

Summit Gem February 2018

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Mission Statement

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



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



Host: Sue Shoffner & Evelyn Tryon
Program: Gems

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

President's Message – Becky Kosco

Hope this finds everyone Keeping warm! January has been cold and wintry - a good time to stay inside and hone our lapidary skills!

Our next meeting will be February 6th at 7pm at our regular location the ballroom at Quirk. The meeting will be led by David Frazier our Vice President who is kind enough to cover for me. Our hosts will be Susanne Shoffner and Evelyn Tryon. The program will be a special film on Gems.

There has been lots of activity at the clubhouse. Tuesdays and Saturdays are always a good time to chat with fellow members or just come down to see what is scheduled throughout the month. This past month we had classes in polymer clay (advanced), beginning wire wrap (bracelet), and beginning silver (with 4 completely new members.) There was a torch time (for anyone who has completed beginning silver) on Jan 7th and another scheduled January 28th. a class is scheduled February 28th for Large Gem Trees. Come look at the calendar!

Come check out the John Hite Awards wall at the clubhouse. Thanks to John Dombrosky for hanging them. We really appreciate all the time John Hite (and those club members who helped) put into all the entries for the Xmas show. It's a good representation for our club.

We have a New Members Dinner coming up February 21st for all new members who have joined since 2016. Invitations will be sent so please RSVP. I am very happy to see interest in our club shown through our increased membership.

We are preparing for the Spring Gemboree April 28 and 29th. There are flyers available - grab a handful and pass them out to your friends or anyone you talk rocks with. There are three dates scheduled to make mini gem trees for the show. All hands-on deck February 17, March 13 and April 10th.

Everyone keep warm and safe travels and keep Rocking!

Thanks,
Becky

Summit Lapidary Club, January 2nd 2018 General Meeting – Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Becky Kosco presided. Meeting held at Quirk Center.

Visitors, David Macseoinin: Sully York, Chuck & Sue Pio achy, Len Ars, Ethan Swigert. And welcome new member Tom Banks

Treasurer, Nancy Halloran: Reported. Big expense was the Christmas Party. Dues after tonight are \$48, discount of \$4 disappears. Deposit of \$100 for the Arkansas trip is due tonight.

Minutes are printed in the newsletter. Request for any changes or corrections to the December 2017 Minutes. None.

Executive Board: 12/12 was the official changing of the Board at the Executive Board Meeting.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Cat Bennington had her back MRI. Cindy Schubert had left knee replacement. Joyce Kish had surgery. David Moore tore his rotator cuff and will be needing rehab. Also, David Frazier reported that Jamie's, from Fantasia Mining, mother passed away.

Classes, David Macseoinin: 1/13 Advanced Polymer Clay with Mari Takai-Manley, 1/21 Beginning Silver with Dave Macseoinin, 1/16 Basic Wire Wrap- bracelet, and 2/28 Large Gem Tree with Sue Shoffner. 1/7 Metalsmith Workshop/Torch Time- bring your own project. David Macseoinin proposed that everyone bring their own tools & supplies. To be brought before the Executive Board.

Gemboree, Guy Kotch: Adding 2 more dealers at the Spring 2018 show, on a trial basis. Looking for someone to share Publicity with Sandy Shorter. Person needs to have some computer savvy. Spring Gemboree is 4/28-29/2018. It is the 4th weekend of each April & October.

GeoJrs, Evelyn Tryon: 2nd Sunday of every month from 1pm to 4pm. Sponsored by the Summit Lapidary Club, chapter of Future Rockhounds of America. Working on Leadership Merit Badge now. Crafts. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Machine Maintenance, David Moore: Two saws were down over the holidays. Fixed and running now. If anything is not working correctly or is broken you must call David right away in order to keep our equipment working.

Property Maintenance, Frank Mack: All's well.

Old Business:

Arkansas Trip, Dawn Carey: 9/23-29/2018, deposit of \$100/person due tonight to reserve your place. Club sponsored trip- SLC subsidizes the cost of the trip.

New Business:

Sue Shoffner, Supply Officer: If you notice we are low on anything (dish soap, trash bags, toilet paper, etc.), check the back room. There is a list on the refrigerator for things we need to buy- add to it if needed. Also, sodas & water.

Thank you to John Hite, who has been our sponsored Christmas tree creator for the Children's' Hospital Treefest for many years, bringing us winning ribbons & accolades every year. John's ribbons, photos, & other keepsakes will be on display on the Club bulletin board. Thank you to Bobby King who has stepped up as the new person in charge of creating a tree for the Treefest.

Snow Ban: Call the CF Police Dept. (NOT emergency) to find out if there is a snow ban. 330-928-2181. Snow bans mean no on-street parking allowed, and cancels or postpones any meetings we have at the Club. Does not affect

Quirk Center parking, but could be too dangerous to venture out. Executive Board will discuss a policy for snow bans on meeting night.

Evelyn Tryon has been graciously sending out any urgent notices to emails for us. You will not be spammed. Only important short notices go out this way, and are sent without listing your email address. You need to give her your email address to receive these important notes.

Motion to adjourn by Andy Carey, Dawn Carey 2nd. Passed

February Classes and Events - more information listed at the clubhouse

February 17 th	Saturday	Mini Trees for Gemboree
February 21 st	Wednesday	New Members Dinner
February 28 th	Wednesday	Large Gem Tree

Mini Gem Trees and New Member Dinner – by Evelyn Tryon

Mini Gem Tree Workshop

2/17 9 AM to Noon
 3/13 6:30 PM to 9PM
 4/10 6:30 PM to 9PM

These mini-tree are for the Gemboree Kid's Table Area. We encourage everyone to come and assist us.

New Member Dinner

February 21, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Club House

This dinner meeting is hosted by Summit Lapidary Club for members joining since January 2016. The evening includes dinner and a program of ... Everything you ever wanted to know about The Summit Lapidary Club. Invitations will be sent and require a reply. For more info, call Evelyn Tryon 330 673-9664

Gemboree Report – by Guy Kotch

The next Gemboree will occur on April 28th and 29th The Spring Gemboree. Setup will be on Friday April 27th. Sign-up sheets will be out soon.

We are going to have 32 dealers at this show. Changes have been made to the layout, so don't be surprised ... We are going to see how this works and if we have to make tweaks, we will do so at the October show. Thanks for all of the committee's and your help!

We are still looking for someone who is computer literate to be the publicity chair's backup, so don't be afraid to raise your hand and say "Here I am".

There was a rumor going around that Emidio's had been sold, I can tell you that Pelligrino and I have talked and he assured me it isn't true. I did give him the date for October, he said he had an inquiry about that date but we have first dibs.

Reminder to Members, Club Due Renewal for 2018 Is Happening Now!

If you pay your 2018 dues:

- After the January 2018 business meeting and up to and including February 28, 2018. \$48.00 (standard membership)
- March 1, 2018 and later \$73.00 (membership & fee)

Fee Pay Crystal Mining In Arkansas - <http://rockhoundingar.com/feepay.php>

If you want to dig your own crystal, the best and showiest pieces can be found at these mines. The following is a listing of fee-pay quartz mines in the Ouachita Mountains.

Arrowhead (formerly Leatherhead) Matthew Price, Mt. Ida arrowheadcrystals.com
Board Camp Crystal Mine, Cheryl and Orville Murphy, 110 Polk 62, Mena, AR 71953 boardcampcampground.com
Ron Coleman, Little Blakey Road Jessieville, AR 71909 colemanquartz.com
Fiddler's Ridge, 3752 Hwy 207 Mount Ida, AR 71957 fiddlersridgecrystals.com
Miller Mountain, PO Box 21, Jessieville, AR 71949 jimcolemancrystals.com
Fischer Mountain Rockhounding Area, contact Judy's Crystals judyscrystals.com
Gee & Dee Crystal Mine, Story, AR north of Mt. Ida
Sweet Surrender Crystal Mine Mount Idasweetsurrendercrystals.com
Wegner Mines, 82 Wegner Ranch Road, Norman, AR 71957 wegnercrystalmines.com

At most of the fee-pay mines, the miners collect from veins and pockets in the walls and floor of the mine, usually a pit. The mine operators don't get ALL the good quartz! They load up the tailings and clay from the pockets and bring the material out and dump it in the fee area.

With some effort to dig through the tailings, you can collect nice material. Quality and quantity of specimens vary greatly from mine to mine and even at each mine on a daily basis, depending on what the mine operators are digging in. If they have a lean collecting day, so do you. If they have pockets galore, then you'll get some goodies also. Mining regulations have changed from years gone by, and you may be escorted by a mine employee for safety reasons.

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- Cat Bennington met with her doctor to review the MRI results for her back, but nothing good or bad came from them. Her doctor had her take x-rays. Now she has to wait another month for those results. She says that she just has to keep her spirits up and keep herself busy.
- We heard that Janice Rothchild's mother, Lane Yee, passed away unexpectedly in her sleep recently. We send our sympathy to all of her family,
- Jim Caruthers had carpal tunnel surgery recently. He is home now recovering. We wish him a complete and speedy recovery.
- Chris Boettger suffered a terrible case of flu and had to go to a hospital to be treated. She is said to be home now recovering. We hope she is feeling much better now.

Just a Quick Note... – by Pat Powers

- Nancy Halloran, our treasurer, is responsible for keeping the members roster. Since this includes email addresses, she requesting that anyone who is not currently getting any club email news and wants to be included in Club Bulletin Alerts to please submit their email address so this roster can be updated.
- Dave Macseoinin. "As always! We need teachers! Wanna teach. Just see me and we will pick a date on the calendar."
- Be aware if there is a snow ban listed for Cuyahoga Falls on meeting night the current meeting is cancelled and automatically rescheduled for the following Tuesday. Check with the Cuyahoga Falls PD for weather conditions before you head out 330-928-2181.