

The Summit Gem - January 2023 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

January 10th, 2023 Monthly Meeting

(the SECOND Tuesday of the month) held in person

(and online - only when tech savvy people attend 😊)

at 7:00 PM at the Polish American Club



The Polish American Club (PAC) is located at 472 Glenwood Ave, Akron 44310. The invitations to the Zoom meeting are sent to those who have provided their email addresses.

Below are the 2023 ZOOM LINKS for our monthly Zoom meetings (if activated).

Summit Lapidary Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Summit Lapidary Club: Member's Meeting (Rekurs Monthly, 2023)
 Every month on the Second Tue, until Dec 13, 2023.

Jan 10, 2023 07:00 PM
 Feb 14, 2023 07:00 PM
 Mar 14, 2023 07:00 PM
 Apr 11, 2023 07:00 PM

May 9, 2023 07:00 PM
 Jun 13, 2023 07:00 PM
 Sep 12, 2023 07:00 PM
 Oct 10, 2023 07:00 PM

Nov 14, 2023 07:00 PM
 Dec 12, 2023 07:00 PM

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

MEMBERS' MEETING ID: 850 1031 2200

Passcode: 733657



Here is the link for the monthly MEMBER'S Meetings



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85010312200?pwd=VIF1SmpMNMm92bk5NVWJTMUFROFdHZz09>

Computer or Digital Device: You're welcome to activate your camera and speaker settings. Once inside the Zoom virtual meeting, you can type comments in the chat feature to 'everyone' or to another member 'privately'. **Your attention and participation are appreciated.**

Please **'mute your microphone'** during the administrative meeting to eliminate background noise not related to the meeting, if you are not actively speaking. This will help us run a smooth virtual meeting; appropriately distanced. Once the general meeting has concluded, you are welcome to stay online to chat it up with other members. **Consider reaching out to your friends who may not be as versed in digital capabilities as you and offer to lend a digital-techie hand and help bring them up to speed.*

And here is the 2022 link for the monthly BOARD MEETINGS

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88549644887?pwd=eWdkNFVjNUdVVUhlNUVlMHkzbjlaZz09>

BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING ID: 885 4964 4887

Passcode: 442009

Topic: Summit Lapidary Board Meeting, 7:00 PM (recurs monthly, 2022). The last Tuesday of each month, until December, 2023.

Jan 31, 2023 07:00 PM
 Feb 28, 2023 07:00 PM
 Mar 28, 2023 07:00 PM
 Apr 25, 2023 07:00 PM

May 30, 2023 07:00 PM
 Aug 29, 2023 07:00 PM
 Sep 26, 2023 07:00 PM
 Oct 31, 2023 07:00 PM

Nov 28, 2023 07:00 PM
 Dec 26, 2023 07:00 PM

President's Message – by Dave Macseoinin

A new year, new adventures!

My first thing as president is to thank Gene for holding the club together during the most difficult time in the country's history. It has been a hard go for a few years and now we are coming out of it a little roughed up but on steady footing.

While we took a hit in our membership declining some, we seem to have come along just fine. I believe that we will increase membership with classes and planned trips. We are going to work on both. As for classes, we need instructors to volunteer to share their knowledge so please talk to Kathi Hampton or me to schedule a class.

The best way of finding out what is going on with the club is to come down during social times (on Tuesday evenings and the Saturday morning coffee klatches.)

In chatting with you, we find out what is on your mind and new interests you want to explore. So come on down to our club and be a part of our new awakening.

That's all for now,
Dave Macseoinin

Gemboree news from Mary:

I feel so honored that you have entrusted me with being the Chair of our 2023 Gemborees. I am nervous and feeling a little overwhelmed with trying to fill such a big role. Becky made it seem so easy and she did such a great job for us. Thank you for your vote of confidence, but more importantly, thank you for bearing with me as I learn.

Our next Gemboree meeting will be held at 6pm on January 10th, 2023, before our SLC meeting at PAC. I ask that all the leads and their backups be present at this meeting. Please come prepared with any financial expenditures needed so that these funds can be dedicated. I will really need your help in making our 2023 Gemborees successful!

As your Chair, I have three main issues on which I would like to focus (besides trying to fill Becky's shoes).

1. I would like to see the backups for each section be more involved.
2. I would like to gather further information of the descriptions and responsibilities of each section of our Gemboree.
3. I think that we really need to kick up our social media posts.

So grateful for all you do for our Gemboree,
Mary

Gemboree news from Becky:

Food trucks: This was our first show to use a food truck and I feel it was a success! Sassy Dog came to our rescue for Saturday when our originally scheduled truck owner became ill. Laura Thomas is on the Chamber of Commerce in Barberton and knew the owner, Diane, of the Sassy Dog. They were wonderful and we look forward to having them come again next year.

On the second day we had the Krooked Kitchen Food Truck. Their food was also excellent. They were very happy to come and have also agreed to come back next year. Having the food trucks really helps whoever is handling our Hospitality section. It's one less thing to handle.

At our Fall show Anthony Hoag came to our Gemboree to work his member hours. Anthony owns a company called AJH Cleaning – so how very appropriate that he spent his volunteer hours at the show cleaning all the windows and glass doors, inside and out, including all the display cases. What a difference it made - it looked fantastic. Pellegrino was so impressed that he discounted our rate to thank us. Many thanks to Anthony!

SLC Dues –2023 Dues can be paid to Laura Thomas. (If you have any questions as to whether or not you've paid for this year, contact Laura PLEASE! The initial registration fee for new members is \$25.

The annual dues are \$48 per year ... and only \$44 - **IF PAID BEFORE MARCH 1st**. Dues can be brought to our meetings or sent to **Summit Lapidary Club, 244 Chestnut Blvd., Cuyahoga Falls, Oh 44221**. Let's get those paid soon!

Sunshine News: Annie McNeilly had her hip replacement done about 2 weeks ago and she is recovering so nicely! She came to our December Board Meeting as our New Vice President. Cathy Milhoan has had good news about her response to her cancer treatments and is hoping that her health continues.

Library news from Doug Shorter: No news.

Newsletter from Mary and Kathi: Kathi Hampton has agreed to work with me on the newsletter for 3 months. We'll see how it goes. We are taking this opportunity to revamp our newsletter and simplify it.

Membership information: If you know of anyone in the club who is not receiving emails or invitations to our zoom meetings, please forward their email addresses to Cathy Milhoan at **cthyamilhoan@yahoo.com**. Please update your contact information to Cathy if you move or change your phone number.

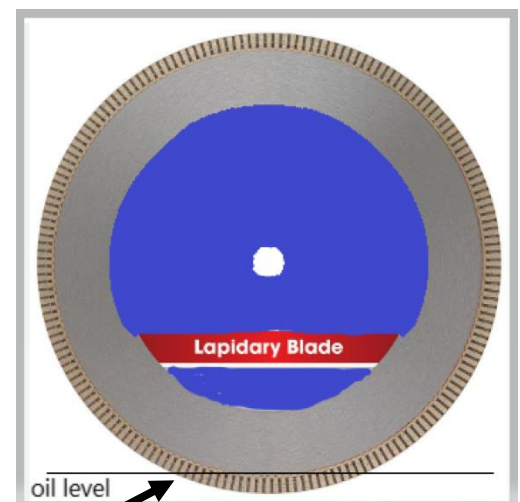
Machine Maintenance: In our last newsletter you may have read that we (David Macseoinin, Becky Kosco, Mary Myers, and Gene Willis) cleaned saws 1, 3, 4, 5, and the trim saw earlier in December.

Well... I learned something really important this week, and that is, that the caps on the oil basins have to be tightened down **very tightly**. On Tuesday, when Kathi Hampton and I went to the clubhouse, we found that the oil had almost completely drained out of saw #4, and saws #3 and #5 had also lost oil. Also saw #1 was squealing intermittently. I put in a call to Gene Willis and yesterday he came to the club to fix the problem. I stopped down to help him. Gene and I, along with Bob Spore (who had dropped in to work on the tumblers) worked together to fix all the current problems. The oil in the drain pans on the floor for saws 3, 4, and 5 was sucked up using turkey basters. The drain caps were all tightened. One of the pulley wheels on saw #1 was oiled (which eliminated the squeal). And with a great deal of effort from all 3 of us, Gene was successfully able to put on two new grinding wheels. Gene is going to see if we can have the old grinding wheels refinished.

Many thanks to Gene Willis and Bob Spore this time for working to keep our machines up and running!

Just a reminder of the steps in cutting slabs:

1. The first thing that must be done is to **CHECK THE LEVEL OF OIL** in the machine – the oil **MUST** cover the bottom serrated cutting edge of the saw blade – see the illustration to the right.
2. The stone to be cut **MUST** be held tightly in the machine vice – consider gluing the rock to a piece of wood to make that happen.
3. The machine vice grips **MUST** be parallel when the stone is fully secured – consider using a 2nd piece of wood to make that happen.
4. Roll the vice assembly to the right so that you can set the length of the chain to stop the saw before the rotor holding the blade is damaged by your rock – this is **VERY** important – **USE THE CHAIN**.
5. Now move the assembly in front of the blade and move it over to where you want the blade to cut the rock – making sure that the rock is in front of the blade before doing this so no pressure is put on the blade.
6. Lock the vice assembly in place – and make certain that the blade is **NOT** touching the stone.
7. Check the rock one final time to make sure that it is securely held in place.
8. Close the lid and start the machine.
9. Remain downstairs when any of the saws are running in case there is a problem. Just a reminder: The electrical box of breakers is just to the right of the door if you need to stop the saws immediately.



Midwest Federation News:

The Midwest Federation is having a T-shirt slogan contest. Entries are due March 1, 2023. Entries should be emailed to MWF President Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich at mafergusonrich@gmail.com. Our very own Sandy Shorter, the Chair of the MWF Public Image and Courtesy Committee will be creating the T-shirt.



The Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club of Michigan wrote about a field trip they took to the Linberg and Sons Gravel Pit/Quarry at 1017 Co Rd 480, Marquette, MI 49855 where they gathered Kona Dolomite. This rock is made of cherty dolomite with layers of slate, graywacke, quartzite, and other sediments that make beautiful patterns and colors. (A possible idea of a field trip for us?

Marquette, MI is about a 10 hour drive from us. Perhaps we could also look for Lake Superior Agates along the shore on such a trip?)

<https://dayoopers.com/the.store?page=catrock32.html>

Shop Tender Days:

Dave Macseoinin, Kathi Hampton, John Kerr, and Mary Myers have volunteered to be 'shop tenders' for any of our club members who do not have a key to the club, or for new members who would like to learn to use our equipment. It is so nice to see members coming back to the club!

Shop tenders can open the club for you and be on hand if you have questions about the equipment downstairs. New members will be able to work on making some slabs or cabochons, but you must make an appointment with one of our shop tenders.

You can call or text David Macseoinin at 234-706-1523.

You can call or text John Kerr at 330-701-1882.

You can call or text Kathi Hampton at 330-690-2070.

You can text Mary Myers at 330-696-4315.

We will be available by appointment only – and please remember bring your masks and safety gear! You must wear safety glasses and a dust mask when working on the machines downstairs. Oil mist, rock dust, and chips are dangerous to your eyes and your lungs.

Children's Hospital Annual Tree Festival:

The gem tree created by David Macseoinin, Kathi Hampton, and Mary Myers on behalf of our club this year was awarded a "Special Memories" ribbon by the Tree Festival Judging Committee. It sold on their first night. The proceeds from this festival support patient care programs, education, and research at Akron Children's Hospital.



Will you agree to head this worthy project in 2023? You, too, can design a tree!

2023 Metalsmithing Contest:

Yes! We will have a Metalsmithing competition this year!

Rules: A maximum of two entries will be accepted per member. The design of members' entries is totally up to the member. Any and all metals may be used in the entries.

There will be three levels of competition:

- **Beginners Level** – Members of less than three years of SLC membership must have at least one stone in the piece, and this stone must have been cut by the member. Neatness counts!
- **Seasoned Members Level** – Members with three or more years of SLC membership must have at least one stone in the piece, and this stone must have been cut by the member. Neatness counts!

• **Advanced Level** – Any member (with any length of SLC membership) who sets two or more stones in the entry with at least one stone which has been cut by the member will be placed in the Advanced Level Category. Neatness counts!

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places awarded in each category with the prizes to be announced at a later date. (Board approval is required). Entries can be given to David Macseoinin or Becky Kosco at any time before the cut-off date. The cut-off date for entries will be the November Board Meeting night by the end of the meeting. Awards will be announced at our December meeting (the cookie meeting). Note: These rules may be adjusted if further clarification is deemed necessary and any changes will be posted in the newsletter.

Good luck competitors!
Dave Macseoinin

2023 - Classes and Events:

- Sat, Jan 7** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to 11am.
- Tues, Jan 10** Gemboree Meeting 6:00pm at the Polish American Club.
- Tues, Jan 10** General Meeting 7:00pm at the Polish American Club. Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, President of Midwest Federation and she is going to tell us about that organization as our speaker.
- Sat, Jan 14** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to 11am.
- Tues, Jan 17** Jewelry Design 7:00pm at the clubhouse. Hosted by David Macseoinin - come and bring your inspiration to design a piece or two to make, no cost. Bring paper and pencils and your ideas.
- Sat, Jan 21** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to 11am.
- Sat, Jan 21** Torch-time Metalsmithing at Noon Hosted by Dave Macseoinin - come and use our torches to learn to solder to make settings for your stones. Bring your own tools and materials, copper or silver sheet, wire, solder, bezel, stones, and ideas of what you want to make.
- Sat, Jan 28** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to 11am.
- Tues, Jan 31** Board Meeting 7:00pm at the clubhouse.
- Sat, Feb 4** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to 11am.
- Sat, Feb 11** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to 11am.
- Tues, Feb 14** General Meeting 7:00pm at the Polish American Club
- Sat, Feb 18** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to 11am.
- Sat, Feb 18** Torch-time Metalsmithing at Noon Hosted by Dave Macseoinin - come and use our torches to learn to solder to make settings for your stones. Bring your own tools and materials, copper or silver sheet, wire, solder, bezel, stones, and ideas of what you want to make.
- Sat, Feb 25** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to 11am.
- Sat, Feb 25** Chain maille Class 1:00pm Hosted by Annie McNeally - full Persian bracelet, price to be determined.
- Tues, Feb 28** Board Meeting 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

- Sat, March 4** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to 11am.
- Sat, March 11** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to Noon.
- Tues, March 14** General meeting 7:00pm at the Polish American Club
- Sat, March 18** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to 11am.
- Sat, March 25** Saturday morning coffee klatch, typically from around 9 to Noon.
- Tues, March 28** Board Meeting 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

Club Members' Meeting Minutes from Dec. 13, 2022:

Gene called the meeting to order. This was our holiday cookie meeting.

We received donations from Kay Sharp for the clubs and Geo Jrs.

Annette donated a cookie platter to the silent auction.

Treasurer- The annual dues of \$48.00 are due. They are discounted to \$44 if paid before March 1st.

Library- There are books that should be for reference only. Paul withdrew motion for the library. Kristen made a motion to close the library until after both boards meet. Annette seconded it.

Membership- We have 81 or 82 members currently.

Gemboree- There will be a meeting 1 hour at 6pm before the regular meeting on January 10, 2023.

Maintenance- All the saws were cleaned except saw 2 which needs a new motor put in. The trim saw was also cleaned.

Christmas Party- There was good food and many gifts to exchange. The seating was a little tight. Thanks to Evelyn and Susanne for all their help with the party.

Geo Jrs- They had 3 members with a fourth that didn't make the meeting. Next year they are concentrating on Earth and Space.

Elections- David Macseoinin was elected President and Annie McNeilly is Vice President. John Kerr was voted in as trustee. Kathi and Mary will do the newsletter for 3 months while another editor is found.

Midwest Federation- It will hold its convention in Howell, Michigan on Saturday, Sept. 16th, 2023. National Convention is in Billings, Montana on Aug 3rd-6th. There will be lots of field trips if members are looking to go.

Board meeting will be Dec. 27 at 7pm.

Classes- Torch time will be this Saturday at noon. David will hold a Jewelry Design class on January 17 at 7:00pm.

Special note- David was awarded a Special Memories ribbon from the Christmas Tree Festival for his tree with Kathi Hampton and Mary Myers.

Next meeting will be January 10.

Dave made a motion to adjourn and Dick seconded it.