

THE MIDWEST FACETER

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Faceting Seminar 2013

The Seminar is fast approaching and you still have time to enroll.

The Seminar is August 17th & 18th at Tallmadge Township Michigan (near Grand Rapids). An application is provided on the inside if you need one.

The **Beginners Class** you will be provided with a pre-dopped piece of quality CZ, ready to go. You will learn how to read and understand faceting diagrams and how to adjust and use the faceting machine.

As you work on the pavilion of your stone you will be learning about the different types of laps and how they are used, how to control the depth of your cut and how to use your loupe to bring your meet points in perfectly. At the end of the second day you will walk out with a finished gemstone in your pocket and a big grin on your face. *The two day class is \$95.00*

The **Advanced Faceting Class** is an open faceting class for intermediate or advanced faceters who want to either try some things outside of their comfort zone or perhaps get some help with specific things they are having difficulty with. The student supplies the rough, pattern and faceting machine, we supply a world class competition faceter who is available to help you work through your issues, and maybe offer a few suggestions that will make you a better faceter. Just being in the room you're going to learn something. *Class cost \$50.00*

The **GemCad Class** is a versatile and powerful program and many of those who use it only scratch the surface of it's capabilities. Not only can you create your own designs but you can use it to adapt existing patterns for materials with different refractive indexes or adjust ratios for specific settings. This class will help you get the most out of this valuable faceting tool. The class is a "bring your own computer" class, laptops are preferred but if you're willing to bring your desktop computer and monitor, that's fine with us. Unfortunately the GemCad program is only available for Windows computers. *Class cost is \$95.00.*

On Aug 16th will be set up only from 4 to 9 pm

The seminar is a great way to learn but also a fantastic opportunity to connect with other faceter's. As faceter's we enjoy sharing our knowledge and love of faceting. Please feel free to join us.

Membership Meeting: There will be a general membership meeting at 5:30 pm at Tallmadge Township Hall, our special speaker this year will be Gener Goldstein.

Member News

Mary Lee is home from the hospital after broken hip surgery June 14th and is doing well. Please continue to remember her in prayers as she continues to recover.

Bill Horton passed away July , he was a charter member and lifetime member of the guild. He was a master faceter and won many competitions. He will be missed by all who knew him. There is a private family memorial only.

Condolences to Grit and Alice Turner on the sudden death of their granddaughter on June 24th from an auto accident. She was 34.

Contest for the Prettiest Faceted Heart

It will be held at the October meeting, Please bring your faceted "Sweetheart" heart and you may win a prize donated by Linda Badger.

Calendar of Events

Aug 9-11

East Coast Gem and Mineral Show at Springfield, MA
Better Living Center of the Eastern States Ecpo
1305 Memorial Ave. (413) 737-2443
\$6 adults

Aug 16-18

MFG Seminar at Tallmadge Township Hall
O-1451 Leonard St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534

Sep. 13-15

Tulip City 44th Annual Gem and Mineral Show
Holland Civic Center
150 W. 8th St., Holland, MI
faceting demonstration

Adults - \$3, Students with paying adult - free, Military or Scouts in uniform - free, family 3 day pass - \$8

Oct 25-27

Central MI Gem and Mineral show, Mason, MI
Ingham County Fairgrounds

There will be several guild members demonstrating at the show
Adults \$3, children under 12 free with paying adult