



Summit Gem - February 2020 Newsletter

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00pm
at the

Polish American Club

472 E Glenwood Ave, Akron, OH 44310
(phone # in case of emergency: (330) 253-0496)

[Please enter parking lot on Dan Street]

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



Programs:

February 2020: Pop Up Museum: Re-Discovered Treasures

Action Needed: Bring one of your favorite treasures for a fun member's show and tell.

1. Select an object, artifact, or specimen you've found or made during your life travels that has significant meaning to you. One you consider a treasure.
2. You'll be asked to visually display your Re-Discovered Treasure for the duration of the meeting and write a short (1 or 2 sentence) story about why this piece has such significance to you. Does it bring memory? Can you convey secret knowledge of how you acquired or made this treasure?
3. A select handful of members with exhibited treasures will be asked to speak to the group about their piece and tell its story.

Exhibit Tip: You may want to bring a small flashlight to keep with you while visually exploring the displayed treasures. This might help to better illuminate the pieces.

March 2020: Geo-Trivia with Dick Hite

Join fellow club member Dick Hite in a knowledge-bending identification game of *Geo-Trivia*. Dick knows *a little bit about pretty rocks* and has developed a game around matching visual clues to minerals and objects, based on the expressed interests of club members. ***Prizes will be awarded to winning teams.***

A Penn State graduate and retired Professional Mining Engineer, Hite has more than 50 years experience with exploration, mine development, and reclamation projects worldwide. He worked for New Jersey Zinc, Bethlehem Steel, Cleveland-Cliffs, Graymont and is the principal in his own consulting company. His expertise includes surface and underground mining methods, rock mechanics, geohydrology, environmental permitting and happens to know ... *a little bit about pretty rocks.*

Expert Tip: Dig through your geology books and brush up on specimen specifics beforehand. "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." ~ Benjamin Franklin

Hosts: Being the host is easy! Host responsibilities - bring the main food/snacks. Save the receipts – reimbursement up to \$50. Bring plates and napkins or stop at the club and get some from the club. Everyone else should bring something to share.

February Host: Sue Shoffner (She is covering for Barbara Kemper whose sister is extremely ill.)

March Host: Deb Matczyszyn

President's Message – by Becky Kosco:

"Rock is a great Master of Life. It teaches us a simple philosophy: stay firm!" – Mehmet Murat lidan

Who would have ever thought of a trip to Flint Ridge or a walk along the lake in December or January? Many of you took advantage of our extra rock hounding days due to the extraordinary weather. And to think Winter is already half over.....

Those who joined us know we had another fun Christmas Party at St George's in Fairlawn. I had a fun poem ready to recite which I will share with you now:

**** A Rock Makes an Excellent Puppy **** by Kenn Nesbitt
 A rock makes an excellent puppy. They're practically almost the same.
 Except that a puppy's rambunctious, a rock is a little more tame.

It's true that a rock's not as hyper. It may not chase after a ball.
 And, often as not when you call it, it won't even hear you at all

And maybe it doesn't roll over, and isn't excited to play.
 But rocks always sit where you tell them. And rocks really know how to stay.

It may sleep a little bit longer. It probably eats a bit less.
 But rocks never pee on the carpet. You won't have to pick up their mess.

So go ask your folks for a puppy. And possibly that's what you'll get.
 But still if you can't have a puppy, a rock is a pretty good pet.

It doesn't annoy you with barking. It quietly sits on a shelf.
 A rock makes an excellent puppy. That's what I keep telling myself!
 Keep warm and keep Rockin' – Becky

Class and Events: Check for more details posted at the Clubhouse with the sign-up sheets!

February classes:

Feb. 8 th	9:00-Noon (Saturday)	Beading – Classical Spiral with Mari Takai-Manly
Feb. 9 th	9:00-Noon (Sunday)	Caning with polymer clay (Advanced) with Mari
Feb. 15 th	9:00-Noon (Saturday)	Multi-strand beaded necklace (Changed from Feb. 8 th) with Evelyn Tryon. \$7.

Feb. 15 th and 16 th	Noon-? (Sat. and Sun.)	Torch Time (No Beginning Silver Smithing this month).
Feb. 22 nd	9:00-Noon (Saturday)	Mini Gem Trees for the Gemboree

March classes:

March 14 th	9:00-Noon (Saturday)	Pearl stringing and knotting with Evelyn Tryon. \$5.
March 21 st	9:00-Noon (Saturday)	Mini Gem Trees for the Gemboree
March 21 st and 22 nd	Noon-? (Sat. and Sun.)	Torch time.
March 22 nd	Noon-? (Sunday)	Beginning Silver Smithing with Dave Macseoinin

Just a reminder about classes: Please remember to attend the classes for which you signed up. Our instructors are volunteers and they deserve respect. Please call the instructor or the club even if you cannot attend at the last minute.

Machine maintenance: WARNING!!! We are having a problem with the saws being damaged from someone either not using the stop chains or from putting too large a rock inside the saw. This is just a pleasant reminder - **Here are the requirements for using the machinery downstairs:**

1. All members must write their name down on the daily log EVERY time that they use any of the machines downstairs.
2. All members must write the saw number that is used in the workroom on the daily log, each and every time that it is used.
3. No one is permitted to put any stone that has a cutting area that is bigger than the square posted on top of the machine.
4. All members MUST use the safety chain on each saw (each and every time any saw is used) – this is most likely the problem that caused the damage.
5. Members must be trained before using any of the equipment.

For those of us who have boulders (or larger rocks) that we would like to cut, Mark Morrow has offered to bring in an over-sized saw for a day when it warms up in the Spring so that we can cut over-sized rocks.

Sunshine News from Evelyn: David Maceosin had his knee surgery – he is gratefully recovering well. Joyce Kish – fell and broke her arm while out west. She is recovering at their motorhome in Arizona. She sees the doctor again this week for her broken arm. She has had already two surgeries and may need more to repair it. She doesn't know when she will be able to come home. Bob Franks had surgery and is doing well. They removed the tumor and saved the kidney. He plans to come to Club again soon. Cathy Lee had surgery. She reports it was very successful and she is recovering at home. Richard Lee had back surgery and he has gone to rehab. Then he developed a kidney infection and is back in hospital for treatment. Barbara Kemper's sister is quite ill. Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers.

Library: Evelyn reported that we ordered the book collection from "Diamond Dan" and will receive monthly "Mini-Miner Newsletters" as she mentioned at our December meeting. That inspired her and others to begin a Library for our GeoJuniors Program. It has already been mentioned that Cuyahoga Valley Archeology Society donated the glass front book case which sits in the closet to our GeoJuniors group. We bought a lock for it as it will hold past records, books and specimens that have been donated for our use.

She is excited about the opportunity to set up a Library where the students can borrow books, choose a topic and make a report to earn the communication patch, plus share additional knowledge. We have some minerals, rocks and fossils that have been donated to our group from Lapidary/Mineral Club members and Vendors at our Shows. Instead of giving one to each child, we have them available for their

study when our class is on the specific subject. We use a magnifying glass and even flashlights to see differences.

If you would like to donate a specimen or books for our GeoJuniors Library, see Evelyn Tryon, Becky Kosco or Guy Kotch. We will acknowledge your donation and thank you. Our group is so fortunate to have this opportunity.

Newsletter: Please email me at slcnewsletter2019@gmail.com if you expected to receive this newsletter via email and did not receive it. (Sorry we didn't meet your expectation!) We're working on keeping our lists current!

Gemboree: Chair report for February 2020

Things are moving along, we are looking forward to Our next Gemboree™. Yes, it's true our trademark with the State of Ohio, is now official! I received confirmation last week. Thank you to Anthony Hoag who guided me through the process. Now nobody can lock us out of using this word.

We will soon have our decals for the spring show. Hopefully soon, Kim Evangelisti will have the sign-up genius online and working!

GeoJuniors: Do you know about our 'GeoJuniors' Program? Their meeting will be held on February 9th, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Our GeoJuniors chapter of Future Rockhounds of America was chartered with the Summit Lapidary Club as our sponsor. Past President, David Rich worked with Midwest Federation to make this happen.

In our group of about 15, we have six active students who have earned 6 or more patches each. We just awarded 5 students with 4 patches each, earned in 2019. We also have new students who have attended only 1 or 2 meetings. At our meetings we have a lesson, trade, and share, plus we do an activity, games, crafts, etc. So when we ask for your help, we want you to help us succeed with our program. You could teach a lesson about your special interest – rocks, fossils, minerals, gems, space rocks, how to keep records on your computer, share a digging trip, teach a craft, etc.

Our students are invited to put their collection on display at our Shows each year. We have a judge evaluate their display, write a summary for that display, give suggestions on how to improve it, then we award ribbons based on the evaluations.

Evelyn is glad to be a part of this group and wants everyone to encourage any child to come and visit. At our shows we promote GeoJuniors at our "Children's Craft" area to encourage families to get involved.
Evelynn Tryon

Miscellaneous items:

Dues: If you haven't paid your membership fees, please pay them at our February meeting. You can give the money to pay Nancy Halloran, the treasurer. We depend on those dues as a club to keep the place rocking!

Parking Bans: In Cuyahoga Falls around our clubhouse the city declares a parking ban whenever there are over two (2) inches of snow. Members can call the CFO Non-emergency (330) 928-2181 to find if a ban is in place. There are no parking restrictions at the Polish American Club in Akron where we have our General Meetings.

Polishing Page: Indoor activity is the name of the game in the Winter. Perhaps this is a good time to finish up some of the cabs you have been meaning to get to. Maybe the attached guide will be helpful. (See attachment).

William Holland Update: Just a reminder our joint trip with AMS to William Holland will be a wonderful chance to have fun and learn with your fellow Rock buddies. You can still decide to join us until the last

moment. But be prepared that you might be closed out of a class, the longer you wait. Further details about the available classes can be found on the SLC website and the William Holland web site. Georgia is beautiful in Sept and there are still so many wonderful classes to choose and enjoy. For a mere \$100 plus lab and material cost you can enjoy a week of classes, accommodations and food. You must provide your own transportation down and back.

When: Sept 13-18, 2020 Where: William Holland in Young Harris, Georgia

Contact Sandy Shorter for additional info or questions. Kristin Morrow is collecting the money. 440-479-0069 or sandyshorter25@gmail.com

Akron Mineral Society's trip to the Cincinnati Gem Show: Joyce Kish, Mark & Mari are on the trip committee. Money is due by March 2020. Includes bus, Hyatt with breakfast, & show entry. AMS member \$50, not AMS member \$68. Sign up list is on the bulletin board at the club.

Polish-American Club (PAC): John Dombrosky, our PAC liaison, can sell you a Social Membership for \$5. You get updates on their events, including a breakfast with Santa.

Beads for sale: Annette Long is helping a friend clearance sale her stock of beads- glass, porcelain, bugle beads, many beads. Look at pictures & see if you're interested in more info.

Summit Live 365 website: The Summit Lapidary Club will have a listing on the "ArtsNow!" webpage. We will be creating a profile of our club and will receive free advertising of our activities there.

Fantasia Mining: Still closed for restoration of their building. Call before you go!

Mid-West Federation: Dues are due in January.

Correction from January Newsletter: Bake-a-lite = correction: Bakelite = **Bakelite** (/ˈbeɪkəlaɪt/ BAY-kəl-eyet; sometimes spelled Baekelite) or polyoxybenzylmethyleneglycolanhydride was the first plastic made from synthetic components. It is a thermosetting phenol formaldehyde resin, formed from a condensation reaction of phenol with formaldehyde.

February's birthstone is amethyst: Amethyst is a variety of quartz. (Did you know that it can be carved?) The stone was believed by the Greeks to protect its wearer from drunkenness while medieval European soldiers believed the stone provided protection in battle, promoted healing, and stimulated cool-headed responses. Its colors range from light pinkish-violet to deep purple. Amethyst can fade if exposed to light, and but it can also be artificially treated with irradiation to darken it. It has been found on many continents, North and South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, India, and the Middle East. (*Wikipedia*)

Old News:

Summit Lapidary Club Notes from the January 7th 2020 General Meeting

Becky Koscsó called meeting to order at 7:05pm Introduced SLC 2020 Executive Board Members. Anyone that has any suggestions for speakers or programs please speak to Courtney Cable. Host was Guy Kotch

Visitors presented by Dave Macseoinin: Matt Sheehan, Heather Waltz, Christine MaLcolm, Elizabeth Prindle, Rebecca Wehr, and new member, Jason Adams.

Classes reported by Dave Macseoinin:

1/19 Noon; Beginning Silver Smithing with Dave Macseoinin

2/8, 9am-noon; Multi Strand Necklace with Evelyn Tryon

3/14 9am-noon Pearl Stringing & Knotting with Evelyn Tryon

Please mark your calendars for the mini Gemboree gem tree's all hands on deck please!

1/25, 2/22, 3/21 9am-Noon Hope to see you at the club to help!

Gemboree, Guy Kotch: Mike Knapp made a large donation of flint. Thank you Mike! Flyers & Posters are available at the clubhouse. A big thank you to Guy & Anthony Hoag for all of their work on getting Gemboree trademarked.

GeoJuniors, Rob is making a 2020 calendar for SLC members. Please sign up to lead a badge in your area of expertise. You could show off your lapidary skills, host a craft, or even give a fun presentation. Please see Evelyn, Rob, or Kim.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Richard Lee had back surgery on 1-14, Dave Macseoinin had knee surgery on 1-16, Bob Franks had kidney surgery on 1-24 & Jim Watson wife was hospitalized with COPD, sending lots of love to all of our members struggling right now.

Machine Maintenance, Gene Willis: Trim saw had a hiccup, a new motor has been ordered, Per Guy: There are 2 new grinding wheels PLEASE BE CAREFUL, we have a new printer also.

Property Maintenance, Frank Mack: The property is doing ok.

Trips: William Holland September 13th-September 18th 2020 Kristine Morrow is collecting money Akron Mineral bus trip to the Cincinnati Gem Show May 2nd & 3rd 2020 Kristine Morrow is collecting money for that trip also.

New Business: Mark Morrow has a variety of Rotary tool kits for sale if anyone is interested.

Mary Anne McLeod-Wolfe has a Lionel Train Collection for sale, if interested please speak with her

A big thank you to Jason Adams for his wonderful presentation & bringing some amazing pieces from his collection for our viewing.

Feb Meeting we are having a "pop up museum" bring a special piece from your collection to share with the group, this sounds like a lot of fun, and I'm very excited to see everyone's specimens

*8:15pm Motion to adjourn by Courtney Cable Lisa Troxell 2nd passed
Respectfully submitted by Cathy Milhoan*

Notes from January 2020 Newsletter & Speaker: Thank you to our guest speaker and new member **Jason Adams** for filling our minds with knowledge and our eyes with dazzling pieces from his collection of jewelry and objects. He truly was **Jason Adams: A 2020 Surprise!**

Keep the Dates in 2020!

February 9th, 2020: GeoJuniors meeting at 1:00 PM at the clubhouse.

February 25th, 2020: Executive Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse.

March 3rd, 2020: SLC members' meeting at 7:00 PM at the Polish American Club.

March 8th, 2020: GeoJuniors meeting at 1:00 PM at the clubhouse.

March 18th, 2020: The new member dinner will be held at 6:00 PM. This is by invitation only. New members will be contacted.

March 31st, 2020: Executive Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse.

Spring Auction: We are planning to have an auction in the Spring for the lapidary tools and rocks donated by the family of Carol Jones of Tallmadge. Some of the items include a home-made faceting machine and polisher, a grinder, a Lortone slab saw, some trim saws, and other miscellaneous items currently stored in the shed. We will keep you posted!

June, 2020: We are hoping to schedule another “**Big Dig**” on Flint Ridge. The exact date has not yet been set.

July 11th, 2020: Summer Picnic at the Learner Community Center on South River Road. (Just a reminder, alcohol is permitted but must be consumed inside the building.)

December 19th, 2020: We are tentatively planning this date for the Christmas Party, to be held again at St. George’s.

And the **BIG** date – April 25th and 26th, 2020: The Spring Gemboree!



See you there!



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WHY NOT POST THE FOLLOWING LIST NEAR YOUR WORK BENCH FOR QUICK REFERENCE?

TYPES OF STONES, AGENTS & TYPE OF BUFF

AGATE — Cerium Oxide on Canvas	LABRADORITE — Tin Oxide on Leather
ALABASTER — Tin Oxide on Leather	LAPIS LAZULI — Tin Oxide on Leather
AMAZONITE — Tin Oxide on Leather	LAZURITE — Cerium Oxide on Canvas
APATITE — Linde A on Leather	LEPIDOLITE — Tin Oxide on Leather
AMBER — Tin Oxide on Leather	LIMONITE — Tin Oxide on Leather
AVENTURINE — Tin Oxide on Leather	MALACHITE — Tin Oxide on Leather
AZURITE — Tin Oxide on Leather	MESOLITE — Tin Oxide on Leather
BAUXITE — Tin Oxide on Leather	MOONSTONE — Tin Oxide on Leather
BERYL — Cerium Oxide on Canvas	NICKEL SILVER — Linde A on Canvas
BURNITE — Tin Oxide on Leather	NEPHRITE - Tin Oxide on Leather
BLOODSTONE — Linde A on Canvas	OBSIDIAN — Tin Oxide on Leather
CASSITERITE — Linde A on Leather	OPAL Cerium Oxide on Canvas
CELESTITE — Tin Oxide on Leather	ORBICULAR Rhyolite — Tin Oxide on Leather
CERUSSITE — Tin Oxide on Leather	QUARTZ CRYSTALLINE - Cerium Oxide on Canvas
CHIASTOLITE — Linde A on Leather	PERIDOT — Linde A on Leather
CHRYSOBERYL - Diamond on Wood	RHODOCHROSITE - Tin Oxide on Leather
CHRYSOCOLLA — Cerium Oxide on Canvas	RHODONITE - Linde A on Leather
CINNABAR — Linde A on Leather	RHYOLITE — Cerium Oxide on Canvas
CONICALCITE — Linde A on Canvas	RUBY — Diamond on Wood
CORAL — Tin Oxide on Leather	SAPPHIRE — Diamond on Wood
CORNITE — Linde A on Leather	SATIN SPAR - Tin Oxide on Leather
DATOLITE — Tin Oxide on Leather	SILEX SPAR — Tin Oxide on Leather
DIOPSIDE — Linde A on Leather	SERPENTINE — Linde A on Leather
DUMORTIERITE — Cerium Oxide on Canvas	SINTER — Cerium Oxide on Leather
ENSTATITE — Linde A on Leather	SMITHSONITE — Tin Oxide on Leather
EPIDOTE — Tin Oxide on Leather	SODALITE — Cerium Oxide on Felt
FELDSPAR — Tin Oxide on Leather	SPHALERITE — Linde A on Leather
FLUORITE — Tin Oxide on Leather	SPHENE — Linde A on Leather
GARNET — Linde A on Leather	SPINEL — Tin Oxide on Leather
GLASS — Cerium Oxide on Canvas	SUNSTONE — Tin Oxide on Leather
GYPSUM - Tin Oxide on Leather	THULITE - Linde A on Leather
HEMATITE - Cerium Oxide on Canvas	TOPAZ — Linde A on cork
HICKORYITE - Linde A on Canvas	TOURMALINE — Linde A on Leather
HOWL ITE — Cerium Oxide on Canvas	TRAVERTINE — Tin Oxide on Cork
IOLITE — Linde A on Leather	TURQUOISE — Tin Oxide on Leather
JADE — Linde A on Leather	VARISCITE — Tin Oxide on Leather
JADEITE — Linde A on Canvas	WILLIAMSITE — Linde A on Leather
JASPER — Cerium Oxide on Canvas	WONDERSTONE – Linde A on Canvas
JET — Cerium Oxide on Canvas	WONDERSTONE — Linde A on Canvas
KORNERUPINE - Linde A on Leather	

