

Summit Gem September 2016

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Mission Statement

To afford the opportunity to share interest in lapidary knowledge and working techniques



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, September 6th at 7PM
At The Quirk Center
1201 Grant Street Cuyahoga Falls



Host: Jenn Shernit

Dues: Joining fee \$25 then \$48 per year

President's Message – by Andy Carey

Good Morning Everyone!

WOW!!!! What a summer! I personally find as I have grown older summer days become a blur in my minds eye. So by the time I blink it has become Harvest time. As the days recede the specifics become a fuzz and I am left with moments of clarity to remember what has gone.

One such moment was the clubs Agate trip. Great times had and many "good finds"! I would like to thank all involved with the planning of the trip. I would especially like to thank Dawn Carey for doing the grunt work of setting up the hotel and providing the bus service, which was awesome. Thank you!

Hopefully everyone has been working on their cabs for the contest. I am looking forward to seeing all of your hard work! Well the fuzz is coming back....

See you soon, Andy

Summit Lapidary Club, June 7th 2016 General Meeting - Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Andy Carey presided.

Hostess: Mari Takai-Manley

This will be the last meeting until September 6, 2016. Summer break.

Visitors, Dave Macseoinin: Vanessa from New Mexico, Betty Reinhart & Ralph. New members: Roe York & Debbie Matczyszyn.

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: Reported a long list of classes coming up this summer

Treasurer, John Kerr: Reported.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Andy & Dawn Carey's son, Donovan, graduated high school. Tammy Lang's son, Michael, graduated high school. Kristin Morrow had shoulder surgery. Sandy Shorter had surgery. Marty Lappin had surgery. Don Coe's Myreeah Rowell had knee surgery. Dot Flick, wife of deceased member Bob Flick, passed away. Amber Greene's son, who is also Evelyn Greene's grandson, Charlie passed away suddenly. Charlie grew up coming to Summit Lapidary Club & many members knew him well.

Library, Mari Takai-Manley: Saving up to buy books at the Agate Symposium!

Newsletter, Pat Powers: Printed 80 copies. Extra copies available. If you didn't get one, see Treasurer John Kerr to check your address. If you want your news delivered e-mail send your e-mail address to Pat at

SLCnewsletter@aol.com. If you are teaching a class please email class information to Pat to be put in the newsletter.

Gemboree, Bob Powers: May 24 was the Wrap-Up Meeting. Outstanding show! Broke all records. Thanks to all for helping make it a great success. Evelyn Tryon: Flyers for the next Gemboree are available at the clubhouse already. Please take flyers if you go to shows or other places that can distribute them.

Machine Maintenance, David Moore: All are working. If you use a machine & it breaks, or is broken, please call David Moore! His number is above the sign-in book.

Old Business:

Agate trip, Mari Takai-Manley: 2 spots are open. Contact Mari. Wednesday 7/6, meet at 7 am, to Sunday 7/10.

T-shirts: Dave Macseoinin has SLC T-shirts available yet.

Cab Contest, David Frazier: September SLC General Meeting you can begin turning in your cabs. Rules are posted at the club.

Picnic: July 23 at Marty & KathyJo Lappin's. Bring covered dish, drinks & chair.

Poster Contest: Evelyn Tryon reported that about 24 have been turned in, & the deadline has been extended to 6/15.

Doc Dumke is looking for a small tumbler donation for a 10 year old who wants to tumble some rocks!

New Business:

Handicap accessibility: Discussion of possibility of a clubhouse ramp. Used chairlifts maybe for bathroom access.

New Supply Person needed. Laura Thomas volunteered until December.

50/50 was a fun bead game.

Elections will be held in December.

Mark Morrow fixed our gutters. Thank you! And he also is the new Co-Chairman of the Gem Mine with Bob Spore!

Jason Adams is tonight's speaker.

Motion to adjourn by David Rich, Doc Dumke 2nd.

Classes and Events for September/Summer Months – (more details regarding classes and events posted at the clubhouse)

September 13th, Tuesday

Spider Nite

September 20th, Tuesday

Loops, Loops, Loops

September 24th, Saturday

Silent Auction Bid Slips

Gemboree News – by Bob Powers

While some of our lapidary activity slows down over the summer, the Gemboree Team has been hard at work for the Fall Show. Can you believe it's only eight weeks away? Publicity is a big focus in the months prior to the show. There are mailings to be done, newspapers and newsletters to contact, new avenues to investigate, postcards to finalize, etc. Sandy Shorter has done an excellent job with Publicity. Thanks, too, to Evelyn Tryon and Joyce Kish. Deb Salay is finalizing changes to the postcard mailing list. Once again, WKSU will be our Media Sponsor, thanks to Caitlin Pendolino!

Evelyn Tryon reports that dealers are all arranged, and all contracts are in. There were some last-minute adjustments but with a waiting list of dealers, getting replacements was not too difficult.

Mari has the completed Display Case list. She may be accepting names for alternates in the event that an opening becomes available. Please see her for any questions on the display cases.

Silent Auction, led by Jenn Shernit, is also doing advanced preparation for the upcoming show. Dave Fazier, Dave Moore and Frank Edwards have been slabbing some of the older Silent Auction material as slabs since they tend to go better than rough material. Bob Spore has tumbled Ohio Flint and reports are that there are some really nice pieces in there. Jenn needs help preparing bid slips and two dates have been reserved at the clubhouse for that. Nancy Yeager is again working on a Fall Treasure Hunt and we hope it is as popular as the one she did last year.

So how can you contribute to the Show?

- Participate in the Silent Auction bid slip preparation on September 24th. This is a great way to learn something about lapidary materials. It takes a lot of effort to prepare the Silent Auction for the show, and your assistance is appreciated! Donate something too, if you can.
- Participate in the Mini-Gem Tree night, Spider Night & rock bagging, and last but not least:
- Be sure to sign up at the meeting for your favorite Show activities.

All Hands On Deck - by Laura Thomas

Annual Spider Night is Tuesday September 13th 6 to 9pm.

This is a big seller at the Silent Auction table for young and old alike, club members are invited to come down to the clubhouse and help us put together Beaded Spiders.

There is No cost, all materials are provided, bring a round nose plier and a wire cutter if you have them, hang out and enjoy gabbing with your club friends while we build an Army of Creepy Crawlers to sell at the Gemboree. Many hands make quick the work!! Your assistance is welcome and appreciated!

ARTISAN CRAFT SHOW Saturday November 19th 23rd 10am – 4pm Quirk Cultural Center – by Laura Thomas

The Summit Lapidary Club is hosting its annual Fall Artisan Craft Show at the Quirk Center. Known around the clubhouse as the “Members Only Show”, this event was begun as a venue for our members to show and sell their work. Fellow Summit Lapidary Members are the only vendors permitted at the show. The show is scheduled during the traditional Craft/Christmas show “Season”, is open and advertised to the public. We have been having a good turn-out at the November event. Whether you are a seasoned seller/vendor or a newbie, all SLC members are welcome to participate. Only Hand-Crafted (by You) items are to be sold, no Resale or commercially produced items are permitted. Table rental is \$10, half table, \$5. We have (21) tables available. Sign up sheets are at the clubhouse.

We also now offer concessions for sale at our “Rockhound Café” Members bring homemade soups and baked goods, we sell along with coffee, soda, hot dogs. We could use some volunteers to work the Café – dishing out treats and drinks. Also, we sell Door Prize raffle tickets, both of these activities are turning out to be a great fundraiser for the club. If you can come out on November 19th for a couple hours to work, and/or can volunteer to bake, we would certainly be appreciative of the help! We will have a sign- up sheet at the clubhouse for volunteers. Please come out, it’s a fun day out with your fellow members.

2016 Cabochon Contest - by Dave Frazier

This year, our cabochon contest will feature Ohio flint. The deadline to turn in your cabs will be the first meeting in October 10-4-2016. To encourage more participation, the more entries that are entered, the bigger the prizes. Only one cabochon can be entered per lapidary club member.

1-15 entries	1st prize 25\$		
16-30 entries	1st prize 50\$	2nd prize 25\$	
31-plus	1st prize 100\$	2nd prize 50\$	3rd prize 20\$ gift card

Flint is a long standing staple of our club, and since everyone has access to it, all cabochons are to be fashioned from Ohio Flint.

1. Cabochons are to be traditional shapes, no freeforms.
2. Traditional cabochons must have domed tops and must have at least one plane of symmetry. A plane of symmetry exists when a straight line passed through the middle of the cabochon gives two equal halves in shape and size. Traditional examples are: heart, cross, star, square, rectangle, diamond, teardrop, pear, circle, oval and kite.
3. All work is to be done by hand. NO tumbling or auto equipment can be used.

Cabochons will be graded by a combined 5 scores:

1. Evenness and symmetry of the outline shape. 25%
2. Dome shape, curve, and evenness. 20%
3. A level girdle. 20%
4. Polish- a smooth polish is a must. 25%
5. Design- (How well the pattern fits the shape) 10%

Pits, and cracks in material will count against the final score. No drizzly pockets allowed either. Judging will be done by David Frazier and Mike Ball.

Entries can start being turned over in September. This will be done in an anonymous ticket method. You will be given the matching ticket that is assigned to your cab. Do not show your cabs to the judges prior to the contest or disclose your cabs identity until after the judging.

All cabochons will be displayed at the Fall Gemboree and winning cabs will be displayed at the Club until April for bragging rights of winners. Good Luck!

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- Andy Carey's father was hospitalized for a stroke recently. He is recovering and back at home. We wish him continuous recovery.
- Sandy Shorter is currently fighting stage one cancer with chemo therapy. We see her smiling face often at the club house. We pray for the successful treatment.
- Dawn Carey is scheduled for her foot surgery tomorrow (Aug 31). We hope the surgery to be successful and a speedy recovery to follow.
- Lilian DeFrance is fighting the 4th stage cancer vigorously. She has strong and complete support from her loving husband. They plan and pack any activity they want to experience while they can together. We pray all the blessings to them.

Just a Quick Note From Me – by Pat Powers

Nothing more to add ... see you next month