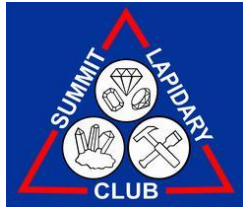


The Summit Gem - January 2024 Newsletter



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2024 Board Members:

President – Annie McNeilly

Vice-President – Finlay Lehmers

Treasurer – Laura Thomas

Secretary – Kathi Hampton

Membership Chair – Cathy Milhoan

Newsletter Editor – John Kerr slcnewsletter2023@gmail.com

Trustees – Bob Spore (exp 12/2024), John Kerr (exp 12/2025), Susanne Schoffner (exp 12/2026)

Immediate Past President David Macsoinin

2024 Gemboree Chair – Mary Myers

Mission Statement

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

January 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

Message from your outgoing president:

I hope you all had a pleasant Christmas and New Year with all the blessings and joy.

We have had minor upset in the club that I had to settle.

Tom Banks has resigned as our President elect.

According to our bylaws it is up to me to appoint a President. I have asked Annie McNeilly to step up as President and appointed Finlay Lehmers as Vice-president.

I hope everyone will respect all those involved and support each one in the coming year.

David Macseoinin

Gemboree news from Mary Myers: There will **not** be a Gemboree meeting before the regular January Lapidary meeting.

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:

December 5th, we had our annual Penannular Brooch class.

Now this was not a smithing skill but a forging experience.

We had 9 people in attendance ready to go.

Finn had tried this at home and brought what he made to class. Some had taken the class several years before, but everyone was challenged with something new. And boy was there a lot of pounding. Ear plugs were needed by everyone.

The students made several brooches each to give as stocking stuffers.

It was a warm and wonderful evening.

Feb. 3rd

Noon - 4pm

Flame Painting Copper

W/ Mary Myers

Cost: \$1.50

Call Mary Myers (330-696-4315) to sign up for class If you're not able to sign up at the club.

Necklace (bead and wire)

Tuesday December 19th

7:00 pm

W/ Kathy Hampton

Cost: \$5.00

Flame Painting Copper Butterfly

Feb. 24th

Noon - 4pm

W/ Mary Myers

Cost: \$1.50

Call Mary Myers (330-696-4315) to sign up for class If you're not able to sign up at the club.

Metalsmithing Workshop

Jan. 20th

At noon til whenever

Club Members' Meeting Minutes from December 2023 :

General Minutes for Dec. 12, 2023

David brought the meeting to order.

Gemboree- Mary stated the need for a lead for the Children's table and a backup for Hospitality.

Discussion was made to where to have the signup sheets for show, getting our own WiFi, raising admission prices, and setting up sign up genius sooner. Post cards should go out a month before the show. Mary gave a break down of expenses and profits. We voted to hold \$5,000 back, up from \$4,000 for the next show. Pellegrino said he would give us 1 year notice to move our storage contents.

Evelyn has 15 vendors signed up for the April show.

Treasurer- Laura gave current balances in our accounts.

Secretary- Kathi has signup sheet for those that want name tags.

Library- David is taking over for Doug as library chairman.

Geo Jrs- Evelyn had 5 children at the Christmas party. They made spiders and were encouraged to find a book about their birthstone and to check out the crystal makeup.

Old Business- None

New Business- We have new members Tracy and Jason.

Metalsmithing Contest- Winners are:

Novice- 1st Dick Hite, 2nd Dick Hite and 3rd Becky Kosco

Seasoned- 1st Mary Myers, 3rd place Mary Myers

Advanced- 1st Jim Watson.

Election- Slate of officers are:

Secretary- Kathi Hampton

Treasurer- Laura Spencer

President- Tom Banks

Vice President- Annie McNellie

Evelyn made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Bill seconded.

Cathy Milhoan will be membership chair.

Gemboree chair candidates are Mary Myers and Mark Cunningham.

Votes were cast and Mary was elected to be the chair person.

Evelyn nominated Susanne Schoffner for Trustee and was voted in.

Tom Banks thanked David Macsoinin for being President.

Joyce made a motion to adjourn, and Ron seconded.