



Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club **Conglomerate**

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It's almost Show-time!

When I was a child, my Mom had a wall hanging that said, "*Ask not what your country can do for you – Ask what you can do for your country*". This quote was taken from John F. Kennedy's inaugural speech, and inspired America.

Last year, due to the pandemic we were unable to have a show. The annual show is our way to make enough money to support the Junior program, our scholarships to local college students, and pay for meeting rooms, workshop supplies, etc. **We need your help!**

During the first part of the general meeting we are going to share some new and exciting changes that will be happening at our show. We will talk about the different areas where we need help, and sign up sheets will be available for you to sign up for shifts at the show. Come and learn about the changes to our dealers, our club silent auction, and more. **So, I am asking you, what can you do for your rock club?** The answer might surprise you!

If you ask me today what is my favorite rock, the answer might be different than what I would have said last week, last month, or even last year. Every rock has a story, whether you picked it up at a favorite beach, someone dear to you gave it to you, or you cut and polished it yourself. You can share your favorite during the second part of the general meeting. **Please bring along a favorite rock, fossil, gem or lapidary project to show others, and if you want, tell us the (short) story about it.** There is so much we can learn about ourselves and each other through sharing our hobby. We would really enjoy hearing from our Juniors on their favorite.



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Events



- ⇒ Sept. 4 JP Gem & Jewelry Tailgate in Holland, MI
- ⇒ Call JP Gems & Jewelry (616) 396-2116 with any questions.
- ⇒ Sept. 17-19 Tulip City G&M Club Annual Show
- ⇒ Sept. 23-26 Keokuk Agate Festival - Keokuk, IA
- ⇒ Oct. 9-17 Field Trip to South Carolina / Georgia

Details for all of these and future trips will be provided
as trips get near !

Questions or Interested to join the FUN, please contact Field
Trip Coordinator - Jon Mull (solace247@yahoo.com)

2021 MWF Convention in Bowling Green, Ohio

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2021

TCG&MC General Meeting for August

Wednesday, 8/25/21



**7 pm at Howard Miller
Community Center.**

TCG&MC Annual Show

September 17, 18, 19



5 River Hills Drive, Holland, MI 49424

SHOW CORNER - GET THE LATEST NEWS

It's almost show time! We're having to adjust a few things, but there will be lots of cool things and lots of places you can help. It really helps my team if you can sign up ahead of time. We have to fill those slots so we know everything is covered. **If you have extra time, we'd always welcome extra help, but please sign up for a slot or two;** this will take a lot of tension off the Show Committee. That said, sometimes it's hard to know what the areas are and what you would have to do, so here we go!

Tickets: Welcome people as they come in collect admission fee for adults. Students and military enter free. Give rock sample to those under 18 and door prize ticket to paying adults.

Membership: Greet people as they come in, and answer any questions (feel free to refer them to someone) and try to get them to sign up for membership.

Silent Auction/Member Sales: This year is different than normal. We normally do an auction, but to prevent clustering we will be doing it as a sale. If they want it, they pick it up and take it to the cashier, and then the workers fill the slots with another item from the same seller.

Cashier: A very critical job this year, as it likely will stay busier instead of just every half hour. Take people's cash and make sure to keep the bottom of the slip so we can pay the seller.

Club Sales: Sales of material donated to the club. To work this area, you just have to be able to add things up and bag it. There will be experienced members available to answer questions about what things are.

Kids Games: There will be 4 or 5 games for youths to play after purchasing a ticket. They choose what games they want to play and give them a rock specimen.

Hospitality: We aren't able to offer meals this year, but will plan to offer beverages, as well as prepackaged snacks and fruit. We need people to help with setting up the pot and keeping things filled as well as regularly cleaning/sanitizing tables. We are accepting donations of pre-packaged snacks (serving size) for a quick grab or fruit.

We will only be presenting a few displays due to needing to spread out the dealers, but if you are interested in doing one, please contact me !

Finally, we have 3 new dealers this year! ***Beauty from Down Under*** (Australian opals), ***Simply Living Jewelry*** (bezel set jewelry, slabs and much more), and ***Lavin's Gems & Jewelry*** (the obvious and they also have a Kid's Korner).



Although there are changes, this will still be a great year. This is the first post-pandemic show and a lot of people have really missed them. **Let's make it great together!**

Respectfully,

Sue Goedert (616-337-1162 or sonbeams2000@yahoo.com)

Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club
Howard Miller Community Center Zeeland
June 16, 2021, 7:00 PM; Board Meeting Minutes

Mike Larson, president, CANCELLED the Board Meeting for this month.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Olson

Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club
Howard Miller Community Center Zeeland
June 30, 2021, 7:00 PM; General Meeting Minutes

7:12 pm - Call to Order Shari Luttikhuizen, Vice President

Present: about 50 adults and 6 juniors

Board Reports

Vice President-Shari shared the need for a newspaper editor

Treasurer-Kurt Brinks gave a brief treasurer's report

Field Trip-Jon Mull gave a report on the Keokuk trip

Show-Sue Goedert reported that the show is scheduled for September 17-19. Help is needed with kids games. Bob Sinke shared that small Petoskey stones are needed for kits for club sales.

Shari reported the next meeting will be our Annual Picnic at the West Side County Park on Saturday July 24th at 4 pm.

The meeting ended with a silent auction.

Meeting ended 8:20 pm



Looking for VOLUNTEERS

The success of any organization depends largely upon the quality and dedication of its workforce. Therefore, people are the most valuable asset of any organization.

At the typical club or association:

- ◆ 5% of members run the club and show up for almost every event;
- ◆ Another 15% of members regularly participate;
- ◆ Another 20% occasionally participate;
- ◆ The remaining 60% never show up for anything!

Being a member of club and participating in its activities has enormous rewards. We get to share our passion with others who have the same passion. We learn new things all the time and make new and lasting friendships. We get to do good deeds, strengthening our communities and the environment, and building bonds with other communities, sometimes across the country. So the question that all boards of directors ask is: how do we create a strong club or association, one that members want to join and renew, one with a strong and growing core of active members, one with a "virtuous cycle" of people who get involved, which in turn generates more events and discussion and knowledge-exchange, which in turn gets more people to join and renew.

Building a strong club or association is like building a strong business. You need to focus on the fundamentals, and this includes the active involvement of it's membership.

Continuity and growth is a primary board responsibility. When you volunteer to serve on the board of directors of your club, you are accepting the responsibility for helping to ensure the long-term survival, health and growth of the organization. You are also accepting responsibility for ensuring that the articles of organization, mission statement and bylaws are followed.



Successful organizations have active programs to bring in new people. They have committees to share the workload, led by a board member with a formal charge to share the workload and get input from multiple people. Committees also get more people familiar with the organization and how it works; they move people around to different portfolios and move them up the hierarchy.

Excerpts taken from: **Building Strong Clubs** By Dan Ehrmann President, ClubExpress

https://www.clubexpress.com/dldocs/Building_Strong_Clubs_Dan_Ehrmann.pdf

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE NUMEROUS COMMITTEES AND SHOW JOBS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE CONTINUING SUCCESS OF TCG&M CLUB DEPENDS ON FRESH VOICES BECOMING ACTIVE.

WELCOME CLUB FAMILIES WITH JUNIORS!!

Our August 25th General Meeting will be for ALL to participate in together, i.e. not have a separate Junior topic in a separate room. EVERYONE is invited to bring their **Favorite-Rock-of-the-Day** (so many to choose from otherwise)! If desired, each person can share a brief story about that specimen. This is one way to learn about each other and to start later conversations.

Families will be encouraged to help out at the Club's Sept 17-19 Show by signing-up for various tasks, including staffing the Kids Games area with their kids (*please schedule your time at the General Meeting*). Visiting kids enjoy having Juniors toss balls back to them and explaining how to play a specific game. Families can also help by picking up flyers and rack cards at the General Meeting, then distributing Show Publicity to places near home such as stores, restaurants, businesses and directly to friends/coworkers.

JUNIORS
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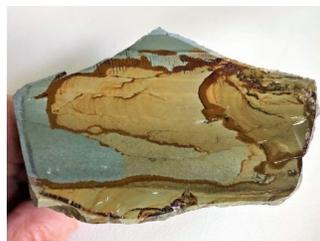
At the meeting, Linda and Robin will gather the Juniors for a brief talk on *Creating a Show Display with their own Best Finds*. (Kids each bring a cloth or picture for the bottom of the provided case, arrange their items, insert 3x5 card with first name and age, then close glass lid and secure with a mini-lock.) It's a great way to share enthusiasm for Earth's beautiful treasures.

Hope to see you at the August meeting.



Will there be a raffle at the August meeting?

ABSOLUTELY!! Among this month's treasures you will find a group of Larry Graves Collection Lake Superior Agates and three beautifully polished pieces donated and polished by our own Ken Hoekstra (who, by the way, celebrated his birthday this month! Be sure to wish him a belated happy birthday at the meeting!). Can you tell what they are and where they are from? Visit the raffle table and see if you were right! You might even find some peacock ore!



Remember, raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 – who can pass up that deal? And who wouldn't want these fine specimens in their collection? See you at the meeting!!

Club Merchandise FOR SALE

Pre-paid orders for Club Shirts will be taken **ONLY** at the General Meeting on August 28, 2021. Please bring cash or checks. Delivery will be at the Show setup on September 16th.



Wearing the shirts during the Show and at other Club events, helps the public to identify members of the Club by their distinctive shirts. It also helps us to spot one another across the crowded Show floor!

Sizes & prices:

Crew neck: Sm to XL = \$ 9.00, 2X = \$11.00, 3X to 5X = \$13.00

Polo shirt: Sm to XL = \$13.25, 2X = \$15.25, 3X to 5X = \$16.25



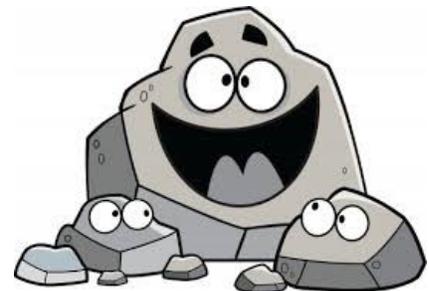
Only 14 left! If a family member does not have one of these **special edition** wearables you can get one NOW. They will be available at the August General Meeting on August 25. The price is \$14.00 each. Please bring cash or checks to pay for them.

The size can be adjusted with a buckle, not Velcro.

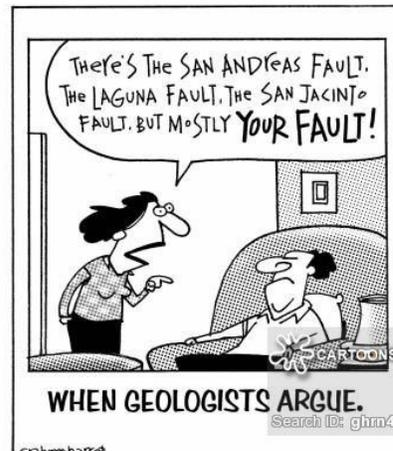


1Q: What weapon can you make from the elements potassium, nickel and iron?

2Q: Anyone know any jokes about sodium deposits?



We'll be on our way in no time Agnes
You unload the rocks and I'll change the tire



2) A: Na

1) A: A KNIFE.

NEW

Tulip City Market Place

This year, to be sensitive to COVID concerns, we have decided to have a Marketplace instead of the usual Silent Auction. **Club members can bring their own materials to sell at the Marketplace** just as they did in the past for the Silent Auction, but buyers will not have to wait for the end of an auction round to see if they have the winning bid. Instead, at our Marketplace, if a buyer likes the specimen and the price, he or she simply takes the specimen and sales slip up to the cashier without having to wait for an auction round to end.

At our past Silent Auctions there was a table where only juniors could place bids; similarly at this year's Marketplace there will be a table set up where only juniors can make purchases. Sellers will need to fill out a new slips this year for the Marketplace (do not use old Silent Auction slips), and these new slips are available to download at tulipcity.org when you click on the Show button. Sample of these new forms are shown below.

As in the past, cashiers will give the top half of the slip to the buyer and keep the bottom half of the slip for Club record-keeping, so, Sellers, be sure your name is on the bottom half of the slip and the selling price is on both the top and bottom half of the slip to make sure you get your percentage (90%) of the sale. To make a donation to the club, instead of your name, please write TULIP CITY as the Seller.

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| <p>TULIP CITY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB</p> <p>Market Place</p> <p>MATERIAL:</p> <p>ORIGIN:</p> <p>SELLER:</p> <p>PRICE: \$</p> | <p>TULIP CITY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB</p> <p>Junior Market Place</p> <p>MATERIAL:</p> <p>ORIGIN:</p> <p>SELLER:</p> <p>PRICE: \$</p> |
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The current openings need to be filled:

- ◆ Social (Hospitality) Coordinator
- ◆ Newsletter Editor

Anyone interested in these positions or in assisting in the duties, please speak with a Board Member.

Open Position



*The Board is in need of volunteers throughout the year to serve on various committees. At the present, 3-4 members are needed to serve on the **Nominating Committee**. Duties are to identify members to fill the Board positions for 2022. Anyone interested or has question, please contact **Michael Larson or Shari Luttikhuizen**.*



- ⇒ Sept. 10-12 500 Earth Sciences Club Annual Show - Kirklint, IN
- ⇒ Sept. 10-12 Toledo Gem & Rockhound Annual Show - Bowling Green, OH
- ⇒ Sept. 25 & 26 Brown County R&M Club Annual Show - Nashville, IN
- ⇒ Sept. 25 & 26 Grand Traverse R&M Club Annual Show - Traverse City, MI
- ⇒ Oct. 8-10 Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual show - Warren, MI

The following lead positions are still OPEN for the 2021 Annual Show

- ◆ Tickets
- ◆ Kids games

Did you Know?

On the Meeting Calendar:

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| 8/25/21 | TCG&MC General Meeting | HMCC, Zeeland |
| 9/15/21 | TCG&MC Board Meeting | HMCC, Zeeland |
| 9/17/21 | TCG&MC Annual Show | SoccerStop, Holland |
| 9/18/21 | TCG&MC Annual Show | SoccerStop, Holland |
| 9/19/21 | TCG&MC Annual Show | SoccerStop, Holland |
| 10/13/21 | TCG&MC Board Meeting | HMCC, Zeeland |
| 10/27/21 | TCG&MC General Meeting | HMCC, Zeeland |

Keep Current with the club: www.tulipcity.org or www.facebook.com/tulipcityclub/

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Our club is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Holland Recreation Department. It is a member of the Midwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The general purpose of this club is to develop interest in and increased knowledge of minerals, rocks, gems, fossils, and the lapidary arts. The objectives of this club shall be promoted whenever possible, through family participation.

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Advertising rates for club members are: \$5 for business card size, \$10 for $\frac{1}{4}$ page, \$15 for $\frac{1}{2}$ page, \$30 for full page. non-member rates are double. Make check payable To: TCG&M with ad copy to Editor.

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