

# Summit Gem February 2017

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## Mission Statement

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



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



**Program: Michael Cohill, Custom Marbles**  
**Hosts: Debbie & Mark Shorter**

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

## President's Message – by Andy Carey

Hello Everyone!

Well it is that time of year, wet and cold or warm or it's Ohio and could be anything. For me it's think spring time! Our Gemboree is coming up fast, as in past years, sign-up sheets will be out soon.

Instead of doing the same old thing why not try signing up for something new. Kids table, Admissions, Set-up... See your Gemboree from a new angle, you might like it! Don't forget, to be a member in good standing, you must work at least 4 hours at the Gemboree. So if you want to take a class, or go on a club sponsored trip - like the BIG DIG, you must sign up, show up, and work your 4 hours per Gemboree.

Thanks, Andy

**Summit Lapidary Club, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 General Meeting** - Respectfully submitted by Laura McElroy, Secretary SLC

Andy Carey presided

Speaker Stan Melinda, a Gemboree vendor, spoke on Color Changing Stones before the meeting.

Visitors, Dave Macseoinin: Dave Dunfee, Kim Evangelista, Natalie, Jansen, & Robert.

Classes, Dave Macseoinin: 1/7 Advanced Polymer Clay with Mari Takai-Manley, 1/25 Beginning Wire Wrap with Deb Salay, 1/29 Beginning Silversmithing with Dave Macseoinin, 2/8 Penannular Pin with Dave Macseoinin, and 2/19 Bring-your-own-project Metal Workshop overseen by Dave Macseoinin.

Treasurer, John Kerr (absent): Discounted dues are due today and may be submitted to Laura Thomas, Alternate Treasurer.

Sunshine, Mari Takai-Manley: Sandy Shorter is in remission! Merry Anne McLeod-Wolfe is recovering from 3 surgeries in 2016, & is doing much better now. Bob Spore's mother, Catherine, passed away. Jackie Dionne, whose husband Armand Dionne passed away recently, has also passed away.

Library, Doug Shorter: New software "Mineral Search" purchased.

Newsletter, Bob Powers for Pat Powers: Newsletters have been sent out, and as of 1/27 should be available on our new website.

GeoJrs, Rob Rothschild: January speaker will be a NASA employee, and on meteorites. February meeting will be at Akron University with a tour of the labs & program on careers. March- April a parent will teach "Rocking on the Computer". May's craft will be Wirewrapping with Enzo & Caitlin Pendolino. New dues structure is \$20/year per family with no extra craft fee.

Property Maintenance, Frank Mack: no report

President, Andy Carey: The 3rd and final reading of the proposed by-laws change to Article 5, Section 4. **Motion to accept the proposed by-laws change, Article 5, Section 4 by Andy Carey. None opposed. Passed.**

#### Old Business:

Purchasing a microphone for meetings. Committee of KathiJo Lappin & Bill will report back at the February general meeting.

#### New Business:

Website- Bob Powers asked everyone to log in to the new website, Summitlapidaryclub.com, to see if it works on all of the different systems.

Bill Maki stated the availability of MENSA scholarships toward college degrees for Fall 2017-2018. [www.mensa.org](http://www.mensa.org)

Dave Macseoinin announced the 2017 SLC Metalsmith Competition, for SLC members only. Novice for 3 years membership or less. Advanced for members of more than 3 years. Due by the November 2017 Executive Board Meeting, with awards at the December meeting.

Name Tags- Jing Wang is taking orders for new name tags. Please pay at time of order. \$5.50 for pin, \$6.50 for magnet.

**Motion to adjourn by Dave Macseoinin, Bill Maki 2nd.**

### **Program for February Meeting** – By David Frazier

Hi everyone, this month's meeting I originally had planned on showing a great documentary video until I was giving a contact reference. When I called and he explained to me what his lapidary work is, I couldn't wait to see it.

Michael Cohill makes custom marbles from different materials with homemade equipment and old fashioned techniques. With a decade of work behind him and still going strong, I'm sure he will have some interesting stuff to show.

### **Classes and Events for February** – (more details posted at the clubhouse)

February 8th	Penannular Pin
February 11th	Mini-Gem Trees for Gemboree
February 19th	Metalsmithing Workshop
March 5th	Beginning Metalsmithing

## **SLC WORK ROOM RULES AND EQUIPMENT PROCEDURES**

Per page 3 of Summit Lapidary Club Rules, Regulations, History and By Laws (the book new members receive).

New club members may not use the lapidary equipment until they are properly trained and certified. Operating and safety procedures will be posted in the vicinity of each machine. Members shall adhere strictly to these rules. Use of equipment is limited to four hours per week and not used when sanctioned meetings are in progress. Safety glasses must be always be worn when operating the equipment.

1. Signing in  
Sign in on the log book downstairs before using the equipment.  
Sign out after cleaning up and before leaving.
2. Slab Saw  
Use the right saw for the right job; large blades for large stones...  
Secure stone evenly in the vice; use metal wedge if necessary.  
Never open the saw lid when it is running.  
When finished, wipe off the oil on the moving parts of the saw.  
Saws must NEVER be left unattended. When leaving the room, stop the saw.  
When restarting the saw remember to back the blade away from the stone.
3. Trim Saw  
Only cut slabs in straight lines on the trim saw.  
When finished, wipe down oil on all machine surfaces
4. Grinders  
When making cabs on the grinder you must use a water pump with plenty of water  
When grinding a stone use the entire surface on the wheel.
5. Expandable Sanding Drums  
Never operate the sanding drums without sandpaper on each wheel.  
Keep sandpaper wet with spray bottle.
6. Polishing Buff  
Use the entire width of the wheel. Do not dig grooves in the felt.  
Wash your cabochon well to remove any grit before moving onto the Polishing Buff.
7. Sink  
Never pour rock slurry/swarf down the sink drains, dump outside by the tree.
8. Clean Up  
All equipment should be cleaner than you found it.  
Put oily rags in a bag and remove from the building.  
Empty trash cans when needed; trash bags are upstairs under the sink.  
Cleaning rags are supplied by the members, not the club.
9. Rolling Mill  
Ask a Club Officer before using and never roll coins or ferrous metal.

Each Machine will have specific operating rules. Pay attention to your instructor - everyone must be qualified regardless of prior understanding before joining the club. Ask questions if you don't understand. Correct use of the machinery and your safety are very important. When working on a machine if it doesn't sound right or it's broken please report it. Hang an "Out-of-order" sign on the broken machine and make a note on the sign-in log.

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> (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.

### **Gemboree News** – by Bob Powers

Did you notice that the sun is coming up earlier and setting later? That means Spring will soon be here, and with it the Spring Gemboree. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the clubhouse by the February meeting. Almost all the dealers are under contract. Publicity is being finalized. With the new Gemboree Facebook Page and web page at SummitLapidaryClub.com, along with WKSU sponsorship, we should expect a huge crowd (weather permitting). We need your help! Please sign up soon.

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

- Noreen Miller had gastric by-pass surgery yesterday, January 30, and her husband reported that it was successful. She can go home in a few days, and was ordered by her doctor to consume water hourly (liquid diet). It sounds like she has a long way to go for her recovery. We certainly wish her to get well as soon as she can.
- Dawn Carey is doing well on her foot rehabilitation according to her husband. We wish her a complete recovery soon

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

- Dave Macseoinin requests, all hands on deck! The club is making mini gem trees for the Gemboree on Saturday, February 11th, 9 to 12 pm at the club. Newbies welcome. Alright, I also need help! With so many new members joining, I need help with teaching cabochon cutting lessons. I wish to assemble a list of instructors for this list and then post it at the clubhouse so new folks can phone you and set up a class time. Thank you, Dave Macseoinin
- Doug Shorter, SLC Librarian, library books may be taken out for one month. Please return all over due books
- The SLC/AMS summer picnic will once again be held at the home of Kathi Jo and Marty Lappin. Thank you! The date is Sat. June 24th at 1:00pm. More info as we get closer.
- Be aware if there is a snow ban listed for Cuyahoga Falls on meeting night the current meeting is cancelled and automatically rescheduled for the following Tuesday. Check with the Cuyahoga Falls PD for weather conditions before you head out. 330-928-2181. Nothing more to add.

Bye and see you next month!