

# The Summit Gem - March 2023 Newsletter



**Website:** [www.SummitLapidaryClub.com](http://www.SummitLapidaryClub.com)  
**244 Chestnut Blvd., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221**  
**Phone: (330) 929-3798**  
**2023 Board Members:**  
**President – David Macseoinin**  
**Vice-President – Annie McNeilly**  
**Treasurer – Laura Thomas**  
**Secretary – Kathi Hampton**  
**Membership Chair – Cathy Milhoan**  
**Newsletter Editor – John Kerr [slcnewsletter2023@gmail.com](mailto:slcnewsletter2023@gmail.com)**  
**244 Chestnut Blvd, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221**  
**Trustees – David Rich (exp 12/2023), Bob Spore (exp 12/2024), John Kerr (exp 12/2025)**  
**Immediate Past President Gene Willis**  
**2023 Gemboree Chair – Mary Myers**

### Mission Statement

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

### March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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	May 9, 2023 07:00 PM	Nov 14, 2023 07:00 PM
Feb 14, 2023 07:00 PM	Jun 13, 2023 07:00 PM	Dec 12, 2023 07:00 PM
Mar 14, 2023 07:00 PM	Sep 12, 2023 07:00 PM	
Apr 11, 2023 07:00 PM	Oct 10, 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 2023 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, 2023). The last Tuesday of each month, until December, 2023.**

Jan 31, 2023 07:00 PM	May 30, 2023 07:00 PM	Nov 28, 2023 07:00 PM
Feb 28, 2023 07:00 PM	Aug 29, 2023 07:00 PM	Dec 26, 2023 07:00 PM
Mar 28, 2023 07:00 PM	Sep 26, 2023 07:00 PM	
Apr 25, 2023 07:00 PM	Oct 31, 2023 07:00 PM	

**President's Message – by Dave Macseoinin**

Well, next month is Gemboree!

Things are really gearing up.

Mary is getting her ducks in a row, Susanne is filling display cases and John is looking for donations for Silent Auction.

It's going smoothly.

So what am I asking for?

Sign up for duties! Yes!

Now, Sign up Genius is not as hard as usual. Kim has made it a little bit easier this time but if you are having trouble contact her or Mary for help. (Come down to the club house on Tuesday or Saturday to see them.)

Moving on, I am taking Geo Juniors down to Flint Ridge on June 10th for a dig. All are invited to go as it is great fun. The kids get to see the adults in their natural environment.  
(Joyful playing in the dirt)

I am planning a small auction to clear out the shed of donations. There is too much clutter in there.

That's all I have for now.

Dave Macseoinin

**Gemboree news from Mary Myers:**

We have 32 vendors. Evelyn is waiting on the last two checks to arrive, never counting her ... Rockers ... until they are hatched. Yeah! I haven't contacted Mr. Pelligrino yet – he's on my list of things to do.

The Sign Up Genius is up and running – please sign in and let us know when you can come to help! If you need help in signing up, either Kim Evangelisti or Mary Myers will be glad to help you!

Nine or Ten members (including Kim Evalgesti as Lead of the Children's Table and Deb Matczyszyn as her Backup, along with Evelyn and Susanne who organized all the materials for us) met on Feb. 21st and made more gem tree skeletons for the children's table. Becky took them home and plans to finish gluing them to the rocks.

Seven members (including Bob Spore as Lead of the Gem Mine and John Wallace as Lead of the Silent Auction) met on Tuesday, Feb. 28th and went to Fantasia Mining for items for the Gem Mine and Silent Auction. We were given four buckets full of floor sweepings – and these sweepings will be a wonderful asset to the Gem Mine at our Gemboree!

The idea was brought up to both clubs about creating banners or signs to promote membership in the clubs. Tom Banks described our Gemboree as a wonderful opportunity to attract new members since some 1,500 interested people come through our doors at each Gemboree and I certainly agreed with that idea! The Gemboree can make room for a membership table (probably to be located near the Demonstration Tables so that our customers can find out more information about our two clubs, talk to club members, etc. A discussion is also being held about developing a very large banner announcing the Gemboree as being sponsored by the two clubs – with this sign most likely being placed at or very close to the front door, perhaps even outside so that people from the street can see the sign.

Kim Evangelisti, lead of the Children's Table, has asked Evelyn to print off half sheets of paper with information and applications to join GeoJuniors. She has asked that these be placed over by the Gem Mine, at the Silent Auction, and anywhere else children and their parents might gather. She will provide a small box at each location to collect them.

We have solved the problems with losing both our Gemboree and the Summit Lapidary Club's website pages. Kim Evangelist has been doing a fantastic job on the Ohio Gemboree (and Summit Lapidary Club) website. Keep checking back to see the newest changes. Please send your great photos of club activities to me (Mary Myers) and I will forward them to Kim for use online. If any person is identifiable in the photos, please make sure that we have their permission to use these online.

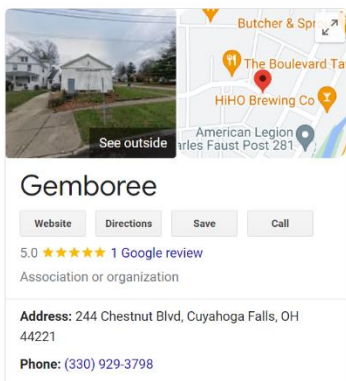
Joyce Kish has been working from out west on getting our announcement out to many different venues. She is in frequent communication with me pushing this information out.

We have overnight security set in place. Nancy Halloran and Jeff Rotnem are going to handle Friday night and Nancy Halloran and Frank Mack are handling Saturday night.

We are still waiting to hear from Garry Getz to see if he is able to come to our Spring show.

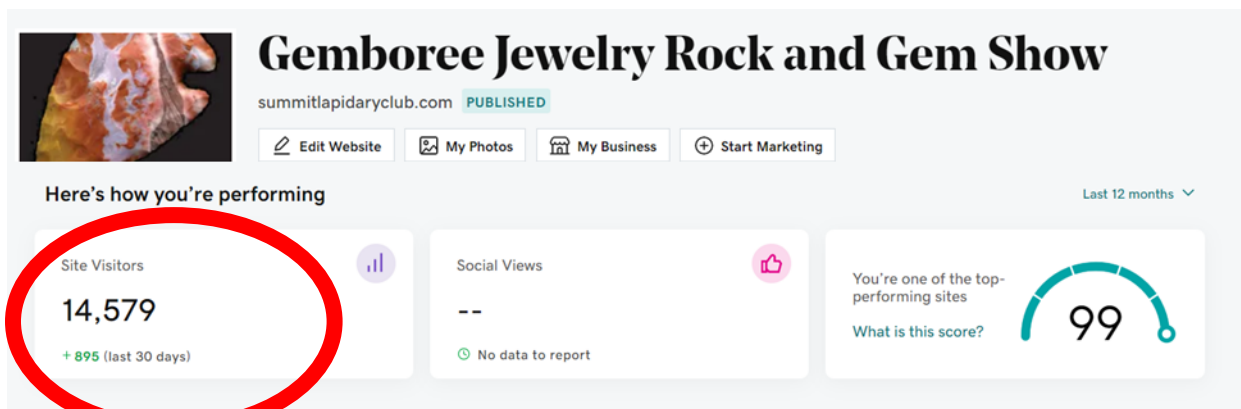
Laura Moore has volunteered to be the Backup for Susanne Shoffner for the Display cases! Laura is one of our newer members. Thank you, Laura! Joyce Kish has also volunteered to help as needed with those. That leaves just two Backup positions that still need to be filled (forgive me if you have volunteered and I have forgotten) – we still need a BackUp for Demonstrations (led by David Macseoinin) and for Advertising (led by Joyce Kish).

I personally want to thank everyone who is contributing posts on our Gemboree website. If you are able, please go to our Gemboree website and leave a Google review – the more the merrier! Include a photo of something interesting that you found there if you have one.



Look at this!! We only have ONE Google Review so far. Please have your friends and families add some reviews about our upcoming show!

The power of online advertising - Look at the metrics of how our website is doing! We've had 14,579 site visitors, with 895 just in the last 30 days!!! Please go on our website. Every visit helps!



**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 – **BUT ONLY IF PAID BEFORE MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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 from Mari:** No news.

**Library news from Doug Shorter:** No news.

**Newsletter from John Kerr:** Please forward any news or articles you would like included in the newsletter to slcnewsletter2023@gmail.com.

**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:** No news.

**Midwest Federation News:** No news.

#### **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.

#### **Classes and Events:**

**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.  
Torch time metalsmithing – noon with Dave Macseoinin

**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.  
Classic spiral bead necklace (seed beads) – 9:00 AM with Mari Takai-Manley

**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 February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

David brought the meeting to order.

Mark Potucek was the Speaker from ODNR about the Geology of Ohio and gave a very enlightening talk.

Visitors and new members are Bob, Anna, Paul and Laura and Doug.

Classes- This Saturday is Torch time at noon. Annette will teach an Acrylic Pour Rock class on March 4 at 2:00. The cost is 6.00. Mari will teach a spiral beading class March 18 at 9:00.

Treasurer- All the bills are paid and money deposited from dues and the Gemboree.

Sunshine- Annie is in the hospital. A card is being passed around to sign.

Geo Jrs- Evelyn had 5 students last month. They are studying Earth in Space.

Gemboree- Sign up genius is up and ready to use. We have 32 vendors for the Spring Show. We will be making gem trees Feb. 21 at 6:00 at club and Rock bagging on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Mary needs backups for display, demonstrations and advertising. Sign ups sheets for Geo Jrs are needed at the children's table. Frank will need help with security Friday and Saturday nights.

Library- Doug is our west.

Maintenance- All saws are up and running. David and Tom will remove the old flooring in the saw room because oil got split and it is slippery.

Property- Mark will replace the siding when the weather is nicer.

New Security for the clubhouse. Adding cameras to the building will cost 46.00 per month.

Trips- Susanne is looking into trips that at within 8-10 hours driving time.

Newsletter- John sent out the newsletter early February.

Web Site- Kim has been working on the web site and is looking for pictures and possible how to videos and benefits of being a member. Starting a Lapidary meet up was suggested. You can mail pic to Kim at [kevangelisti@yahoo.com](mailto:kevangelisti@yahoo.com).

Old business- none

New business- Tom suggested having a membership drive during the Gemboree and waive initiation fee. Announcing the clubs news over the PA system at the Silent Auction was mentioned. Also having a banner that states Akron Mineral and Summit Lapidary are the sponsors of the Gemboree.

Kristen made a motion to purchase a banner for the Gemboree and Tommy seconded it.

Anne made a motion to table the banner issue.

Mary brought up that a lapidary club in southern California want to exchange rocks. Robin is in California right now and she can carry a box back to Akron for us and take one back to California later.

If interested email Robin at [welcomestudio@gmail.com](mailto:welcomestudio@gmail.com).

---

Frank made a motion to adjourn meeting and Kristen seconded it.

### **Tool Order From EUROTOOL:**

As distributor for EuroTool, I am placing an order 3/15/23. If you need any tools for your lapidary/jewelry work, let me know and I will order along with my order.

As Club members, you receive a discount - usually 25% off list price. You can search their Catalog at Eurotool.com. They will not give you a price but you can contact me for that info. I will need catalog number. There is an older catalog at the Club with pictures and #'s ..also lots of new items online.

Evelyn Tryon 330 673-9664 or [prettythingsrocks@juno.com](mailto:prettythingsrocks@juno.com)

### **Tucson Gem Show 2023 from Becky:**

If you have an opportunity to experience the Tucson Gem Show I hope you will. I am very proud of our Gemboree but it is just a fraction of what you will find in Tucson. Every year about 65,000 people from all over the world descend on the area. This show is a rock hounds dreams come true.

This is the 3rd time I have attended and it was a little easier to navigate. The entire city is taken over with shows in the Convention and Conference Centers, hotels, Sporting Complex, parking lots, etc. providing a place for vendors to show their wares. One must do some research and see what shows interest you the most and where the dealers are that you want to see. There are wholesale shows for the vendors and shows open to the public.

The Main Show is the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show put on by the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society. This is the "largest, oldest and most prestigious gem and mineral show in the world". It has had international status since the 1970's. The theme for this 68th show was 'Silica – Agates, Opals and Quartz, Oh My!' Where we have 32 vendors they have 250. The display cases were jaw dropping – set up by people from all over the world. They had programs and lectures throughout the weekend. It was very impressive.

The 1st show we attended was the last day of The Pueblo Gem and Mineral Show. The show was located at the Ramada Tucson Conference Center in downtown Tucson along Interstate 10. This show is open to the public.

The next day we met up with friends and a group of Canadian jewelers and went to the Kino Sports Complex. This show had nearly tripled in size since we were last there (pre pandemic). We met with David Rich who was hanging with his friends Debbie and Ron from Larimar – who you may know as one of our Gemboree Vendors.

The last day we went to the Mineral and Fossil Co-op – a favorite from a previous visit. There were full size bones of dinosaurs among other treats. There was an area set up by Coleman Mines from Arkansas fame!

Then for the icing on the cake we met up with Laurie and Paul McElroy for a day trip to the Chiricahua Mountains, Bisbee, Lowell and Tombstone, but never made it to Quartzite ☐.