

The Summit Gem - October 2023 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

October 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 (Recurrs 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=VIF1SmpMNM92bk5NVWJTMUFROFdHZz09>

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.*

President's Message – by Dave Macseoinin

Hey kids, let's put on a show!
Darla, Alfalfa, Froggy.....

Okay, onto business!

Mary is working on Signup Genius to get it running. If you have problems signing on, come down to the club and see us. We'll put you right.
Do sign up! Don't wait until the show and say, "put me where you need me." We need you to select duties now so we can see where our weaknesses are.
Susanne is in charge of display cases so if you want to have a display to show off your work, see her.

We are having a Metalsmithing Competition to be held in December. The last day to turn in a project will be the Board meeting in November.

The rules are as follows.

- two projects per member
- any and all metals may be used
- design is up to you

The categories are as follows:

- Beginner members; members of three years or less must have at least one stone in the design which must have been cut by you.
- Seasoned members; members with three years or more must have at least one stone in the design which must have been cut by you.
- Advanced members; members with three years or more must have two stones in the design with at least one cut by you.

The award prizes in each category are:

- 1st place is \$100
- 2nd place is \$60
- 3rd place is one year free membership to the club.

When you turn in your piece(s) state which category you are in and what stones you used.
Label your piece(s) with your name on the back with sticky tape.
Put your entry in a zip bag.

Winners will be announced at December meeting (the cookie meeting)

Good luck to all!

Dave Macseoinin

Gemboree news from Mary Myers:

We are now just 4 weeks away from our Fall Gemboree! **Mark your calendars!!!** October 26 and 27 (for prep and set up), **28th and 29th** for the show itself.

I really appreciate all the work that so many members have been doing. Evelyn has filled all our spots (with 38 vendors!) and she already has 2 vendors confirmed for the Spring. She also has the contracts and printings done for Spring, if not for the Fall, too! Joyce is working hard on our advertising and she asks us to 'talk it up' on our social media sites. Joyce is also going to try and get some window clings done for both our Fall and Spring shows. Ron Maitland did a wonderful job in redoing our floor plans (over and over again). Frank Edwards met with me, and he is ordering more boxes of geodes. Donnell Shoffner is his back up and is helping him. Dave Macseoinin and Donnell got the second arbor press while Susie Shoffner and I went out to

Medina to Standard Welding to get the blades made for the second cracker. Laura McElroy is working on getting the new square and internet connection we'll need for that new geode station. Bob Powers is working on the postcards. Gene Willis is working on the admittance tickets and has finished the repair on our crystal display (wait 'till you see it - it's absolutely stunning!!!). John Wallace is working on a light table for the silent auction (to better display beautiful agates for sale). Becky, Dave, Kathi, and others are working on slabbing for our new slab table. Debbie Matczyszyn (and many other members) have been working on making the gem tree kits for the Children's Craft table. Cathy Milhoan has been helping me with tons of minutia that I have asked of her. Kim Evangelisti and I have been working on the Sign Up Genius listing. Bill Maki got us a QR code to post near the admissions table that will collect the contact information of those who are digitally savvy. The list goes on and on. So many members have been pulling together to make this Gemboree successful! Thank you to all, and especially to all whom I have forgotten to mention here. Please forgive me.

Gemboree meetings: I am holding a Gemboree meeting every 2nd Tuesday at 6:15pm, at the Polish American Club (before the Summit Lapidary Clubs general membership Meeting). **Please note:** Earlier this year, I picked these dates and times because at the time, I was informed that there were VERY few members (only two people) who belonged solely to Akron Mineral and were not members of Summit Lapidary. The reason that I have chosen to hold recurring meetings on these dates and times is that this appears to be the most convenient time for the most members of **BOTH clubs**. These meetings have been regularly held every month that we've met since I became Chair and I plan to continue these meetings since there is so much to discuss both before and after our Gemborees.

Floor plan: Ron Maitland has finished the floor plan for us and he will be filling in as the Lead for Bob Powers for the Fall Gemboree set up. We do need help from our electrically skilled members since we have moved the vendors on the EAST side wall (near the Gem Mine) about 3 feet off the wall. We will need to figure out how to run electricity to those booths.

New Geode Station: We are preparing the new geode station and hope to have it up and running in time for our show. Susie Shofner, Donnel, David, Frank and I have all been working to make this happen. Here's hoping that we have great sales of geodes!

Tear Down: Help is greatly needed for the tear down. The Lead, David Rich, has specifically asked for more help. If we all join together, we are typically finished before 8pm. Please consider staying late on Sunday to help us all.

Gem Mine: We need help at the Gem Mine, too - both workers and cashiers!

Silent Auction: We need both runners (who put items on the table) and cashiers. Since we've added a trial run of a slab table AND moved the door prizes to this location, we are really going to need to fill these slots. Please consider helping at this location!

Children's Crafts: Kim has added activities to this table and we need members who will be kind and helpful to the children who want to play the Plinko Board or make gem trees, or do other stuff at this table. If you're good with sharing your love of rocks, gems, minerals, and fossils with kids, please consider volunteering here!

SignUp Genius: Here is the link for the Fall Gemboree SignUp Genius. If you have any questions or need help with this, please come to any of our meetings - many of our members can help. Or you can call me (Mary Myers) or Kim Evangelisti and we can help. If nothing else, email me at slcnewsletter2019@gmail.com which hours you want to work. I'll need your name, email address, and phone number to enter.

Please, Please, Please, consider joining the fun for as long as you can for our Gemboree. It is a long and tiring weekend, but we get to share our love of rocks, gems, minerals, and fossils with young and old. It's fun, and the time goes by quickly when we're doing something we love to do and share.

SignUp Genius Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4CA9AF2CA6F94-44818717-gemboree>

Volunteering: I have recently raised the question and informally asked various members of the two clubs to discuss and clarify their expectations of the number of volunteer hours expected of individuals who are members of BOTH clubs. Both clubs have a rule that members are expected to volunteer a minimum of four hours at each Gemboree. Please consider this example: If I were a member of the Moose Club and a member of Cuyahoga Falls City Women's Club, and each of those expected four hours of volunteering at their functions - obviously, my 4 hours for one expectation would not count towards the other's. But the Gemboree Chair has NO power to **demand** anything - this is entirely up to both clubs. I have simply asked for a clarification of their expectations so that we can fill the slots needed for a successful Gemboree. I understand that this was a trigger for some individuals. Please do not worry - this was merely a discussion, a clarification, that has long been needed. It is not a demand.

I would much prefer to remind our members that this is a fun weekend, when we can share our love of rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, and the craft with others. I want to encourage our new (and established) members to volunteer as much as possible for this Gemboree. **This is our money maker that supports our clubs.** This is the way that our clubs can pay the rent and have funds annually for fun and fellowship. At our Spring Gemboree, we had 219 slots to fill, and we have added the new geode station, so we'll have 249 slots this Fall. WOW! WE REALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please consider volunteering as much as possible at our Fall Gemboree. We appreciate it! Try out the various stations - see which one works best for you. We need you!

So please do everything that you can to make this a successful Gemboree. As your Chair, I appreciate it! But more importantly, all the members of BOTH clubs benefit from your hours. Thank you ahead of time for making this a priority on your busy calendars.

Let's Rock it!

Mary Myers

Here is the list of Leads and Backups for the Gemboree:

Gemboree Chair	Backup	Fall Notes:
Mary Myers	Cathy Milhoan	
Set Up Bob Powers	Backup Ron Maitland	Ron Maitland is subbing for Bob Powers as Lead for Fall
Dealer Chair Evelyn Tryon	Backup John Daugherty	
Treasurer Laurie McElroy	Backup Laura Thomas	
Display cases Susanne Shoffner	Backup Laura Moore	
Tech Advertising Joyce Kish	Backup Kim Evangelisti	
Admissions Gene Willis	Backup Annie McNeally	
Hospitality Kathi Hampton	Backup Jane Holloway	Susanne Shoffner is subbing for Kathi Hampton as Lead for Fall
Children's Table Kim Evangelisti	Backup Deb Matczyszyn	
Demonstrations David Macseoinin	Backup Becky Koscsco	
Silent Auction John Wallace	Backup Ann, Mike, and Ben Neal	
Gem Mine Mark Morrow	Backup Mark Cunningham	
Geodes Frank Edwards	Backup Donnell Shoffner	

Security Frank Mack	Backup Nancy Halloran	
Tear Down David Rich	Backup Bill Maki	

SLC Dues –2023 Dues are past due! They 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 you might have to reapply (an additional \$25 cost!)**

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:

We would like to thank Kathy Lee, for her donation of books to our club library. The books were donated several months back, but I have just now gotten around to doing anything with them. Books donated are: Hopi Silver by Margaret Wright, Vintage Costume Jewelry by Carole Tanenbaum, Roman Art by Susan Walker, The Amber Forest by George and Robert Poinar, In All Their Finery by Alia Ben-Ami, The Regent by Dale Perelman, The Curious Lore of Precious Stones by George Kunz, Handcrafted Indian Enamel Jewelry by Rita Sharma and M. Varadarajan, Gems of the 7 Color Rays by William Stuber, The Beauty of Jewelry by Jone Frank, Starting to Collect Antique Jewelry by John Benjamin, and The Fundamentals of Gemstone Carving by Gordon Kennedy.

Come and check them out, there are many nice books on a variety of subjects centered around gems and jewelry.

Again thank you Kathy, for your generosity, and sorry for my delay.

Doug Shorter

Newsletter from John Kerr: Please forward any 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 **cthymilhoan@yahoo.com**. Please update your contact information to Cathy if you move or change your phone number.

Machine Maintenance: No news.

Midwest Federation News:

The Livingston rock and gem show in Howell Michigan, hosted the MWF convention this year. Sept 15-17, 2023. Representatives from most of the 12 states either submitted a written report or spoke at the convention.

Indiana club presidents got together and will be trying to host at least one field trip per year, to which the other Indiana clubs will be invited. It would increase the pool of collecting sites and also bring clubs together. Their presidents will be meeting via zoom to get this set up.

Another Indiana club has come upon a quarry that is encouraging clubs, as a group, to come to their quarry. They have selenite, Dolomites and many other minerals. We have requested additional information on a group trip to Mitchell quarry. (This quarry does not allow individuals to mine at the quarry.)

AMFS hosted a huge presentation about Junior rockhounding that was also repeated at the MWF convention. It was emphasized that Juniors are our Now, as well as the Future. There are booklets available with great tips and projects for junior programs.

AMFS and MWF offer many different awards including (2) \$4,000 scholarships to graduate students in the EARTH SCIENCES. Also we could "nominate a honoree" The Honoree in turn picks the students ... Details describing the different contests and Merit awards the federations host are available on the websites and our MWF booklets.

Please don't hesitate to ask for additional info.

And last but not least, MWF is hosting a t-shirt sale. The ordering dates have been extended, per the request of many of the clubs. Orders will be taken until November 15 and will be delivered approximately mid Dec.

Sandy

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: Classes are posted on the bulletin board at the club.

Club Members' Meeting Minutes from the September 12th meeting:

David Horton, owner of The Enku Connection spoke about his experiences opening a lapidary shop and becoming a Gemologist.

David opened the meeting.

Secretary- Kathi is collecting names for those needing name tags.

Sunshine- Mari stated that Michele Knight's favorite uncle passed so a card is going around to sign. David Frasier passed away.

Geo Jrs- David made a game for researching fossils.

Gemboree- We will need help tearing down after the Gemboree. Sign up Genius will be up and running soon. We will be making Gem trees at the club house next Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7:00pm.

Library- Member requested a Metalwork book and Doug purchased it.

Classes- Kathi is teaching a Cupchain class on Sat. Sept 16 at 1:00, David will have Metalsmithing on Sept. 24 at noon and Mari moved the Advanced Polymer Clay class to Oct. 15. She asked if anyone is interested in a Beginner Polymer Clay class.

Machines- All are working.

Trips- Susanne has a trip planned to Diamond Hill in Hardtop, Carolina. Interested members need to sign up by Sept. 25. They will leave on Wednesday, Sept. 27 and will be mining on Friday and Saturday.

Building- David got quotes for siding: one for 39,000 and another for 13,000. Evelyn's guy gave a quote last year for 8,500.

Newsletter- John sent out the newsletter this afternoon.

Children's Hospital Christmas Tree- We didn't make the application deadline this year. Susanne will be collecting handmade bracelets, necklaces and jewelry for the "Giving Tree" for next year.

New Business- Big Dig was scheduled for Oct. 7 but has since been cancelled.

Christmas Party- Party will be a Emidios Saturday Dec 9. Social hour at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. We will have the Game afterwards. Members of both clubs will pay 14.00 and members of one club will pay 28.00.

Midwest Federation- MWF is selling super soft heather blue t-shirts. The cost is 12.50 unless a larger size is needed. Money has to be in by Oct. 13. The t-shirts will be in Mid-November.

Knap-In- There were 117 vendors at the knap-in.

Joyce made a motion to adjourn, and Becky seconded it.

SLC/AMS Christmas Party:

The Christmas Party is Dec 9th at Emidio's Banquet center. The location is next to the Expo Center - our home away from home. This is part of our clubs' way of giving you a thank you for belonging and giving your time. Festivities will begin at 6 with dinner at 7pm. That will be followed by The Game.

Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped gift to share as a prize in the Game. We will have a signup sheet at the October meeting at the Polish American Club. You can give your money to Dave MacSoeinin, Becky Kosco or Laura Thomas. Please make checks out to Summit Lapidary Club as Laura will be taking care of the bills that night.

The cost for the dinner is \$28 if you belong to Akron Mineral OR Summit Lapidary and \$14 if you belong to Both. We have until 10 days before to provide a head count so the deadline to sign up is November 29th.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this always fun event!

MWF Tee Shirt Sale:

The MWF has extended the deadline for the tee shirt orders.
Now NOVEMBER 14, 2023

MWF Tee Shirt Sale:

Help support our MWF and enjoy a new t-shirt. Cost is only \$12.50 each for YMed-AdultXL
2XL-5xL available at additional costs. See order form.

MWF is selling tee shirts at our clubs.

We will be taking orders now thru NOVEMBER 14
(Orders need to be sent in before November 15,2023)
Delivery will be in mid December.

If you are seen wearing the shirt at a participating rock show, you could win a prize.
Delivery will be in mid December.

Dave Macseoinin will be collecting your order forms and money.
Any additional questions please feel free to text or call Sandy 440-479-0069.

MWF T-Shirt Sale

Individual Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Youth med - adult XL are \$12.50 each, additional cost for larger sizes.

Size	Youth Med	Youth Lg	Youth XL	Adult Smal	Adult Med	Adult Lg	Adult XL	2XL add \$2.00	3XL add \$3.00	4XL add \$4.00	5XL add \$5.00
Total Quantity per size											
Total Cost											

***Please return this form to your club point person
 make checks payable to your club.
 tee shirts will be printed on a Gildan 60/40 soft style heathered royal blue shirt.

Grand total

