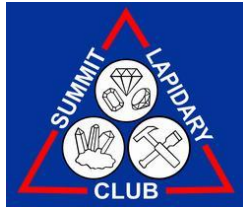


The Summit Gem - April 2024 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

April 9th, 2024 Monthly Meeting

(the SECOND Tuesday of the month) held in person.
at 7:00 PM at the Polish American Club



The Polish American Club (PAC) is located at 472 Glenwood Ave, Akron 44310



President's Message – by Annie McNeilly

Hello Rock Hounders!

The great eclipse is the day before our next meeting in April. Hopefully the crowds and traffic will be gone on Tuesday. Please be safe when considering travelling to the meeting.

A new first aid kit is in the kitchen cabinet along with new bandaids/bandages. The first aid kit container is red. Also, looking to get the outside light above the entrance door working. It's very dark at night by the entrance.

The Gemboree is a few weeks away! We are still in need of volunteers. Please visit Sign Up Genius and join the show. It's a chance to socialize with other members, especially for the new members. Our club depends on volunteers to make the Gemboree a success which keeps our clubs going.

Take care everyone, see you soon!

Annie

Gemboree news from Mary Myers:

Signup Genius. We are at 39.8% of our positions filled. PLEASE sign up as soon as you know what hours you can work at our Gemboree on April 27-28th, 2024. We will post the hard copies of the signup sheets in the clubhouse for members' convenience.

Signup Genius link. Here is the link for members who want to sign up online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4CA9AF2CA6F94-47606787-gemboree>

If you need assistance, you can contact Mary Myers at 330-696-4315, or Cathy Milhoan at 330-431-3477. We will need your **phone number, email, and times** you want to work.

Drawing for our 8 hours+ volunteers. Remember we're having a drawing!!! The first 30 people who sign up on Sign Up Genius (and work at our Gemboree) for a minimum of 8 hours will be entered into a drawing for one of 5 prizes!

We have 10 people already who are entered into this drawing for their 8+ volunteer hours. Please extend your gratitude to the following people: **Lyle Jenkins, Ron Maitland, Bill Maki, Deb Matczynsyn, Tracy McKelvey, Annie McNeilly, Cathy Milhoan, Paulette Moore, Jason Rembacki, and Susanne Shoffner.** They deserve your appreciation.

PLEASE consider signing up for as many volunteer hours as you can, as soon as you can. The MINIMUM is four hours. If you have special needs, please contact Mary Myers or Cathy Milhoan about volunteering.

Emidio's update: Emidio's is still waiting to hear about their new tenant. I have negotiated with them about the Wi-fi improvement. If we pull the line linking the internet access into the Expo Center, they will extend our contract with them for two years. (Our contract includes the space, tables, chairs, hired help, and storage). Hopefully, they will abide by their word on this, so this does give us a little more time to make other arrangements regarding our storage. Please be flexible because I do believe that changes are indeed coming.

Wi-fi Update at Emidio's: I am in negotiations currently with the IT person that is helping us with updating the wi-fi network at Emidio's, meeting with him after Easter to set a price. I am negotiating a set price instead of the hourly rate he first quoted us. We'll buy the mesh network plug-in units separately and take those with us after each Gemboree.

Channel 8 New Day Cleveland: Great news!!! Channel 8's New Day Cleveland is coming to us this time!!! They will be arriving on Friday morning at 9:30, filming live (for four minutes) at 10am. The plan – we will need to get the Gem Mine and Geode Cracker set up on Thursday afternoon – and we are hoping to film both a geode being cracked and a bag of gems. They will also show a panoramic view of us setting up the show. We will need help on THURSDAY afternoon to set up the Gem Mine and the Geode Cracker!!!

Akron Life Magazine: In addition to all the listings that Joyce and Skeeter have already created for us, we are now also listed on Akron Life Magazine's online calendar – (and they reach 15,000 local people).

Postcards are going out! Bob Powers has handled sending out more than 500 postcards for us, advertising our Gemboree! Thank you, Bob!

Call for slabs: Please donate slabs for the silent auction slab table. These should be given to John Wallace or left at the club marked for the Gemboree. It is very useful to know what the material is, if known.

Note 1: Sometimes members have differences of opinions. Sometimes they agree. As your Chair, I appreciate and value all the different opinions that I've heard lately. Just want you to know that at the end of the day the buck stops with your Gemboree Chair, and I promise to make those decisions to the best of my ability for you. Thanks for all your support and cooperation in Making Our Gemboree Great, Again and Again and Again!

Note 2: A recent suggestion was made by a member that we should consider hiring an outside accountant to audit the Gemboree books. I tend to be in favor of that – feel free to let me know what you think, too. Does that sound like a good idea to you?

From Gemboree backup chair Cathy Milhoan:

Hello members, as we all know Gemboree is an ongoing year-round process. As an example, April 2023 prior to the Gemboree show I had donated approximately 50 hours, sending emails, phone calls, text's, printing paperwork, data entry, making itineraries & anything else I'm asked to do & I love every minute of it.

I know Mary Myers puts in double the amount of time, if not more. She should be recognized for all her hard work & time that she dedicates to Gemboree.

Thank you, Mary Myers!

Remember it takes all of us for a successful Gemboree!

Take care of yourself & each other

SLC Dues –2024 Dues can be paid to Laura Thomas. (If you have any questions as to whether 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 from Mari: No News

Library news from David Macseoinin: No News

Newsletter from John Kerr: Please forward club 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: See attached MWF newsletter.

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:

April 20 Wire wrapped earrings at noon.

Club Members' Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2024:

Annie brought the meeting to order. She announced that the club's books have been audited.

No board meeting this month due to illness.

Treasurer- Laura S gave her report.

Secretary- Kathi has name tags for those who ordered them.

Sunshine- Mari has several cards going around for Jim W, Joyce and Skeeter, Thelma, KathyJo and John D.

Geo Jr's- Evelyn had 2 kids at the meeting this month. Some kids couldn't make it because of the snow.

Library- David had no new updates.

Classes-

March 20 and 27 Jewelry Design at 7 to 9 pm.

March 23 Silversmithing at noon.

April 20 Wire wrapped earrings at noon.

Susanne asked for volunteers to help make jewelry for the Tree Festival. Members can also donate finished pieces.

Machine maintenance- Gene was at the club 2 weeks ago and all machines are in working order.

Newsletter- John sent the newsletter out last Friday.

Website- No news.

Zoom- The board decided in December to stop putting meetings on Zoom. Dick H brought up security concerns. It was mentioned that we could block information or kick nonmembers off site. Some members are out of state for the meetings and can join on Zoom. David made a motion to vote on whether to stop Zoom and then withdrew it. We will check with bylaws and if a vote is needed, we will do it at the next meeting.

The fire extinguishers are up to date. We have new smoke and CO2 detectors in the building.

There has been a change in Akron Mineral Society Mark Cunningham has resigned. The current VP Sandy Shorter will be the new President.

Gemboree- Mary informed the leads and past chairs that Pellegrino may have a new tenant in May. The configuration of space may have to change. We also may need to find a new storage place. Maybe buying a trailer or a Pod may be used. The next leads meeting is March 16th at 11. Donnelle donated a dozen gate stanchions to help with crowd control. The Gemboree books may be audited. Mary is still putting in the internet line for better availability for vendors. Mary apologized for any ill feelings from the election of chairperson for Gemboree.

Bill M made a motion to adjourn and Susanne S seconded.

Finley L gave a program on the total eclipse coming on April 8.