



# The Streak Plate

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone had a great holiday and is now looking forward to an early spring. We will be offering great courses and programs over the next few months. Do check out our google calendar to find out what's happening at the club <http://sites.google.com/site/kingstonlapidary/calendar>

Remember your 2012 membership dues are due. If you haven't paid as yet and wish to remain a member, please do so at your earliest convenience.

All the best for the New Year

Paul Blaney

## Club News

**GENERAL NEWS** By Eileen Moss

Our November meeting by Laurie Graham on the formation of caves was excellent. Laurie had pictures of caves from France, Mexico and the USA, and each one so different. Thank you Laurie for this great talk.

Our Christmas potluck was a lot of fun. Young and old, had a chance to make inuksuks, sit on Santa's knee and sing Christmas carols. Thank you Ann for leading the Christmas carols, and Art for volunteering to look after the craft table

Sheila will have more information about the Tett board meetings. Currently we will remain at our 623 King Street West address until the Fall of 2013. Taken from the EMC newspaper, January 12, 2012.. "The city's cultural community will also benefit from a revamped J.K. Tett Centre. The \$11 million modernization project, approved by council late last year, will see the two storey waterfront stone building undergo extensive renovations to become the permanent home of a dozen local arts and cultural clubs. J.K. Tett's facelift will coincide with the ongoing construction of the Queen's university Isabel Bader Performing arts Centre next door. The J.K.Tett building will be closed for all of 2012 during the construction work and is not expected to reopen until 2013."

Check out what's new in the workshop. Read Shop News later in the newsletter.

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### ***Note from the Editor***

You will find on page 8 a request for expression of interest in the proposed studios in the Tett. Please pass the information around to anybody that you think might be interested as we are trying for the broadest possible response. The Arts Council will be sending it around to their list, and copies will be left at some of the galleries and framing shops, Wallacks, and any other place that can be thought of.

Please note, all responses should go to the email [tettcentre@bell.net](mailto:tettcentre@bell.net)

The Tett Centre should have its own web page this spring. For information now or pictures you can view the city web page at: <http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/culture/tett/> and <http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/culture/tett/background.asp> and <http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/culture/tett/tenants.asp>

and the Isabel Bader Centre web page at: <http://www.film.queensu.ca/PAC.html>

Sheila

## Members Report

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members

Welcome

Simone Kingdon – adult  
Bridget McDavid Poole – family  
Cindy Jones- adult  
Christina and Peter Van Der Aa – family  
Karla Gouthro – adult  
Angele Bazinet – adult  
Hilary and John Watson – family  
Jillian Edey – adult  
Laurie Barker – family  
Joanna Brown – adult  
Beth Bruce – adult  
Jennifer Gouveia – adult  
Shari Sampson – adult  
Megan Budden – adult

Susan Cole – adult  
Dianne Fox – adult  
Linda Rombough – adult  
Jerry and Marlene Sweet – family  
Tina Pane – adult  
Lynn Memme – adult  
Juanita Smith – adult  
Nancy Chase – adult  
Alison and Bridget May –family  
Julie Blasko – adult  
Susan Johnson – adult  
Kim Moore - adult

## Meeting Details

### Friday February 10 630PM at the shop

We will have a guest speaker this evening. John McCance, Secretary, Ontario Prospector's Association, will give a round table discussion about the new mining act. There is a 701 policy which has a new version of mineral collecting. Bring your questions about prospecting claims. For more information about the Prospector's association, I've included the group's website at <http://www.ontarioprospectors.com/about.html>



### Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> 630PM at the shop

Steve Watts and Valerie Thomas will give a joint presentation on the beauty, form and healing properties of minerals. Ever wanted to know about what a gemstone will do for you. Then do plan on coming out to hear from the experts.

### Friday April 13 630PM at the shop

Our annual spring auction. More details will be in the March April issue of the newsletter

## Shop News

- The instructors are in the process of drafting some safety and equipment guidelines pertaining to silversmithing. Once complete, we will put these on the website and as well as email them to all beginning silver smithing students.
- Effective immediately, we will be increasing shop fees to \$3 per hour for adults and \$2 per hour for students. This is in an attempt to meet our increasing shop costs.
- For our many varied courses, we strive to have all of the hand tools required by the students for the courses. Sometimes these get misplaced and can't be found, as recently noted with our bench pins. **This is a gentle reminder that everyone is responsible to put back in the proper place all tools that you use. As well, tools can not be borrowed for home use, as this removes a tool from another student.**
- To save costs, know that we have copper and brass for sale as well as silver
- We recently purchased some new tumbling medium which is for sale to the members. Priced at \$2 a bag, we have a fine grade glass bead and walnut shell. These can be used wet or dry. The walnut shell would be safe for tumbling silver jewellery that had stones, the glass would be great for burnishing silver or any metal. Check out the information for both these medias on this internet link <http://www.kramerindustriesonline.com/blasting-media/glass-beads.htm>
- We are greening up the shop to some degree. The handi flux has been discontinued. Instead we will be using a borax/water paste. As well to clean the propane nozzles, we will be using a vinegar soak.
- In the near future, we will have some new storage methods for the hand saws (to prevent breakage) and hammers. Stay tuned.
- To assist silver smithing students, on Tuesday night, a silver smithing instructor will be available for guidance and or assistance. Please do come out and work on your projects. We are there to assist.

## Used Equipment for Sale

Hi! My name is ebel geertsema and I have to give up my equipment as we are moving to a seniors residence. I talked to you some time ago and you suggested to send a list of items available. I have the following LOrtone LS10 Slab saw automatic and manual operation Lortone arbour , trim saw, tumbler Covington Wet belt sander, vibrating lap and all kinds of abrasives. My address is 42 lake street Mallorytown 613923 5948 email [eegeertsema@yahoo.com](mailto:eegeertsema@yahoo.com) All equipment are used. I prefer to sell all together . Tank you

## Member Profile: Grace Tran



Grace Tran is one of our Monday night and Saturday instructors. She also teaches specialized courses, such as the spinning ring course. She is a very busy lady with interests in many mediums – stones, metal smithing, weaving and pottery to name a few.

**From her blog as the Bohemian gardener:**

<http://www.blogger.com/profile/00053782426090974254>

My name is Grace, I have been Silversmithing for just over a year now, and I am a volunteer instructor at the Kingston Lapidary and Mineral Club. I enjoy creating the stones that I use in my silver, copper & brass pieces. My jewelry collection comes to life as a result of my daily interactions with family, friends and the many Earthy Birthy Womyn who inspire me. Much of my Stirling Silver Jewelry is inspired by Birth! Pendants, charms, and rings representing the pregnancy, birth and breastfeeding experience are a popular theme. I am also a new spinner. I got started with my Tom Forrester, Linum high whorl spindle a few years ago. I also have a handmade spinning wheel made from cherry wood gathered on the artisan's property, something I will be dedicating more time to this winter. I've been knitting for a long time now, notorious for not using patterns, or altering them beyond recognition. I don't stick to the rules of knitting often enough, I adore my River John Needles. I enjoy reading, writing, drawing, painting, sculpting and gardening.. oh and of course knitting, spinning, and someday if time permits weaving. Life is Good!

Check out some of her websites:

- <http://www.wix.com/myeclecticreality/myeclecticreality>
- <http://www.adornametals.com/> (Etsy shop)



## Other News

### WHAT A KIND GIFT!

We have been given a terrific start to a Kingston Lapidary & Mineral Club Mineral Reference Collection. Thanks to the generosity of Ted Pope a former club member. He has also provided us with a nice set of plastic drawer cases to hold the collection. All the samples are mounted on plastic slides and labelled for easy reference.

It is hoped that club members will make good use of this collection both in helping to identify their finds from field trips and in picking suitable material to get for lapidary work. See the accompanying pics. The cases are set up in the library area at the shop.

Lets make this collection grow! Individual small specimen donations to the club are always welcome.

Steve Watts

**P.S. I am breaking up minerals for the next 2 GEMSTORMS and could sure use: Sodalite, Hornblende and Amazonite – up to 20 lbs of each**



## Other Shows

### Canadian

- March 3-4 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Peterborough Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-5  
The Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, Peterborough, Ontario  
Admission \$3.00 for adults, children 12 or under are free and must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Robert Beckett at 705 740 4530 or [rbeckett@cogeco.ca](mailto:rbeckett@cogeco.ca)  
Website: <http://www.rockandfossil.com/>
- March 21 Mineral Identification Night at the ROM 4:pm to 5:30 pm  
President's Choice Entrance on Queen's Park, doors nearest Museum subway stop. Visit their website at [www.rom.on.ca/programs/id\\_clinics.php](http://www.rom.on.ca/programs/id_clinics.php)
- March 31-1 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Brantford Lapidary & Mineral Society Show Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5  
Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver Street, Paris, ON  
Features: One of Canada's Largest Gem & Mineral Shows! Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Stone Dealers, lapidary equipment, supplies, fine jewellery, supplies, beads, demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, mine for gems, Admission: Adults \$5, Children 12 and under – Free Contact: [robert@roberthallorigins.com](mailto:robert@roberthallorigins.com) or John Moon 519 752-9756

For a complete list please see: <http://www.ccfms.ca/Events/events2012.html#Dec>

### U.S.A.

#### March 2012

- 2-4—NEWARK, CALIFORNIA:** Annual show; Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley; Newark Pavilion; 6430 Thornton Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6 (3-day pass), children (under 12) - free with adult; fluorescent rock display and sale, more than 35 dealers, live demonstrations, display cases, jewelry, gemstones, beads, fossils, equipment, supplies, auction, door prizes, kids' Spinning Wheel; contact Cathy Miller, PO Box 2145, Castro Valley, CA 94546, (510) 887-9007; e-mail: [info@mgscv.org](mailto:info@mgscv.org); Web site: [www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)
- 2-4—RICHMOND, INDIANA:** Annual show; Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society; Wayne County Fairgrounds; 861 N. Salisbury Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-4; adults \$5 (3-day pass), seniors \$3, students (7-18) \$1, children (under 7), uniformed Scouts and leaders free; jewelry, minerals, fossils, dealers, demonstrations, silent auction; contact John LaMont, (765) 647-4894
- 2-4—DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA:** Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc.; Del Mar Fairgrounds; 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7, children (11 and under) free; jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals, exhibitors from all over the world; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: [info@gemfaire.com](mailto:info@gemfaire.com); Web site: [www.gemfaire.com](http://www.gemfaire.com)
- 2-4—LARGO, FLORIDA:** Annual show; Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society; Minnreg Bldg.; 6340 126th Ave. N., between 66th St. and US 19 N, south of Ulmerton Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5 (3 days; coupon on Web site), students \$4, children (under 6) free; dealers, club sales, finished and unfinished gems, jewelry, beads, minerals, equipment, tools, magazine back issues, prize drawings, displays, grab bags, lapidary demonstrations, beading, wire wrapping; contact Bill Schmidt, (727) 686-0945; e-mail: [sgamsgemshow@gmail.com](mailto:sgamsgemshow@gmail.com); Web site: <http://sgams.com/>
- 3-4—ROBSTOWN, TEXAS:** 50th annual show; Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society; Richard Borchard Regional Fairgrounds; 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd., US 77 and Hwy. 44; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5 (2-day pass), children (12 and under) free, Scouts in uniform free; kids' wheel, silent auction, beads, findings, jewelry, minerals, fossils, meteorites, displays, Rock Food Table, hourly door prizes, grand prize; contact Jerrold Simpson, P.O. Box 7786, Corpus Christi, TX 78467-7786, (361) 877-3073; e-mail: [jsimpson1@stx.rr.com](mailto:jsimpson1@stx.rr.com); Web site: [www.gcgms.org](http://www.gcgms.org)
- 3-4—NEWARK (STANTON), DELAWARE:** 49th annual show; Delaware Mineralogical Society; Delaware Technical and Community College; I-95 Exit 4B, Churchmans Road (Rt 58); Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults \$6, seniors \$5, ages 12-16 \$4, children (under 12) free with adult; educational exhibits, minerals, lapidary, fossils, museum displays, dealers, minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, lapidary supplies, door prizes, demonstrations, gem cutting and polishing, children's table; contact Wayne Urion, (302) 998-0686; e-mail: [gene@fossilnut.com](mailto:gene@fossilnut.com); Web site: [www.delminisociety.net](http://www.delminisociety.net)

For a complete list please see: <http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

# tettcentre

for creativity and learning

## Call for expressions of Interest for artists studios

The Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning is accepting expressions of interest for the rental of individual artist studios in the renovated Tett Centre, 370 King Street West, scheduled for opening in July of 2013. The Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning will be a significant arts hub for the City of Kingston, promoting and supporting local artists, arts organizations and their activities.

A limited number of studio spaces will be available for rent by visual artists, writers, and craftspeople. The studios will be centered around a common area large enough to accommodate small groups, hold special equipment, or present workshops. Public display space will be available. Individual artists will share a central water/clean up area and kitchenette type space.

The Tett Centre is envisioned as a destination space where members of the public will be invited to attend during established open hours, as well as for programmed activities. Individual artists will be expected to embrace this philosophy and participate in the activities of the Tett Centre as much as their discipline allows. Individual artists will have 24 hour access to the studio, including 'private' hours which are closed to the public. Studios are intended for work purposes only

Successful applicants will be required to sign a one year lease, and must provide proof of liability insurance of \$2 million.

Prospective tenants will join eight not-for-profit arts organizations confirmed as anchor tenants. In addition, the facility is scheduled to include an event room, a rehearsal hall, a community exhibition space, a general purpose activity room, and a cafe. The Tett Centre is located adjacent to Queen's University's Isabel Bader Arts Centre, now under construction.

### Please respond with the following information:

- Detailed description of arts discipline to be practiced
- Number of artists using the studio
- Minimum and maximum size of studio space required in square feet or specific dimensions
- Special electrical, ventilation or water requirements
- Maximum rental rate you feel is appropriate, inclusive of all charges
- Any additional information specific to your discipline

**Please respond by February 10, 2012 to [tettcentre@bell.net](mailto:tettcentre@bell.net)**



# Christmas Party Pics

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