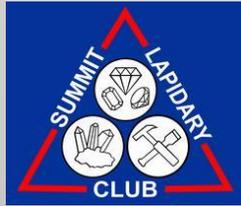


The Summit Gem - September 2025 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

September 9th, 2025 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

September's program will feature artist Tim O'Daniel whose art is in several places throughout the surrounding area. He has a unique artistic style which sets his work apart from other artists.

President's Message

The September Board Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, 09/23/25, at 7pm at the clubhouse instead of 09/30/25. All members are welcome to attend.

We need a volunteer to take the Secretary's Role through December. Who will step up?

We will be holding elections in December – Please consider volunteering for one of the following roles: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, or Trustee. The Gemboree Chair will be elected in November.

Congratulations to Greg, Joyce, Skeeter, Susie, Tyler and Hannah for making our Joint Summer Picnic such a wonderful success! A beautiful, fossilized coral piece that was donated by Joyce and Skeeter was raffled to help fund our picnic. Thank you for all the hard work and good food!

Thanks again are due to Greg Megois (for keeping our machinery clean and maintained).

Thanks again are due to Cathy Milhoan who has been very busy working on Gemboree matters. **Please try to attend the Gemboree meetings that she is holding at 6pm**, before our Members' Meeting at PAC in Sept., Oct., and Nov.

Thanks again are due to David Macseoinin. Three of us (Kathi, David, and myself) have been overseeing the coordination of our classes. David has now agreed to resume the role of Coordinator for our SLC classes. That gives prospective teachers a single point of contact so hopefully, there will be less confusion. Also, SLC

has purchased a digital camera set up that will be available for class demonstrations and speakers' presentations.

We are trying to keep the clubhouse open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as our typical Saturday coffee klatches. Come on down and join the fun! Help us to welcome prospective members who are looking to learn more about our club. Since January, we have attracted **more than 30 new members!** That's about a 25% increase in membership! Let's all welcome the new members and encourage their lapidary skills. That's quite a few new names to remember!

Just a reminder, this Thursday (Sept. 11th) is Game Night at the clubhouse. Please feel free to join us!

The Board tried to schedule another Rock Swap/Slab Sale Yard sale at the club but decided to push that off until Spring. Can we have some volunteers for a committee for that?

David Macseoinin, Pat Burk, Kathi Hampton, Finley Lahmers, and I have all worked on the rock sculpture over the past month or two. It's coming together nicely.

There are many events happening in September and October this year! Please check the website for dates. And let me know if you're having trouble reaching the Members' Only page.

Let's get ready to Rock our Gemboree!
Mary Myers
2025 SLC President

Gemboree news from Cathy Milhoan:

I hope everyone could squeeze in some time to help out for the upcoming Gemboree.

Sept 17 & 24th 6 pm at the clubhouse we will be working on the tree for the children's hospital. We still need wire wrapped cabochons, or cabochons with bales. Any donations & volunteers are welcomed & appreciated.

I will resume monthly Gemboree meetings starting September 9th, October 14th, & November 11th at 6 pm prior to the Lapidary general meeting at P.A.C.

Gemboree Show Chair election will take place at the Nov. 11th meeting, as we don't have a December meeting.

September 15th at 6 pm & September 27th at 9 am we will be gluing gem trees to rock bases for the kid's craft area. This will take place at the clubhouse.

October 11th 9 am, at the clubhouse there will be rock bagging for the gem mine.

Gemboree desperately needs a Hospitality Lead & a backup ASAP we also need a backup for the gem mine, if interested please contact me.

I hope you have a great week & remember without all of you there is no GEMBOREE!!!!

Thank you,
Cathy
2025 Gemboree Show Chair

SLC Dues –2025 Dues can be paid to Laura McElroy. (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 with information regarding the MWF Executive Meeting being held October 25th and hosted by Summit Lapidary Club. The meeting will be held at our clubhouse, and we are all invited to attend.

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:

Sept. 13th Faceting w/ Ron Maitland @ noon

Sept. 16th Four ways to drop & Bondo W/ Mary Myers @ 7pm

Oct. 7th. Wire Wrap Ring w/ Kathi Hampton @ 7pm

Oct. 11th Halloween Flame Painting w/ Mary Myers @ 10am

Oct. 30th Opal Rings w/ Mary Myers @7pm

Nov. 1st Soft Soldering w/ Mary Myers @noon

Sept 20th Metalsmithing w/ David Macseoinin @ noon

Lambert Minerals Open House

The Lamberts are vendors at our shows.

Dan and I have decided that we will host a Mineral Open House this year since the Detroit Mineral Club will not be hosting a show this year. Many of our friends and customers have expressed disappointment about not having the show to go to so hopefully this will provide an enjoyable outing for everyone. We have several old collections that never seem to make it to the shows. Mineral specimens for the beginner to the more

advanced collector. Polished stone and other stone related products. All will be at our Open House. There is something for everyone!

Lambert Minerals Open House, Saturday October 11th

Estral Beach Village Hall

7194 Lakeview Blvd

Newport, Michigan

9 am - 5 pm

Contact: Shelley Lambert 662-889-8163, Dan Lambert 734-731-1124

Hope to see you there!

MWF 2025 apparel order forms:

Refer to MWF newsletter for ordering instructions.

Club Order Form									
<i>2025 MWF Tee Shirt and Zip Hoodie form</i>									
	Small	Med	Large	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
Tee shirt heather red	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$21.00
Quantity									
Dollar total									
Full-zip Hoodie Ash gray	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$40.00	\$41.00
Quantity									
Dollar Total									

Club Name _____ State _____

Contact Person's Name _____

Contact Person's Email _____

Contact Person's Phone _____

SHIP TO: Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grand Total

Make checks Payable
to: MWF

***** Please be certain the shipping address is checked on a daily basis to avoid theft**

All tee shirts are heather red with turquoise imprint
65/35 gildan super soft tee



Jerzee 50/50 full zip ash grey with black imprint
hooded 8 oz sweatshirt



**Club's Master Orders must be received by
Oct 1, 2025**

Make checks Payable to MWF

**Mail to: Sandy Shorter/MWF Public Image
8510 Grouse Ridge Dr
Chardon OH 44024.**

Individual 2025 MWF Tee Shirt and Zip Hoodie form

	Small	Med	Large	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
Gildan super soft Heather Red Tee shirt Back and Left chest	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$21.00
Jerzees Nu blend Full-zip Hoodie Ash Gray Back and Left chest	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$40.00	\$41.00

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Phone _____

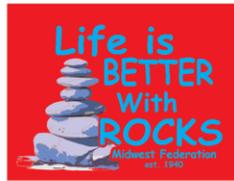
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Bench Tips for September

Here are a couple of my jewelry bench tips for use in your club newsletter next month. If you use it, please include an attribution (and the live link if possible) such as given below.

See More of my Smart Solutions for Jewelry Making at

<http://amazon.com/dp/B0BQ8YVLTJ>

If this message is reaching you in error, please let me know who's the best point of contact for your rock club newsletter.

Happy hammering,

- Brad Smith

BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com



TESTING FOR SILVER

Often you need to identify some of those unknown "silvery" pieces of metal in the bottom of the toolbox or some piece of old jewelry that isn't hallmarked.

Is it silver? - or is it something else?

- Of course, if you need to know exactly what you have, it's best to send your metals off for refining. But inexpensive silver testing solutions can be used to help distinguish higher silver content alloys from alloys that have the same appearance but with little to no silver content, like German Silver or Nickel.

I purchased a half-ounce bottle of JSP Silver Testing Solution #GT41. It's not a rigorous analytic test, but it lets you know if you're on the right track. And it's inexpensive. Mine was only \$3.

With a fresh solution you have an instant reaction after applying it to the metal being tested. The procedure is simple - apply a small drop and watch for a color change. Note that the acid will leave a slight mark, so choose a spot that is out of the way or will be easy to polish.

If you suspect the object is silver plated, you should file a little notch somewhere inconspicuous to expose what metal is below the surface. Otherwise, all you test will be the surface plating.

Here's the reaction I got when testing various materials:

- . Fine silver Red/Orange
- . Sterling silver Brick Red

- . 80% silver 20% copper . Dark red changing to gray
- . Brass Yellow changing to blue
- . Nickel Gray-green
- . Copper Yellow changing to blue
- . Steel Black
- . Stainless Steel No color change

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Caution - If you do any of this testing, know that you are handling a reasonably strong acid. The GT41 label says it includes nitric acid and potassium dichromate.

- Wear safety glasses.
- Do not get any testing solution on your skin.
- Use a solution of baking soda and water to neutralize acid.
- Wash and clean up well when you're done.



REMOVING SOLDER FROM A BEZEL

Sometimes when you solder a bezel to a base plate you end up with excess solder that needs to be removed before setting the stone. My choice of a tool bit for this is an "Inverse Cone" bur used in a motor tool or flex shaft.



The nice thing about this bur is that it cuts on the bottom and the side and is shaped so that there's less chance of it cutting into the bezel wall than if you used the more common cylinder bur shape. I find the 2 mm size useful for almost any bezel.

There's hundreds of different tool tips for your Dremel or Foredom. Get Brad's guide on choosing the best one for the job at [amazon.com/dp/B074LG35ZV](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B074LG35ZV)