

# Summit Gem September 2019

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## Mission Statement

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



**Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**  
**Quirk Center**  
**1201 Grant Street, Cuyahoga Falls**



Program: Chris Stricklett, will share his mining and collecting adventures.

Hosts: Mark & Kristin Morrow, Sandy & Doug Shorter, Rosemary & Tom McLaughlin

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

## President's Message – by Becky Kosco

“A wise person is like a smoothly polished rock: it takes time to become either.” – Vera Nazarian

Be reviewing the bylaws it came to me the purpose of SLC – “To afford the opportunity to share interest in lapidary knowledge and working techniques.” Teaching and learning should be our focus. A big thank you to my bylaw committee - Doug Shorter, Terry Coburn and David Rich.

Several of our members kept activity at our clubhouse this summer. Classes were taught by Mari, Noreen Miller and Laura Thomas. Dave Macseoinin kept torch time alive and instigated trips to Fantasia Mining and Flint Ridge.

Our joint Club Picnic with Akron Mineral was July 20<sup>th</sup> at Galt Park. This is one of the ways the club likes to “give back” to the members for all the hard work done at the Gemboree. Unfortunately, the extreme heat that day kept many from attending. We can't control the weather but we can still have a good time getting together.

With the Fall Gemboree fast approaching dates have been scheduled to help make mini gem trees and spiders. These are important fund raisers and I hope to see all hands-on deck. We also signed up to donate a tree to the Children's Hospital Tree Festival. Members will be asked to make ornaments to decorate the tree. See Susanne Shoffner for this information.

Perhaps the biggest news over the summer is that David Moore requested to step down from Machine Maintenance. Big shoes to fill! We are all grateful for all his knowledge and time he has put into this – “Thank you David!”

Gene Willis has agreed to take over as the lead for Machine Maintenance and will work with the maintenance committee of Guy Kotch, Lisa Troxell and Doug Shorter. Let's do what we can to help them maintain one of the biggest assets of our club. Much work has been done over the summer and all 5 saws are working – thanks to David, Doug, Guy and Gene.

We will be talking about a joint Club Trip with Akron Mineral to William Holland in September 2020. This fits in with our mission - the hope that people will learn different techniques and bring that knowledge back and share it with the club. We will have information at the September meeting.

Enjoy the last days of summer and we'll see you in September! Keep Rockin' – Becky

### **Summit Lapidary Club, June 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting** – Respectfully Submitted by Laura Thomas

The meeting started with our speakers Rachel and Adam from Kaliadascology. HHH – Holistic Health & Healing. Spoke about their holistic fair/show. Their experiences, etc. Then ran a Question & Answer session. Some items discussed: Average table goes for \$100 for vendors. Amount of lead time to advertise the show – 2 months is good. Each vendor takes care of their own booth. Fair with Booths AND workshops is also an idea. Where is best to advertise – Facebook Private Event Page and Instagram. Use share/Invite, info spreads quickly. Need a person to monitor the page and answer questions. Contracts-waiver of liability, if they need electricity, etc. have tables for Readers- they should have a signup sheet for each reader. Yes, charge the Readers a vendor table fee like any other vendor. For a smaller fair, should have about 15 Readers. Maybe food trucks instead of running the kitchen.

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm - Thank you Bill Maki for hosting. Birthdays Guy and Nancy.

#### Classes:

Polymer Clay Advanced with Mari 06/08 9am-12pm

Beginning Silver with Dave Mac 6/06 noon

Bronze Metal Clay with Noreen 6/11 6pm-9pm

Torch Time – third weekend of the month

Spring/Summer Auntie Laura Earring Extravaganza 06/22 9am-1pm

June 23, Ron Miller, William Holland Wire-Wrap instructor will be here to teach a beginner and then an intermediate class. Bring tools, minimum 8 people for class.

Treasurer, Nancy – pay your dues. Big Dig Costs \$500 for Backhoe Ed, \$560 for members that attended.

Gemboree Meeting Guy, Becky volunteered to be the new Set-Up Lead. Mari is looking for her replacement to take over the Display Case Lead. Job description – about 27 cases, 3-4 are taken up by Geo Juniors, the rest are for members to display their projects. Gemboree disbursement to SLC is \$9,000 from the Spring 2019 show.

Geo Juniors – any Summer activities? Yes, continue to meet. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. \$20 per family to join. Always needs members to help, teach a kid a skill or a craft. Wally donated a gigantic bag of petrified wood and slabs. Call Rob 330 310-9148. Planning a one-day trip to Penn Dixie (fossils) “THE Place for Fossils”

Property Maintenance – Guy installed emergency lights & exit signs. Need help trimming the tree.

#### Old Business:

SLC/AMC Summer Picnic – Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> at Gault Park in Cuyahoga Falls. Club provides meat and beverages, please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Address 2000 Oneida Ave, Munroe Falls.

Signup sheet at Clubhouse for Setup and Clean up helpers.

Children's Hospital Tree Festival at the John S Knight Center. Need a volunteer to create a tree to donate. Susanne Shoffner volunteered a tree – if Every Member could make a hand-made ornament and bring to the September Regular Meeting.

T Shirts- See Dave Mac to order now!!

Trips – considering a 2020 Combined Akron Mineral Society/Summit Lapidary Club Trip to William Holland School of lapidary arts. Deposit of \$100 in December 2019. \$400 per person if we get 25 minimum. Club would pay \$300. Covers room, board. Member responsible for their own transportation to get there, Class/Lab fees and materials.

Bylaws – read the changes.

Mansfield rock show is this Weekend.

Do the Holiday Artisan Craft Fair again in November? Show of hands indicated interest. Need more helpers this year.

Announcements:

Fantasia Kyanite Mine in Virginia, Check SLC Facebook page for field trip June 16.

Donation of \$50 for Pete Sauricki Memorial Fund. Pete was a long-time member, very talented and great teacher. He will be missed.

Meeting adjourned. See ya in the Fall! Don't forget, still meet at the clubhouse every Tuesday evening and Saturday morning.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Thomas

### **Program for the Membership September Meeting** – by Julie Fultz

Our guest speaker for September will be Chris Stricklett. He will be sharing his adventures in mining and collecting! He will bring along a show and tell collection with him.

### **Class and Events for September** – More details posted with the sign-up sheets at the Clubhouse

Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> Tailgate to Canfield Fair  
Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 7PM Club Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 6-9PM Mini Gem Trees for the Gemboree Children's Table  
Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 7PM SLC Board Meeting  
Torch Time 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the Month

### **AMS/SLC Summer Picnic at Galt Park July 20<sup>th</sup>** – by Sandy Shorter

Record heat and humidity set the stage for the AMS/SLC Summer picnic. With these extremes there was still plenty of wonderful food and fun to go around. Frank lead a mushroom hunt and ID class, while others passed pretty trinkets around. Sadly, the high temps kept a lot of people home in the AC.

The summer picnic is one way both clubs get to show our gratitude for all our members help at the Gemboree and all other ways you contribute to our clubs.

Special thanks to Evelyn, Julie and Susanne for early preparation - also thanks to Catherine Milhoun for helping with setup and to Mark Cunningham and Mike Kosco for cooking. And as always, a big thank you to our presidents Becky Kosco and Guy Kotch.

It's our teamwork and comradely that make a great club! Thanks everybody.

### **SLC Proposed By-Law Changes**

#### **Article III: Membership**

As is:

Section 2. The family membership consists of member and spouse or one other family member of the same household, i.e. a son or daughter. Both members have all privileges, including the right to vote, hold office and use the lapidary equipment.

Proposed

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Article VI: Officers

As is:

Section 1. The officers of the club shall consist of the President, Vice- President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. These four officers shall be elected at the December meeting and serve a one-year term of office, beginning in January.

Proposed

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Section 2. These five officers shall be elected at the December meeting and serve a one-year term of office, beginning in January.

Article VI: Officers

As is:

D. The Treasurer shall collect all dues, pay outstanding bills and take sufficient care to safeguard the funds of the club. The treasurer shall also notify any member delinquent in the payment of dues and notify the Executive board of this action. The treasurer will report the member's response to this action within 30 days.

E. Membership Chair – A board member position responsible for maintaining applications for membership, waivers and dues paid, and a list of membership. This chair will also work with the Gemboree Chair to maintain a list of members in good standing.

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Article VII: Executive Board

As is:

Section 1. There shall be one controlling body known as the executive board. This body shall consist of the four officers, three trustees, the immediate past-president and the editor of the club newsletter.

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Article VII Executive Board

As is:

Section 3

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Proposed

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Article VII Executive Board

As is:

G. None This is an addition to the by-laws

Proposed

G. The Executive Board will create an annual budget, which will be submitted to the membership for approval in the October meeting for the following year.

**Proposed SLC rule changes 5-19**

- Removal of page of "Golden Rules"
- Add Library Use document to Rule book
- Add Member in good standing paragraph to rules
- Add Hydraulic press to the SLC Work Room Rules and Equipment Procedures

**Member in Good Standing**

Requirements to be a Member in Good Standing are as follows.

1. Current on membership dues.
2. Have worked for 4 hours in each in the past two Gemboree's that the member has been part of the club for.

Member in good standing status will only be revoked by vote of the Executive Board after consideration of the situation.

**Library Use**

1. Materials may be checked out of the library for a period of one month. Materials that are checked out will be due on the same date as checkout the following month i.e. checkout February 6 would be due March 6<sup>th</sup>. Item may be extended by one additional month by changing the sign out date on the checkout card (this must be done when the library is open).
2. The process for checking out materials is as follows
  - a. Place your name and checkout date on both index cards found in the card sleeve found in the materials to be checked out.
  - b. Place one card in the index box found in the library bookshelf under your last name. Keep the other card inside the card sleeve.
3. Process for returning materials to Library when the Library is open.
  - a. Remove the card for your materials from the index box.
  - b. Cross your name off both cards and return the cards to the card sleeve found in the materials that were checked out.
  - c. Return the materials to the proper section of bookshelves.
4. Process for returning materials to the Library when the Library is not open.
  - a. Place your materials in one of the drawers located on the floor under the display case that has a lock that is not locked and lock the drawer.
  - b. The librarian will check in your materials the next time the librarian is at the club.

OVERDUE MATERIAL

1. The Librarian will check the index for overdue materials
2. Materials that are overdue by more than a month will have the name of borrower the name of material and due date listed in the next club newsletter.
3. The individual will be assessed a fine of \$0.05 per day for overdue materials up to the replacement cost of the materials.
4. Any materials overdue by more than 6 months will be referred to the Executive Board for action.

General Information

1. Remember this library is for your use. If there is something you would like to see in the library, let the librarian know and we will see if it can be purchased.
2. If you have any issues with the library please contact the Librarian.

## REFERENCE MATERIALS

Items marked as Reference Material are for use in the Club House only. They may not be removed and taken home.

**2019 Metalsmithing Competition Submit by November 26<sup>th</sup>** – by Jim Watson

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 Jim Watson no later than November Board meeting November 26<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

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$100 plus one-year club membership  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$50 plus one-year club membership  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize one-year club membership.

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

Carolyn and Art Dumke's granddaughter, Marina Martinez, just graduated from Rutgers University on a full scholarship, and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach and study in the Czech Republic. She has a degree in social work. She planned to leave for the Czech Republic in August. Both Carolyn and Art are so proud of her! Congratulations grandma and grandpa!

Tom McLaughlin had his surgery for spinal stenosis on July 3. His surgery was originally scheduled for late July; however, because of enormous pressure to the point that part of his back was swollen and hurting Tom-san greatly. Rosemary and their daughter were so concerned that they went to his doctor to ask the surgeon to operate on him earlier than originally scheduled (about 20 days). The surgery went well and he is going through rehabilitation with a good spirit. We wish him continued wonderful recovery.

Cathy Lee has suffered a nasty bad reaction from chemotherapy this whole summer. The inside of her mouth was swollen and blistered, she could not take any nutrients into her body, so Richard-san took her to hospital emergency. She was hooked to IVs. When she was stabilized, her doctor returned her to chemotherapy, and her blisters returned. When she could not take any more suffering, she told her doctor to stop her chemo. Before she was released to a rehabilitation facility, the doctor found a blood clot, so she had to go through surgery to remove the blood clot. She is currently at home to try to regain her strength to be able to prepare for another stomach operation. We ask everyone to pray for her good health.

**ARTISAN CRAFT SHOW** Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 were 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. Sign-up sheets are Posted on Clubhouse Wall.

We also offer concessions for sale at our "Rockhound Café." Members bring homemade soups and baked goods, 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.

DEADLINE for Reserving your Table is SEPTEMBER 17TH. We need to set up the table arrangements, please be sure to see Laura Thomas to confirm your reservation. Please call Laura at (330 )620-3752.

The 2018 show was the first time we opened up vendor tables to the public. Juried, so they had to submit photos along with an application for their table. We May be doing that again. For the 2018 show, we had vendors on both floors of the Quirk Center. We do have permission to put tables along the hallways, one side only.

Last year's show was a ton of work. It was Bigger, hopefully Better... a Lot of Work!!! We will be discussing at the September Regular meeting if we want to scale back to one floor only, or have it be a big show open to the public. We need members to commit to working some two-hour shifts in the AM – to help direct crafters when they arrive, hand out raffle tickets and work the Kitchen. Not hard work, just need to know we will have folks there to help out. Thank you so much to Treasurer Nancy and her boyfriend-- they did a terrific job running the Kitchen crew, and volunteered again for this year. Plan on coming out to the September Regular meeting to discuss!!

### **Polishing Topaz** – By Ron Maitland

I successfully polished my first topaz, and several club members asked how I polished them. After smoothing with a 1200 lap I went directly to 50,000 diamond spray. I polished on the outer edge while the lap ran with the facet. If scratches persisted, I polished on a spot between the mast and the lap nut with the lap running across the facet. I had tried 8,000 diamond spray with terrible results. I also tried aluminum oxide on an Ultra Lap with no success.

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

- We need volunteers to work on the Akron Children's Hospital Tree. Sue Shoffner has volunteered to make the tree and is requesting members to make an ornament for donation. See Sue for more information.
- SLC/AMS apparel is complete. It can be picked up at the club house or any meeting.
- Donation to Club - Peter Sauricki was an honorary member of Summit Lapidary Club who passed May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. His family contacted Joyce and Skeeter Kish wanting to donate Pete's lapidary equipment to SLC and AMS. With transportation help from Frank Mack we received a trim saw, a drop saw, various grinders and extraneous equipment. We really appreciate this donation from his family.
- Fantasia Mining - On May 15<sup>th</sup> a group of us took a road trip to Fantasia Mining. Dave Macseoinin, Becky Kosco, Laurie McElroy, Wendy Smale and member -to-be Olivia met at the clubhouse then carpooled to Fantasia Mining. It was Laurie, Wendy and Olivia's first time visiting – and I'm pretty sure it won't be the last. Though the majority of Fantasia's business is mail order you are able to buy from them. I enjoy seeing the enormity of their inventory – as well as a chance to see large rough and things you just don't see in regular retail. Fantasia Mining is one of our Gemboree vendors – check them out.
- Flint Ridge Summer Road trip - On July 29<sup>th</sup> we made a quick trip down to Flint Ridge to indoctrinate one of our newest members Mary Myers. Dave Macseoinin, Becky Kosco and Lisa Troxell joined Mary for a few hours of surface mining. We tried to explain what are desirable characteristics – what to look for when you are collecting. If you haven't made it to a Big Dig and want to experience Nether's Farm and Flint Ridge just let someone know. Maybe we can make another road trip this fall.

Nothing more to add see you next month!

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