

# Summit Gem June 2016

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## Mission Statement

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



**Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**  
**At The Quirk Center**  
**1201 Grant Street Cuyahoga Falls**



**Host: Mari Takai-Manley**

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

## President's Message – by Andy Carey

So I guess we skipped spring and went straight to summer?!?! As it is in Ohio. This will be our last meeting until September. I hope everyone has a great summer! Even though there will be no meetings, we do have many classes and activities going on during our break. Please head on down to the club house to check out the class board and calendar to see what is being offered. As always the club will be open Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings so you can work on any projects you have going.

The month of May culminates with Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those that died in defense of our country. Thank you. For me it also is a day for remembrance of loved ones lost too soon. Bringing back thoughts and memories of times gone, of moments shared, and emotions felt. This last month our club members have lost loved ones. As a club we share in the sorrow of loss too soon. We are a family, albeit at times dysfunctional, we are and will be here for whatever you need.

See Everyone Soon,  
Andy Carey

## June Meeting Program – by David Frazier

For our June meeting before kicking off the summer break, we have jewelry historian, designer, and collector Jason Adams. He will be talking about diamonds and their historical use in jewelry during the Victorian to the Art Deco time periods.

In the past, Jason has given some great presentations and brought in examples from his personal collection. A question and answer session will be after the presentation.

**Summit Lapidary Club, May 3, 2016 General Meeting** - Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Andy Carey presided. Hostess: Laura Thomas

Visitors, Dave Macseoinin: Mary Myers, Jen Rose, Erica Jones, Debbie Matczyszczym, Megan Shane, Roe York, and welcome to new members David Chacon, Madeline Winters, and Raleigh Ryan.

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 5/15 Metalsmithing workshop- bring your own project, with Dave Macseoinin. 5/18 Basic Bead Stringing with Evelyn Tryon. 5/21 Polymer Clay with Mari Takai-Manley. 5/28 Polymer Clay Lion Head with Mari Takai-Manley.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Dean Pawlicki is starting pain management for his back problem. Sandy Shorter had surgery. Merry Anne McLeod-Wolfe is recovering over the summer & is to have her next surgery in September.

Library, Mari Takai-Manley: Corrections to the April minutes by Mari: Purchased from David Rich, a book from his trip to AZ. Purchased a Jade DVD from David Leung. Thank you, Mari.

Library, Mari Takai-Manley: Received a book from Bob Powers on African art. Received two Polymer Clay books from Bob Senn.

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 by e-mail send your e-mail address to Pat at SLCnewsletter@aol.com  
Classes: Please email SLC Newsletter with date & type of class.

Gemboree, Bob Powers: Tom McLaughlin is working on finishing up the financials. Forecasting record earnings & record expenses. Sandy Shorter, Joyce Kish & Evelyn Tryon did a great job with Publicity, and Caitlin Pendolino made a great advertising connection with WKSU.

GeoJrs, Rob Rothschild: We doubled in size at this last meeting with guests from Gemboree, and from Evelyn & John Tryon's visit to Richardson Elementary School. Guest instructor was Erica, mother of one of the youth. Evelyn Tryon taught her how to string beads with crimps the other day & she taught the kids her new craft! Rob Rothschild needs help with crafts & people who can share their knowledge & enthusiasm for rocks & minerals. Starting in July, GeoJrs will meet the second Sunday of the month instead of the first Sunday due to continuing schedule conflicts. A field trip to Flint Ridge is planned for 6/25, and a trip to a Toledo fossil park later in the year. New deadline for the Agate Poster Contest is 6/15. Laura Thomas reported that we have about a dozen in now.

Machine Maintenance, David Frazier: ok

Property Maintenance, Frank Mack: We have a new ladder. Thank you to Mark Morrow who repaired the gutters.

Treasurer, John Kerr: Reported

Old Business:

Evelyn Tryon has had requests to speak at schools. She & John went to Richardson Elementary, took mineral specimens, and spoke to 3 different 3rd grade classes that day. The teacher definitely wants them to come back next year.

Evelyn & John Tryon were awarded a gift card from SLC, presented by President Andy Carey, for representing us in speaking at the schools.

David Rich reported that the Adopt-a-spot flowers are coming 5/23, to be planted & tended by the garden club on our behalf. Our garden is in front of the Natatorium as you walk in the door, and has a plaque with SLC's name on it.

Laura Thomas is looking for her gem tree demo box from Gemboree. If you've seen it please let Laura know.

New Business:

Courtney Cable reported that [akronartprize.org](http://akronartprize.org) has information on how to enter to display your work during the whole month of September & perhaps win prizes by popular vote.

Mike Knapp reported that at the Kalamazoo gem show the members donate nice slabs & finished jewelry for their silent auction.

Jayne Smith requested a cab wire-wrapping class.

David Rich, MWF: They had a great time at our show. Sue Shoffner & JoAnn Harrison helped out at the clubhouse for their meeting. They really enjoyed Flint Ridge.

Evelyn Tryon reported that Gail Davidson, a former member, is selling her home display area.

Flyers for the Parma show 5/14-15 available, with a discount coupon.

Rob Rothschild reported that the Parma show has been advertising on Craig's List for months- under Lapidary. We could, too.

President's Remarks, Andy Carey: 7/23 picnic at Marty & Kathi Jo Lappin's house. Map & directions will be available. 12/10 Christmas Party at Akron Woman's City Club.

**Motion to adjourn by Evelyn Greene, Deb Salay 2nd.**

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

Saturday, June 4	gem tree class
Saturday, June 18	poly clay advance butterfly
Sunday, June 19	metalsmithing
Saturday, July 16	mini gem trees
Saturday, July 23	Summer Picnic
Saturday, August 13	mini gem trees

**Gemboree News** – by Bob Powers

By now everyone has probably heard that the Spring Gemboree shattered all records; record attendance going back more than 20 years, record gate receipts, new records for Silent Auction, Gem Mine, Geode Cracking, Kids Activities! WOW! Congratulations to everyone! This event is a Huge (to quote Bernie Sanders: "and I mean HYUGE") effort and is only successful because everyone participates.

At the Gemboree follow-up meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Treasurer **Tom McLaughlin** presented the financials and all activity areas were reviewed. Several suggestions were made for improvements for the Fall show. Changes to Admissions price and Dealer contracts were discussed for later action. **Dave Macseoinin** announced that he no longer plans to bring the acetylene torch for silversmithing demonstrations as no one is doing this demonstration and there are associated safety risks.

Volunteers were requested to co-lead the Gem mine with **Bob Spore**. Thanks to **Mike Morrow** for volunteering for this effort! We also need a couple people to learn how to set up the Gem Mine. Instructions will be provided at the Fall Show setup.

**Jenn Shernit** has several ideas for improving the Silent Auction, including revising the table layout for better traffic pattern, and holding a couple of Bid Slip making sessions (similar to Rock Bagging) at the clubhouse prior to the show. (More on that later.) Efforts are being made to reduce the hundreds of pounds excess rock donations that were stored at Emidio's. A few deemed "least desirable" were pitched. Three 5 gallon buckets of rocks were selected to be cut in half to show the patterns and make them more saleable. Thanks to **Dave Frazier, Mike Ball** and **Frank Edwards** for agreeing to take a bucket & do that rock cutting!

Jenn would also like to have an auction of higher-valued material like most other clubs do. Please consider donating an item valued at \$ 15 or higher for this special auction. Your business card should be included if applicable. This is an opportunity to show off your craftsmanship as well as help the clubs.

Thanks again to the other area leads – **John Kerr** at Admissions, **John Goldsmith** at Geode Cracking and **Marty and Kathi Jo Lappin** at Kid's Activities. And special thanks to **Mari Taki-Manley** for coordinating the Display Cases!

Last but not least, thanks to **Nancy Yeager** for agreeing to plan another Fall Treasure Hunt. Please contact her if you want to give her a hand. While on the subject of the Fall Show, be aware that when we start back after summer break, the Fall Gemboree sign-up sheets will be out. Volunteers are needed to help with getting the Fluorescent Mineral Display operational for the Fall Show, to be done at Friday Set up.

**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.

<b>1-15 entries</b>	1st prize 25\$		
<b>16-30 entries</b>	1st prize 50\$	2nd prize 25\$	
<b>31-plus</b>	1st prize 100\$	2nd prize 50\$	3rd prize 20\$ gift card

Flint is 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 druzzy 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!!

### **Our Summer Picnic will be on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Location:** Kathi Jo & Marty Lappins House, 2520 Myersville Rd., Uniontown, OH, 44685

**Time:** 12pm till ?

**Club will provide:** Meat and Beverage

**Bring:** Side dish or dessert, chair

#### **Directions from club house:**

Get on Route 8 south towards Akron

Go through Akron route designation will change to 77 south

Exit Route 77 at Arlington road exit

Turn left onto Arlington Rd.

At Killian Rd turn right.

Continue on Killian Rd to Myersville Rd.

At Myersville Rd. turn right

Destination will be on right Look for the sign SLC PICNIC

### **"Laws" of Collecting Or, Murphy's Law of Minerals**

Written by: Wendell Wilson The Mineralogical Record Volume 10, Number four, July-August 1979

Everyone knows Murphy's Law..."If anything can go wrong it will." I offer here a few observations relative to collecting.

1. Specimens become more expensive faster than you become more affluent.
2. A specimen being trimmed tends to break through the largest crystal.
3. Untrained observers always wish to touch the most fragile specimen.
4. The one specimen you like best in a collection is the one with the owner is least inclined to part with.
5. Every specimen is dinged; the dings are just smaller on some.
6. In the field, the best crystals are always found on the largest, hardest rock.
7. In the field, the greatest discoveries are always made the day before you arrive, or the day after you leave.
8. During hard times, mineral dealers keep alive by selling to each other.
9. The best specimens on a dealer's mailing list will already be sold by the time you receive the list.
10. Specimens and money tend to repel each other.

Corollary #1. The specimen you have been waiting years to buy becomes available when you have the least money.

Corollary #2. When you have extra money to spend on specimens, nothing worthwhile will be available.

Corollary #3. Specimens of a given type will stop appreciating, and will begin to depreciate, as soon as you buy one.

Corollary #4. When you wish to sell a specimen, no one will have the money available to buy it from you.

11. If you immediately buy a specimen from a new discovery, better ones will shortly be found and sold for less. If you delay in buying, no more will ever be found, and prices will immediately rise drastically.

12. If you wish to sell a specimen, no one wants it. If you wish to keep it, everyone wants it.

Corollary #1. If you buy a specimen from a dealer he will continue to tell you how marvelous it is until the moment you offer to sell it back to him.

13. A repaired specimen is worth less only when owned by someone else.

14. Mineral localities remain open as long as mineral collectors do not visit them.

15. A specimen which you are contemplating buying will remain unsold until JUST BEFORE you decide to buy it (regardless of how long you delay), at which time it will be bought by someone else.

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

- Charles D. Ard, who was the son of Amber Greene and grandson of Evelyn Greene, passed away on May 11th, 2016, because of a car accident. He would have graduated from college that weekend, and his family members were preparing the celebration dinner party for him. His only sister drove from North Carolina to join the party and then they had to change their plans to bury him instead. There were plenty of wet eyes during visiting hours. I remember Charlie always helping Evelyn and Russell during our Gemborees with his sister at the Silent Auction area. We send our deepest sympathy to all members of the family.
- Dorothea Flick also passed away on May 12, 2016. She was the wife of Bob Flick who passed away two years ago. They were lovebirds to each other and married for 69 years. Family members said that Dot was suffering in the end and was ready to see her beloved husband again. We send our deep sympathy to all family members.
- Michael Lang, who is the only son of Jeff Lang and Tammy Lang, graduated from high school this May. Tammy passed away very recently. Tammy was so proud of Michael who was a good son, and he was very proud of his mother fighting cancer till the end. We send Michael our congratulations.
- Donovan Carey, who is the son of Andy and Dawn Carey, also graduated from high school this May. He plans to attend college. We send him and his parents our congratulations.
- Sandy Shorter successfully completed surgery recently, and is recovering well at home. We wish her a complete and quick recovery.
- Kristin Morrow recently had shoulder surgery. Although she is still in pain, she is in good spirits and comes to the clubhouse with her arm in a sling. We wish her a speedy continued recovery.

### **Just a Quick Note From Me** – by Pat Powers

The Summit Gem is off on vacation for 2 months. Nothing more to add see you In September!