

Summit Gem April 2017

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, April 4th at 7PM
At The Quirk Center
1201 Grant Street Cuyahoga Falls



Hosts: Kristen and Mark Morrow

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

President's Message – by Andy Carey

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well. Gosh, I love Ohio weather! At least on the calendar it says Spring! Gemboree is only a few weeks away! Very exciting! Hopefully everyone has found time to sign-up to work the show. If not the sheets will be at Quirk Center on Tuesday. Reminder, to be in good standing with the club you need to work 4 hours at the Gemboree. The Show helps with the clubs expenses, which keeps our membership fees affordable.

Thanks for all you do!

Andy

Summit Lapidary Club, March 7th 2017 General Meeting – Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy,
Secretary SLC

Andy Carey presided

Thank you to Kathi Jo & Marty Lappin for doing the shopping for our new microphone system!

Visitors, Dave Macseoinin: Ann Mandanici, John Daugherty, & Dick Hite.

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 3/14 Jewelry Jam with Annette Long- bring your own project. 3/16 Copper Cuff Bracelet with Kathy Jo Lappin. 3/25 Mini Gem Tree Workshop for Gemboree. 3/26 Metal Smithing workshop with Dave Macseoinin- bring your own project. 3/29 Wire Sculpture with Joyce Kish & Deb Salay. 4/1 Advanced Polymer Clay with Andy Carey.

Treasurer, John Kerr: Reported. Expenses included property taxes & the new microphone sound system.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Condolences to Cat & Don Benington on the very recent loss of their son, & then Don's brother. June Johnson had shoulder surgery. Evelyn Greene is dealing with a lingering cold. Paul McElroy broke his elbow & wrist & had to have surgery. 3 year old daughter of Jason Messer & Megan Kress, Lily, had a cancer tumor removed from her kidney & will be undergoing 14 weeks of chemo, but no radiation therapy.

Gemboree, Evelyn Tryon: flyers, clings & full-color posters are available tonight. Sign-up sheets are on the back table, please sign up tonight for your volunteer stations for Gemboree.

Gemboree, Bob Powers: Advertising is out. Dealers are paid.

GeoJrs, Rob Rothschild: This Sunday- Akron U for tour of labs & careers discussion. People with skills are needed to help with classes & meetings.

Machine Maintenance: Saw #1 is still down.

Building Maintenance, Frank Mack: New member Bobby King painted the men's restroom.

Old Business:

Saw replacement: Tabled at the February meeting. The Executive Board decided on the Highland Park saw that will interchange parts with what we already have, & will fit through the doors to the basement. Vote by show of hands: all in favor, none opposed. Passed.

New Business:

Rob Rothschild requested personal donations of jewelry or cabs by 3/10 for the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser, silent auction.

Cathy Lee, Gemologist: The Gemology Institute of America would like to have a meet & greet/ joint meeting with Summit Lapidary Club. They'd like to see our clubhouse, will bring snacks & will let us see how gemologists work. Motion by Cathy Lee to have a joint meeting with the Gemology Institute at our club house on May 7 at noon, David Frazier 2nd. Passed.

Executive Board discussed inviting guest instructor, Drake Collins, to come teach a weekend of chain mail classes. Costs to be negotiated. Signup sheet going around to gauge interest.

Our May General Meeting at the Quirk Center will feature a Silent Auction.

Arianna Horton is teaching wire wrap at a Rock Shop as part of her job, & would like to teach classes for us, & maybe come up with a new craft for Gemboree.

Kevin Kimble requested another exhaust fan in the basement.

Suzanne Shoffner has been authorized, as part of the Hostess Committee, to purchase a new vacuum cleaner. Please use the new one for cleaning up after dinners and meetings, but use the old one after classes for picking up pieces of rock & wire. Also, please clean up after yourselves at the clubhouse, including emptying the trash can & putting in a new bag.

Jing Wang: One of their customers is doing glass-blowing demonstrations at Hale Farm for the next two weekends, if you get a chance to go see it.

Jing Wang: Taking orders for name tags. See her after the meeting.

Andy Carey: No-Shows at Classes! We have some rightfully disappointed instructors! If you are signed up & can't get to a class please be considerate & call the instructor. Also, the phone at the club has an answering machine. Joyce Kish suggested that she always calls her students the night before to remind them of her class.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Macseoinin, Guy Kotch 2nd. Passed.

Classes and Events for April – (more details posted at the clubhouse)

Saturday, April 1st Silent Auction Bid Slip
 Saturday, April 1st Gemboree Readiness Meeting
 Saturday, April 15th Gem Mine Rock Bagging
 Sunday, April 30th Metal Smithing Workshop

Metal Smithing Workshop – by Dave Macseoinin

Well our workshops are going along quite well. Our last one was on 3/26 and it was well attended. Nancy Halloran gave an impromptu class on making a copper cuff bracelet from 8 gauge copper. This is the type of networking and sharing I have been looking for

Our next workshop will be Sunday 4/30 at noon. Bring a project and your own supplies including solders. Maybe chat up some of the regulars to plot a communal project to make.

An Open Letter to the Members of the Summit Lapidary Club, March 18, 2017

Hello Everyone,

Where are we as a club going? How are we going to get there? What will it take to achieve sustained growth? Have we out grown our surroundings? What can the club do to provide for you, the member? Why are there two separate clubs?

I would like to thank you for letting me be your president for going on 3 years. During this time I have tried to govern by two key principles.

We needed to grow our membership. Expand into the next generation of lapidary artists. When my wife, Dawn, and I joined the club we literally became the youngest people in the club. Personally, I thought this odd, because we were not young. At that time I felt we joined an organization that was on its last legs. It is happening all over the country, clubs are folding up because the membership was not a priority. We have enjoyed our time with Summit Lapidary. The amount of knowledge that is in our club is astounding. I decided if I had a chance, I would do everything in my power to make this club younger. We should not pass away. We can pass along. Thankfully, with all of you as Ambassadors, our club has grown. Exponentially grown! We have grown to the point we cannot hold meetings at the club house. For this, I thank you! It is the BEST thing that could and can happen to us.

My second governing principle, "is it good for the club?" Whenever anyone has asked for something, my first thought is, "is it good for the club, or just the individual?" Every idea that is brought before your all volunteer board is decided by this ideal. Whatever is good for the whole. We, the board, are members first. We possess the same desires and needs in order to grow as lapidary artists, just as everyone in the club.

All of this brings us to now. I believe our club has reached a tipping point in our sustainable growth, a "fork in the road". We need to answer the questions I have posed above. As well as the questions not asked. We need a defined direction. We HAVE out grown our current situation. We need a move to an adequate location in order to continue our growth. I, as president of the Summit Lapidary Club, am seeking individuals to sit on a long range planning committee. The goal of the committee is to help define what, if any, direction our club should move towards in order to provide for our club members continued growth.

At this time I would like to extend invitation to The Akron Mineral Society, its Board and members to a joint meeting to discuss any possible change of physical location of the Summit Lapidary Club and its ramification to The Akron Mineral Society and its continued sustainability. Time and date of said meeting will be determined once the long range planning committee has been sat.

I would like to thank you all! This is THE BEST “problem” we have had to deal with.

With respect,
President Andrew Carey
Summit Lapidary Club

Gemboree News – by Bob Powers

This is the last newsletter article before the Show. That means that time is running out for you to sign up for your favorite activities! Slots are filling up fast.

I hope you made it to the Mini-Gem Tree night hosted by Evelyn Tryon and also come to the Silent Auction Bid Slip preparation and Gemboree Readiness meeting on April 1st. Don't forget that Rock Bagging is coming up the weekend before the show. Events start at 9 AM.

For newer members, please know that your participation in the Gemboree is vital to the organization. This event is the primary way that we fund our organizations, and we can only pull off a successful Show if everyone pitches in to help. Fortunately our members have a long history of supporting the Show and the Clubs. “Many hands make light work.” The expectation is that members will sign up for two 2 hour time slots.

Most of all, select activities that you enjoy. Visitors notice when you're having a good time. That's part of our public outreach and one way that we gain membership. Demonstrations are certainly another draw for the club. Many people want to see and learn lapidary skills and related arts. Keep in mind that we are providing an educational event, and one that is enjoyable for all ages. Our goal is to have families visiting the Show come away with a great experience and remember it for years to come.

Finally, I want to express my thanks to all those – too numerous to mention by name -who put in more than the minimum time before during and after the show. And special Thanks to those who agreed to be area leads. Many of those people put in outstanding efforts and long hours and deserve special recognition.

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- Andy Carey broke his right foot last Saturday at Nether's while Ohio flint hunting. He stepped on a rock and twisted the foot when he was in a hurry to pick up a big and beautiful piece of dark smoky quartz. It was good that he had his wife with him to bring him back home. He made his doctor's appointment on Monday. He came to our club house with a walker for the board meeting Tuesday night. He cannot go to work because he cannot drive. We hope that his doctor can help him out.
- June Johnson had rotated shoulder cup and was scheduled to have surgery earlier, but it is postponed to April 3, Monday. We hope her surgery goes well and its recovery to be speedy.

Just a Quick Note... – by Pat Powers

Nothing to add. Bye and see you next month!