

# Summit Gem February 2019

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## Mission Statement

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



**Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
**At the Quirk Center**  
**1201 Grant Street Cuyahoga Falls**



Program: Dick Hite presenting info on the Horseshoe Curve

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

## President's Message – by Becky Kosco

“Rocks and Minerals: the oldest story tellers” – A.D. Posey

Tuesday night Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> as I was leaving the clubhouse I came upon a man with a pickup and his son as they were plowing most of our driveway. Before he drove off, he rolled down his window and told me he was going around the neighborhood doing random acts of kindness. How great was that?

If you haven't been at the clubhouse lately you may want to bring sunglasses! All the overhead lights have been changed to LEDs. David Blanks was our electrician and he finished the job in just one day. Thank you to Tom McLaughlin and Guy Kotch for all their help. It is a tremendous peace of mind.

It will be so great to work and have classes and really be able to see. In January some of our classes were affected by a parking ban. Always check with the City or your teacher if you have a concern. Beginning in January Torch Time will be scheduled the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of every month. In February Dave will teach a Creativity workshop, two polymer clay classes with Mari and a ring class with Becky Hartman. Faceting meets most Saturday morning with Ron Maitland. Come down to the clubhouse to sign up!

Thanks to Dave Macseoinin for changing the drawer pulls in the kitchen! No more ripping off our pockets on the old ones.

The Library cabinet glass was installed by North Hill Glass and Mirror Company. We are grateful to Akron Mineral Club for sharing the cost of the glass with SLC. Big thanks to Tom McLaughlin and Guy for making this happen. Can't wait to see what Doug Shorter does with all the new space!

David and Mary Ann Rich had been taking care of the Adopt-A-Spot garden with the City of Cuyahoga Falls for many years. Dominic and Patti Anne Gionti have volunteered to take on this responsibility. Thank you so much!

We have a lot more in the works. The Spring Gemboree will be here before we know it. We are considering a Metaphysical Show in the summer. Come down to the clubhouse and check out the calendar – I'm sure there is something you'll want to do! Have a good February! Keep Rockin' - Becky

**Summit Lapidary Club, January 8th General Meeting** – Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Becky Kosco, presided

Thank you to Suzanne Shoffner, and Evelyn & John Tryon for hosting.

Visitors, David Macseoinin: Marissa Fanady, Mike Duncan, Rachel Harper, Bill Moll, and welcome to new members Phillip & Christine Schuld.

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 1/19 Press Form Shapes & Sawing with Bonnie & Gene Willis. Beginning Silver with Dave Macseoinin. 2/6 Creativity Workshop: Jewelry Design with Dave Macseoinin. 2/16 Beginning Polymer Clay: Lamb with Mari Takai-Manley. 2/17 Beginning Silver: Ring with Becky Hartman. Workshops: Torch Time 3rd Weekends monthly at noon Saturday & Sunday, and Advanced Polymer Clay 1/12 from 9-noon.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Pat Powers is getting treatment for a tumor. Gene Willis' mother is now under hospice care.

Treasurer, Nancy Halloran: Dues discount is good until the end of January at \$44. Then will go to regular dues at \$48.

Library, Becky Kosco for Doug Shorter: Glass doors have been ordered & should soon be installed in the beautiful new library case. Thank you to Mark Cunningham.

Gemboree, Guy Kotch: There was a brief Gemboree meeting preceding this meeting. General Membership needs to elect a Gemboree Chairman. With no nominations from the floor, Guy Kotch was re-elected with a show of hands, none opposed.

GeoJrs, Rob Rothschild: Meeting this Sunday at 1pm. Lots of new members & visitors. Please volunteer to help teach, do a craft, or visit!

Building Maintenance: Guy Kotch changed out the kitchen table lights with LED fixtures. Tom McLaughlin had an electrician in to give us cost of replacing all lighting in the building with LEDs. To rewire the meeting room, \$3102.00. To rewire the basement, \$1671.00. Total estimated at \$4774.00. **Motion by Andy Carey to rewire & replace lights in the meeting room and basement workrooms. David Rich 2nd. Passed. None opposed.**

#### **Old Business:**

Machine Maintenance: Guy Kotch replaced all 4 diamond wheels.

Christmas Party: Thank you to Mary Ann & David Rich for planning the wonderful party.

Proposal by President Becky Kosco & the Executive Board, to grant lifetime membership to John & Evelyn Tryon. Passed.

Adopt-a-Spot: needs volunteers to tend the garden we sponsor in front of the Natatorium. The 4 flats of flowers have been ordered. You pick them up when they come in May, plant, water occasionally, & weed a little until the city mulches. Dominic & Patti Anne Gionti volunteered.

Sign-up Sheet is going around for monthly meeting hosts. You bring the club container which is stocked by Sue Shoffner, put some pop & water in the cooler, grab coffee pot & get to Quirk around 5:30 to make coffee. Bring something for the snack table - if you get something fancy the club will reimburse you up to \$50.

Mark Cunningham is collecting a list of people interested in having a Metaphysical Fair. Please contact Mark if you have an interest. Not asking for a commitment at this time.

Rob Rothschild requested donations of new jewelry for gift baskets to be auctioned as a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club. He will need to get the donations from you at the February & March General Meetings.

Metalsmithing Competition 2019: Jim Watson will be the new coordinator for the next Metalsmithing/ Design Competition. He expects 50 people to be involved this year! Get your stuff ready! New rules will involve having a Hallmark & quality requirement. Any metal allowed. Winner to be announced at the December 2019 General Meeting.

VP Julie Fultz, President Becky Kosco and Dick Hite are planning programs for 2019 meetings. We'd like to have a speaker every month, and announce them in the preceding newsletter. We may be looking for a new projector to plug into laptops for speakers' slide shows & power points, if anyone has any connections that way.

Motion to adjourn by Andy Carey, Tom McLaughlin 2nd. Passed.

### **February SLC Membership Meeting Program**

Dick Hite will be our February speaker. He has a great presentation to share with us about The Horseshoe Curve, Limestone, Coal and Iron across the Appalachian Plateau.

### **Class and Events for February** More details posted with the sign-up sheets at the Clubhouse

2/5	Tuesday	SLC General Membership Meeting
2/6	Wednesday	Creativity Workshop: Jewelry Design with Dave Macseoinin
2/16	Saturday	Beginning Polymer Clay: Lamb with Mari Takai-Manley
2/17	Sunday	Beginning Silver: Ring with Becky Hartman
2/26	Tuesday	SLC Board Meeting

Workshops: Torch Time 3rd weekends monthly at noon Saturday & Sunday

### **Gemboree Report** – by Guy Kotch

By the end of this month we will have new sign-up sheets for the April 2019 Gemboree Show. Next month we will start Facebook advertising.

This April will be Cathy Lee last time doing Gem ID at our show! Thank you, Cathy, for all your work, knowledge and time manning this station.

Starting this fall, we hope to have an added attraction by Geologist Garry Getz (he authored the latest version of ODNR's pamphlet on Ohio Flint). Evelyn and I have been in touch with him and it looks like he will be available.

I am working on a new attraction for next spring, but nothing has been finalized yet.

### **Wegner Mine and SLC**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lr38edtV7HA&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR22QC9LqjtfLhDLf-9LurMQbr02SuByMDscbX2Agk2zb28zqtGBLhjCIK0>

Just recently released is the new advertisement for Wegner Mine, Mount Ida, Arkansas. Back in September SLC help sponsor a 5-day field trip out to this quartz crystal capital of the world. The advisement video depicts club members shopping at Wegner's, loading up to go to the mine, and of course getting red stained hands and clothes digging for quartz.

Frank Mack, our Indiana Jones look-alike, has several cameo shots. We should ask for his autograph. Check out the above link to view the whole video.



**Sunshine News** – by Mari Takai-Manley

- Annette Long is recovering mostly well with her ankle after its fusion surgery. However, when she put some weight on it, her ankle swelled and she had to put some ice on it. She is going through physical therapy to help her ankle become stronger. We hope that she gets the good result she is seeking.
- Her husband Andy Long is having problem with his knee. He decided to go through physical therapy at the same place with his wife. We wish him a successful treatment.
- We heard that Evelyn Tryon is going through various pain managements. She has a very positive fighting attitude to do everything she can to help her body. We wish her well.

**Just a Quick Note ...** – by Pat Powers

- Metaphysical Show - We are putting out feelers to gauge the level of interest in doing a Metaphysical Show. Mark Cunningham is the lead on this. If you are interested and/or want to participate please call Mark at (330) 958-6383.
- New Member's Dinner - The New Member's Dinner has been scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>. We invite all new members for dinner at the clubhouse and to learn about our club. All the hows and whys about the Summit Lapidary Club as well as an opportunity for you to voice any questions and concerns. More information to follow.
- Award Approved - At our General Meeting in January a vote was taken and I am proud to announce the vote was unanimous that SLC has awarded an honorary membership for life to Evelyn and John Tryon. We are so grateful for all they do.
- Torch Time - We schedule open torch time every third weekend on the month beginning around Noon. There is a torch available plus any other equipment the club has for metal smithing. To join in on this activity you need to be a member in good standing and have completed beginning silver. Sometimes a class may be run simultaneously. We hope this encourages creativity!
- Treasurer, Nancy Halloran: Time to pay dues for 2019. Discounted at \$44 until the end of January. Then full price at \$48, until when the late fee is added.
- Becky Kosco reminder: With winter coming, we want to revisit the city parking ban in Cuyahoga Falls. A parking ban means no parking by the clubhouse. If a parking ban is in effect, you can still park at the Quirk, so we can still meet there. But if the weather is bad enough, we may decide to postpone the meeting to the following Tuesday. If that decision is made, Evelyn Tryon will send out an email and Susanne Shoffner will make phone calls. If you want to know if a parking ban is in place, call the Cuyahoga Falls Police non-emergency number (330) 928-2181.

Nothing more to add see you next month!