

Summit Gem September 2017

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, September 5th 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

Hello Everyone,

I hope you had a great summer! I know the club did! Since our last meeting 60 days ago we have had 17 classes accounting for over 20 days of club use, 1/3rd of the time the club was active, and that doesn't count the Tuesdays and Saturdays we are normally open. That is AWESOME! Thanks to all who taught and who participated. That is what the club is for PARTICIPATION!

I would like to take a few moments to thank some of our participants. Some people who go over and beyond to make our club one of the best! Our Treasurer John Kerr as well keeping our club in the black, he is in charge of Admissions for the Gemboree. Our Secretary Laura McElroy as well as keeping the gobbledygook that comes out of my mouth straight is the Treasurer for the Gemboree, and helps with the Geo Jrs. Our VP David Frazier as well as being in charge of the programming at our monthly meetings, helps with the total upkeep of our building and our lapidary equipment. David also is an instrumental part of the demonstrations table at the Gemboree.

They all do this as Volunteers, asking for nothing in return. Only wanting for your club to be a great place to be. For that we all thank you!

See you soon, Andy

Summit Lapidary Club, June 6th 2017 General Meeting – Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Andy Carey presided

Thank you to Mari Takai-Manley for hosting.

Visitors, Dave Macseoinin: Darwin Steele, Rachel Smith (new member), Pat Jones, & Shirley Workman.

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 6/13 Fold-Formed Bracelet with Noreen Miller. 6/18 Metal Workshop- bring your own project. 6/20 Woven Bracelet with Noreen Miller. 7/8 Hot Air Balloon Wire Wrap with John Tryon. 7/10 Tree of Life Wire Wrap with John Hite. 7/15 Rubber Mold for Casting with Tom McLaughlin. 7/23 Mosaic Trivet with Natalie Fox. 6/27 Mini Gem Trees for Gemboree with Laura Thomas.

Treasurer, John Kerr: Reported. Insurance was paid, to be covered by 1/3 Gemboree, 1/3 SLC, & 1/3 AMS. New membership rosters available.

GeoJrs.- Rob Rothschild: This Sunday a parent will be teaching "Rockin' on the Computer" merit badge. Penn-Dixie field trip- One family went on Saturday, & Rothschilds took a new member & her mom on Sunday.

Newsletter, Pat Powers: Deadline is the Executive Board Meeting. If you would like to get your newsletter online, email "email news" to SLCNewsletter@aol.com.

Gemboree: Andy Carey announced that Bob Powers will be stepping down as Gemboree Chairman. Huge Thank you to Bob for many years of fine tuning the show! Bob Powers officially announced that his replacement, the new Gemboree Chairman is Guy Kotch. At the Gemboree meeting it was decided to do less mass mailings & to put the money toward a Gemboree website with Sandy Shorter & Bob Powers as co-managers.

Machine Maintenance, David Moore: All machines are running. Call him if anything breaks down. New saw is on its way from California. Hope to get it installed next week. Mark Morrow bought the old saw.

Building Maintenance, Frank Mack: All good.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Cat Bennington had surgery.

Library, Doug Shorter: Everyone will get a number assigned to them for checking out library materials. Top library cabinet has a yellow sheet with your numbers. Use your number along with your signature when checking out because we can't read your signatures! New books- Faceting for Amateurs by Amy McNeilly, Cat & Don Bennington donated a loose-leaf notebook on faceting, and from William Holland School Flame Painting Copper by Skip & Racheal Mathews. Also a new faceting history & cutting book has been ordered & is on its way.

New Business:

Nominating Committee Chair for elections in December will be Frank Mack.

Artisan Craft Fair, Laura Thomas: First Saturday in November. \$10/ table. Will have sign-up sheets in September, but start now making stuff for your sales opportunity.

Andy Carey: We need volunteers to set up for the picnic the weekend before, JoAnn Harrison will chair that committee. Picnic is 6/24 from 1- "until the cows come home"! Club supplies the meat, everyone bring a covered dish & chairs.

Sandy Shorter: Check out our new & improved website, SummitLapidaryClub.com.

Christmas Party will be 12/9/17

Flint Ridge Dig- 7/16. Meet at the club at 8:30. Leave at 9. Car pool. Arrive about 11:30.

Big Dig, David Rich: 9/30 ? Club pays for \$7.50 entry + first 20 lbs./member.

Evelyn Tryon: The cheapest, easiest advertising is to pass out flyers! Please take some Gemboree flyers with you tonight & distribute them this summer.

Please leave your survey from the newsletter on the table.

Metalsmithing contest is started- see Dave Macseoinin for details.

Rachel Smith is our speaker.

Motion to Adjourn by Doug Shorter, Rosemary McLaughlin & Cat Benington 2nd. Passed

Classes and Events for September See clubhouse bulletin board for more information and to sign up

Saturday Sept. 2 nd	Beginning Wire-wrap
Tuesday Sept. 12 th	Gemtree Workshop for Gemboree mini trees
Tuesday, Sept. 19 th	Gail Streeter Auction
Saturday, Sept. 30	Big Dig

The Up Coming Big Dig – by Andy Carey

Hi Everyone!

On Saturday September 30th Summit Lapidary Club is sponsoring The BIG DIG at Mrs Nethers farm to collect our state gem Ohio flint! Festivities will kick off around 9am. Safety briefing and waiver signing will happen before digging starts.

Ground rules:

Safety glasses must be worn at all times while collecting!!!!

Closed toe, sturdy shoes!!!!

Long pants and long sleeve shirt.

Sturdy work gloves

NO ONE ALLOWED IN THE PITS WHILE ED IS DIGGING!!!! He will give the OK when ready.

Be aware of you who is near you before using your hammer. Flint shards HURT

DO NOT HOG the pits. We are a club, give everyone a chance.

Please if you are bring children be responsible for them. Thanks

Remember we are guests do not leave your trash behind.

Any other safety concerns will be talked about at the safety briefing.

Please bring food to share for a pot luck lunch, and plenty of water to stay hydrated.

The Club will pay for members entrance fee and their first 20 pounds of flint.

Maps will be available at the meeting and the club house. To anyone who has not attended the Big Dig before expect tons of FUN and a great time to get together. As always at the Dig prepare for SNOW and Freezing Rain.:

Any questions please bring to the meeting.

Thanks to Mr David Rich for starting and continuing the BIG DIG!

Thanks, Andy

Gemboree News – by Guy Kotch

Gemboree is getting closer, The Committee has things moving along! Nancy Yeager needs a helper for the treasure hunt, if you can help Nancy please contact her or me (Guy). The next Committee Meeting is Friday September 8th @ 6:30 pm. All Leads and their Back-Ups should try and attend. Also any member that wants to attend may do so.

Sign-up sheets are at the club, also window clings are there. As a reminder, The Gemboree is set for October 28th and 29th.

Proposed a change in Article VII sec 3.A

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

As proposed; The necessary disbursements of funds up to \$500.00 without membership approval. Such disbursements of funds will be reported to the membership during the next regular business meeting.

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.)

ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR - Saturday November 4, 2017

So – hope you all have been busy over the summer – did you make enough items to consider selling them? The SLC puts on an Annual Artisan Craft Fair. Club members are the ONLY vendors, held at the Quirk Cultural Center. This event is for Finished Hand Crafted items made by our members - not a Mini-Gemboree – no rock slabs in dish pans or equipment, please.

Details: There will approximately 22 vendor 8-ft. tables....Cost per Vendor is \$ 10.00 or half table for \$ 5.00...Electricity and 2nd tables by request, depending on availability....Set-up will start at 8:15 am, Saturday...All on one level, easy unloading...There is to be nothing attached to the walls...You must have a list of ingredients for food items sold.....All vendors must donate one item for the Door Prize Raffle...Vendors are to wear Club name tags...All vendors are responsible for their own sales and cash box...Vendors are to help with advertising-distribute flyers, etc...All tables must be skirted to the ground front and sides....No resale or flea market type items! ...One table per FAMILY MEMBERSHIP, unless ok'd by SLC Executive Board to "fill up" the show....**ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY TEAR-DOWNS:** tables stay up until 4pm (voted by SLC membership at 04/03/12 meeting.)

- MUST BE CURRENT WITH SLC CLUB DUES
- MUST HAVE WORKED (4) HOURS AT MOST RECENT GEMBOREE

We also need helpers in the Kitchen Club provides Coffee, Soda, Water, and hot dogs. Sign up to volunteer for a Two (2) hour shift – goes quick, is lots of fun. Club Members volunteer baked goods and soups for us to sell at the "Rockhound Café" – this is an easy fundraiser for the club, usually can cover the cost of renting the hall! Sign up to bring a soup or a dessert item we can sell – must have ingredients listed.

We will have Sign-Up Sheets at the SEPTEMBER Club Meeting, for Vendor Tables, Rockhound Café Volunteers, Bakers/Soup Makers and Door Prize Table Staff. Any Questions: Contact Laura Thomas 330 620-3782

A Recap of Activities and Classes 2017 – by Dave Macseoinin

We did have an active summer. My annual trip down to Flint Ridge with the newbies was wonderful with several pits offering excellent color!

The classes schedule board has been quite full with many members stepping up and teaching. This is a dream come true! Since we have a lot of new members coming in, we will repeat classes as needed.

The Metalsmithing Workshop has been popular with a core group attending regularly. Thanks to Nancy Halloran for teaching new techniques. Now this is open to anyone who has taken beginning silversmithing with Summit Lapidary Club. The club offers the torch and pickle. The rest is up to you, both project and materials. Why do I push the workshops? Well, read the Metalsmithing Competition in December. Plan on entering the Competition.

And as always, anyone who wants to teach, see me and we'll pick a date on the calendar. Now that's simple.

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 23rd (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.

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- We heard that Robin Wenger lost another parent of hers this summer. We are so sorry to hear that both of her parents have passed away. Our deepest sympathy to Robin and Jim and all their family.
- Debbie Salay is reported to be badly under the weather this summer. We hear that she goes to see her doctors and goes through testings. We hope she will find out what will help her to get well. Good luck, Debbie. We wish you well.
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- Evelyn Tryon's brother, Dana Bragg, passed away from cancer recently. He was almost 66 years old, only one day away from his 66th birthday. His doctor ordered his second round of chemo-therapies which made him deadly ill. So he chose 6 months of peaceful time with his family members and friends before his death. He enjoyed cooking, so he cooked for his family and friends. He was said to be very generous and helpful and giving kind of person. He was survived by his wife of over 40 years and three daughters, and many grandchildren. We send our deepest sympathy to Evelyn and John, and all of his entire family.

Just a Quick Note... – by Pat Powers

- Tuesday, September 12th Gemtree Workshop for Gemboree mini trees Save the date! More info at the meeting night. Not really a class, more of a all hands on deck kind of night. Need lots of helping hands.
- Tuesday, September 19th Gail Streeter Auction. Gail Streeter is jewelry, rock and mineral dealer with our Gemboree. More information regarding this auction at the September meeting.

Nothing to more to add. Bye and see you next month!