" from

- Quartzite and Tucson
 4/88 Doug Wiggins: His wax carving lathe, and George Franklin: All you need for a 6" diamond lapidary machine
 5/88 Sam Bruner (gemologist): Natural and synthetic colored stones
 6/88 Dinner meeting (Rolling Green Golf Club)
 9/88 Gemarama plans, plus VCR tape of the summer TLS picnic.
 10/88 Bill Mattis: Opals
 11/88 Video of Gemarama 88 fashion show
 12/88 Party and silent auction. Also live auction of member items with 50% going to TLS

1989

- 1/89 John and Marion Hallahan: Made in China
 2/89 Preview of tapes from the TLS Video Collection
 3/89 Bob and Barbara Jacobsen: Quartzite
 4/89 Grant G. Gikas (gemologist): Gems and geology of Northern Pakistan
 5/88 Samuel Bruner (gemologist): What's new in gemstones
 6/89 Dinner meeting (Rolling Green Golf Club)
 9/89 Gemarama plans, plus members sharing "Tricks of the Hobby"
 10/89 Gemarama reviewed, plus William Bray: A Diamond Cutter's Secrets
 11/89 Bob Jacobsen and Betty Smith: Oregon, Home of the Thunderegg and The 1989 National Show
 12/89 Party and silent auction

1990

- 1/90 John and Marion Hallahan: Formosa — The Butterfly Island
 2/90 Pete Santucci: Safety in the workshop
 3/90 Panel discussion: Lapidary skills overview
 4/90 Barbara Jacobsen: Cabochons
 5/90 Dick Young: Basic lapidary carving
 6/90 Dinner (Rolling Green Golf Club)
 9/90 George Franklin: The latest technique for polishing stones by using numbers
 10/90 Paul Billett: The faceting experience and what it takes
 11/90 Ray Getty: Sphere making
 12/90 Party and silent auction

1991

- 1/91 canceled by snow
 2/91 John and Marion Hallahan: Madagascar
 3/91 Bill Mattis: Digging for opals in Australia
 4/91 Norm Mansell: Turquoise Night with panel to answer questions
 5/91 All About TLS
 6/91 Dinner meeting (Concordville Inn)
 9/91 Gemarama plans
 10/91 Gemarama lecture: Turquoise
 11/91 Bob and Barbara Jacobsen: Fossils and lapidary art
 12/91 Party and silent auction

1992

- 1/92 Roger Binns: Goldsmiths of Nicaragua
 2/92 Social evening. Bring jade to be photographed for Gemarama
 3/92 Bob Jacobsen: Quartzite and Tucson
 4/92 Al Webber: Micromounts
 5/92 Christopher Jones (Univ. of PA): Mayan jade from Tekal
 6/92 Dinner meeting (Concordville Inn)
 9/92 Gemarama preparation
 10/92 Gemarama discussion and social evening
 11/92 Silent auction
 12/92 Party

1993

- 1/93 Dan McAuley: Amber
 2/92 Alex Kane and Al Jehkle: Fluorescents
 3/92 Chief Buffy Red Feather & Vice Chief Hawk Brown: Bone jewelry and artifacts
 4/93 Anne Graham (Univ. of Delaware): Jewelry in precious metal and alternative materials
 5/93 Gil Wiswall (West Chester Univ.): Geologic evolution of the Piedmont
 6/93 Dinner meeting (Concordville Inn)
 9/93 Gemarama preparation
 10/93 Cathy Calhoun (gemologist)

- 11/93 Silent auction
 12/93 Party and ugly rock contest
1994

- 1/94 Canceled by snow
 2/94 Canceled by snow
 3/94 Richard Ehmann of Springfield Police Dept.: Safety
 4/94 Bob and Barbara Jacobsen: Jasper
 5/94 Barry Messino: Types of solders and alloy
 6/94 Dinner meeting (Concordville Inn)
 9/94 Gemarama preparation
 10/94 Discussion of Penn State site for Gemarama 1995
 11/94 Dick Chappel (Chappel Jewelers): video The Mining and Faceting of Rubies followed by question-and-answer session
 12/94 Party, plus Bhakti Ziek (Asst. Prof. of Woven Design at Phila. College of Textiles and Science) slide lecture

1995

- 1/95 Silent auction
 2/95 Gay LeClaire Taylor (Curator — Museum of American Glass at Wheaton Village)
 3/95 Robert Lloyd (Tyler School of Art): CAD/CAM and its many applications
 4/95 Paula Mikkelsen (Director, Delaware Museum of Natural History): Mollusks and other shells
 5/95 Ed Funk (Cullman Lapidary): Color enhancement and heat treatment of gem stones
 6/95 Dinner meeting (Concordville Inn)
 9/95 Bob Jacobsen: A national show in Boise, and points west
 10/95 David Atlas (Atlas Appraisals): Antique vs. modern diamonds
 11/95 Recap and wrap-up of Gemarama
 12/95 Party, plus "fun auction" of excess items from the Skill Center

1996

- 1/96 Canceled due to weather
 2/96 Joan Strott: Techniques involved in enameling and cloisonné
 3/96 Chris Peschko (ceroplasticist): Waxes and their use in jewelry making
 4/96 Al Webber with his newest micromounts
 5/96 Silent auction
 6/96 Dinner meeting (Concordville Inn)
 9/96 Andy and Helen Serras-Herman: Opal, star rubies and other phenomenal stones
 10/96 Bob and Barbara Jacobsen: Diamond daze and haze, and the National Show in Riverside
 11/96 Recap and wrap-up of Gemarama
 12/96 Party

1997

- 1/97 Barry Messino: Imitation gemstones, esp. aventurine glass and goldstone
 2/97 speaker canceled due to illness
 3/97 Silent auction
 4/97 Nola Doubet-Hendry (Wilmington jeweler): Centenary Diamond (video) plus diamonds and buying trips to Antwerp
 Helen Serras-Herman: Sculpting and stone carving
 5/97 Helen Serras-Herman: Sculpting and stone carving
 6/97 Dinner meeting (Ristorante Trevi, Wilmington)
 9/97 Silent auction
 10/97 Barry Messino: Pearls
 11/97 Gemarama wrap-up and By-law ratification
 12/97 Party

1998

- 1/98 New members asked to tell a little bit about themselves
 2/98 Surprise
 3/98 Ed Funk (Cullman Lapidary): Amber
 4/98 Barbara and Bob Jacobsen: Their trip to Mongolia
 5/98 Helen Serras-Herman and Andy Herman: Gold mining in Colorado and Montana
 6/98 Dinner meeting (O'Flaherty's Restaurant)
 9/98 Greg Genovese (Rare Earth Mining Co.): Vapor deposition of metal to stone
 10/98 Betty & Otis Witworth: Gems, minerals, and metals of the Bible
 11/98 Gemarama preparation
 12/98 Party

1999

- 1/99 Bob Summerfield (meteorite expert): Visitors from outer space
- 2/99 Bill Mattis: Everything you ever wanted to know about opals but were afraid to ask
- 3/99 Silent auction
- 4/99 Silent auction, part 2
- 5/99 Helen Serras-Herman: Ancient ivory
- 6/99 Dinner meeting (La Locanda, Edgmont)
- 9/99 Ann Guinan (U. of Pa. Museum): Treasures of Ur
- 10/99 Gemarama preparation, plus summertime adventures
- 11/99 Jim Johnston: Everything you ever wanted to know about Moissanite and more
- 12/99 Party

2000

- 1/00 Slide show on Tucson
- 2/00 Silent auction
- 3/00 TLS slide show: Let's Make an Intarsia
- 4/00 Susan Jo Kline (Philadelphia jewelry artist): The process of designing and creating jewelry
- 5/00 The TLS display for the blind, plus a computer display of intarsia
- 6/00 Dinner (La Locanda, Edgmont)
- 9/00 J. Roger Mitchell (Curator, Del. Co. Institute of Science): Famous mineral sites in Delaware County
- 10/00 Gemarama preparation
- 11/00 Vicki Schneider: The symbolism and mysticism of rocks and minerals
- 12/00 Holiday party

2001

- 1/01 Howard Semon: Fabricating your own faceting equipment
- 2/01 John O'Hara: Carving snuff bottles from stone and glass
- 3/01 Carol Hall: Seaglass designs
- 4/01 Silent auction
- 5/01 Helen Serras-Herman: My career as a sculptor
- 6/01 Dinner meeting (La Locanda, Edgmont)
- 9/01 Frank Warner: Carving bowls
- 10/01 Gemarama preparation, plus slide show on making spheres
- 11/01 Construction of the TLS Liberty Bell Intarsia
- 12/01 Party

2002

- 1/02 Jim Johnson and Sherri Lipcius: Dichroic glass
- 2/02 Al Webber: 3-D Photography of micromounts and flowers
- 3/02 Silent auction
- 4/02 Karenne Snow: Mineral and gem prospecting in Maryland and Virginia
- 5/02 Teddi Silver: An archeological dig in England
- 6/02 Dinner meeting (La Locanda, Edgmont)
- 9/02 Patti Dougherty (glass bead artist): slide lecture and demonstration
- 10/02 Gemarama preparation, plus John Hallahan: Special equipment for making 3-D photographs
Surprise 95th birthday party for Al Webber
- 11/02 Review of SKIP program
- 12/02 Party

2003

- 1/03 Silent auction
- 2/03 Kevin Krajick (author): Barren Lands: An Epic Search for Diamonds in the North American Arctic
- 3/03 Kathy Statton: How to set up a display case
- 4/03 Silent auction, especially equipment
- 5/03 Jeri Jones: Panning for gold in PA
- 6/03 Dinner Meeting (LaLaconda, Edgmont)
- 9/03 Kathy Calhoun: Buying and selling estate jewelry
- 10/03 Gemarama preparation plus Jim Johnston: Gold panning
- 11/03 Jean Adelman (Univ. of PA): Jade - Its role in different cultures
- 12/03 Party

2004

- 1/04 canceled
- 2/04 Silent auction
- 3/04 John O'Hara: Chinese snuff bottles
- 4/04 "Our Crafty Ways" — non-lapidary hobbies of members
- 5/04 Bill Mattis, Mike Quinn and Susan Garrett: Tucson
- 6/04 Dinner Meeting (LaLaconda, Edgmont)
- 9/04 Discussion: Search for a new home
- 10/04 Frank Schaeffer: Gem cutting and enhancement
- 11/04 Kim Franklin: Contemporary beadwork art
- 12/04 Party

2005

- 1/05 Frank Warner: Cutting spheres by hand
- 2/05 Silent auction
- 3/05 Stacey Segal: Buying and selling on eBay
- 4/05 Joan Strott-Alvini: Enameling
- 5/05 Helen Serras-Herman: Evaluating a gem sculpture
- 6/05 Dinner Meeting (LaLaconda, Edgmont)
- 9/05 Nancy Marks: Pearls
- 10/05 Peter Santucci & Frank Warner: Introduction to gem identification
- 11/05 Status of the CAC collaboration
- 12/05 Party, plus Betty Smith: Nature's oddities in rocks and minerals

2006

- 1/06 Frank Warner: Making and using an inexpensive polariscope
- 2/06 Silent auction
- 3/06 Richard Rosenthal: Cat's eye jade
- 4/06 Drew Schmith: Gem and jewelry photography
- 5/06 Members hobbies: Lapidary and non-lapidary
- 6/06 Dinner Meeting (LaLaconda, Edgmont)
- 9/06 Susan Garrett and Bill Mattis: Tucson
- 10/06 Bill Mattis: The World of Opals
- 11/06 Karenne Snow (author): Rocks and minerals of the Delaware Valley
- 12/06 Holiday party

2007

- 1/07 Rare, interesting or unusual items from members' collections
- 2/07 canceled
- 3/07 Silent auction
- 4/07 Leslie Anne Warden (Univ. of PA): King Tut and Amarna
- 5/07 Joe Varady: Carving
- 6/07 **50th Anniversary Dinner** (Lamb Tavern, Springfield, PA)
- 9/07 Kathy Statton: Channel jewelry
- 10/07 Silent auction
- 11/07 John O'Hara: Inside painted Chinese Snuff Bottles
- 12/07 Holiday Party

2008

- 1/08 Jim Johnston: Diamonds
- 2/08 Canceled due to the weather
- 3/08 Silent auction
- 4/08 Ken Casey (DMS): The Colors of Fluorite
- 5/08 Bill Mattis & Kathy Statton: How to set up a display case
- 6/08 Awards dinner (LaLocanda, Edgmont)
- 9/08 Frank Schaffer: Buying gemstones, avoiding fakes & frauds
- 10/08 Silent auction
- 11/08 Sidney Perloe: Petra
- 12/08 Holiday Party

2009

- 1/09 Frank Warner & Pete Santucci: Refractometers
- 2/09 DVD Guide to Black Opal by Keith Rigby, comments by Bill Mattis
- 3/09 Jim Walker: Tsavorite mining
- 4/09 Silent auction
- 5/09 Frank Schaffer: Diamonds
- 6/09 Awards dinner (LaLocanda, Edgmont)
- 9/09 Pete Santucci: Scale model of a historic home
- 10/09 Jim Johnston: Gems of Myth, Legend, and Lore
- 11/09 Gary Weinstein (Gary's Gem Garden): Collecting meteorites
- 12/09 Holiday party

2010

- 1/10 DVD (loaned from PMS): Sweet Home Mine in Colorado

- 2/10 Canceled due to the weather
- 3/10 Silent auction
- 4/10 John O'Hara: History of Chinese porcelain manufacturing
- 5/10 Silent auction
- 6/10 Awards dinner (LaLocanda, Edgmont)
- 9/10 Gemologist Lee Horowitz: Peruvian Blue Opal
- 10/10 Jim Johnston: New Home plans for TLS in Brookhaven
- 11/10 DVD: Fossicking at Agate Creek (in Australia)
- 12/10 Holiday party

2011

- 1/11 Canceled due to weather
- 2/11 DVD on Agates from Chihuahua, Mexico
- 3/11 Silent auction
- 4/11 Show & Tell: Unique, unusual and interesting items
- 5/11 Doug Klieger: Weird Rocks - Conglomerates, Breccias, Concretions
- 6/11 Awards dinner (Anthony's Ristorante, Drexel Hill)
- 9/11 Frank Warner: The renovation of 24 Upland Road
- 10/11 National Geographic DVD: Secrets of the Hope Diamond
- 11/11 Silent auction
- 12/11 Holiday party

2012

- 1/12 Show & Tell: Tell the story of an interesting lapidary or other item.
- 2/12 Canceled due to the weather
- 3/12 Silent auction
- 4/12 DVD on Black Opal
- 5/12 Gary Weinstein (Gary's Gem Garden): Mining & Cutting of Diamonds
- 6/12 Award dinner (Anthony's Ristorante, Drexel Hill)
- 9/12 Sue Garrett: Ethiopian Opals
- 10/12 Merrill Dickinson: The 2011 Tucson Show
- 11/12 Tom Pankratz (DMS): Mineral faceting
- 12/12 Holiday party

2013

- 1/13 Fizal Nabbie: Kennecott Copper Mine in Utah
- 2/13 Canceled due to weather
- 3/13 Silent auction
- 4/13 Karenne Snow (PMS): Mineral Oddities
- 5/13 Silent auction
- 6/13 Awards dinner (Anthony's Ristorante, Drexel Hill)
- 9/13 Bill Mattis: Australian Opal
- 10/13 Cristin Weber: Gold Prospecting in Alaska
- 11/13 Doug Klieger: Mineral Mysteries of Lewis & Clark Expedition
- 12/13 Holiday party

2014

- 1/14 DVD: The Gem Hunter in Afghanistan
- 2/14 Canceled due to the weather
- 3/14 Silent auction
- 4/14 Rick Hellman: Agatized or opalized gem-quality dinosaur bone
- 5/14 Stacey Segal & Kathy Statton: Buying and selling on the internet
- 6/14 Awards dinner (Anthony's Ristorante, Drexel Hill)
- 9/14 Dr. Philip Betancourt (Temple U.): Agates Around the World
- 10/14 Gary L. Smith, Forensic Gemologist: Toolmarks of the Masters
- 11/14 Silent auction
- 12/14 Holiday party

2015

- 1/15 Show & Tell: Extracurricular Hobbies
- 2/15 Two videos from the 2008 Wonderful World of Agates symposium
- 3/15 Silent auction
- 4/15 James Wood: Fused glass and firing techniques at Heraeus
- 5/15 Pat Huddleston: Rocks & minerals frequently used for gemstones
- 6/15 Awards dinner (Trattoria Giuseppe, Edgmont)
- 9/15 Karenne Snow: Mineral Collecting: Type Localities
- 10/15 Silent auction
- 11/15 Kathy Statton: The TLS Liberty Bell Intarsia
- 12/15 Holiday party

2016

- 1/16 Rick Hellman: Selected Lagerstätten of Southern Germany
- 2/16 John Chickadel & Pete Gitney: Rock hounding in New Mexico
- 3/16 Silent auction

- 4/16 Sue Garrett & Bill Mattis: Opals & DVD: Guide to Black Opals, K Rigby
- 5/16 Jay Hasek, Dave Groncki, Gary Statton: Aspects of faceting
- 6/16 Awards dinner (Trattoria Giuseppe, Edgmont)
- 9/16 Bill Donaldson: My Journey in Geology
- 10/16 Silent auction
- 11/16 Dr. Ted Daeschler (Academy of Natural Sciences): Great Steps in the History of Life
- 12/16 Holiday party

2017

- 1/17 NOVA program: Quest for Solomon's Mines
- 2/17 Rick Hellman: The Canadian Rockies - Spectacular Vistas
- 3/17 Silent auction
- 4/17 Linda Green: Metal Casting & Don Schwarzkopf: wax modeling
- 5/17 Marthe Roberts/Shea - Fabrication - It's What You Make of It
- 6/17 Awards dinner (Cascata Caffè, Springfield)
- 9/17 Social Media to promote member's work and enhance TLS profile
- 10/17 R Hellman, L Green, D Schwarzkopf: Safety in the Lapidary Arts
- 11/17 Silent auction
- 12/17 Holiday party

2018

- 1/18 NOVA program: Treasures of the Earth: Metals.
- 2/18 Member Potpourri: Hobbies
- 3/18 Silent auction
- 4/18 Joan Strott-Alvini: Glass Enamel and its Many Techniques
- 5/18 Frank Warner: TLS Glass program: Past, Present, and Future
- 6/18 Awards dinner (Charlotte's Restaurant, Newtown Square)
- 9/18 Silent auction
- 10/18 Rick Hellman: The Origin of Birds & a NOVA program on the evolution of flight
- 11/18 Dr. Derek Briggs (Yale): Exceptional Fossils
- 12/18 Holiday Party

2019

- 1/19 Lola Fields: Gemstone museum in Idar Oberstein
- 2/19 Doug Klieger: Collecting jasper in Montana
- 3/19 Silent auction
- 4/19 Doug McNicol: Turquoise of Nevada and Arizona
- 5/19 Caryn Hetherston: From Jewelry to Sculpture with Wearable Elements
- 6/19 Awards dinner (Charlotte's Restaurant, Newtown Square)
- 9/19 Video: Why Dinosaurs Would Have Ruled the Earth
- 10/19 Silent auction
- 11/19 Jeff Hapeman (Earth's Treasury): Montana sapphire mine history
- 12/19 Holiday Party

2020

- 1/20 Ken Dahl: Mineral collecting in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan
- 2/20 Rick Hellman: Photos of his gem fossils & Opals of Australia film
- 3/20 Silent auction
- 4/20 Canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic
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General Meetings held by ZOOM starting with September 2020

- 9/20 Stacey Segal: Middle East trip
- 10/20 John O'Hara & John Chickadel: Snuff bottle restoration
- 11/20 Joe Dan Lowry (Turquoise Museum): Turquoise
- 12/20 Awards meeting, plus video Dream-Opal (Black Opal Direct)

2021

(by Zoom unless indicated otherwise)

- 1/21 Linda Green: Pearl farming talk & Tahitian pearl farming video
- 2/21 Scott Sucher (famed gemcutter): The Art of Grinding & Polishing
- 3/21 Preview of one-day sale
- 4/21 Michael Pabst: Mineral Hunting in the Pyrenees
- 5/21 Secrets of the Hope Diamond - National Geographic video
- 6/21 Awards meeting, display of member studios and projects
- 9/21 Helen Serras-Herman: Maya Jade
- 10/21 Silent Auction at Springfield Township Building
- 11/21 Jeff Fulkerson: Inlay
- 12/21 Holiday Party at Springfield Township Building

2022

(by Zoom through March)

- 1/22 Paula Crevoshay: video *Illuminations-Nature as Art* from 2019
Dallas Mineral Collecting Symposium
- 2/22 Dr. Phil Stokes: The story of Mary Anning's Fossils
- 3/22 Richard Freeman: video *Jonas Mine Tourmaline Discovery* from
the 2019 Dallas Mineral Collecting Symposium
- 4/22 Silent Auction
- 5/22 Bill Mattis & others: How to exhibit at Gemarama
- 6/22 Awards Meeting (switched from dinner to Zoom due to COVID)
- 9/22 Alex Lowy: Creative Approaches to Macro Photography
- 10/22 Silent Auction
- 11/22 Helen Serras-Herman: Carved Gems – Inspiration & Expertise
by ZOOM (Springfield upstairs not available)
- 12/22 Holiday Party