

# Summit Gem November 2018

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## Mission Statement

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



**Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**  
**At the Quirk Center**  
**1201 Grant Street Cuyahoga Falls**



Program: Club auction of donated items  
Hosts: John Dombrosky and Suzanne

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

## President's Message – by Becky Kosco

Geologists have a saying – “Rocks Remember” - Neil Armstrong

I want to thank everyone for all the hard work and time expended to create another successful Gemboree! Congratulations and a big thank you to Gemboree Show Chairman Guy Kotch and all of his Gemboree leads. Job well done!

The Holiday Artisan Craft Fair is Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-4pm at the Quirk Cultural Center in Cuyahoga Falls. Originally created as an opportunity for club members to sell their wares, it has been expanded to include outside crafters (nonmembers). Hand crafted items only – no resale. Plan on attending to see what fellow members make and enjoy refreshments at the Rockhound Café.

We have had some mining opportunities lately. In September there was a quick trip to Herkimer. The trip to Arkansas was all about crystals. In October a car-pool group went to Flint Ridge. Just a warm up for our Big Dig which will be scheduled in the Spring.

Just a reminder our club elections will be held at our meeting in December. The Nominating Committee Chair for elections will be Frank Mack. If you want to run for any office contact Frank or one of the trustees Tom McLaughlin, David Rich or Robert Spore.

Our November meeting will be an auction of several donated items: a couple saws, tools, several tumblers and rocks. I'm sure there will be something you want to take home! See you there –

Keep Rockin' - Becky

**Summit Lapidary Club, October 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting** – Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Becky Kosco, presided

Today is Art "Doc" Dumke's 90th birthday! Awesome!

Today is Laura Thomas' birthday! Congratulations both!

Thank you to Deb Salay & Doug & Sandy Shorter for hosting.

Visitors, David Macseoinin: Lisa Troxell, Cathy Schumacher, Eve Dilport, Rob Tucker, & Debbie Eschen.

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 10/16 Autumn Card with Theresa Wick, 10/13 Advanced Polymer clay with Mari Takai-Manley. Faceting Workshop every Saturday by prior arrangement with Ron Maitland.

Special instructor, Ron Miller, a William Holland instructor, will teach two classes on 11/17: Beginning Wire Wrap and Intermediate Wire Wrap. Must be pre-paid to reserve a spot.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Becky Hartman had a 2nd knee replacement. Enzo Pendolino's father passed away. Bob & Pat Powers' son has a badly broken leg & needs an MRI.

Library, Doug Shorter: Intro to Paleontology, & Intro to Geology DVDs, more of a college level. Many recent additions have been Simply Silver, Simply Gold, one on how to use a Fordem, Jewelry Photography, Hammering & Enameling. If you have a request please talk to Doug.

Newsletter, Pat Powers: Copies available for visitors.

Gemboree, Guy Kotch: Gemboree sign-up sheets are online. Physical sign-up sheets are available tonight. On-line wants your email address, they email you to verify, you must reply, then you get a password. Nancy Yeager will have a treasure hunt again for the young people. We've ordered more geodes. Spider Night next Tuesday. Rock Bagging coming up. Tear-down must be done by 9. Starting Spring 2019 it will be in the vendor contracts that there will be a fine for late tear-down. Evelyn Tryon: Small and large flyers are available tonight -please take them & post them wherever you can. JoAnn Harrison, Hospitality: We have electric troubles there. Please bring food to share that doesn't need electric or refrigerator. Bring desserts, fruits, salads. No crockpots. Gemboree will start supplying cold cuts, wraps, hot dogs- food for the vendors.

GeoJrs, Evelyn Tryon: Rob is out of town so Evelyn will be leading. Next month Evelyn is out of town so Rob will be leading. 2nd Sunday of the month at 1. Could use some member help. Can always use someone to try to answer questions or help with a craft. MWF Newsletter had an article on Scott Mauer's Olympiad wins in Taiwan.

Artisan Craft Fair, Laura Thomas: 8th Annual! Also called Members Only Show. This year we are open to other artists & crafters. Must be handmade wares. As of today, we have filled 45 tables, and that covers the cost of the building. 10/16 will be a meeting on how to display. A church is having a bake sale. Volunteers are needed in 2 hour shifts all day: Rockhound Cafe needs help to work in 2 hour shifts all day, admissions table to keep count (no charge to shop), door prize table, special door prize event upstairs to encourage shoppers to go up, & people to help vendors as booth sitters & runners. Could really use YOUR help to volunteer for a couple of hours! Also need soups & baked goods donated for the Rockhound Cafe. All donated food must have a full ingredients list for allergy issues.

Machine Maintenance, David Moore: The machines are clean. Thank you to all who helped. We're good for another 6 months now. Two of our saws are old. We need to discuss replacement at about \$4000 each. They don't make replacement parts for the old saws.

**Old Business:**

Cab Contest, Joyce Kish: Joseph Kinches, one of our Gemboree vendors, & a professional who has cut cabs for over 50 years, was our judge. He used an optivisor to rate the 9 entries. No one met all criteria, so no 1st place. 2nd place was Dave Macseoinin, and 3rd place was Frank Mack. Joseph offered to do a seminar for the people who submitted entries on how to cut a cab. If he judges again next year he wants only one submission per person.

SummitLapidary.com, Sandy Shorter: Calendar shows dates & times of our classes, meetings & events. Send her an email if you want to have your SLC event posted.

**New Business:**

Joyce Kish is now the MidWest Federation newsletter assistant. If you want anything to be published by them contact Joyce.

Mike Knapp: Thank you Dawn Carey for the great job on the Arkansas trip.

**Motion to adjourn by Joe Spohn, Annette Long 2nd. Passed.**

Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

**Program for November Member Meeting** – by Doug Shorter

There will be an auction Tuesday following the November 6, SLC meeting. It will consist of rocks and equipment that were donated to the club. There will be no minimum bid and is open to all SLC members, including officers. You can preview the items at the Quirk from 5:30 to 6:30 the day of the auction.

Photographs of the equipment will be posted on the club website. This equipment is being sold in “as is” condition to the highest bidder. Payment in full is due to the treasurer the night of the auction

**Class and Events For November:** More details posted with the sign-up sheets at the Clubhouse

November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Artisan Craft Fair 10 AM to 4 PM Quirk Center
November 6 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	General SLC Membership Meeting
November 17 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Wirewrap Class Beginner with Ron Miller 9 AM – Noon (prepaid)
November 17 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Wirewrap Class Advanced with Ron Miller 1 PM - 4 PM (prepaid)
November 27 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Final entry date for Metal Smithing Contest
November 27 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	SLC Board Meeting

**MWF Delegate Report** – by Sandy Shorter

Thank you for allowing us (Doug & Sandy Shorter) to be the Ohio alternate delegates at the MWF awards meeting in Springfield IL. The LOESS club hosted the MWF meeting simultaneously with its club show. This allowed us to enjoy both a show and meeting as we explored the Land of Lincoln.

The Midwest Federation consists of 110 clubs in 12 different states and has an adult membership of 6,768. We had the pleasure of meeting delegates from most of those states, as they work on a national level to represent and further the rockhounding community.

The members were very eager to share their knowledge and experiences on how to grow our clubs and improve our shows. They also awarded 2 scholarships to graduate student for their research in numerous earth science fields.

We are proud to announce that the MWF E-Bear will be returning to Ohio (and our club) until March 2019. He is currently on a side trip to Camp Pendleton with Dee and Ron Sharf to welcome their veteran nephew home from overseas.

FYI- E-Bear is a fundraiser for the “E” endowment fund. He is a stuffed bear that loves to have his picture taken with rock hounds and all their activities. He also keeps a journal with him telling us about all the people and places he has traveled. You can follow his activities on the MWF website.

I encourage everyone, delegate or not, to attend an MWF ceremony and local rock club show. You will love it.

Sandy

**Metalsmithing Competition 2018 Submit by November 27<sup>th</sup>**

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 27<sup>th</sup> (the last Tuesday of November). Prizes will be awarded at the December membership meeting. Awards listed below.

Novice level

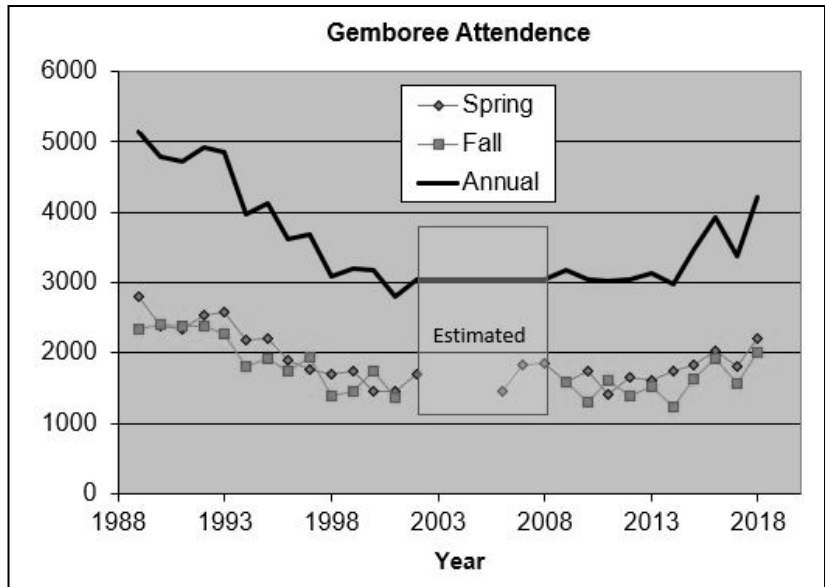
- 1st prize \$100 plus one-year club membership
- 2nd prize \$50 plus one-year club membership
- 3rd prize one-year club membership

Advanced Level

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

**Gemboree Attendance Report** – by Bob Powers

In the 1980's and earlier the Gemboree brought in 5,000 people per year to the Armory in Stow. When we switched to Emidio's Expo Center, there followed a steady downward trend. For a period of about 15 years, our annual show attendance had flat-lined at a little over 3,000 visitors per year. Many of our long-time members had watched the long decline and felt that the “glory days” of the show were behind us, and that people just aren't that interested in Rock Shows anymore. But in an effort to improve attendance, we started a new Show position – Publicity Chairman. Sandy Shorter & others



experimented with expanding our paid newspaper advertising and also radio advertising on WKSU. New free publications were found and the SummitLapidaryClub.com Website added an Internet advertising source. Recently Show Chairman Guy Kotch created Facebook pages for Summit Lapidary, Akron Mineral and, of course, the Gemboree. This latest addition seems to have given the show a big Boost!

The Show itself has not remained static. An on-going effort is made to make incremental changes to improve the show – new layouts, more activities (fluorescent display, Treasure Hunt, Geology section of ODNR, revised Silent Auction, etc.) more & diverse vendors. All these efforts continue to pay dividends by growing our attendance. This year, for the first time in 25 years, annual attendance surged to over 4,000 visitors. We should all be proud of these achievements & continue to work together to make this a top-notch local event.

**WEB RESOURCES FOR ROCKHOUDING** – by Dave Fanger, Webmaster, Minnesota Mineral Club from the MMC Rock Rustler's News, April 2018

Several people have asked about web resources to help them prepare for successful rockhounding trips. Here are some examples:

1. The Rock and Mineral Shows website tells about rock shows, clubs, mineral/mining museums, geo sites and rock shops with an interactive map. It doesn't have all of the info you want, but could be a good starting point.
2. The Mineral Resource Data System (MRDS) is a U.S. Geological Survey collection of reports describing mineral resources throughout the world. Included are deposit name, location, commodity, deposit description, geologic characteristics, production, reserves, resources, and references. Follow the instructions on the site to pull mine data into Google Earth and start exploring. First select what counties (or state) to pull the data from. Files are big, so don't pull too many. Using Google Earth, you can see if a mine is active or inactive and what minerals were mined there.
3. Flyover Country is a mobile app developed by the University of Minnesota with National Science Foundation funding. "Learn about the world along the path of your flight, hike, or road trip with GPS tracking. Offline geologic maps and interactive points of interest reveal the locations of fossils and georeferenced Wikipedia articles visible from your airplane window seat, vehicle, or hiking trail vista." While its first intended use was for travelers looking out their airplane windows, the app has the ability to be used on long car trips.
4. And don't forget to utilize the vast resources at MINDAT with Google Search before your trip. Find mine locations near where you are going and see images of minerals that others found at a given site. Sometimes it is best to use Google to find the pages on MINDAT once you know the area you are in. Example – Google the words "Keokuk geode Iowa MINDAT," and it takes you to a summary page.

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

- Annette Long is scheduled to have her ankle fuse surgery on November 6. We hope that the surgery goes well and that her recovery passes quickly. We send our prayers her way.
- We just heard that Debbie Shorter had a death in her family. Her mother passed away. We send our deepest sympathies to her and her family.
- David and MaryAnn Rich are expecting to have their first grandchild to be born on November 11. They are both so excited! Congratulations!

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

- I hope everyone got to see the beautiful tree on loan from Vicki Koffroth. It was displayed in one of the GeoJuniors cases. The tree was made by David Koffroth but was unfinished when he passed July 26, 2018. I glued the stones on and Vicki loaned it to us for the show. Vicki is going to donate another one of David's trees to the Club.
- Update on the keys for the clubhouse. Thank you to Tom McLaughlin and Andy Carey for handling the exchange of keys up to present. The keys are now in the possession of our Treasurer Nancy Hollaran. We now have an up to date listing of who has a key to the clubhouse.
- Last year SLC participated in the Cleveland Museum of Natural History Earth Science/Archeology day. Wendy Smale was the lead with assistance from Andy Carey and Dave Macseoinin. Wendy was unable to be the lead this year but secured permission for us to participate next year. The people attending the event were very interested in our club and lots of fliers for the Gemboree were handed out. Please consider helping with this project mid-October next year.
- Safety & Field Trips MWF Notes from David Rich, his report mentioned the article in the newsletter about the man who passed away as a result of lung disease attributed to his lapidary hobby. The man had stressed using a dust mask every time rocks are ground or worked with. David said the 3M P95 dust mask is the one recommended. It is available at Harbor Freight among other sources. He stressed to be sure to wear a mask, dust can be in the water spraying up from the grinding process. Silica dust can cause silicosis, a disease caused by inhalation of crystalline silica dust (according to Wikipedia). David stressed that members need to wear gloves, glasses and MASKS.
- SLC Club Members keep your calendar open for Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This date is the SLC & AMS annual Xmas Party. It will be held at the St. George Fellowship Center, 3204 Ridgewood Road, Akron, Ohio 44333. More details will be provided soon.

Nothing more to add. See you next month!