

**PATUXENT LAPIDARY GUILD
Membership Application**

Membership valid January 1st through
December 31st

Type of Membership (circle one):

Primary (Regular) Membership \$40
Spouse (Regular), Child under 18
(Junior), or full-time student up to age
25 (Junior), in the same family as the
primary member \$20 per person

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone numbers:
Home: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Additional names: _____

Areas of Interest (check):

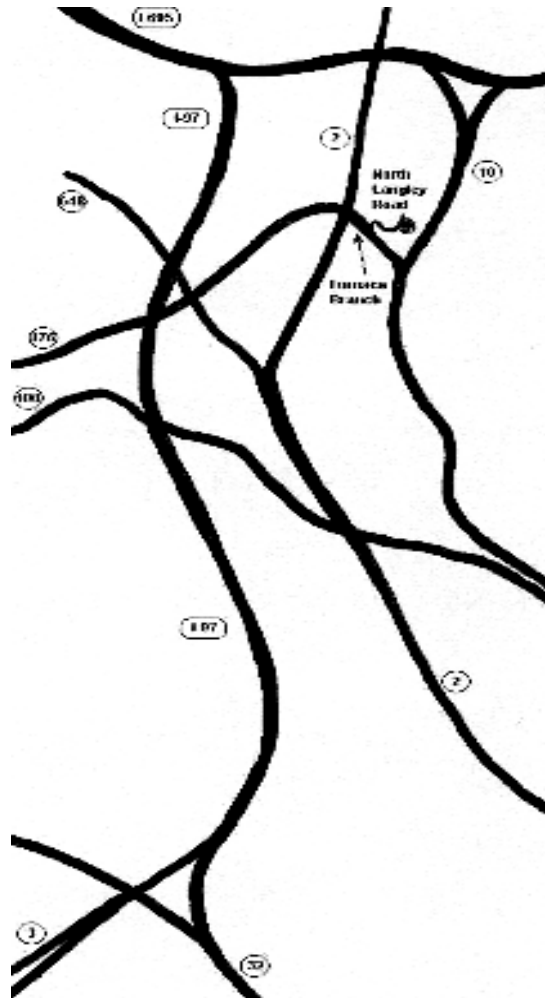
- Cabbing
- Casting
- Silversmithing
- Faceting
- Other (please specify)

Please make checks payable to the
Patuxent Lapidary Guild and mail to:
Patuxent Lapidary Guild
c/o CWF, 9800 Savage Rd. Suite 6105
Ft. Meade, MD 20755-6105

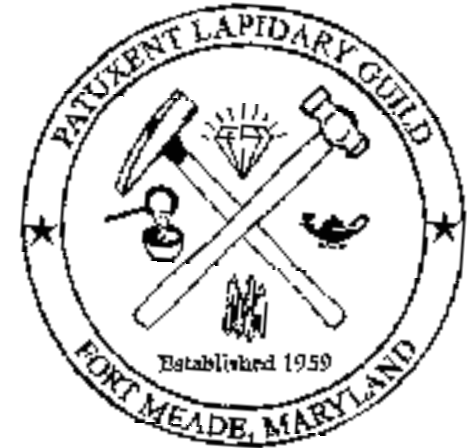
Directions to the workshop: The workshop address is
111 North Langley Road, Glen Burnie, MD, 21060.

From MD Route 2 (Ritchie Highway), turn onto
Furnace Branch Road. Take the first left onto North
Langley Road. Follow this road straight ahead and around
a bend to the left. On your right will be a long white brick
building; the workshop is located in the center of this
building, at number 111.

From I-695 (beltway), take Exit 2, MD route 10 south.
Take the Furnace Branch Road exit, turning right off the
ramp. After about 1/4 mile, turn right onto North Langley
Road, and follow the directions above.



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PATUXENT LAPIDARY GUILD

The Patuxent Lapidary Guild (PLG) was established in 1959 to promote the art of making jewelry using precious metals and gemstones. The PLG offers classes to its members in four major disciplines of lapidary work:

Cabochon cutting: In this class, students learn how to use the lapidary equipment in the PLG workshop to cut, shape and polish several types of rock including agate and jasper. Students may complete as many as seven cabochons during the course of the class.

Casting: This class focuses on beginning-level lost wax casting techniques. Students learn how to work with wax patterns, sheet wax and molds; how to prepare wax for casting, and how to cast, using both centrifugal and vacuum casting techniques. Students may complete up to three projects.

Silversmithing: Students learn basic silversmithing techniques, including shaping, cutting, and soldering. Students usually complete two projects in sterling silver.

Faceting: Students are taught the meet-point faceting technique, and complete at least one faceted stone.

Mini-classes are held occasionally, when members volunteer to share their expertise, and are usually one or two sessions. Topics covered in the past include chain making, wire wrapping, beading and direct casting.



PLG Information:

Meetings: General membership meetings are held from 7 to 9 PM on the third Monday of every month. A short business meeting is usually followed by a program or demonstration on a lapidary-related topic.

Newsletter: The *Lap Talk* is published monthly and distributed via email; hard copies can be mailed to members without email access. The *Lap Talk* contains the open shop schedule, the dates of upcoming classes and local gem shows, and information on various PLG activities, including social events and field trips to local mines and quarries.

Workshop: The PLG's extensive two-floor workshop, located in northern Glen Burnie, Maryland, provides all of the equipment and supplies needed for cabochon cutting, silversmithing, casting and faceting. Classes are taught here, and members may participate in "open shop" every Thursday evening from 6 to 9 PM to complete work for classes or to work on personal lapidary projects. A shop supervisor is always on hand to assist members as needed and to ensure that members have had the appropriate training before using the equipment.

Fundraisers: Funds to maintain the workshop are earned in several ways:

Jewelry Sales, featuring items hand crafted by PLG members. A portion of each sale is donated to the PLG.

Raffles, held at each monthly meeting.

Auctions, usually held twice a year, which provide members with the opportunity to reduce or add to their personal collections. A portion of each sale is donated to the PLG.

Funds from membership dues and class fees also help to maintain the workshop.

