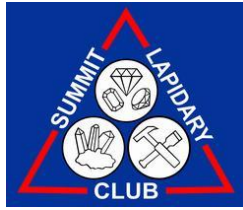


# The Summit Gem - March 2024 Newsletter



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### Mission Statement

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

### March 12th, 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

The program will be a presentation by Finley Lahmers on the upcoming total solar eclipse.



**President's Message – by Annie McNeilly**

Greetings Lapidary members!

The old saying, "Life is what happens while we make plans" certainly applies to our club currently. While we prepare for the upcoming Gem Show life is happening. We have some new challenges to tackle this coming year. Our Gem Chair, Mary, informed the club the owner of Emidio's will be making future significant changes to our floor plan which could greatly impact the show. The show will go on as planned this April. I'm confident our wonderful club members will tackle this problem. So please attend meetings, give your input, and help the club solve this problem.

On a positive note, there is good news concerning club building repairs. The electricity was updated with less repairs than anticipated. Finn installed smoke detectors with Dave Mac's help.

Also, don't forget to sign up to volunteer at the April show!

Hope to see everyone soon,

Annie

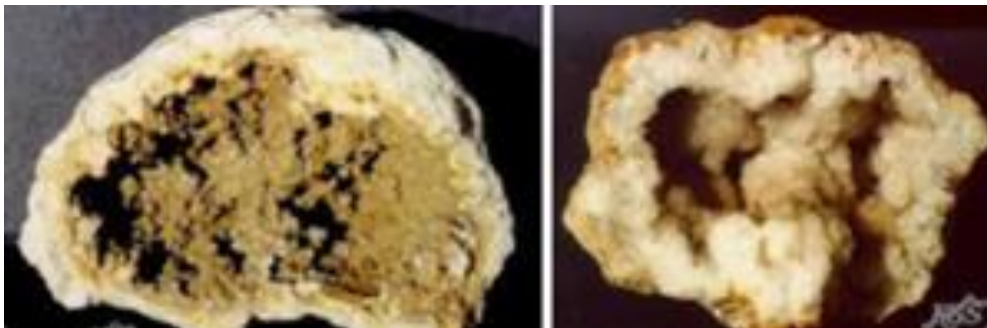
**Gemboree news from Mary Myers:**

**The biggest news is this:** Emidio's Expo Center is probably/possibly/likely going to change the floor space that will be available in the future. (Can you tell that it's all up in the air right now?) Pellegrino has promised to keep me informed of the changes. He expects that our April show will **not** be affected (but please keep your fingers crossed). And yes, of course, we have a contract (through our October 2024 show), but the Expo Center is a business and Pellegrino obviously has to make decisions that best serve his purposes.

Our October show **will** likely be affected by these changes. Pellegrino expects to know more by May and he will inform us then. Construction inside the Center to wall off a portion of the floor space will likely begin sometime (hopefully) after our April show. We can put our stuff away after the April show, but we will likely lose our storage space sometime after May so that he can prepare the Expo Center for show over the summer and for our show. I am asking that all interested parties attend the Urgent Gemboree meeting that I have scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the club.

**Kentucky geodes:**

I bought some Kentucky geodes (of various sizes) that cost approximately \$1 each. We should be able to sell these for a couple of dollars either at our geode crackers or perhaps at the silent auction. They are certainly not the most attractive geodes (in my opinion), consisting mostly of rather dirty quartz crystals inside. But they were cheap and I thought they might be an inexpensive geode that we could practically give away to kids for a couple of bucks, as a "value bin" bargain.

**Call for slabs!!!**

The slabs were a great addition to the silent auction according to our Lead, John Wallace. Please donate some more to our Gemboree for him to sell.

**Need for a Children's Table Lead and Backup:**

Kim Evangelisti (Lead) and Deb Matczyszyn (Backup) have both graciously agreed to coordinate the Children's Table one last time (this April). We need two people to step up – one to Lead and one as the Backup for the activities for our Children's Table for the Fall show.

This is a fun responsibility. The Lead simply plans and coordinates which activities will be offered to the children, ensures that the supplies and prizes are there, and volunteers part of the time during the show. The Lead should also encourage other members to volunteer so that the table is staffed throughout the show. If we do not find a Lead and a Backup soon for the Fall show – we will not be able to advertise or offer these activities to the children at that show. Please consider volunteering. **The time commitment is fairly small** – arranging for a gathering of members to make gem trees as needed, ordering prizes if needed, encouraging members to sign up for the table, and then most of the time commitment is helping to staff the area during the show. Please talk to Kim Evangelisti if you have any questions. To clear up any misunderstanding - the Lead does NOT have to work all of the hours of the show at the Children's Table, but the Lead should coordinate the hours with the Backup and other members because otherwise we will simply have to close this activity. We need you! Get involved with your club! It's so much more fun when you accept a role here! We need YOU! Please consider accepting this role.

**A Challenge for all members!**

The first 30 members who sign up on SignUp Genius to work at least 8 hours for the show will be entered in a drawing for one of 5 very cool prizes, (yes, I said, "FIVE very cool prizes!") The winning names will be drawn at our April meeting and you will pick your choice of 'door #1, #2, #3, #4, or #5.' If not present at our April meeting to win, one of the prizes will be held for you at the club. Sign up soon!

**Once again, here is the link to our Signup Genius website:**

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

You have been invited by Mary Myers to sign up for "Gemboree 2024 Spring." You can click on the above link, or on the button below to reach the online sign-up sheet.

A rectangular orange button with the text "Sign Up" in white, underlined.

**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 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 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:**

Jewelry Design: Naturally Dangerous!

March 20th & 27th, 2024. 7 - 9pm

Cost: nothin'

Instructor; Courtney Cable

What to bring; sketch book(?) color pencils or markers or crayons.

Metalsmithing Workshop

March 23rd at noon.

**Special Event:**

**\*\*Liquidation Sale!\*\***

JoAnn Harrison, long time member & dear friend of Summit Lapidary Club, is moving out west! Miss her already! Laura McElroy has accepted the challenge of selling her collection of beading & jewelry makings. Most of it is bagged up into \$5- \$10 bags, so bring your \$5s to the next general meeting on March 12 at the Polish-American Club, & get a great deal while benefitting a friend!

**Club Members' Meeting Minutes from December 2023 :**

General meeting minutes February 13, 2024

Annie brought the meeting to order.

Brandon was a guest at the meeting.

**Trustee-** Susanne gave a report on the upkeep of the building. 4 fire extinguishers were refilled. Electrician looked at all the outlets and corrected some. He stated that only one appliances should be plugged into each of the 5 kitchen outlets. He will bring a piece of sheet metal to put behind breaker box. The trustees are looking into a budget for the year.

Annie announced there will be a new member dinner in the summer.

**Maintenance-** Gene replaced a motor for the tumbler.

Police parking ban can be reached at 330.928.2181 for when it snows.

**Treasurer** and **Secretary** gave reports. There is a sign up sheet for anyone wanting a name tag.

**Classes-** Jewelry design- February 18 at 10:00

Flame painting, butterflies- February 24 at noon

Metalsmithing- February 25 at noon

Flowers for gem trees- March 6 at 6pm

Gem trees- March 9 at 9am

Jewelry design with Courtney- March 20 and 27 at 7-9pm

**Sunshine-** Cards sent to Mark Cunningham, Jim Watson, and Doc.

**Geo Jr's-** Evelyn had 4 children this month and they are working on the rockhound patch.

David Rich is working to schedule the Big Dig.

**Gemboree-** Leads meetings will be on March 16 and April 6 at 11am at clubhouse.

Rock bagging will be on a Saturday before Gemboree. Internet issues Mary, Bob, and Finley spoke with Pellegrino regarding a line for a better connection. Pellegrino will not pay for it. We can run the line and set up a mesh network to better serve our vendors for around \$1,000. All checks are in for the Spring show. Mary is looking for more donated slabs.

Lottery for the first 30 people to sign up on sign up genius.

ODNR and Gary Getz are coming for the Spring show. Dick Hite mentioned that no one looked at the display cases at the last show.

Mary challenged members to come up with a use for the back room which is painted black. Metaphysical vendors were mentioned with possible tarot readings etc.

Mark Manley was worried about our reputation and stated that Akron Mineral would have nothing to do with it. Possible adult classes were mentioned.

**Program-** Bill Dotson gave a talk on AI and the possible directions it will go. He gave examples of AI uses already in use.

Susanne made a motion to adjourn and Cathy M seconded.