

Desk of the Prez . . .

Hello Members. I hope this finds you healthy and finding plenty of projects to keep you busy and books to read. This moment in our lives has been unstable and the short-term future is still in question. Unfortunately we saw the Indian Mounds and the Kalamazoo annual shows being cancelled. Our field trip to Arkansas over Spring Break will get rescheduled and the Keokuk trip for geodes over the Memorial weekend has been cancelled for now. A trip to Thunder Bay, Ontario for amethyst is being investigated. Keep an eye open for our events status in the newsletter, on Facebook and our web page, www.tulipcity.org.

Since Governor Whitmer has issued a *Stay-At-Home* order that runs through May 28, the May General Meeting scheduled for May 27 will have to be cancelled.

I want to assure you that your elected Board members are keeping membership safety as the utmost important aspect of our decisions. COVID-19 does not discriminate based on age, so all members are vulnerable to contracting this virus. With this understanding, social distancing and stay-at-home practices must continue to be done and we will not subject our members to this danger. Thankfully, we here in West Michigan are seeing minimal spread of the virus and with safe practices, we should be out collecting soon!

Please continue to reach out to family and friends using appropriate technology. I know the app ZOOM is the connection many are utilizing.

Stay home! Stay healthy! Stay active!

Michael B. Larson, President