

# Summit Gem November 2017

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## Mission Statement

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



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



**Program: Mt. Ida Quartz and Twin Creek Crystal Mine**

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

## **President's Message** – by Andy Carey

Good Morning All,

I would like to thank everyone involved with your Gemboree. As with every Gemboree close, we will be seeing an influx of friendly inquisitive faces into the club. Please be the wonderful Ambassadors that you are! Welcome them, thank them for being here, and answer whatever questions you can.

See you soon, Andy

## **Summit Lapidary Club, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 General Meeting** – Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Andy Carey presided.

Visitors, David Macseoinin: Jerry Hartong, Biagia Schirmer, Elise Holman, Dr. Shick, Sarah Smith, Brenda Smith, Mike and Pat Pricshau, and welcome new member John Dombrosky.

Classes, David Macseoinin: 10/11 Wire Wrap Hot Air Balloon, 10/15 Viking Knit, 10/17 Spider 10/18 Wire Wrap-Slightly Slanted ring, 11/18 Holiday Decoration- wreath or swag.

Treasurer's Report, John Kerr: Reported. Income included the Gail Strieter auction. Big Dig expenses were not included.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Tom McLaughlin had a skin cancer removed. Dewey Starcher and Elaina are getting married this month.

Library, Doug Shorter: Need member input on what kind of materials we'd like to have in the library, and feedback on what is there now.

Gemboree, Guy Koch: Please sign up now on the volunteer sign-up sheets. Window clings & flyers are available tonight to take with you. 10/17 Spider night for Gemboree Kid Area, 10/21 Rock Bagging for Gemboree Gem Mine.

GeoJr, Evelyn Tryon: Sunday's meeting is on the Lapidary Arts Merit Badge. Meetings are 2nd Sunday at the club. There are still openings for members to sign up for the Children's area at Gemboree. A thank you letter was read from one of the older GeoJrs. His team took first place of about 60 teams in the Solon High School Science Olympiad, and they will be going on to the National Science Olympiad. Congratulation Scott! Dave Rich requested a copy of the letter to show at the Mid-West Federation.

Machine Maintenance, David Moore: Four of our saws are working. This Saturday will be a regular 6-month cleaning day for the machines. Need volunteers to clean all 5 saws. The cutting room will be closed until it is finished. Saw #5 will be down for weeks. There is substantial damage with stripped gears due to overloading. **Do not change speeds and feeds on the machines.** They are preset to cause minimal wear & tear on the machines while doing what they are meant to do. People are being careless & depriving us all of the use of the machines. If a machine is not functioning correctly please call immediately - David's number is on the board by the sign-in book.

Building Maintenance, Frank Mack: Front siding has been repaired. David Frazier has the new chimney liner in, & may install Saturday.

Artisan Craft Fair, Laura Thomas: Need to sign up tonight for a table. November 4 from 10am to 4pm. Need volunteers for 1-2-hour shifts working in the Rockhound Cafe and manning the door prize table, and to bring soups, cookies & desserts for sale in the Cafe. Food donations must have an ingredients list (Because of allergies, sensitivities & dietary issues. Thank you.)

### **Old Business:**

Christmas Party, Dave Rich for Mary Ann Rich: New date/ new venue! December 16 at St. George Antiochian Church on Ridgewood Road in Fairlawn.

Annette Long reminded that she needs the Christmas Party funds from both clubs to purchase extra gifts at Gemboree for "the game". Also, thank you to all who attended the Strieter auction which went well.

Cathy Lee passed around a signup sheet for those wanting to attend the GIA luncheon/program on October 22. We are invited to attend at the same cost as the alumni, \$30.

Dave Rich: The Big Dig went well with 36 participants.

Time to pay dues again. \$44 early pay!

Second reading of the proposed by-laws changes, by President Andy Carey. Next month we will vote on them. Article 7 section 3A, and the order to disperse donations are the two changes.

Motion by Andy Carey to give honorary membership to Susanne Shoffner for all her dedication to the club. John Kerr 2nd. Passed.

### **New Business:**

Motion by Doug Shorter to give Mrs. Nethers honorary membership. Andy Carey 2nd. Passed.

The October Executive Board Meeting has been changed to November 1<sup>st</sup> because of Trick or Treat. The December Executive Board Meeting has been changed to December 12 to bring in the new board members before Christmas.

Elections are held at the December General Meeting. Members interested in running for office should talk to Frank Mack, who is the Election Committee Chair. Offices up for election are President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary & one Trustee.

Wendy Smale needs volunteers to help man our table and pass out flyers at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History Earth Science & Archeology Family Fun Day! Saturday October 14.

**Motion to adjourn by Kristin Morrow, Sandy Shorter 2nd. Passed.**

Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

## **November General Meeting Program** – by Pat Powers

I am presenting a program on Mt. Ida, Arkansas the Quartz Crystal Capital of the World. Last July, we vacationed in Missouri and Arkansas and designated one day to rockhounding in Mt. Ida. We visited a recommended mine by a Mt. Ida resident, who stated 'you will not be disappointed!' Come see our PowerPoint presentation on the crystals of Mt. Ida and our mining experience at Twin Creek Crystal Mine. We will also bring in some of the specimens we collected.

## **November Classes and Events** more information listed at the clubhouse

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|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| November 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Saturday | Artisan Craft Fair      |
| November 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Tuesday  | General Meeting Night   |
| November 18 <sup>th</sup> | Saturday | Wreath and Holiday Swag |
| November 28 <sup>th</sup> | Tuesday  | Board meeting           |

## **SLC Board of Elections**

**Attention!** The Summit Lapidary Club is seeking nominations for our Executive Board. Elections will be held at our December meeting. At that time, we will be electing all board positions, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary as well as one Trustee position. All terms are for one year except trustee which is for three years. Frank Mack is our Nominations Chairperson. If you have any questions please feel free to ask any board member.

## **Gemboree News** – by Guy Kotch

Show attendance was 1570, There is a slight discrepancy in the number because not everyone at admissions knew that everyone coming in the door got a ticket, (except workers). I don't have the final numbers yet, but they will be coming soon.

A big THANK YOU, to everyone who helped make it a good show! Many dealers came up to me at the end to thank us!

## **Proposed a change in Article VII sec 3.A**

As written; The necessary disbursements of funds up to \$500.00 without membership approval.

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Proposed Addition to SLC Bylaws  
Article XIV: Donations

Donations of materials to the club will be handled in the following manner in the following order:

1. Kept by the club for club use.
2. Offered to ALL club members at a sale by the method determined by the Executive Board.
3. Offered for sale to the Akron Mineral Society and/or their membership.

4. Offered for sale to the general public by the method determined by the Executive Board (direct sale, consignment shop, etc.)

### **Metalsmithing Competition 2017**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> (the last Tuesday of November).

### **Contest Prizes**

#### Beginner's 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

Prizes will be awarded at the December membership meeting.

### **SLC &AMS Christmas Party News** – by MaryAnn Rich

Time to sign up for the Christmas Party set for December 16, 2017. We are at a new location this year: St. George Fellowship Center, 3204 Ridgewood Road, Akron, Ohio 44333. \$20.00 per person, if you are a member of one club only, \$10.00 per person if a member of both clubs. Cash bar with hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 6:30, dinner at 6:30. Beer and wine will be \$3.00 and \$4.00. Our party game follows dinner, please bring one or more wrapped small, inexpensive gifts to share. Make checks out to SLC and deliver to the treasurer or mail it to Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, 1166 Broadview Road, Tallmadge, Ohio 44278. Any questions, 330-630-9625. Mark on the check how many people you are paying for.

NOTE: If you are vegetarian or have special dietary needs, please notify Mary Ann at least one week prior to the event and arrangements for your meal will be made. We will have some of our traditional favorites, including mashed potatoes and gravy and some new dishes. Please join us!

(Payment must be made by the December cookie party meeting on December 5)

### **Reminder to Members, Club Due Renewal for 2018 Is Happening Now!**

#### Summit Lapidary Club 2018 Dues Payment Schedule

If you pay your 2018 dues:

Anytime in October, November, or December 2017 and up to and including the January 2018 business meeting. (\$4.00 discount)

Amount to pay:  
\$44.00

After the January 2018 business meeting and up to and including February 28, 2018.  
March 1, 2018 and after. (\$25.00 late fee assessed)

\$48.00  
\$73.00

### **Safety is an Attitude...Get it or Get Hurt** – by David Rich

In the MWF September newsletter, there was an article submitted by Sue Guirl, who is the editor of the Glacial Groove Rock and Mineral Society in Ohio. I have duplicated that article at the end of my report-it covers an issue of much concern for all of us engaged in lapidary.

Proper safety practices and equipment (safety glasses, masks, etc.) should be mandatory at all club events where people are at work, no exceptions! If you see someone not following the rules, don't hesitate to let them know.

There are four major routes of entry to your body, that chemicals can follow:

- Inhalation (breathing) Wear a mask.
- Absorption (skin contact) Wear appropriate gloves.
- Ingestion (eating) Do not eat your pizza in the club work room.
- Injection (pressurized) Watch for corroded hydraulic lines.

I have a great tip for you. Most work places have a safety or an environmental professional. Talk to these people where you work, tell them what you're planning to do and ask for advice. It could save your life. Always read labels and FOLLOW the manufacturer's recommendations.  
SAFETY IS AN ATTITUDE: Get it or get hurt.

From Sue Guirl: We were saddened to receive the following note from Jeff Moore who wrote to explain why he would not be renewing his membership: "I had tests at OSU yesterday for a lung condition and was informed I have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis with 3 months of life left. Some or most of the problem came from my grinding and polishing rocks and minerals all these years without using a mask." Jeff has generously offered to donate his collection to the club, and we will keep Jeff and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

It can be easy to make light of the potential dangers inherent in enjoying a hobby like ours. Donning a mask and goggles, wearing appropriate attire, properly maintaining your equipment, and adhering to other safety measures represent only small inconveniences and expenses when balanced against your life. If you enjoy field collecting, lapidary work, and/or specimen preparation, please follow recommended safety practices and protect yourself. Your family and friends will thank you.

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

- Laura Thomas' sister-in-law, Melinda Pleskovic, who is also a daughter-in-law of Carol Pleskovic, died suddenly on October 23, 2017. Melinda was the wife of 25 years to Bruce Pleskovic, and was a teacher in the Strongsville school system for 27 years, and she was the mother of two daughters and one son. We heard that she was a wonderful wife, mother and teacher all around. She will be missed by a whole lot of people around her. We send our deepest sympathy to Laura and Carol, and all of family members.
- David Macseoinin is working through required physical therapy with his knee although he and his doctor feel that the activities might harm his knee, because his doctor suspects that David's cartilage might already be damaged, as well as his tendons. MRI testing has to wait according to OH state's worker's comp rules. We hope his knee comes out all right in the end.

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

- Kudos for Scott Mauer, a GeoJunior, for his success! Club members, please read Scott's letter which is attached on the clubhouse bulletin board. Scott Mauer, represented Solon City Schools in the Science Olympiad (the Middle School Team). He and his team mate took first place in the 2017 Science Olympiad for Rocks and Minerals. Scott stated his "success is a consequence of the GeoJuniors program". He also coached the younger division which took first place in their division.

He specifically thanks Evelyn and Guy for their endeavors with the GeoJuniors program.

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9 AM, Tom McLaughlin is auctioning off all his lapidary items cached Tom,'s Closet and Corner. This includes all supplies, cabinets and cases. Doug Shorter will be the auctioneer.
- Annette and Andy Long are preparing for the Club's Xmas party they went shopping in Pennsylvania for gifts for our favorite activity at the party "The Game". The Christmas Party is Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Club Dues are up for renewal - see John Kerr for payment.

Nothing more to add see you next month!

## **MWF Calendar Of Events**

**4: TAYLOR, MI** Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Auction. Doors op

en at 6 pm, auction at 7 pm. Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd., Taylor. Contact Dan Gumina, (313) 776-8944; [rtbrains@aol.com](mailto:rtbrains@aol.com)

**4-5: MIDLAND, MI** Mid Michigan Rock Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Rd., Midland. Contact Debra Young, [debijoung50@yahoo.com](mailto:debijoung50@yahoo.com)

**4-5: STURTEVANT, WI** Racine Geological Society Annual Show, Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Fountain Hall, 8505 Durand Ave (Hwy 11), Sturtevant. Contact John Lowman, (262) 989-9193; [lowman.john@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lowman.john@sbcglobal.net)

**11: QUINCY, IL** Gem City Rock Club Annual Show. 10 am - 5 pm. Quincy Mall Community Room, 32nd & Broadway, Quincy. Contact Janes Huelsmeyer, (217) 434-8655; [jhuelsm@gmail.com](mailto:jhuelsm@gmail.com)

**11-12: FREEPORT, IL** North West Illinois Rock Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport. Contact Brian Green, (815) 745-2228; [bgreen57@hotmail.com](mailto:bgreen57@hotmail.com)

**11-12: CRYSTAL, MN** Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Dr. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Contact Martha Miss, (651) 459-0343; [info@rock-biz.biz](mailto:info@rock-biz.biz)

**13: BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI** Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction. 7 pm. Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Contact Brad Zylman; (612) 600-9484; [bzylman@twmi.rr.com](mailto:bzylman@twmi.rr.com)

**17-19: ST. LOUIS, MO** St. Louis Mineral and Gem Society Annual Show. Fir 3 - 7 pm; Sat 10 am - 7 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Affton White Rogers Community Center, 9801 Mackenzie Rd., St. Louis. Contact Melissa Perucca, (636) 861-3865; [show@stlrockclub.com](mailto:show@stlrockclub.com)

**18-19: MADISON, WI** Madison Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 9:30 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Alliant Energy Center of Dane County, 1919 Alliant Energy Ctr Way, Madison. Contact Nevin Franke, (608) 251-2601; [www.burniesrockshop.com](http://www.burniesrockshop.com)

