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Summit Lapidary Club
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President – Becky Kosco
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Treasurer – Nancy Milton-Halloran
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Mission Statement

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

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00pm



Polish American Club



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[Please enter parking lot on Dan Street]

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

****If 2020 dues are paid by the January Regular meeting – pay only \$44**

January 2020: A 2020 Jason Adams Surprise!

Jason is a highly entertaining presenter and has done multiple presentations for the club before. His talks have covered topics from diamonds and bake-a-lite to the history of jewelry. He is in the business of buying and selling estate jewelry and is well known for his expertise in identifying and acquiring stunning artistic pieces.

February 2020: Pop Up Museum: Re-Discovered Treasures

Action Needed from Members: Bring one of your favorite *treasures* for a fun member's show and tell.

1. Select an object, artifact, or specimen *you've found or made* during your life travels that has significant meaning to you. One which you consider to be a *treasure*.
2. You'll be asked to visually display your *Re-Discovered Treasure* for the duration of the meeting and write a short (1 or 2 sentence) story about why this piece has such significance to you. Does it bring memory? Can you convey secret knowledge of how you acquired or made this treasure?
3. A select handful of members with exhibited treasures will be asked to speak to the group about their piece and tell its story.

January Hosts: All Members Host – no one signed up for January – so please consider signing up for it! Please bring goodies or savory treats to share!

February Hosts: Please consider being a host this year!

President's Message – by Becky Kosco:

"The secret to walking on water is knowing where the rocks are" – Bootsy Collins

This time of year one can't help being reflective – looking back on the past year, a bit of 'Auld Lang Syne,' then the anticipation of the new year to come is even more exciting.

Looking at the accomplishments of the past year I feel I can sum them up in one word – "By Laws." I hope to never allow them to get so neglected again. Perhaps the best change that came of this year's 'housekeeping' is that our Rules, Regulations and By Laws are now stored digitally. Changes will be much easier to make – but don't get any crazy ideas!

One emphasis I would like to see in the year to come is more classes/education. If you have an idea of something you enjoy I bet others would also. Teach a class. At the very least let someone know what you would like to learn. We will keep classes updated on our website. Remember to come check the calendar at the clubhouse for all opportunities.

Education ties in nicely with our joint trip planned with Akron Mineral Society to William Holland this coming September. I expect a flurry of teaching experiences to result from this week in North Georgia. Will William Holland ever be the same after experiencing 25+ members of our members at one time?

So here's to a new year of all things ROCK! – Becky

December voting results for Officers and Board Members:

Officers of the Executive Board serve for 1-year terms. An election of the officers is held during the December meeting each year (in addition to this meeting being our "Cookie Meeting" each year).

A big thank you to Laurie McElroy, Julie Fultz and Robert Spore for their service. They have decided to step out of their positions – All of us very much appreciate all they have done for the club.

Our new list of officers:

Becky Kosco	President
Courtney Cable	Vice President
Nancy Milton-Halloran	Treasurer
Catherine Milhoan	Secretary
Lisa Troxell	Membership Chair
Mary Myers	Newsletter Editor
Robert Spore and Tom McLaughlin	Trustees
David Rich	Trustee whose term had expired. He was reelected unopposed and will serve another three year term.

Thank you to all who serve on the Executive Board – You are the back bone which helps to make our club so successful.

Results of the 2019 Metalsmithing Competition:

Thanks to Jim Watson for running the metalsmithing competition. This year all entries were of the advanced level requiring two stones in your design with at least one created by the applicant.

The rewards were:

- First prize - \$100 and one year club membership
- Second prize - \$50 and one year club membership
- Third prize - one year club membership

AND THE WINNERS WERE:

- 1st prize Sandy Shorter
- 2nd prize Kathi Jo Lappin
- 3rd prize Tied between Merry McLeod Wolfe and Dave MacSoeinin

Congratulations all! We would love to see more entries at the beginning level. This is a good contest to set as your goal for 2020.

Saturday, December 21 – Our Annual Combined Club Christmas Party:

The Christmas Party was December 21st at St George's Fellowship Hall in Akron. This event is a repayment from both Summit Lapidary and Akron Mineral for all the members' hard work at the Gemborees. Each attendee brings an inexpensive wrapped gift. It is a night of camaraderie and fellowship followed by good food, and finalized with "the Game." A good time was had by all. Always a great event, great food, great company and Big Fun!!

Donation:

The family of Caroll Jones of Tallmadge donated his Lapidary tools and some of his rock collection to Summit Lapidary Club. He had made his own faceting machine and a grinder. They also donated a Lortone Slab saw. We are planning an auction in the Spring for these items and others from another recent donation. We will keep you posted!

Class and Events: Check for more details posted at the Clubhouse with the sign-up sheets!

January Classes:

Jan. 4 th	9:00 AM (Saturday)	Wrapped bead bracelet and earrings
Jan. 12 th	1:00 PM (Sunday)	Geo Juniors meet at the Clubhouse.
Jan. 18 and 19 th	Noon - ? (Sat/Sun)	Torch Time
Jan. 19 th	Noon - ? (Sunday)	Beginning Silver Class with Dave
Jan. 25 th	9:00-Noon (Saturday)	Mini Gem Trees for the Gemboree

February Classes:

Feb. 8 th	9:00-Noon (Saturday)	Multi-strand beaded necklace
Feb. 22 nd	9:00-Noon (Saturday)	Mini Gem Trees for the Gemboree

Just a word about classes:

Over the past year, members have signed up for classes and did not show up nor call. This is disrespectful. Our instructors are volunteers. That alone deserves more respect.

Now with that said, if you do find that you cannot attend the class, do call the instructor so they can put an alternate in your place and everything runs smoothly.

Now about forgetting a class. Write it down on a piece of paper and tuck it in your wallet. This is a good practice. Observe this two things and you remain a member in good standing!
Dave Macseoinin

Information about Torch Time:

After members have taken Beginning Silver Smithing, they can then attend Torch Time. It is designed for folks who do not have a torch yet. The club furnishes a torch and pickle pot. All else must be supplied by the member, for instance, the stone, silver, solder, an idea for a piece of jewelry, etc. Now what is neat is that we can network with others there and definitely we can ask for advice on how to do things or ask for another pair of hands when needed. (And we'll likely get the advice whether we asked for it or not!)

Sunshine News from Mari:

Richard Lee is still in great pain from his back troubles and we wish him success and a speedy recovery from his back surgery. Art Dumke ("Doc") needed hospitalization for special bloodwork, and we hope that he is feeling better, too.

AKRON MINERAL SOCIETY (AMS) TRIP TO CINCINNATI GEM SHOW:

Akron Mineral Society (AMS) has opened up their trip to the Cincinnati Gem Show to members of SLC. The price of the trip is \$50.00 and will be May 2 & 3, 2020. AMS will pay for the bus trip, but entry to the show and the room taxes will only be paid for their members. The \$50.00 price covers the cost per person of a double occupancy room. Non-AMS members will have to pay show admission and room

taxes above that amount. The Cincinnati show is quite large – in addition to vendors, they also have ‘tailgating,’ a ‘wholesale room,’ and several programs. It will be a good time! See Joyce Kish to sign up.

William Holland Update:

September 13, 2020 may seem like a long way off, but as your busy holiday unwinds and you are relaxing and thinking about what to do in the year ahead, why not add a new metalsmithing or lapidary skill to your repertoire?! Join us for a week of fun and learning at William Holland school of Lapidary Arts. Further details about the available classes can be found on the SLC website and the William Holland web site.

You can sign up for the trip during the coming year but the sooner you sign up for it, the greater the chance you'll get the class you want. Georgia is beautiful in Sept and there are still so many wonderful classes to choose and enjoy.

For a mere \$100 plus lab and material cost you can enjoy a week of classes, accommodations and food. You must provide your own transportation down and back.

When: Sept 13-18, 2020

Where: William Holland in Young Harris, Georgia

Class availability is posted on the William Holland website. LAPIDARYSCHOOL.ORG. Extra events that happen during the week at William Holland will include an auction on Tuesday night and a tailgating swap on Thursday night. Don't forget the wonderful smell of Tuesday morning Cookie snack either.

Hope to see everyone there.

Contact Sandy Shorter for additional info or questions.

440-479-0069 or sandyshorter25@gmail.com

Auntie Laura's 2019 Annual Holiday Earring Extravaganza on December 10th:

Another huge success this year! All makers of gifts were welcomed, including non-member friends and relatives. The instructor offered her materials at cost, rounded to the nearest quarter. Those who wanted to sell their items were asked to not participate since Workshops at our Club are to learn, have fun, and to socialize, not to profit from the generosity of other club members.

Just a note about FANTASIA MINING – “Closed for Renovations” till spring (March):

Because of the restoration to their building, they want to limit ‘foot traffic,’ but you can order online or by phone. Be sure to call before you venture over.

New Coffee Maker:

Thanks to Evelyn and Becky for buying us a new coffee maker. Instructions are on the wall behind the machine. Besides brewing a pot, you have the option of brewing an individual cup. For that we have both K cups or and an individual reusable filter.

Archeology Club Donation:

The Archeology Club is one of three groups that call our clubhouse ‘home.’ The Executive Board has approved that the Archeology Club no longer is required to pay rent to meet here. The bookcase that was donated by the Archeology Club for the use of the GeoJuniors has already been put to good use.

Summit Lapidary Club, December 3, 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Becky Kosco, presided at our new venue, the Polish-American Club.

Cookie meeting! Thanks to everyone who brought snacks!

Visitors, David Macseoinin: Justin Dulabahn

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 12/4 Penannular Pin with Dave Macseoinin, 12/7 Beaded Star Earrings with Laura Thomas, 12/17 Willow Tree with Laura Thomas, 12/22 Beginning Silversmithing with Dave Macseoinin. Auntie Laura's Christmas Earring Extravaganza is 12/10! hosted by our favorite Auntie Laura Thomas! Torch Time Workshops are 12/21 & 12/22 hosted by Dave Macseoinin.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Welcome back, Mari! Richard Lee cracked vertebrae, has had MRI, is in back brace & in pain. Cathy Lee is feeling better & is trying to help him out.

Library, Doug Shorter: 2 new videos down loaded at the club computer; the shortcut can be found on the desktop to videos. Interweave is all downloaded now- no DVDs.

Newsletter, Mary Myers: Welcome Mary as our new Newsletter Editor!

The new By-Laws booklets are available tonight. Please pick one up. Thanks to Evelyn Tryon for helping get those printed.

Gemboree, Guy Kotch: Checks tonight! The turn-out for demo sign-ups was "hardly any". Please try to sign up for demos in April.

GeoJrs, Rob Rothschild: We need volunteers to help out; maybe you can teach a craft or talk about an interest you have that is related to rocks & minerals. Evelyn Tryon: We will be getting 5 books and a year of Mini-Miner Magazine from Diamond Dan's. The new library for GeoJrs, donated by the Archeology Club, needs donations of books on rocks, minerals, & fossils. The kids will be able to check them out & then report on them. December meeting/Christmas pizza party is this Sunday. Anyone who has helped with GeoJrs this year is invited as a thank you.

Election: President – Becky Kosco; VP – Courtney Cable; Treasurer – Nancy Halloran; Secretary – Catherine Milhoan; Membership Chair – Lisa Troxell; Trustee – David Rich. **Motion to accept the new Executive Board as slated by Joyce Kish, David Rich 2nd. Passed.**

Christmas Party, December 21. Must be paid tonight.

Trips: William Holland, Sandy Shorter: We got our 25 to qualify for the discount. You can still go. Not guaranteed your first choice of classes now. Kristin Morrow is collecting the money.

Trips: Cincinnati, Joyce Kish: Mark & Mari are also on the trip committee. Money is due by March 2020. Includes bus, Hyatt with breakfast, & show entry. AMS member \$50, not AMS member \$68. Sign up list is on the bulletin board at the club.

Metalsmithing Contest, Jim Watson: 9 entries by 5 artists, all advanced/ no beginners. First place was Sandy Shorter. 2nd place Kathi Jo Lappin. 3rd place tied by Merryanne McLeod- Wolfe & Dave Macseoinin.

Tree Festival, Sue Shoffner & Dave Macseoinin designed our Treefest tree donation that benefits Akron Children's Hospital. It was purchased by Rob Rothschild. Annette Long volunteered to make a mini tree next year for our 2020 donation. Sandy Shorter would like to see pictures of "slab trees" donated in the past to the Treefest.

Display case, Joyce Kish asked if someone would please do a "members display case" of things made in classes & by members without showcases. Kathi Jo Lappin volunteered.

Snow Ban! If there is a snow ban in Cuyahoga Falls, there is no on-street parking. So anything planned at the club will be cancelled during a snow ban. You can call 330-928-2181 for current weather info.

Donation, We have received a donation of a large Lortone slab saw. Mark & Kristin Morrow will pick it up & store it until we can have a Spring auction. Volunteers to help move the saw from the donor's basement: Doug Shorter, Lyle Johnson, & Mark Morrow & his son.

Mari Takai-Manley: It has been ok'd to make our donation of \$50, in Pat Powers name, to the American Cancer Society.

Member update: Laura Thomas is gathering the newest contact info on our members for the new membership chair. Please fill out the member application when you pay your dues, for this reason.

John Dombrosky, our Polish-American Club liaison, can sell you a Social Membership for \$5. You get updates on their events, including a breakfast with Santa.

Mid West Federation dues are due in January.

Annette Long is helping a friend clearance sale her stock of beads- glass, porcelain, bugle beads, many beads. Look at pictures & see if you're interested in more info.

David Moore: An old 18" Highland Park slab saw for sale near Cambridge OH. J-3, square rails, maybe \$600- \$800.

Bill Maki: MENSA club scholarship deadline is 1/15/2020 for High School Seniors. See the rules, write an essay.

We played Heads or Tails with bead strands. Thank you Laura Thomas.

Motion to adjourn by Julie Fultz, Lisa Troxell 2nd. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, SLC Secretary

Keep the Date!



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!