

IN PERSON CLASS SIGN UP begins Saturday, March 21st, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

NO PHONE SIGN UP ON SATURDAY, March 21st

The phone system is not able to handle the number of calls.

Saturday is IN PERSON ONLY SIGN UP!!!

Starting on Monday, December 15th, you can sign up for any class by calling Fifty Forward at (615) 883-8375. They will take your name and can accept credit and debit cards over the phone.

You can also pay in person at the center.

Classes fill up quickly, so call soon to reserve your place in class.

Classes may have risk. Therefore a student MUST have the mental, physical & eyesight skills to Be Safe In Class. The Instructor will approve your participation during the first class.

NOTE: if you are member of FiftyForward, center fees are 50% of the non-member fees

2026 Spring MTGMS Class Schedule

Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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DONELSON - Fifty Forward Senior Citizens Center

					Max	No.	Center Fee			Call 615-883-8375 to sign up for classes			
Title of Course	Experience Level	1st Class	Day of Week	Start Time	No. in Class	of Classes	Hours/ Class	Member Fee*	Non-Mem Fee*	Maint Fee	Kit Fee	Class Room	Instructor(s)
Silver Fabrication:Basics & Beyond	All	4/1	Wed	1:00 PM	8	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Melinda Pate/ Hugh Bennett
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	4/1	Wed	6:30 PM	10	12	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	Bill Painton/ Chrystie Stachura
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	4/2	Thu	10:00 AM	10	12	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	Jim Paris/ Gary Branscomb
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	4/2	Thu	1:00 PM	10	12	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	Jim Paris/Allison Hodde
Faceting	All	4/2	Thu	3:30 PM	5	12	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Art Room	Allison Hodde/ Burnell Thibodeaux
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	4/2	Thu	6:30 PM	10	12	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	Steve Kanies/ Mark Leftwich
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	4/3	Fri	9:00 AM	10	12	3	\$40	\$70	\$50		Lapidary Room	Gina Simpson
Silver Jewelry	All	4/4	Sat	8:00 AM	7	2	6	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley
Glass Lab	Intermed-Adv	4/6	Mon	12:30 PM	8	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art Room	Debbie West
Glass Lab	Intermed-Adv	4/6	Mon	5:30 PM	8	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art Room	Debbie West
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	4/6	Mon	6:30 PM	10	12	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	John Martin
Silver Jewelry	Intermed-Adv	4/7	Tue	10:00 AM	5	3	4	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley/ Kaye Petersen
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	4/7	Tue	3:00 PM	10	12	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	Michelle McIntyre
Silver Jewelry Lab	Intermed-Adv	4/7	Tue	6:00 PM	8	6	3	\$40	\$70	\$45		Silver Room	Teresa Estes
Chain Maille	All	4/10	Fri	12:30 PM	4	4	3	\$20	\$35	\$15	\$30	Silver Room	Rita Heffner/Allison Hodde
Creating a pair of sterling silver earrings	All	4/12	Sun	10:00 AM	8	1	7	\$20	\$35	\$20	\$40	Silver Room	Cameron Dean/ Teresa Estes
Silversmithing Lab	Intermed-Adv	4/13	Mon	2:30 PM	8	6	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Jennifer Murray
The Art of Silver Smithing	All	4/13	Mon	5:30 PM	8	6	2	\$40	\$70	\$40	\$10	Silver Room	Jennifer Murray
Copper Garden Art	Intermed-Adv	4/15	Wed	5:00 PM	6	3	4	\$15	\$25	\$25	25-75	Silver Room	Debbie West
Silver Jewelry Workshop	Intermed-Adv	4/18	Sat	8:00 AM	7	1	6	\$20	\$35	\$20		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley
Pearl Knotting	All	4/18	Sat	9:00 AM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$85	Art Room	Warren Feld
Bead Weaving Fringe /	All	4/18	Sat	1:00 PM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$115	Art Room	Warren Feld
Creating a pair of sterling silver earrings	All	4/19	Sun	10:00 AM	8	1	7	\$20	\$35	\$20	\$40	Silver Room	Cameron Dean/ Teresa Estes
Metal Smith Lab	Intermed-Adv	4/19	Sun	10:00 AM	6	1	6	\$20	\$35	\$20		Silver Room	Debbie West/Jennifer Murray
Flame Painting/Embossing	All	4/25	Sat	10:00 AM	4	1	5	\$20	\$35	\$15	\$30	Silver Room	Rita Heffner/Allison Hodde
Silver Jewelry	Intermed-Adv	4/28	Tue	10:00 AM	5	3	4	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley/ Kaye Petersen
Silver Jewelry	All	5/2	Sat	8:00 AM	7	2	6	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley
Tiffany Stained Glass Jewelry	Beginner	5/4	Mon	12:30 PM	8	4	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$20	Art Room	Jamie Zimish
Glass Lab	Intermed-Adv	5/4	Mon	5:30 PM	8	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art Room	Jamie Zimish
Beginners Silver Class	All	5/10	Sun	10:00 AM	8	1	7	\$20	\$35	\$20	\$45	Silver Room	Teresa Estes/Cameron Dean
Silver Fabrication:Basics & Beyond	All	5/13	Wed	1:00 PM	8	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Melinda Pate/ Hugh Bennett
WireWeaveIntro/ MayanPendant	All	5/16	Sat	9:00 AM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$90	Art Room	Warren Feld
Leather Construction	All	5/16	Sat	10:00 AM	6	3	4	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$45	Silver Room	Jamie Zimish
IntroWireWrap/ MixMatch Bracelet	All	5/16	Sat	1:00 PM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$115	Art Room	Warren Feld
Beginners Silver Class	All	5/17	Sun	10:00 AM	8	1	7	\$20	\$35	\$20	\$45	Silver Room	Teresa Estes/Cameron Dean
Silver Jewelry Lab	Intermed-Adv	5/19	Tue	6:00 PM	8	6	3	\$40	\$70	\$45		Silver Room	Teresa Estes

Glass	All	6/1	Mon	12:30 PM	8	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art Room	Debbie West
Glass	All	6/1	Mon	5:30 PM	8	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art Room	Debbie West
Copper Smithing Open Studio	Intermed-Adv	6/3	Wed	5:30 PM	6	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Silver Room	Debbie West/Leah Cothorn
Flame Painting/Embossing	All	6/6	Sat	10:00 AM	4	1	5	\$20	\$35	\$15	\$30	Silver Room	Rita Heffner/Allison Hodde
Metal Smith Lab	Intermed-Adv	6/7	Sun	10:00 AM	6	1	6	\$20	\$35	\$20		Silver Room	Debbie West/Jennifer Murray
Silver Jewelry Workshop	Intermed-Adv	6/13	Sat	8:00 AM	7	1	6	\$20	\$35	\$20		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley
WireWrapCabachonPendant	All	6/13	Sat	9:00 AM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$75	Art Room	Warren Feld
WireWeave2/ Sun Pendant	All	6/13	Sat	1:00 PM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$130	Art Room	Warren Feld
Silversmithing Lab	Intermed-Adv	6/15	Mon	2:30 PM	8	3	4	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Jennifer Murray
Silver Jewelry	Intermed-Adv	6/16	Tue	10:00 AM	5	3	4	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley/ Kaye Petersen
Silver Jewelry	All	6/20	Sat	8:00 AM	7	2	6	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley

Courses Offered 2026 Spring Quarter

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THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

NOTE: Classes are subject to CHANGE - Any changes will be posted on SIGN UP DAY

SEE BELOW for how to read this schedule.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS are available on line at:

www.mtgms.org/schools.htm

Click on the 2026 Summer Description link

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NOTE: if you are member of the Fifty Forward Center, class fees are 50% of the non-member fees

Silver Jewelry: There can be additional cost for supplies for this class. It varies by the amount of silver you purchase. On average it would be \$20 and up.

Lapidary: Additional slabs and rocks are available for purchase in class.

Basic Torch Enameling: Reduced kit fee for returning students.

Experience Level - BEGINNERS – means no experience necessary
 INTERMEDIATE – means you must be have all the basic skills plus a little more
 ADVANCED – means your skill level is ahead and you are ready to push yours skills to new levels
 ALL means anyone of any level can take the class
 NOTE: All Fees are a one time charge for the full length of the class.

Below is an EXAMPLE of the schedule and how to read it.

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Chain Maille	All	1/6	Wed	10:00 AM	8	9	2	\$10	\$20	\$5	\$30	Silver Room	Edna Dougherty

How to read this schedule: Example: Chain Maille- All (all levels of student excepted)

Class starts 01/06, a Wednesday. It starts at 10:00 PM. 8 students are allowed in this class. It is an 9 week class, for 2 hours every Wed, at the same time.

If you are a member of FiftyForward, the class fee is \$10, if you are a non-member class fee is \$20.

There is a \$5 maintenance fee and a required kit fee of \$30, both are payable to the instructor when you show up at the beginning of the class. (cash or check only)

The total cost for a Center member is \$45 (\$10 class fee + \$5 maintenance + \$30 kit fee = \$45)

The total cost for a non-Center member is \$55 (\$20 class fee + \$5 maintenance + \$30 kit fee = \$55)

Note: A Kit is a set of required tools/material provided by the instructor that is needed to participate in the class

Some classes do not have a set "kit" fee. These classes do have a material costs, that cost will depend on how much you wish to spend.

Most of our classes are 6, 8 or 12 weeks in length. (Lapidary is 12, 2 hours classes or 24 hours of instruction) One/two/three day classes are special event classes.

Additional classes may be added to the Schedule during the quarter!!!!

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