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THANKS!

2006 SCHEDULE

All Meetings start at 11:00 am and include a break for lunch. The Seminar is on the third weekend of August and the Show on the second weekend of November.

DATE:	SITE:	BULLETIN INFO DUE:
January 14, 2006	Flint, Michigan (directions elsewhere) With a Program on <i>How to Charge a Batt Lap</i>	
March 11, 2006	Lansing, Michigan With a Program on <i>Diamond Cutting</i>	1/27/2006
May 20, 2006	Shelby, Michigan	4/1/2006
July 29, 2006	Picnic: Home of Jacquie Swain	6/1/2006
October 28, 2006	Lansing, Michigan	9/10/2006
Seminar:	August 18, 19 and 20, 2006 – Mott Community College, Flint, Michigan	
Show:	November 11 and 12, 2006	

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my last entry as President. I had a mild stroke the first of July and my doctor has told me to give up stressful situations. Barbara and I will continue to demonstrate at shows and promote membership in the Midwest Faceters Guild.

This last weekend (September 15-17), we demonstrated at the Tulip City Gem and Mineral Show. On Saturday the local paper was at the show and took pictures and asked questions of several different displays and demonstrators. On Sunday morning when we arrived at the show, everyone was asking us if we had seen the Sunday paper. They had done a fantastic write up on the show. When we showed us the article, Barbara's picture was the lead picture on the front page. Front page headlines read "Rockin' the Civic Center."

The seminar is now history. Thanks to Roger Dery we had a surprise student (Wayne Emery) in GemCad class. Wayne is an expert in photography of gem and jewelry. Wayne gave a demonstration during the lunch break on Sunday which drew a lot of attention. Also with Wayne was Carl Swenson, both of whom joined the Guild. We welcome them as new members.

The faceting design for this month is a Dave Miller design that has appeared previously in this publication. The one is a GemCad modification of Dave's original. I was talking to Wayne Emery about it and how some of the facets had to be micro adjusted (Cheated) to make it come out right. During GemCad class, Wayne modified it and called it the Miller/Miller Square Brilliant with a foot note (no cheating).

The November show is getting closer and Jacquie Swain, the Show Chair, needs your help. Please contact her and ask what you can do to help and do your part in putting on this show.

If you can put out a display for the show to let everyone know what you do, please let Linda Sharkey know and get your application filled out so space can be reserved for you.

I urge each and every member to do their part and support anyone that takes on one of the offices of the Guild. There are many people qualified to hold an office in the Guild so volunteer and be an active member, not just another name in the membership book. The eight years that I have belonged to the Midwest Faceters Guild have been some of the most rewarding years of my life and I have made many, many friendship that will last the rest of my life. Both Barbara and I intend to remain active as much as possible so long as we are members.

Warmest Regards,
Tyler Miller, President

We are looking for officers

Please call Tyler Miller, President, or myself, Jacquie Swain, if you can serve. You can nominate by calling either Tyler at (810) 655-6530 or emailing me at jacswain018@aol.com or leave me a message on my cell phone: (313) 729-5960.

OUR ANNUAL SHOW

Plans are gearing up for our November Show. The Show Committee has met and we are looking for volunteer / workers. People are needed for setup, raffle, security, hospitality, etc etc. Please volunteer – help is definitely needed!!

OUR OCTOBER, 2006 MEETING LOCATION

The meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 28th will begin at 11:00 am and be held at:

Guerrazzi's Resturant
15643 N. East Street (Bus. 27)
Lansing, MI
(517)374-6456

"A Rockhound's Gift"

"To James L. Kraft, rockhound-industrialist, has come the rare pleasure of seeing his hobby translated into an enduring monument to "Peace on Earth – Good Will Toward Men."

"A search which began twenty-five years ago as a businessman's hobby reached its culmination in Chicago with the unveiling, at the North Shore Baptist Church, of a unique work of art—at church window designed and leaded like stained glass but made entirely of translucent jade of many colors. All of the gem material used is American jade, cut and polished to three millimeters, about half the thickness of stained glass.

"The hobbyist who has made his dream come true is James L. Kraft, founder and chairman of the board emeritus of Kraft Food Company, amateur lapidary, distinguished Baptist layman, and one of Chicago's best known citizens. The window, which was unveiled on September 21st of this year [1952], epitomizes for Mr. Kraft a lifetime of interest in beautiful stones, symbolized best for him by the one which is his favorite of all gems, jade.

"Set in the east wall of the new Kraft Chapel of the North Shore Baptist Church, where each of its many-colored segments will catch the morning light, the jade window has a jewel surface six and one-half feet high and three and one-half feet wide.

"Over 400 Individual Pieces"

A quarter of a century ago, Mr. Kraft set out, as an amateur lapidary, to prove that jade could be found on the North American continent. The church window, with each of its 466 individual pieces of jade, all from America, represents the triumph of his belief and many years of study, prospecting, correspondence with authorities on jade, and hard work in his lapidary shop.

"Appropriately, the setting for the all jade window is the church which Mr. Kraft has served for over 40 years.

"The idea of the jade window was conceived as an integral part of the new North Shore Church building. But the search for jade pieces of the proper quality and color and the painstaking work involved in working out the design in the gem material, one of the most difficult to work because of its toughness, took longer than construction of the church itself.

"The search for suitable jade extended from Alaska to Arizona, through all of our western states. Many of Mr. Kraft's prospector friends aided in the search for jade of specified color and quality. To most people, all jade is green, but actually jade is found in every color of the rainbow and in a myriad of subtle shades, many of which are incorporated in the window.

"Designed by Architect and Lapidary"

"The design of the jade window was arrived at after much study of traditional stained glass window design. It incorporates the motifs which Mr. Kraft thought in best harmony with the many colors of jade to be used. Benjamin Franklin Olson, architect for the new church, approved the design. The work of cutting, polishing, and leading the various pieces was a monumental job accomplished over a period of two years by Mr. Kraft, in his own workshop, and by Mr. and Mrs. E., A. Williams, professional lapidaries of Elkhart, Indiana, who are also skilled in the craft of leading glass windows.

"The sacred design of the of the window, conforming to the Colonial design of the church itself, has a window-long cross of pure white jade and a rosette in the center of the cross which is set the letters 'I.H.S.', the abbreviation of the Greek word for 'Jesus.' The letters themselves are the white jade of the cross, the rose jade of the background is a very rare, warm soft shade.

"The rose jade was found in a small boulder by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence LaKamp in Placer County, California. When the rosette was completed, not a single piece of rose jade was left. The central design of the window is surrounded by delicately green shaded

borders of fine nephrite jade from Alaska, Wyoming, and California.

"The only one of its kind in the world, the window has exceptional glow and beauty, a brilliance, and warmth of tone, even to the most casual observer. The lovers of jade, familiar with the special qualities which this ancient 'good luck' stone possesses, this brilliance is further enhanced by the rich tradition associated with jade.

" 'From the beginning of time,' Mr. Kraft says, 'jade has been the stone of embodying and symbolizing truth. Confucius once summed up the great qualities of jade in words which describe it today: "It is of warm, liquid and moist aspect like benevolence; it is solid, strong, and firm like politeness; when struck, it gives out a pure, far-reaching sound, vibrating long but stopping like music; like truth it gives out a bright rainbow; it shows a pure spirit among the hills and streams; and in the whole world there is no one that does not value it."'"

...to be continued in the next Newsletter

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UPCOMING SHOWS

October 13-15, 2006. **MMS Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show.** South Macomb Community College Expo Center Building P, 12 Mile and Hayes, Warren, Michigan

Oct. 14, Grand Rapids, MI - West Michigan Bead Expo. DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Robin Mamo, mo_beads@hotmail.com, www.mo-beads.com.

Oct. 15, Southfield, MI - Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild. Fall 2006 Bead Bonanza. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Southfield Municipal Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen. 586-997-7043, www.greatlakebeadworkersguild.org.

Oct. 21-22, Clio, MI - Flint Rock & Gem Club. 39th Annual Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show. Carter Middle School, off Vienna Rd. 21st, 10-7; 22nd, 10-5. Ed Hearn, 810-687-2339, www.flintrockandgem.org.

Sunday, October 22, 2006 - Jewel, Gem and Bead BLAST - Mt. Clemens Gem and Lapidary Society, Lakeshore Knights of Columbus Hall, 25003 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, Michigan

Oct. 27-29, Lansing, MI - Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society. 41st Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Ingham County Fairgrounds, Main Arena. 27th, 6-9; 28th, 10-7; 29th, 11-5. 517-641-6125, facetman60@yahoo.com, www.michrocks.org

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So Long Britannica, Hello Wikipedia

By Michael J. Swain

Wikipedia is a user reviewed and edited encyclopedia containing everything from articles on jello to famous diamonds. This voluminous encyclopedia contains basic articles on many topics such as faceting and every imaginable gemstone on earth.

The great thing about Wikipedia though is not the information that is already there, but the information Internet users have to share with the rest of the community. Anyone with Internet

access can edit any page on Wikipedia, and improve the quality of the article.

One can go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/> and type in the search box "facet". The search will bring up Wikipedia's article on faceting. This page has a brief summary of history and cutting facets. Then users can go edit the page and increase the amount of information on the page with citable information.

For an good tutorial on editing wikipedia pages search for "How to edit a page". Otherwise, drop by Wikipedia and learn about topics ranging from beads, gemstones, rocks, or the Canadian federal election of 1925 (they really do have everything).

**Midwest Faceters Guild Membership
Linda Sharkey, Membership Chairman**

Dues are \$20.00 per fiscal year or portion of a year. (Fiscal Year is January 1st through December 31st.) Includes subscription to "The Midwest Faceter."

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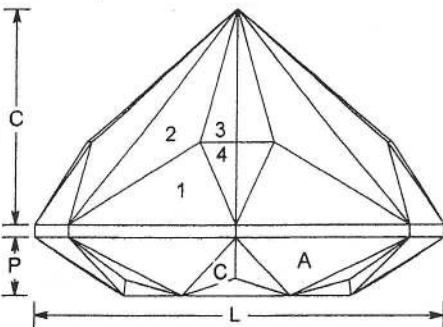
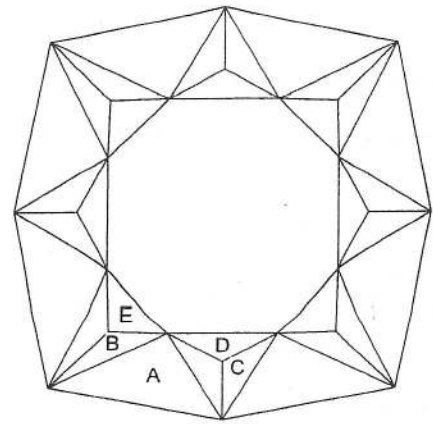
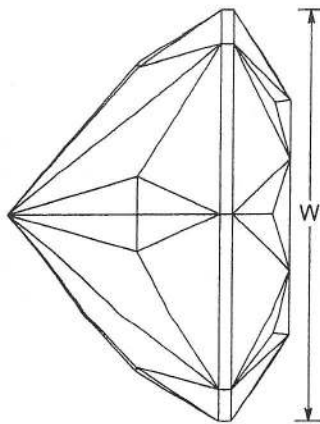
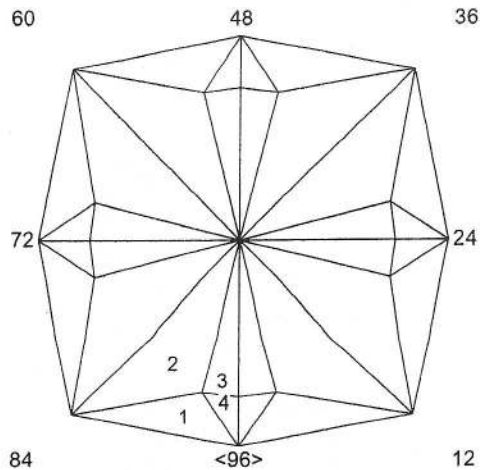
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Miller/Miller Square Brilliant

Angles for R.I. = 1.540

65 + 8 girdles = 73 facets

4-fold, mirror-image symmetry

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CROWN

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MIDWEST FACETERS GUILD

A NonProfit Club Dedicated to the Education
And Promotion of Interest in the Hobby of Cutting Gemstones

Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

November 11 and 12, 2006

Saturday 9 am - 6 pm

And Sunday 11 am - 4 pm

At the Taylor Michigan Sportsplex

13333 Telegraph (US 24)

Between Eureka and Northline Road

Rocks and Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Lapidary Supplies,
Beading Supplies and MUCH More

This Year's Theme: Michigan's Gems and Minerals

See Demonstrations Of:

Faceting Gemstones
Beading
Chain Making
Working With Gem Stones
Lapidary Arts
Wire Wrapping
Bead Making
Silversmithing
More

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Geodon
Slingers Snob
Wonders of the Earth

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Touch and examine rocks and minerals; Mineral identification; Make a beaded bracelet; Printed information on rocks to take with you; A free Petoskey stone, copper sample or tumbled Stone for each kid; rock candy to buy; crafts sales table; games

Admission is \$3.00 **(And \$1.00 off with this flyer)**

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