

Summit Gem May 2016

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, May 3rd at 7PM
At The Quirk Center
1201 Grant Street Cuyahoga Falls



Host: Laura Thomas

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

President's Message – by Andy Carey

Good Day Everyone!

Wow, what a great weekend! The Gemboree was rock'n. A BIG Thank you to the Gemboree team, Bob Powers, Evelyn Tryon, Sandy Shorter, and Tom McLaughlin. What a great job. A Big THANK YOU is also deserved by all the Club Members that volunteered to help out.

I would like to point out one member who is always going beyond what is needed, Suzanne Shoffner, she is always the first to volunteer, the first to offer help, the first to jump in when a job needs done. Without this single person our club would not function. I would like to THANK Suzy for everything!

See ya soon, Andy Carey

Summit Lapidary Club, April 5th 2016 General Meeting - Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy,
Secretary SLC

Andy Carey presided

Preceded by a special program on Jade by David Leung

Visitors, Dave Macseoinin: Mark & Debbie Shorter, Jim & Janice Caruthers, David Chacon, and Raleigh Ryan. 2nd visit by Jeffrey Rotnam (joined)

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 4/16 Polymer Clay Advanced, Skinner Blend with Mari Takai-Manley. 4/30 Beginning Polymer Clay, Dragon with Mari Takai-Manley. 5/15 Metalsmithing workshop- bring your own project, with Dave Macseoinin.

Treasurer, John Kerr: Reported.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Merry Anne McLeod-Wolfe is having her 2nd of three surgeries this year, in mid-April. Dean Pawlicki is having a hard time with back issues & is having testing done.

Library, Mari Takai-Manley: David Rich donated a book from his trip to AZ. David Leung donated some jade, a book and a DVD.

Newsletter, Pat Powers: 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

Gemboree, Bob Powers: Sign-up sheets are out, so choose your jobs for the Gemboree. Rock bagging for the mine the Saturday before Gemboree. Evelyn Tryon has posters & flyers available to please post everywhere you can.

GeoJrs, Evelyn Tryon: Rob Rothschild needs help with crafts & people who can share their knowledge & enthusiasm for rocks & minerals. Evelyn spoke at an elementary school & got 4 new visitors to GeoJrs; one has signed up to sit at the GeoJrs info table & to do a display case! Rob has been in contact with a professor from Akron U who is involved with caves & hydro-geology, and is arranging a tour and a class for the GeoJrs.

Old Business:

Rob Rothschild had requested donations for a silent auction fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of the Western Reserve. Thank you to Mari Takai-Manley & to Bob Senn for donations. \$200 was raised.

New Business:

Quick vote of how many like meeting at Quirk Center: Majority For/ 3 Against.

David Moore brought up that Suzanne Shoffner has been bringing the supplies from the clubhouse to the Quirk Center meetings, & if we are going to continue meeting at Quirk then other people should be helping with that.

Kathy Jo Lappin requested a microphone for meetings at Quirk.

We will be sponsoring an Adopt-a-Spot again this summer.

Cab Contest, David Frazier: the more that enter, the bigger the prizes will be. All Ohio flint, traditional shapes- no free form. Info to come.

Bill Mackey made & donated a bag full of gem tree tools, reported by Evelyn Tryon.

Motion to adjourn by Annette Long, Jenn Shernit 2nd.

Classes and Events for May – (more details regarding classes and events posted at the clubhouse)

Sunday, May 15th Metalsmithing workshop

Gemboree News – by Bob Powers

The last display case was stacked, the Gem Mine returned to its place and the storage door shut, the last dealer rolled out and the lights went off at Emidio's. Another Gemboree moved into the history books. This was a little different though. The members all left with a special feeling of pride for having hosted a record-setting attendance that went way over the 20 year record.

Maybe it was the new WKSU radio spots that were arranged by Caitlin Pendolino and Sandy Shorter. Maybe it was all the extra mailings, or the stacks of flyers that went out to the dealers, or the larger postcard list. Maybe it was the paid newspaper ads, or simply club members getting out the word. Whatever the reason, people just kept coming in the front door on Saturday and Sunday.

Fortunately, great preparations were made beforehand, so we were well-prepared for the crowd. From door prizes to Silent Auction material to Geode Cracking, the Gem Mine and Kid's Activities, everything was set for a record-breaking crowd. The sign-up sheets were filled but most importantly, everyone showed up at their designated time and place. Additional members were available to help too.

Special thanks go to all those who went above and beyond the norm. Jenn Shernit made the Silent Auction a great success by spending all of two days sorting, identifying material and making out bid slips, with much appreciated help from Evelyn Greene and Rosemary McLaughlin. Jenn (and others) have some great ideas for improvements in that area. John Goldsmith quietly managed all aspects of the Geode Cracking with Jim Davis, and Kathi Jo and Marty Lappin supplied fun new material and an on-going presence at the Kid's Activities. Bob Spore, Bill Bandy and Richard Lee tag-teamed to make the Gem Mine entertaining for the younger crowd. John Hite shadowed Richard Lee to pick up the electrical set-up. Tom and Rosemary McLaughlin were always available to help where needed, in addition to handling Treasurer duties. Laurie McElroy spent some time with Tom handling some of the Gemboree Treasurer tasks. Guy Kotch was always present and available as back-up for Dealer Chairman Evelyn Tryon. Frank Mack kept the show secure over two days.

Tom McLaughlin will be putting together the preliminary Financial Report early in May, to be followed by a Gemboree Recap meeting. Please look for an announcement posted on the bulletin board and on the calendar at the clubhouse.

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

s 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- 10%

(How well the pattern fits the shape of the cabochon. Beauty)

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's assigned to your cab. Do not show your cabs to the judges prior to the contest or disclose your cabs identify until after 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!!

MidWest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies Spring Executive Board Meeting - by David Rich.

The MWF spring executive board meeting is history now. If you didn't participate you missed a fun filled weekend. First the president of Summit Lapidary, Andy Carey lead the MWF to his secret Ohio Flint hunting grounds at Neathers Farm. That evening back at the clubhouse MWF executive board members met SLC club members JoAnn Harrison and Sue Shoffner who had set out a wonderful table of snacks for the flint diggers. Saturday morning the MWF spring meeting was conducted with business as usual. Then it was off to Akron Mineral and Summit Lapidary 40th Gemboree.

MWF executive board members ran into a familiar face at the Gemboree door, show chairman Bob Powers. Bob was the past silent auction chairman for the MWF. It was a fun time for all. I would like to thank Summit Lapidary Club for a fun filled time. A special thank you goes to the SLC club members JoAnn, Sue and their president Andy for extending wonderful hospitality to the MWF executive board.

*MidWest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies
President, David Rich*

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- Merry Anne McLeod-Wolfe had her abdominal surgery, which went well, and she joined us at our Spring Gemboree with a smile. Her husband drove her to the show. Her recovery from the surgery seems to be going very well. She is happy with the result so far. We wish her continuing good recovery.
- Dean Pawlicki was experiencing terrible pain in his back. He had back surgery over 10 years ago. He consulted his surgeon who did not recommend further surgery, which could endanger his back. Instead his surgeon offered pain management. We wish Dean the best possible outcome with his choice of treatment.
- Sandy Shorter was taken to Cleveland Clinic Emergency Room by her husband on the day of our Gemboree set-up. We heard that a cyst had ruptured. Later she was moved to University Hospital for observation and monitoring of her condition. Doctors were afraid that she might be having a heart attack. We saw her at the club house on April 26th with a smile. She is scheduled to have surgery in a month.

I want to thank everyone who filled up display cases at the Gemboree. They were beautiful and really showed off the talents and creative spark of our club members. I heard compliments from the public many times saying how impressed they were with our displays and how beautiful, wonderful, and interesting they were.

Just a Quick Note From Me – by Pat Powers

Nothing to add see you next month!