

Summit Gem September 2018

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Mission Statement

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



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



Hosts: Dawn and Andy Carey

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

President's Message – Becky Kosco

Sept 2018 Newsletter Greeting from the President.

Advice From a Rock:

Try your hardest
Stay grounded
Start each day with a clean slate
Keep still
Be well-rounded
Live in balance
Never take life for granite! - Ilene Shemin

I hope everyone had a nice summer full of all things rocks! We had a fun Summer Picnic at Galt Park – lots of fun (corn hole) and general comradery. Thanks to Mark Cunningham for taking charge of grilling and to everyone who helped out before, during and after!

We are having the locks changed on the doors at the clubhouse. To get your new key exchange the old key at the first meeting this Fall on September 4th. If you can't find your key write a note to the board to apply for a key per the usual process.

We had a busy summer at the clubhouse. We had classes in polymer clay, beading, wire wrap and weaving. Several "regular" activities are being held. Open Torch Time for metalsmithing the 1st and 3rd weekends, Wrap and Yap (wire

wrapping) most Tuesday nights and Faceting workshops on Saturday mornings. Check the calendar at the clubhouse to verify these activities.

We have a busy Fall – we have The Arkansas trip the end of September, The Gemboree in October and The Artisan Craft Fair the first of November. Hope to see all of you at the September 4th meeting to learn all about these activities and to see what you can do to contribute. See you in September – Becky

Summit Lapidary Club, June 5th 2018 General Meeting – Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Becky Kosco, presided.

Thank you to JoAnn Harrison & Rosemary McLaughlin for hosting.

Kristin & Mark Morrow will present the program about one of their rockhounding trips.

This will be our last meeting until September.

Visitors, David Macseoinin: Cathy Milhoan, Theresa Ricks, Francis Simpson, Amy Paliga, & Gary Davis.

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 6/16, Polymer Clay, Advanced with Mari Takai-Manley. Beginning Faceting will be available on some Saturdays, see Ron Maitland. Workshop: 1st Annual Auntie Laura's Summer Earring Extravaganza 6/12 with Laura Thomas - bring pliers & cutters if you can - make your own & pay at cost for supplies.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: David Macseoinin has had his much awaited knee surgery. Becky Hartman also had knee surgery. JoAnn Harrison is working on "setting her body in order", dealing with multiple issues. All three were present tonight & looking good!

Library, Doug Shorter: Thanks to Mark Cunningham the new bookcase is built.

Newsletter, Pat Powers: Next newsletter will be in September. Please consider writing a brief article on a rock, a mine, or somewhere you went to over the summer.

Website, Sandy Shorter/Courtney Cable: Gemboree.org We will have a drawing every month for a slab or cab for those who visit the site. Check the website every month! Gemboree.org

Gemboree, Guy Kotch: John Kerr is passing the Admissions Chairman position to Gene Willis. Thank you John, & thank you Gene! Evelyn Tryon reported that all contracts are out now, many are paid, and people are waiting in line for a chance to be a vendor at our show. Laurie McElroy presented the Gemboree proceeds checks to SLC & AMS.

GeoJrs: This Sunday's meeting will be a field trip to Flint Ridge. Meeting at the club at 8:30am & carpooling. Every Jr must have an adult with them. Any SLC member who enjoys working with kids & digging for flint can join the fun.

Machine Maintenance, David Moore: #2 saw is down, and may need a motor. It is one of the two older saws & we may want to consider upgrading as parts are getting difficult to find. Oil & sludge in machines will need to be cleaned out- maybe July or August. Hazardous Waste Disposal had changed some of their rules.

Property Maintenance, Frank Mack: Siding needs repaired or replaced. We haven't been able to get estimates yet, and it will be an expense that the general membership should approve. **Motion by Mike Knapp to give the Executive Board authority to approve the siding costs, Dave Rich 2nd.** Discussion: Bob Powers recommends getting 3-4 bids as his siding was done by AtoZ Builders at significantly less cost than the other bids he got. **Motion passed** with Andy Carey opposing.

Old Business:

Rekeying locks, Becky Kosco: Plan is to have the locks rekeyed prior to the September 4 General Meeting, and old keys can be exchanged for new keys right before the meeting.

Rob Rothschild is working on a program to sign up for Gemboree jobs online. There will also be paper signup sheets for those who don't compute.

Members Only/Artisan Craft Fair, Laura Thomas: Working with Quirk Center on reestablishing a huge Christmas Craft Fair. Saturday November 3, working 8am-5pm, and open to the public 10am-4pm. It will be open to other crafters besides us, who will need to send a photo of their wares & table to be approved. No resale items allowed- all must be handmade by the vendor.

Picnic: Joint picnic for AMS & SLC on Sunday July 22 at Galt Park in Cuyahoga Falls. Please sign up to help with set-up & clean-up.

T-shirts, Dave Macseoinin: Last day to order for this order. Cash or check when ordering. \$10 t-shirt, \$22 hoodie.

Adopt-a-Spot, Dave Rich: It's been planted by the Leaf & Blossom Garden Club. Called "Cosmo's Surprise". They thank us for allowing their plant sale in our yard.

Arkansas Trip, Dawn Carey: Final payment is due today.

New Business: Big Dig will be chaired by Dave Rich again. Date yet to be arranged. (For new people: This is an annual thing we've been doing at Flint Ridge where we pay the digger guy to dig us new holes to find fresh flint & crystals.) **Motion to adjourn by Andy Carey, Bob Spore 2nd. Passed**

Class and Events For September More details posted with the sign-up sheets at the Clubhouse

Polymer Clay Advanced	Saturday, September 8 th
Beginning Faceting	Every Saturday in September

The Arkansas Trip – by Dawn Carey

It's less than a month away. I don't know about you but I'm getting excited about this trip. I have made final details on the trip and there are a few copies at the club, but I will have copies for everyone at the meeting.

Please, before we leave, contact your debit card or credit card company to let them know that you will be using the card out of state and the dates. With the high security on cards these days you don't want to be stuck not being able to use your card.

I will also need emails and cell phone numbers for all that will be on the trip. I will have a sheet to fill out at the meeting on Tuesday.

Gemboree Chair September Report – by Guy Kotch

The next Gemboree is coming in a little under two months, set-up will start on Oct 26th! The new online sign-up sheets can be found at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4faaac23a4fa7-gemboree> I am sure that there will be some hiccups with the roll-out with online sign-up. We will take care of problems as they show up. (If you have any problems? I can be reached @ 330-459-5186, I prefer texts so I can refer to them when trying to fix the problem).

I had the opportunity to attend the Michiana show in South Bend, so I got to talk to their show chair and some of the vendors there, I came away with a few ideas. They do their show at the fairgrounds there, similar pricing and problems.

Summit Lapidary Cabochon Cutting Contest 2018

1st prize \$100.00

2nd prize \$75.00

3rd prize 1-year club membership

Contest deadline:

All cabs must be turned in by, the September Lapidary meeting Tuesday September 4th. If you want to turn your cabs in before the Lapidary meeting please call Joyce Kish at 330-753-7081.

Judging Criteria:

1. Each person may enter two cabs of any size; color, and shape, free forms are fine
2. Must be a member of the SUMMIT LAPIDARY club.
3. Must be cut and polished by the participant and not tumble polished (must be hand polished).
4. The cab must have an even bezel around the outside perimeter.
5. The dome may be high or low and an even cemetery. Please no high or low spots across the center of the cab or outer edges.
6. The cab must have orientation of pattern and design and balance.
7. High polish. The ideal polish is a mirror finish almost wet looking if the material lends to this type of finish.
8. The cab should have a slightly dubbed edge less than and 1/8 inch along the bottom edge.

Metalsmithing Competition 2018 Submit by November 27th

Open to all members of Summit Lapidary Club only. Rules and guidelines for competition:

Use all elements of design. Workmanship will be graded so be neat. Use any metal you wish. For example, silver, gold, copper, brass or bronze. This is for fabrication only. (no metal clay, wirewrap or castings)

Novice level: Open to all members of 3 years of membership or less. Each piece must have at least one stone cut by entrant. No more than 3 pieces per entrant.

Advanced level: Open to all members over 3 years of membership. Work must have 2 or more stones with one stone to be cut by entrant. No more than 3 pieces per entrant.

All entries must be received by Dave Macseoinin no later than November Board meeting November 27th (the last Tuesday of November). Prizes will be awarded at the December membership meeting. Awards listed below.

Novice level

1st prize \$100 plus one-year club membership
2nd prize \$50 plus one-year club membership
3rd prize one-year club membership

Advanced Level

1st prize \$100 plus one-year club membership
2nd prize \$50 plus one-year club membership
3rd prize one-year club membership

Akron Mineral Society Oct. 13 Presentation "Phyllosilicates" – by Mark Manley

Mark Manley will give a presentation at the October 13th meeting of the Akron Mineral Society that should also be of interest to members of the Summit Lapidary Club. The topic will be "Phyllosilicates", which is the group of minerals that includes Talc (Soapstone) and various forms of Mica.

Many of the minerals in this group are soft enough that they may be used for ornamental carvings. Several examples of such carvings will be presented. Mark will also bring examples from his collection to show of each of the minerals that will be discussed in the talk.

2018 HOLIDAY ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR
**** Saturday November 3RD ** 10am – 4pm Quirk Cultural Center ****
***** 8th ANNUAL *** NEWLY EXPANDED, LARGER SHOW *****

The Summit Lapidary Club is hosting its annual Artisan Craft Fair at the Quirk Cultural Center. Known around the clubhouse as the “Members Only Show”, this event was begun as a venue for members to show and sell their work. Summit Lapidary Members were the Only Vendors permitted at the show. The show is scheduled during the traditional Craft/Christmas show “Season,” is open and advertised to the public. We have been having a decent turnout at the November event.

A bit of History – the Quirk Cultural Center and the Craft Shoppe inside Quirk used to Host an Annual Holiday Craft Show every year- it was BIG – two floors full of crafters – their show was an event not to be missed. The last time they held the show was in 2015. By expanding Our club show to Triple the number of crafters and Re-positioning it as a Holiday Show, the plan is that the number of Customers will increase – more customers, more sales, more bucks to buy more rocks, beads, equipment, or whatever you are into with our great hobby!!! We would LOVE to grow our show into a Holiday Destination Event – one that Customers make sure Not To Miss!

In an effort to increase customer traffic, for 2018 we are Expanding the Show from approximately 20-24 tables to 55-60 Juried crafters. We are advertising for non-SLC member Crafters, they must complete an application and send photos of their work and their booth/table space. These listings have been posted, with a cutoff date of September 30th - we expect responses quite soon. Check out our Facebook page called Holiday Artisan Craft Fair.

Whether you are a seasoned seller/vendor or a newbie, all Summit Lapidary members are welcome to participate. Only Hand-Crafted (by You) items are to be sold, no Resale, Retail or Commercially produced items are permitted. NO SLABS in DISHPANS, no equipment or supplies. This is NOT a Flea Market or Mini-Gemboree. If you are planning to sell any type of ROCK – talk to Laura Thomas. All Food items sold MUST have all ingredients identified. SLC MEMBERS in Good Standing (current in dues, worked Gemboree hours) are eligible to participate.

Please decide if you would like to participate in this year’s 2018 Holiday Artisan Craft Fair, Application Forms are available at meeting, at the clubhouse, or email Laura Thomas at bluecollarbeads@gmail.com. If you have participated in prior years, no photos are required. If you are a New Participant, please be sure to attend a Show Meeting, Scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 11th at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse. Please return application as soon as you can to ensure your space. Mailing address is on the Application form, Laura Thomas is at the Clubhouse most Tuesday evenings. You can call/text (330) 620-3782 with questions, not after 8pm please!

The Show also offers concessions for sale at our “Rockhound Café”. Members bring homemade soups and baked goods, we sell along with coffee, soda, hot dogs. We could use some volunteers to work the Café – dishing out treats and drinks. Also, we sell Door Prize raffle tickets, both of these activities are turning out to be a great fundraiser for the club. We would love to have our members come out on November 3rd for a couple hours to work in the Café or the Door Prize Table, and/or if you can volunteer to make soup or baked goods, we would certainly be appreciative of the help! We have a Volunteer to be the Café Kitchen Boss, need some worker-bees! There will be a sign-up sheet at the clubhouse in a few weeks, closer to the Event.

DEADLINE for Reserving your Table is Tuesday, October 2nd Regular Meeting Night. We need to set up the table assignments, please be sure to see Laura Thomas to confirm your reservation.

GeoJuniors Update

GeoJuniors alum, Scott Maurer, has made us proud again! He has just returned from Thailand where he participated in the IESO (International Earth Science Olympiad). 38 countries were represented. Scott participated in 3 events and had good results in each.

All four TEAM USA individual competitors were awarded gold medals. Scott’s was the tenth highest score.

In another event – the International Team Field Investigation (ITFI) teams were sent to field locations to interpret the site in terms of earth systems. Scott's team took 1st place out of 10 teams. The same team was awarded 1st place in another competition in ESP (Earth Systems Project).

Scott's selection to represent TEAM USA was helped by his having the highest score ever in Rocks and minerals ID at USESO (United States Earth Science Olympiad). He credits this passion to nurturing by GeoJuniors and members of SLC. We should all be very proud of Scott and GeoJuniors.

As a side note – each team was asked to present one or more rock samples as a gift to the princess. Two examples of Ohio Flint harvested at Nether's Farm are now in the Geological Museum at Mahidol University, Kanchanaburi Campus.

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- During our summer picnic we heard that Mark Morrow's mother passed away. We have sent our deepest sympathy to him and his wife, Kristin, and all of his family.
- We also heard that long term member, Dave Koffroth, passed away on July 26. He was 71 years old. He was an excellent faceter and Gemboree chairman before Bob Powers. I remember his kindness and friendly smiles. We have sent our deepest sympathy to his wife Veronica and his entire family.
- Another unexpected news of this summer was what happened to David Frazier. He was wakened up by a police officer during middle of the night at home. In his driveway his car was burning. Later it was found that the cause of the burned-up car was due to an electric short. He joined us at the club house for the board meeting with his new car. We are sorry for what has happened to his car and some partial damage to his town house. But he is safe and has now his car been replaced.

Just a Quick Note ... – by Pat Powers

- On Sept 4th we will be changing the locks at the clubhouse. On Sept 4th (CLUB MEETING time) at the Quirk Center we will be distributing the new keys. Two ways to get a new key are; Turn in your old key or present a note from the board that you are approved to receive a key. Any questions? See Tom McLaughlin. tions.
- From Dave Macseoinin... Anyone interested in learning to make perogies? A few of us are planning a class night at the club to learn how to make the dough and fillings for perogies. It will be after the Gemboree. ,
- A big thank you goes out to Noreen Miller for donating a small table saw to the Summit Lapidary Club. Thank you Noreen!
- Our longtime member, David C. Koffroth, died on July 26th. Per his family wishes a donation of \$50 was made to the Portage Animal Protective League. Our greatest sympathies to his wife Veronica, family and friends. There is an estate sale for Dave's Lapidary equipment see the club's bulletin board for details.
- Bernard Bandy, who is the son of our former member Bill Bandy, reached out to our club to make a donation of his father's rock hounding supplies. Among the items he donated were tumblers, hammers, various rocks and Ohio Flint. We appreciate Bernard's generosity.
- Becky Kosco made mentioned of a Donation – We had an impromptu visit over the summer by Rose and Steve Fowers of the White Mountain Gem and Mineral Club in Show Low, Arizona. They were so kind to bring gifts that can be found on the eastern side of the clubhouse display cases. One is a large Chrysocolla specimen from Ray Mine, Arizona 85902. The second is a nice specimen of Petrified Wood from Northern Arizona. Check them out the next time you are at the clubhouse!

What wonderful ambassadors they were to bring us a bit of their beautiful state. I know from now on when I travel I will take along some Ohio Flint to share with fellow Rockhounds I thank them for the inspiration!

- Nothing more to add. See you next month!