

Summit Gem January Issue

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, January 8th at 7pm
At the Quirk Center
1201 Grant Street Cuyahoga Falls



Hosts: Sue Shoffner

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

President's Message – by Becky Kosco

“Rock and Roll is here to stay.” by Neil Young

And Summit Lapidary Club is here to stay! We can anticipate many good times in 2019. I hope everyone has enjoyed the Holidays and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

We had an election of officers in December, electing:

President – Becky Kosco

Vice President – Julie Foltz

Treasurer – Nancy J. Milton-Halloran

Secretary – Laura Gipson McElroy

Julie is our newest elected member and replaces David Frazier who served as Vice President for several years, and we appreciate all he's done. We also filled a Trustee position by unanimously reappointing Tom McLaughlin to another 3-year term. Our other Trustees are Robert Spore and David Rich. I want to thank all my officers and trustees for stepping up to keep our club running smoothly – I couldn't do it without you!

This year I would like to emphasize learning and sharing lapidary skills. We need our clubhouse to be a hub of education. We need people to teach classes, and we need everyone to come to the clubhouse and see what's scheduled on the calendar.

We need to take care of some of the physical needs of our clubhouse in the coming year. Improving the lighting, ventilation and whatever else is needed to improve safety.

Thank you to Mary Ann & David Rich for another wonderful Christmas Party! We love our new venue at St. George's in Fairlawn. The evening gave me an opportunity to thank all of you who work tirelessly to keep our club moving forward. Specifically, to thank John and Evelyn Tryon for all they do, we wish to award them an Honorary Membership for life in our Summit Lapidary Club, which will be voted on at our next General meeting.

That's all for now – join us January 8th for our General Meeting to hear the latest.
Keep Rockin' – Becky

Summit Lapidary Club, December 4th General Meeting – Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy,
Secretary SLC

Becky Kosco, presided

"Christmas Cookie Meeting"

Visitors, David Macseoinin: Kirk Compton, Lyle Jenkins, Timothy & Edith Mills

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 12/11 Auntie Laura's 2018 Annual Holiday Earring Extravaganza! 12/16 Beginning Silver with Dave Macseoinin. 12/19 Forging: Penannular Pin. 1/19/19 Press Form Shapes & Jeweler's Saw at noon. 1/20/19 Beginning Silver by Torch Timers at noon.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Pat Powers is getting treatment for a recently discovered tumor.

Library, Doug Shorter: Because there's a lot of interest in wire-wrapping lately, we've brought in more wire-wrapping info. Becky Kosco added that the new bookcases are finished except for the glass. Soon we will have double the size of space for our library.

Newsletter, Becky Kosco for Pat Powers: Although Pat plans to continue as newsletter editor, she is requesting an assistant/trainee. Please contact Becky, any officer, trustee or Pat Powers if you are interested in learning this job.

Treasurer, Nancy Halloran: Dues for 2019 are \$48. If you pay during January, you get a month discount at \$44. The equipment auction last month earned \$549.

Gemboree, Guy Kotch: Presented a check to the treasurer for Gemboree proceeds. We had a record-breaking show. The gate was good- near to a 25-year-old record! We did spend less on advertising by changing to more computer advertising.

GeoJrs, Rob Rothschild: Gemboree brought another 20-30 interested contacts. Last month's meeting saw 8 or 9 new kids in attendance. December meeting 2nd Sunday at 1pm is our annual Christmas party by Evelyn & John Tryon, with pizza & gift rocks! We always need help: teach or lead a meeting, or share a craft or specialty. Summit Lapidary Club is the sponsor of our GeoJrs group, with a goal of nurturing an interest in rocks & minerals and earth sciences.

Laura Thomas: Auntie Laura's Annual 2018 Holiday Earring Extravaganza is Tuesday, December 11 at 6pm till whenever! This is the only time you can bring a non-member, so bring a friend or relative to learn to make earrings for the holidays. Many different styles to try, and at cost, and they make wonderful Christmas gifts. Bring hand tools.

Machine Maintenance, David Moore: All slab saws are running. MSDS, oil safety papers, are posted on the upstairs and downstairs bulletin boards. Guy Kotch and Tom McLaughlin are checking into ventilation options.

Christmas Party, Mary Ann Rich: Cocktails for the first hour or so. Dinner after 6:30 if you want to avoid the mingling time. Bring a wrapped white elephant or something nice for the game.

Metal Smithing Contest Awards, Dave Macseoinin: First place for newer members goes to Sandy Shorter. First Place for more established members goes to Jim Watson. We have had torch time for most of the year, every weekend, and had a very disappointing turnout for this contest. Dave is looking for someone else to run this contest in 2019.

Elections:

President Becky Kosco, Treasurer Nancy Halloran, and Secretary Laura McElroy ran unopposed. Tom McLaughlin was accepted as Trustee by a show of hands. David Frazier and Julie Fultz ran for Vice President, and Julie Fultz was elected by paper ballot.

Officers for 2019 are President Becky Kosco, Vice President Julie Fultz, Treasurer Nancy Halloran, and Secretary Laura McElroy, with Trustee Tom McLaughlin.

Motion to adjourn by David Macseoinin, Andy Carey 2nd. Passed.

Class and Events for January: More details posted with the sign-up sheets at the Clubhouse

1/08/19 Tuesday General Membership Meeting
1/19/19 Saturday Press Form Shapes & Jeweler's Saw at noon.
1/20/19 Sunday Beginning Silver by Torch Timers at noon.
1/29/19 Tuesday SLC Board Meeting

Good Friends ~Sharing Good Food ~Having a Great Time – by Sandy Shorter

That is what the SLC /AMS Christmas party is all about. Another HUGE success and thank you to Maryann Rich yet again for putting this all together.

Smiles filled St George's church as 72 members and guests shared a wonderful buffet and played 'the game' after dinner. Grabbing hands passed the pie tins, as dice flew frantically trying to roll doubles and steal the gifts on the table. There were a lot of squeals and laughter as the "white elephant" gifts were opened. One thing was certain a good time was had by all. Thanks for a wonderful evening.

Gemboree News – by Guy Kotch

We are working on the 2019 spring show, The Gemboree committee has scheduled a special meeting on Tuesday January 8th at 6PM at the Quirk Center before the General SLC Meeting to discuss the last show and lessons learned. Then we will talk about the spring show, if you have any plans or ideas? Send them to my e-mail please!
Cujo.rasputin@yahoo.com

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- Annette Long had ankle fusion surgery on November 6. We hope it went well and that she will have a speedy recovery. We send our prayers her way.
- Catherine Milhoan had cancer surgery on November 9. We heard that the surgery went well and that she is in recovery. We pray that she will make a complete and speedy recovery.
- David and Maryann Rich were delighted that their first grandchild was born recently. We heard that she was named Ana. We send our congratulations to them and the parents.
- We heard that Don and Cat Bennington are expecting the birth of their first great grandchild.
- Pat Powers found that she has a tumor and is going thru medical treatment. We send her well wishes and prayers. I hope you are well and feeling strong for the challenge. Please take good care of yourself. Club members send our love and respect.

Just a Quick Note ... – by Pat Powers

- 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.
- Ron Maitland a club faceter has a helpful idea: As Ron states: "I recently started using wax to dop my gem stones, and I purchased a dop pot to get stones and dops evenly hot. Experienced faceters in our club told me, "If you don't burn your fingers, you are not doing it right!" However, burning my fingers prevented me from centering the dop and rough, before the wax cooled. My solution is - GOLF GLOVES. I wear an old pair of golfer's rain gloves. They allow dexterity, I can manipulate the dop until I am satisfied with the position, and the gloves only get warm."
- Nothing more to add see you next month!