



Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club Conglomerate

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Welcome to 2026 Our Year To Rock!!

Hope everyone had a great holiday season! Hard to believe we are beginning a new year already. Yet here we are. If you didn't get that rock you wanted for the holidays..... Well, aren't you in luck!

This month we will be having one of our super fun Silent Auctions!!

Our auctions feature some of our finds, some of our creations and even some of our acquired pieces as well. There will be something for everyone! We can't wait to see you all there with your pieces to sell. *Bring 10 pieces to sell in the auction.*

This will be a great start to an amazing year!

– Justin Moore, President

Silent Auction - Jan. 28

Ready for our Silent Auction?

All members can bring up to 10 items to sell at our silent auction. Don't forget to print out and bring your slips [here](#) for the silent auction.

Sales are cash or check only, please. Juniors will participate in our silent auction as well. Please use this slip for juniors [here](#).

If you would like to give the club a piece of the action, put "Club Sales" on the seller line!

CLUB MEETING

Next General Meeting
Wednesday
Jan. 28
7pm

Howard Miller Public Library | Zeeland

MEMBERSHIP

2026 Membership Renewals Are Due!

Reminder that Membership dues need to be paid/postmarked by January 31st to remain an active member in 2026.

– Tanya McDonald, Membership

SNACKS

We Need Snacks For Our Next Meeting

Please bring some snacks to our next meeting if you are able!





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From the President

2026 here we come! We have some amazing things planned for the year and I couldn't be more excited.

Before I get too far into this I'd like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to be President of this great club, it truly is an honor to serve you all!

As a board we have some great plans for '26!

We will begin the year by introducing our new monthly workshops before the meetings! They are our 2B4 Workshops and you can learn some amazing skills from our highly skilled club members. Why 2B4? Well because they will begin 2 hours before our meeting! This will allow us to meet the same night but still provide a great opportunity to learn a new skill!

We will be more focused on getting out in the field by teaming up with other clubs for additional field trip opportunities as well as getting out into the community to help grow the love for our hobby.

As of now we will be offering an additional field trip 4/10-12. Megan, Jodi, Steve, Mike, Vicki and I will be heading southeast a bit to Flint Ridge to look for some amazing flint as well as learning about the area at their Flint Ridge Ancient Quarries and Nature Preserve. We will be heading to Nethers Flint Farm to find lots of great flint.

We are excited to be able to offer some additional trips this year and will hold some much more local events. Hold your hard hats, this will be a great year!

– Justin Moore, President

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Field Trips

We have nothing on the books for a **February** field trip but if we keep getting these warm spells we could head down to the Pier Cove area for a Saturday morning to see what the ice leaves behind. Stay tuned, this could be a last minute thing!

For March we have an exclusive opportunity to visit Studio JSD in Grand Haven. They will be open especially for us on Sunday, March 1 from 1 to 4pm. The owner, Julie, will introduce us to her workshop space and tell us all about their class offerings. The studio also makes a trip to Tuscon each year to replace their inventory of jewelry findings and rough material, so those will be for sale as well. This is an open house, so no sign up is required. Their address is 219 N. 7th St. Suite 4, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

April is Spring break! Some of you have already expressed interest in our trip to New Mexico. It will encompass **April 3 to 12**. We will be based in Deming, NM and plan to collect from Sunday to Thursday at various sites nearby. More info to follow this month. Here is the link to express interest. <https://forms.gle/BWjrKcvXh5hu3zPU7>

On Saturday, May 9, we will finally have a chance to visit the Sylvania Minerals Quarry in Rockwood, MI (near Detroit). This quarry produces beautiful specimens of mostly Celestite and Calcite, with other scattered rarities. Sign up should go up in March.

Memorial Day Weekend will most likely be a trip back to Missouri to explore Hawks Bluff and Bluff view, as well as Haunted Ridge. Plan for a long weekend!

– Jon Mull, Field Trip Coordinator

MARCH 1

Exclusive Open House

1-4pm
Studio JSD
219 N. 7th St., Suite 4
Grand Haven, MI 49417

APRIL 3-12

New Mexico

We will stay in Deming, New Mexico, and collect from various sites in the area Sunday through Thursday.

MAY 9





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Raffle Corner

January's monthly Raffle will again include 6 items which would be good additions to your collections!

Included among the items are the pictured very lovely (and also very fragile) cluster of Selenite Spears and an approximately one inch thick rectangular block of Picture Jasper.

Come and see us in the corner to get a better look at these and the other 4 items!

One of the other items even comes with detailed instructions to the collection location so you, too, can visit and collect more on your own...

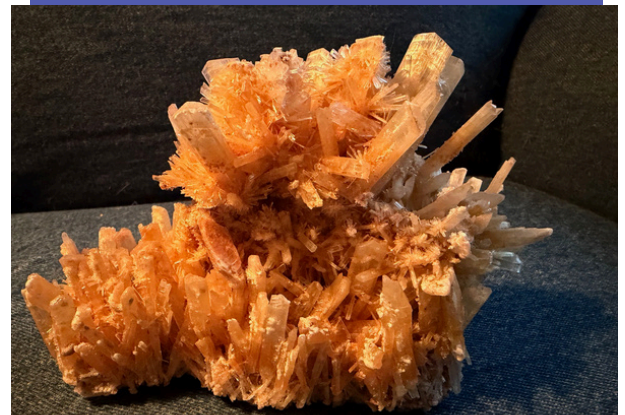
See you soon!

Your Raffleteers - Mary Johnson

PICTURE JASPER



SELENITE





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January Field Trip Report

In January, we had a basement field trip at my house in South Holland.

We started the adventure in my garage that I have converted to my Rock Shop!

I had just received a new 20" saw the day before, and we cut a piece of Robin's petrified wood as the inaugural cut for my new saw. (*Special thanks to Justin for helping me get the new saw setup and running.*)

I also have a capping machine, a wet belt sander, a wet grinder and several other saws so some club members got to try a capping machine. After the garage tour, club members went in my house and looked at my agate collection, which I had set up all over my den!

Thanks to all those who took the time to come over, it sure was fun!

See you at the club meeting.

Newsletter Editor - Janette O'Shaughnessy

February Meeting



CLUB MEMBERS



NEW 20" SAW





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New 2B4 Workshop Feb. 25 - before the club meeting Learn How to Make Gem Trees

There will be a gem tree making workshop from 5:00-7:00 ahead of the Club's February 25 General Meeting at Zeeland's Howard Miller Library.

The workshop is open to Club members only; a sign-up page will be available at the January 28 General Meeting with a limit of 12 participants.

Participants will learn how to **craft gem trees** using 2 slightly different techniques and will go home with two gem trees of their own. There is a \$5 / person fee to cover the cost of materials, payable to the Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club.

2026 Show September 18, 19, 20

Mark Your Calendars Now!

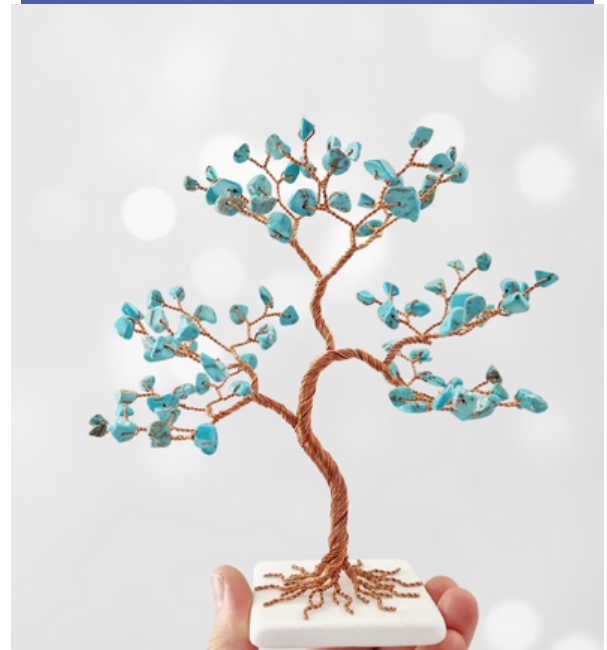
This year is the 56th Annual Tulip City Gem and Mineral Show.

There will be professional dealers, minerals, exhibits and specimens, jewelry, gems, rocks, beads, club member sales, artisan market, marketplace, kid's games, demonstrations, fossils, petoskey stones, and geode cracking.

The location this year is at the Holland Charter Township Community Center.

12343 James St, Holland, MI 49424.

NEW WORKSHOP



2026 SHOW

