

Summit Gem April 2016

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Mission Statement

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



**Monthly Meeting: Tuesday,
April 5th at 7PM
At The Quirk Center
1201 Grant Street Cuyahoga Falls**



Hosts: Everyone! Please bring in something to share.

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

President's Message – by Andy Carey

Hi Everyone!

Hopefully everyone has survived the Spring Equinox and the cruel joke perpetrated by Mother Nature as I awoke to snow flurries. Such is Ohio. I do love this time of year. A sense of freshness, spring flowers are blooming, life is new again. For myself spring also means yard chores, and garden clean up. Which is what I was doing this morning at the club house. The trees and stumps are gone from our jungle mass, I mean plantings, out front. If anyone is interested in helping with the upkeep of this part of the yard please let me know. Thanks.

This month is also Gemboree month. If you have not signed up for a volunteer time yet, the sign-up sheets are at the club house and will be at the April meeting. I would like to thank everyone who helped make mini trees for the kids table. Those little twists can be hard on the fingers! Coming soon we will be bagging gems for the gem mine. Check the calendar at the club for day and time. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Before our April 5th meeting at the Quirk Center, The Akron Mineral Society and the Summit Lapidary Club are sponsoring a special joint presentation by Mr. David Leung. Many of you might know David as he is a long standing vendor at our Gemboree. He is an expert on Jade, its uses in jewelry and its cultural significance through the years. This is an awesome opportunity for both of our clubs to come together and enjoy an exciting discussion.

Mr. Leung will start speaking at 6:00pm. This is an hour before our regular meeting time. There is a sign-up sheet at the club house. **Please, if you plan on attending this program, sign up in advance. If you cannot get to the club to sign up call the club and leave a message. Your name will be added to the list. Club phone 330-929-3798.** A special thank you to Jing Wang for setting up this program! Hopefully our clubs can do more joint ventures in the future.

No one signed up to host this month, so this meeting will be pot luck. Everyone bring something to share! Our business meeting will be after our special program. We have lots to talk about so this could be a VERY LONG MEETING. Just Kidding... It will be short.
Well I guess that is it for now, see everyone soon.

Thanks, Andy

PS; for our tree friends in the club, the trees out front are in a happier place now. 😊

Summit Lapidary Club, March 1st 2016 General Meeting - Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Andy Carey presided.

Hosted by Laurie McElroy. Thank you to Suzanne Shoffner & Evelyn Tryon for help bringing supplies over.

Visitors, Dave Macseoinin: Jeffrey Rotnem, Madeline Winters. 2nd visit by Tammy Coleman (joined), Garry & Lillian DeFrance (joined), & Cindy Chilber (joined).

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 3/13 Beginning Metal Smithing with Dave Macseoinin. 3/19 Polymer Clay Advanced Caning with Mari Takai-Manley.

Treasurer, John Kerr: Reported. Paid property tax last month.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Merry Anne McLeod-Wolfe- welcome back after spinal surgery! Next surgery planned for 4/15. Member Tammy Lang passed away after a long struggle. Our condolences to her family.

Library, Mari Takai-Manley: Gemstones of the World was donated by Suzanne Shoffner in memory of Dolores Knapp.

Newsletter, Pat Powers: Extra copies available. If you didn't get one, see Treasurer John Kerr to check your address. If you want your news delivered e-mail send your e-mail address to Pat at SLCnewsletter@aol.com

Gemboree, Bob Powers: Coming up in April! Sign-up sheets are out, so choose your jobs for the Gemboree. Thanks to Dave Macseoinin who donated a box of slabs for the silent auction.

GeoJrs, Evelyn Tryon: This Sunday our topic will be fossils & Mike Knapp will teach hand-polishing Petosky stones. Some Jrs are growing crystals at home for a badge requirement. We need another leader, could be just for one section that you specialize in or know something about. We need members to come in and teach a craft or lesson. We have a suitable craft/activity each month. Jrs are ages 8-18, but we have mostly middle school kids in our group right now. Rob Rothschild made a plea for help. He is our newest instructor, and has no background in teaching or earth sciences & could really use some knowledgeable help. Thank you Rob for jumping in & taking this on.

Machine Maintenance, David Frazier: New expandable drums on the way.

Property Maintenance, Frank Mack: We have new anti-fatigue flooring in the cutting & polishing rooms now; thanks to Mike Ball for that donation. Andy Carey asked how many think we should get security cameras in the building; a majority by show of hands. JoAnn Harrison suggested that we usually rekey the door every two years & haven't in a while. Andy Carey will check, executive board will discuss, & what is decided will be announced.

Old Business:

T-shirts, Dave Macseoinin: Red Fish has not been keeping their deadlines. Don't know now when our order will be received.

Jenn Shernit suggested that we check into replacing the microwave. Bob Senn volunteered to bring in a replacement.

Agate Symposium, Mari Takai-Manley: Final payment is due tonight!

Mari Takai-Manley reported that all display cases for April Gemboree have been assigned.

New Business:

Rob Rothschild requested donations for a silent auction fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of the Western Reserve. He is on their Board, & receipts will be available. They help 400 kids be safe, homework assistance & activities after school. 330-310-9148

JoAnn Harrison asked about possibility of a Herkimer NY field trip. David Frazier will plan.

Bill Mackey works with 28 4th graders that he will invite to GeoJrs.

President's Minute with Andy Carey: We will be hosting the Mid West Federation meeting during our Gemboree. There will be a Cleaning Party- to be announced!

Enzo Pendolino requested that we get a microphone for meetings.

Motion to adjourn by David Frazier, Jenn Shernit 2nd.

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

April 16 th	Saturday	Rock bagging for Gem Mine 9AM
April 22 nd	Friday	Gemboree Set-up 8:30AM
April 23-24 th	Saturday/Sunday	Gemboree & Tear Down

Gemboree News – by Bob Powers

As of this writing, the Spring 2016 Gemboree is only 30 days away! The sign-up sheet openings are filling up rapidly so be sure to pencil your name in as soon as possible. See the mini-schedule above for some Gemboree-related dates.

We are advertising the show heavily, so expect a big turnout. Joyce and Skeeter Kish mailed out somewhere around 2,000 show flyers to the local and not-so-local communities. Evelyn Tryon hand-delivered even more at various shows around the state. Sandy Shorter is finalizing the paid advertising, and the free press advertising is nearing completion too. Deb Salay completed typing in the names and addresses of the postcard signup sheets, and the final postcard list and postcard design was sent for publication and mailing. The postcard mailing list continues to grow, and is now approaching 1500. If the weather cooperates we could see a record turn-out.

See Mari if you want to have a display case. Her list may be full, but she always likes to have a few names on standby, just in case something unforeseen happens. Evelyn is also finalizing the Show layout, which will be slightly different this time. We may have to make a few adjustments during setup to get a good traffic flow pattern, but that's to be expected.

A big **THANKS!** to everyone (and there are a lot of you) who is participating in the final preparations. We need everyone pulling together to continue to put on a great show.

The Paper Chase...Do You Need an Appraisal? - taken from *International Colored Gemstone Association* http://www.gemstone.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=148&Itemid=55

If you are making a major purchase and you feel unsure, you may want to have a gemstone independently appraised to double-check that it is as represented. An appraisal is an estimate of a gemstone's value by a third party. But ask yourself: why are you buying from a store that you don't trust? Maybe the answer is to go to a well-established jeweler who will be there if you have any problem. Most of the problems consumers have with fine jewelry or gemstone purchases are a result of trying to get something for less than it is worth. This is particularly true with purchases made on vacation, "at the mine," or "on the border." Would you buy on the street in New York City? Buying on the street in Rangoon (Yangon) will probably have the same result.

In some cases, an appraisal is helpful in building your confidence in the buying decision. It can also be helpful if you are considering selling an item or want to insure your jewelry. However, be aware that the appraisal industry is not regulated, so the appraiser is just giving you an opinion about value which may or may not be correct. Some appraisers are very skilled and reputable but, because anyone can call themselves an appraiser, some unfortunately are not. Exercise extreme caution with appraisers who have a commercial interest in the value they assign to the piece.

A Certificate is not a Guarantee. In some countries, in particular Japan, all gemstones are sold with a laboratory certificate. A certificate or identification report confirms the gemstone variety and natural origin of the stones. In some countries, a certificate may also include information about where the gemstone was mined, based on a study of its inclusions. But although certificates from a major laboratory provide support for your purchase, in many countries, including the United States, there is no official regulation of who can offer a certificate. Some certificates are reliable and some are just fancy letterhead with the signature of some unknown person. Even certificates from reputable labs can be forged.

Certificates are a common feature to gemstone investment scams, especially common in sales pitches over the telephone or, increasingly, on the Internet, so be careful about accepting them as some kind of guarantee. Never buy a gemstone in a sealed package and never buy a gemstone by certificate alone, over the telephone, as an investment. Gemstones are not a liquid investment and you should be very wary of anyone who sells them as if they were a security. Offers to repurchase the portfolio whenever you want to sell will not do you much good if the firm has disappeared.

So buy a beautiful gemstone, do not buy a piece of paper. Gemstones do store wealth and are an excellent way to pass down something fine and valuable to the next generation, but do not think of them as an investment for the future: Enjoy them today as well!

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- Mary Anne McLeod-Wolfe's second surgery is scheduled for the middle of April. She will have to go through a third surgery after completing this abdominal one. We pray that she holds on to her strength and courage to go through all necessary surgeries. Keep strong, Mary Anne!

Just a Quick Note From Me – by Pat Powers

Important reminders and notices:

- April 5th meeting at:
Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Ave, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223
Nothing more to add...see you next month!