

Summit Gem November 2016

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, November 1st at 7PM
At The Quirk Center
1201 Grant Street Cuyahoga Falls



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

President's Message – by Andy Carey

Hi Everyone!

WOW! What a weekend! For everyone that helped at our Gemboree. Because of you, our 40th Anniversary show will be remembered as a great success! What an awesome beginning to the next 40 years. I am sure we all have our favorite part of the show, for me, the most exciting is all the kids activities we offer. KathiJo and Marty Lapin are a serious driving force of FUN, and Nancy Yeager's totally awesome Treasure Hunt was a HUGE HIT!!! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you all for everything you do to help your club grow!

See Everyone soon, Andy Carey

P.S. GO TRIBE!

Summit Lapidary Club, October 4th 2016 General Meeting - Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Andy Carey presided

Evelyn Greene & Rosemary McLaughlin, hostesses

Visitors, Dave Macseoinin: Michael Baxter, Ron Maitland, Stacey Stinedurf, Sarah Morrison, Dan Trogrlic, Erica Bishop, & Arianna Horton. Wendy Small & Roe York became our newest members.

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: Beginning Silver Smithing workshop with Dave Macseoinin on 10/16. Hand Polishing Petoskey Stones with Mike Knapp on 10/18.

Treasurer, John Kerr: Reported. 2017 Dues are due by the January General Meeting, \$44.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Sandy Shorter is hoping to be finished with chemo by Christmas. Deb Salay has been getting physical therapy for her back. Jackie Dionne's husband, Armand, passed away - they have been members for about the last 30 years. Merry Anne McLeod-Wolfe is recovering from another surgery. Dawn Carey is hobbling around well after her foot surgery. Library, Mari Takai-Manley: A new book on wire weaving & a new book on beading. Ordering a requested book, Metal Techniques for Craftsmen. Doug Shorter will be taking over the library.

Newsletter, Bob Powers for Pat Powers: Extra copies available for visitors.

GeoJrs, Evelyn Tryon: Meeting this Sunday at the Clubhouse.

Gemboree, Bob Powers: Pre-Gemboree meeting was at 6 tonight & all areas are ready!

Machine Maintenance, David Moore: All running. Time for annual cleaning of machines. Need one or two volunteers to clean sludge out on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon. Any problems- Call! Please do NOT work on the machinery.

Property Maintenance, Frank Mack: No problems.

Old Business:

Artisan Craft Fair, Laura Thomas: November 19, 10am-4pm. Signup sheet at the club.

New Members dinner at the club November 16.

Computer committee, Doug Shorter representing: have information on a good middle-of- the-road on sale for \$400. Monitor, software, anti-virus & Microsoft office.

Motion by Tom McLaughlin to buy a computer, Guy Kotch 2nd. None opposed. Passed.

Jing Wang is ordering name tags tonight. See her if you would like to order one.

Doc is still looking for donation of a small rock tumbler for a 10 year old girl.

New Business:

Bill Mackey recommended changing out the club's fluorescent shop lights with LEDs for better light and economy.

Caitlin Pendolino asked for a press release if we'd like free WKSU advertising for the Artisan Craft Fair.

Bill Mackey announced MENSA's annual scholarship. mensafoundation.org

Andy Carey, Executive Board: A member suggested some rule changes. A Rules Committee was put together & will meet next Monday. Also requested was a definition for "Member-in-good-standing" .

December is election time at the club! If you'd like to run for an office show up at the next Executive Board meeting & ask questions.

Web site still says we meet at the Club. A visitor waited tonight at the club for someone to show up for a meeting, was discovered by a member picking up supplies & directed to Quirk Center.

Rob Rothschild reported on a free app, rockd, from the University of Wisconsin, with geo-maps where people can tag where they find rocks & minerals. You can also see what is in the levels of earth under you.

Big Dig!, Dave Rich: 10/29 meet at 9:30am at Nethers Farm. Bring something for a potluck lunch. Flyers will be available at Gemboree. Motion by Joe Spohn to sponsor the Big Dig, Bob Powers 2nd. Passed.

December 10, **Christmas Party for SLC & AMS**. Still checking on whether Akron Women's City Club will have their new kitchen finished yet. Plans will be in the newsletter.

Artisan Craft Fair, Laura Thomas: November 19. Formerly the Members-only Sale. Please sign up for a table so we know how many to plan for. We can fit 22 tables into the space at Quirk Center.

John Hite brought in the Holiday Tree Festival entry for 2016 that he and Jen Fike and Michelle Knight have been working on. Motion to adjourn by Dave Macseoinin, Deb Salay 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

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

November 8th , Tuesday, Hammer Bracelet

November 8th Tuesday, at Quirk Center 6:30PM Artisan Craft Fair Mandatory Meeting for new crafters

November 15th Tuesday, Jam Annette Jewelry

November 16th Wednesday, New Member Dinner by invitation

November 19th Saturday, Artisan Craft Fair at Quirk Center

November 29th Tuesday, Board Meeting

Gemboree News – by Bob Powers

As almost everyone knows by now, the attendance at the Fall 2016 Show broke through a 20-year barrier. Coupled with the high attendance at the Spring show, this puts our annual attendance back to the numbers not seen since the earlier days of the organizations. It also indicates that our records set in 2015 were the start of an upward trend.

Advertising by Joyce Kish and publications by Evelyn Tryon continued as in the past. Newer members Sandy & Doug Shorter and Caitlin & Endo Pendolino were instrumental in finding new avenues for advertising, notably WKSU sponsorship. Guy Kotch continually pushed for more Facebook advertising and was highly successful there. Increased advertising in the Cleveland area, with both paid and free advertising, may also have helped. The mailed

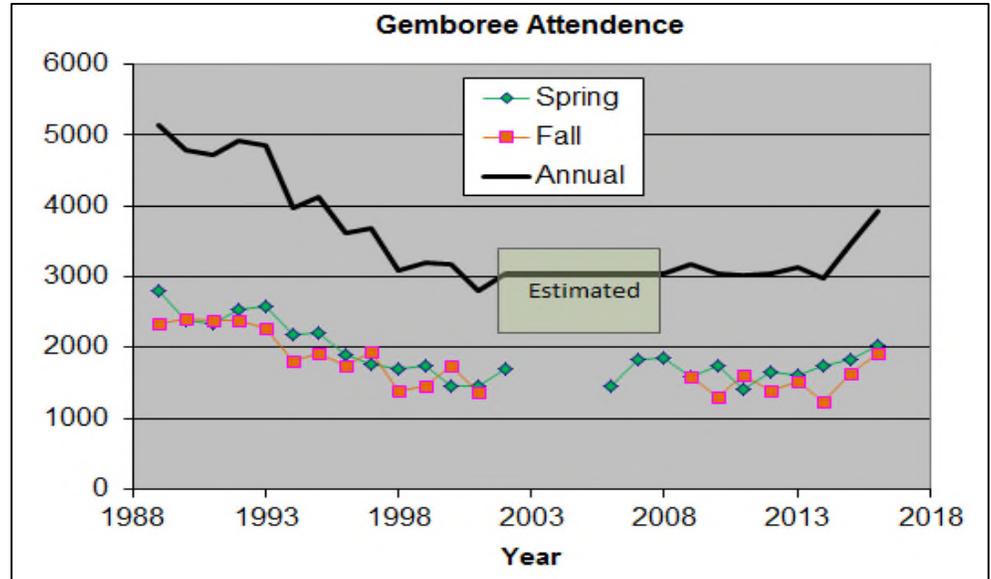
Postcard List is expanding with help from Deb Salay. Also maybe there is also a growing general interest in rocks and gems, as many other clubs are also reporting increases in their show attendances. (But we'd all like to think that this huge increase was no accident.)

The new highlights of the Fall Show were noticed and commented on by many visitors. That includes (my favorites) the Fluorescent Display reactivated by Doug Shorter with help from Richard Lee; the Treasure Hunt developed by Nancy Yeager; the updated Silent Auction by Jenn Shernit; and the amazing and beautiful arrangement of the Kid's Activities Area by Kathi-Jo and Marty Lappin. Stunning changes to many display cases were obvious, too.

It's very encouraging to see so many members, especially the newer ones, putting in far more than their minimum time at the Show. Thanks to everyone (too numerous to mention) who did so!

Can we ever return to the "Glory Days" of Lapidary in the 1970's and 80's where attendance was over 5,000 people a year? That's a great question. If we keep putting on a great show and publicizing it, I believe that we still have room for improvement. That will benefit all the members of both organizations. It's up to the members to make it happen.

Also, if anyone is interested in co-chairing the Spring Gemboree, please see me. Thanks!



Library News – by Doug Shorter

Hello Members,

Just a quick note on what is going on in your club library. The Lapidary club has purchased a new computer for the club use. On this computer is an Excel file that has a listing of all the resources available in the Club library. In addition there are two shortcuts on the windows desktop.

- One shortcut to several years of Lapidary Journal magazine
- One shortcut for Wire Jewelry magazine.

We would like your feedback on this type of materials on the computer. If you would like to see additional digital material like magazines, tutorials etc. please let Doug Shorter know.

In addition Doug would like to know what type of additions and under which subject area you would like to see added to the Club Library.

- Books – What type i.e. how to, reference, places to go for rocks, field guides...
- DVDs - What type i.e. How to, reference, places to go for rocks, TV / Movies on Lapidary or Mineral subjects...
- Other

Your feedback will help improve your library by getting the type of material you want.

Proposed Changes to the Summit Lapidary Club Rules and Regulations/By Laws – by Doug Shorter

Summit Lapidary Club by-laws Article V: Dues, section 4.

Change from: "Any member removed from the roll for reason of delinquent dues may reapply for membership. Said member shall be assessed the amount of the delinquent dues or \$ 25.00, whichever is the lesser amount."

To: Any member removed from the roll for reason of delinquent dues may reapply for membership. Said member shall be assessed the new member initiation fee in addition to the annual dues."

Thank you for your consideration of this change.

New Member Dinner November 16th – by Andy Carey

Attention! All new Members, on Wednesday November 16th at 6:30pm we will be having our New Member Dinner. This is a chance for you to learn more about your club and the opportunity afforded you by being a member. A great time to meet other new Members and to ask any questions for which you might want answered. Invitations will be forthcoming. Please save the date and join us for all the fun!

****Members Only Show* Meeting** *a.k.a. Artisan Craft Fair @ Quirk Center
Tuesday November 8th at 6:30pm**

Required for First-Time Participants - Let's talk about the Upcoming Artisan Craft Show

We need Vendors and Set-up Helpers, Bakers, Soup Makers, Kitchen Helpers, door Prize Ticket Sellers/Table Monitors. Cargo Movers - kitchen supplies need to be taken from Clubhouse to Quirk Center Early on Show day!

SLC Members interested in participating in the Fall 2016 Artisan Craft Fair (aka "Members Only Show") please attend!

ARTISAN CRAFT SHOW Saturday November 19 10am — 4pm Quirk Cultural Center – by Laura Thomas

The Summit Lapidary Club is hosting its annual Fall Artisan Craft Show at the Quirk 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. Fellow Summit Lapidary Members are 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 good turnout at the November event. Whether you are a seasoned seller/vendor or a newbie, all SLC members are welcome to participate. Only Hand-Crafted (by You) items are to be sold, no Resale or commercially produced items are permitted. NO SLABS in DISHPANS. This is NOT a Flea Market or mini-Gemboree. If you are planning to sell any type of ROCK — talk to Laura Thomas. Table rental is \$10, half table, \$5. We have (22) tables available. Sign-up sheets are Posted on Clubhouse Wall — Bright Green!!!!

We also offer concessions for sale at our "Rockhound Café". Members bring homemade soups and baked goods that 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. If you can come out on November 19th for a couple hours to work, and/or can volunteer to bake, we would certainly be appreciative of the help! We will have a sign- up sheet at the clubhouse for volunteers. Please come out, it's a fun day out with your fellow members.

DEADLINE for Reserving your Table is Tuesday, November 1st MEETING — Regular Meeting Night. We need to set up the table arrangements, please be sure to see Laura Thomas to confirm your reservation. If you cannot make it to the Regular Meeting on Tuesday Nov 1st, please call Laura at (330)620-3752.

Craft show meeting November 8th 8pm at Clubhouse. Mandatory for First Time Participants.

PLEASE NOTE —THERE ARE BRIGHT GREEN APPLICATION FORMS WITH SHOW RULES POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE CLASSES. YOU ARE NOT IN THE SHOW UNLESS YOU HAVE FILLED OUT THE GREEN FORM AND TURNED IT IN TO LAURA THOMAS. THE SEPTEMBER MEETING "LIST" WAS TO DETERMINE INTEREST ONLY!!!

SLC/AMS Christmas Party – by MaryAnn Rich

The annual SLC/AMS Christmas party will be Saturday Dec 10 at the Akron Woman's City Club 732 W. Exchange Street Akron, Ohio. The cost is \$10.00 per person, if member is a member of both clubs, \$20 per person if member of only one club. Final payment must be made by December 6 at the SLC general membership meeting to reserve your spot.

Both clubs subsidize this event. Social + cash bar 5:30-6:30. The GAME will be after dinner. Bring a wrapped prize or two for the GAME. (At least 1 per person attending please) There is a sign- up sheet at the club house.

Top Spots For Gem Hunting In The US - by Donald Clark, CSM IMG taken from <https://www.gemsociety.org/article/mined-in-america/>

When you think of mining for the “big four” gemstones – diamond, ruby, sapphire, and emerald – it’s easy to imagine places like India, South Africa, and Colombia. However, there are plenty of gem hunting spots in the United States where you can find these and many other stones. Most of these sites are not on the same scale economically as mines in other countries, but they make exciting gemology-themed vacation destinations for the lone prospector and the whole family alike.

Grab your gear and head to one of these prominent US destinations. You could find gemstones worth thousands of dollars where you never imagined treasure lies. A gem hunting trip is a great way for beginners to learn about gemology, especially kids.

Emerald Hollow Mine, Hiddenite, North Carolina

Find glittering, gorgeous emeralds in Hiddenite, only about an hour’s drive from Winston-Salem, NC. The Emerald Hollow Mine is home to the only emerald mine in the United States open for public treasure hunting. There are sluiceways where you can check out findings from the mine, or you can pay to do your own prospecting, digging, and hunting for a small fee. Although the 70-acre site is known mostly for its emeralds, you could also end up with sapphire, tourmaline, garnet, topaz, and aquamarine. The mine is open year-round and boasts gorgeous scenery, too.

Crater of Diamonds State Park, Murfreesboro, Arkansas

Want to mine for diamonds? Murfreesboro is the place to go. The Crater of Diamonds State Park, 120 miles from Little Rock, AR, is the only existing mine where visitors can prospect for diamonds and keep their findings. Stay at the park campsite and enjoy wildlife and natural scenery as well as some sparkling stones

You’ll see diamonds everywhere, even laying in the dirt, but you can rent equipment at the park for deeper digging. Once you have a pan of stones, head over to the office so an appraiser can check your stash to see how much your sparklers are worth. So far, visitors to the park have found well over 30,000 diamonds, including a 16-carat beauty in 1975, so your chances of landing a stone are high. As with other diamond deposits, most of the stones are small and included, but some fine gems have been found here.

Gem Mountain, Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Looking for aquamarines? Head to Spruce Pine’s own Gem Mountain. The Blue Ridge Mountains are the perfect place to prospect for the beautiful blue stones as well as rubies and moonstones. Onsite gemologists can inspect your findings to see if they’re the real deal, and gem-cutters can spruce up and turn your gems into pieces of jewelry before you head home.

Cherokee Ruby Mine, Franklin, North Carolina

Search for rubies inside the Cherokee Ruby Mine. You can sluice through rocks and dirt with a screen and look for precious treasures, including sapphires, garnets, and rutile. The price of admission is low, and the fun level is high,

so make it a family outing. The mine is open for gem hunting to the public from April through October. The backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains will make it a beautiful summer vacation.

Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine, Philipsburg, Montana

One of the most beautiful states in the country, Montana is also a great place to go gem hunting. Check out [Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine](#) for some stellar prospecting. What will you find when you sift through the dirt and gravel at Gem Mountain? Sapphires, and lots of them.

The staff will help you clean your gems and assess them, so you'll know which stones are worth saving and possibly turning into wearable pieces. You can also purchase sapphire gravel to take home or ready-made jewelry designs featuring the gorgeous Montana sapphires.

Morefield Mine, Amelia, Virginia

The [Morefield Mine](#), just under an hour from Richmond, VA, is known for its vast amount of [amazonite](#). Prospecting here may also reward you with garnet, [amethyst](#), [beryl](#), topaz, and many other minerals.

There are mining opportunities here for all skill levels. Prospectors can use the sluicing technique or collect from the mine dumps. The Morefield Mine has its own exhibit of stones onsite as well as one at the world-famous Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

Rainbow Ridge Opal Mine, Virgin Valley, Nevada

Colorful and unusual, [opal](#) is an eye-catching gem. Mine your own opals at the [Rainbow Ridge Opal Mine](#). This mine has produced very valuable stones, some worth upwards of \$50,000. Bring tools and buckets. You'll be doing some serious digging to get to the treasure here, but your hard work could pay off. The mine is open from May to September.

Bonanza Opal Mine, Denio, Nevada

If you're gem hunting for fire opals, visit the [Bonanza Opal Mine](#) in Denio, Nevada. The mine is open from May to September.

Crystal Grove Diamond Mine, St. Johnsville, New York

New York is home to Broadway shows, plenty of shopping, Times Square, and the Statue of Liberty, but did you know New York is a great place to mine for gemstones? [Crystal Grove Diamond Mine](#) is the place to go to find [Herkimer diamonds](#), beautiful [quartz](#) crystals that are fun to mine. These crystals were first discovered in New York, and the perfect clarity of some of these stones makes them very popular with gem hunters. You can rent or bring your own prospecting tools. For big embedded crystals, you may need a chisel or hammer to break them out of the rocks. It's worth the effort.

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- Merry Anne McLeod-Wolfe is resting at home after the cancer surgery. She sounded strong and said that her surgery went well. She is on her way to recovery. We wish her well, and strong and speedy recovery for her.
- June Johnson had back surgery awhile back. She said that it took a long time (6 months) to recover enough to join us for the set-up of Oct. Gemboree. She lost some weight but looked well. She said that she felt fine. It was good to see her there.
- Lillian DeFrance is continuously fighting her 4th stage cancer strongly, but struggling with the most recent chemotherapy. Her husband at the Gemboree on Sat told me that she already outlived her doctor's prediction of her life span by ten years. Keep fighting for your life for yourself and your family !!! We pray for your strength and peace of your mind for your healing.

Just a Quick Note... – by Pat Powers

- Just a reminder: Elections for 2017 are coming soon. The position as Editor for the newsletter is a board position. I have been the editor for a number of years (I think 8?). If anyone is interested in being editor I will help you get started as the new editor. Nothing more to add...see you next month!