



October 2020 issue

WE ARE PLANNING TO SWITCH TO VIRTUAL MEETINGS, HOPEFULLY BEGINNING WITH THE OCTOBER 20 MEETING. MORE DETAILS LATER.

The September outdoor meeting went well with 28 people in attendance. Now that the weather is turning cooler, we will switch to virtual meetings until the virus situation has stabilized and the library re-opens the meeting room to groups. We have no idea when that will take place.

Instructions for the virtual meetings will come in an email at a later date. We are able to do this due to the club switching to G Suites for our email and other possibilities with this platform.

AUGUST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

It was great to see 28 members in September at the Cherry Bend Park Pavilion. Jared Bowen gave a presentation on the recent trip to Copper Country by several members of the club. A few of the other members that went to the U.P. showed some of the specimens that they brought back.

Jim and Dee Elder have volunteered to take over the Membership Chair position from Kim Olson when she retires from the position at the end of the year.

Facebook Page

Visit the club's Facebook page that Jenny Burcroff created. To take a look use this web address. There is also a link on our club website.

<https://www.facebook.com/TCRockhounds>

Upcoming Field Trip Planning

Kevin Gauthier has made it known that he would like someone else to come forward and take over the Field Trip Coordinator position for next year. Kevin will still plan the trip to the U.P. in early September next year.

New Club Email Address

In July, the club voted to spend \$6.00 a month to switch to Google Suites which will give us many more capabilities for on-line meetings and simpler email blasts to the whole club. With this change, there is a new club email address. It is:

gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com

Things To Do

Here is a link to the fun resources of the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum website for some no contact activities. Check out their website at:

<https://mainemineralmuseum.org>

Silversmithing Classes

An email was recently sent out regarding the upcoming silversmithing class that will be held on November 1 and 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The class is limited to 10 people and will be held in a socially distanced and masked environment. Participants must have all of their required tools and equipment to avoid sharing possible germs. Respond to TCrockroom@gmail.com by October 5, if you are interested to see if any openings still exist.

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The above contact list will be included in each newsletter so that you know who to contact for various items.

Anyone that has paid their 2020 membership dues will not have to pay any 2021 dues. This decision was made by the board since we have not been able to have many events or meetings this year.