

Summit Gem - April 2021 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

April 2021 Monthly Meeting – to be held online

On the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM
due to the Covid19 pandemic

To join the club there is an initial registration fee of \$25, plus
ANNUAL DUES: \$48 per year by March 1st or later.



Did you remember to pay your 2021 dues?

The meeting for April will be held online as a Zoom meeting at 7:00pm on the first Tuesday in April, 04/06/2021, hosted by Courtney. The invitations to the Zoom meeting for all members are sent by Courtney to those who have provided their email addresses.

Here is the Link to Join Our Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83233792599?pwd=Nm1VRWx3SVJBQ2ZKM0YzTGhyY1duQT09>

Meeting ID: 832 3379 2599

Passcode: 903404

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83233792599?pwd=Nm1VRWx3SVJBQ2ZKM0YzTGhyY1duQT09>

NOTE: This Zoom link is set up as a 'Recurring Digital Meeting'.

Save the link in this message to connect to following future meetings:

Every month on the First Tue, until July 6, 2021,

Feb 2, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 2, 2021 07:00 PM

Apr 6, 2021 07:00 PM

May 4, 2021 07:00 PM

Jun 1, 2021 07:00 PM

July 6, 2021 07:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcvdOqvpzkvE91yBtZis9vAA9aPQI5VS0B-/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrrDgpHd2XtRCORpwqAljCb-3xmHpYj_oMhT3xOSIAOxXXF7tDAoNWR7j

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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.*

Program: ***A Flake is Worth a Thousand Words: The Role of Lithics in Ohio Archaeology***
Megan Shaeffer, Ph.D., a Cultural Resource Coordinator for Summit Metro Parks

Most of what we understand about precontact Native American cultures in what is now Ohio is built from archaeological finds ... and many of those finds are lithics. Oh sure, you're thinking "arrowheads," flint spear, or arrow points—but a lot of what is found is actually the waste product (or debitage) from making these tools. Learn how archaeologists build understanding about human behaviors from artifacts as humble as a tiny flint flake discarded during the process of making spear or arrow points, knives, or other flint tools hundreds or thousands of years ago. Special appearances: ground stone tools and fire cracked rock!

President's Message – by Gene Willis

So happy that the many issues of Covid are beginning to resolve themselves. We look forward to meeting again in person soon, hopefully by the summer. We will begin by holding meetings that are both in person and broadcast on Zoom so that members who prefer not to attend in person will still be able to participate in our club's meetings. Remember that we are changing our club's meetings dates to the **SECOND** Tuesday of each month beginning in June because the first Tuesdays were not available at the Polish American Club. We will begin meeting at the Polish American Club for our June 8th meeting.

All five saws are up and running. Paul McElroy was a super help in this. Bob Spore and I plan to begin a regular maintenance and cleaning schedule of the saws. As we begin to have more and more members coming to the clubhouse to use the equipment again, we are going to need 1 or 2 regular volunteers to help with the filtering and cleaning of the oil in the saws. Until the Covid restrictions are lifted, of course, masks and social distancing will be expected. Please contact me if you can help. It's getting time when we can get back to work here at the club. We encourage members to begin to avail themselves of the machines here at the clubhouse, while still remaining conscious about any Covid restrictions.

Please plan on helping with the Gemboree. We will need everyone's help to make that a great show. Please plan to spend as much time as you possibly can in volunteering that weekend at the Gemboree. We will need all the help we can get. Please contact Becky about your availability.

Again, if anyone is interested in attending the zoom Executive Board Meetings (on the last Tuesday of every month) at 7:00PM, please contact me several days ahead so that I can make sure that you get the link to attend. We want all our members to feel welcome – it's our club!

Thank you for making our club such a warm and welcome place.
Gene

SLC April 2021 Reminder:

Friendly Reminder about your SLC Dues: The Board asks for each member to please pay your annual dues as soon as possible. Only members are permitted to participate in the club's activities and use the club's equipment. We have missed three Gemborees, so we need members' dues for operating expenses. This is a reminder that your **2021 dues must be paid** in order to be an official member who is permitted to participate in club activities and use the club's equipment.

*There is an initial registration fee of \$25, plus members pay their ANNUAL DUES of \$48 per year by March 1st or later. **But remember that members can save money by paying their dues early – dues are just \$44 if paid before March 1st!***

If you haven't already done so, please send your annual dues as soon as possible to:

**Nancy Halloran
9432 Outlook Dr
Brooklyn, Oh 44144
(216)409-4209**

or send/drop them to

**Summit Lapidary Club
244 Chestnut Blvd
Cuyahoga Falls, Oh 44221**

Classes and Events:

Joyce hosted the Mine Safety classes this month. These two sessions were well attended and were very informative classes about safety issues about which we should be informed when mining (even when open pit mining as is done at Flint Ridge) and these classes were held at our clubhouse – yeah!

So who wants to teach a class? What classes do you want offered?

Remember that classes held on our zoom account must be limited to members.

If you would be interested in offering a class or scheduling time at the clubhouse, please contact Dave Macseoinin. Remember we don't make money off fellow members but members can be expected to pay for their own supplies for these classes.

Several members have begun to form small groups to slowly begin participating (in small groups, with those who are still unvaccinated wearing masks according to state and federal guidelines) in activities at our clubhouse, such as the regular Saturday mornings coffee klatches, slabbing/grinding/polishing stones, or silversmithing. Please take COVID precautions particularly if you have not yet been vaccinated. We value you and want to keep our members healthy and alive!

William Holland trip:

A joint trip between Summit Lapidary Club and Akron Mineral Society has been in the works for a long time. As long as the pandemic continues to trend in the right direction we plan to go to William Holland the week of Sept 12, 2021. [EDITOR'S NOTE: William Holland subsequently announced they do not plan to open this year after all.] Due to budgetary concerns the two clubs have decided to set a cap on the number of members included in this trip at 25. If a member who has not already signed up wants to go to WH that week they can pay our discounted group rate but will be responsible for their own payments. Please contact Sandy Shorter with questions or information about the trip.

Sunshine News from Mari: No report

Gemboree from Becky: **Please mark your calendars for our Fall Gemboree to be held on October 23 and 24th!** Becky, Bobbie King, and Guy Kotch are collaborating on this event. Please mark your calendars to assist us in making this show the best ever! It will be so nice to be able to hold this event this year and we'll

need all hands on deck to make this a success for our clubs. Please let Becky know NOW if you will be willing to work this event in the Fall. You can email her at kingtoast@aol.com. We need your support!

GeoJuniors from Evelyn: No report.

Library news from Doug Shorter: There are many resources in our library if you are interested! Check with David Macseoinin. He has keys and can often assist you in borrowing these assets. Why not educate yourself while you're waiting for the clubhouse to officially get back to full speed?

Newsletter from Mary: Do you have anything that you might like to share? I welcome participation from our members – a short paragraph about something you've learned or a special location related to our lapidary interests would be most welcome! Don't worry about 'polishing' your piece, I'll do that for you (ha-ha!) Please email me at SLCnewsletter2019@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. Membership dues are to be sent either to Nancy Halloran or the clubhouse. See addresses above.

Miscellaneous items:

Information from the Eastern Federation Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, Inc.

Please distribute the following to the website contacts of mineralogical organizations listed on their respective websites. thanks, ~David

We would like to invite your Society's Editor and Webmaster (and staff) to be our guests at one of the following Roundtable events.

As we start (hopefully) heading outdoors around the country, we're trying to squeeze in just a couple more events. We would like to bring you all together, those of you in our local groups who provide enormous value and benefit to our organizations. These will likely be our last RoundTables in Eastern this Spring so we wanted to open up this opportunity to Mineral Societies across the nation.

If you are a local Society Editor..

4/28/21 - On Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME, join the **Editors United (EU)** Group for their 5th Roundtable discussion on a variety of topics of interest to Newsletter & Bulletin Editors. TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT, and to learn more about the group, go to EFMLS.org/Editors-United and click on the Zoom Registration link. **We will have several special guests for this gathering of Editors this coming Wednesday.** After registering, we would greatly appreciate if you would share your work and send one of your newsletters to our group. Please email your newsletter to Teddi & Theresa at: EU.CatHerders@EFMLS.org

If you are a local Society Webmaster or Web Administrator/Staff...

5/4/21 - On Tuesday, May the 4th! At 6:30 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME- Join your fellow Webmasters/webstaff for our 1st Forum & RoundTable. We'll cover a range of topics, issues and suggestions so please bring your questions for our 3 Guest Panelists. Maybe you're looking to upgrade your site, add features, find out what others are doing or new web standards, or just a new look? Go here to REGISTER and find out more: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZModuCsrl8oHNws_1s7WBhdk4oRRIDMQicW

If you are an Editor or Webmaster in any part of the U.S., please join us for one our Roundtables. We hope to see you soon.

Thanks,

David

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Calls for Volunteers:

We need volunteers!

- Fall Gemboree: We will need many volunteers for our Fall Gemboree on October 23rd and 24th!
- We are still looking for members to help with the Rock Tumbler Role. Could you do that? They usually meet about once a month for a couple of hours to change out the rocks. This work will likely start back up later this spring.
- We are still looking for our traveling members willing to serve as providers of source materials for the Gemboree and GeoJuniors. Any members planning to go out west?
- Speaking of the Fall Gemboree – did I mention we are going to need you for that project?
- We also need members to volunteer to vacuum once in a while, wipe down surfaces, clean the restrooms, swab the floor, sweep the decks, that sort of thing. If you have a few minutes when you're there, perhaps we could begin by thinking of the jobs that need to be done and writing them down? If you think of any jobs that need to be done – please let me know and I'll be more than happy to post them here in the newsletter and help keep track of who's doing what around here. We need your help! It's OUR clubhouse. ... and I promise kudos to volunteers (if I know about their efforts).

Kudos to Our March Volunteers:

- Kudos to David Mac for fixing the display case used at the Gemboree and for answering all the phone calls that come into the club, for taking out the trash, wiping down table, and for keeping an eye on the place so often, even though he's working full-time on the second shift now.
- Kudos to Susie for keeping the pop, paper products, water, and all the other supplies refilled.
- Kudos to David Mac, Mary Myers, and John Kerr for being shop tenders for the month of February.
- Kudos to Courtney Cable for planning our monthly speakers and programs.
- Kudos to Becky, Guy, Bobbie, and Evelyn for their efforts on the Gemboree.
- Kudos to Gene, Bob, and Paul for their work on the saws.
- And finally, kudos to all those volunteers whom I have forgotten to mention. (Please let me know who I might have missed.)

Introductions to members:

I often hear or meet members of the club and I find that I don't know anything about them. I thought that it might be important for other members, especially our new members to be introduced to people whom they might meet here. Each month, I thought that I might pick one or two members and introduce them (briefly).

Introducing myself, Mary Myers, your newsletter editor: Hi, I'm a second generationer here at the club. My dad was a member here back in the late 1960's, early 70's and I remember coming to the clubhouse as a kid, looking in awe at all the marvelous (counter) showcases back then. (I was so excited to find his name on some old membership roles – my Pop died in 1980.)

My best friend for life is Kathi Hampton. We've been friends since the second grade, so that was about 150 years ago... (ok, maybe not quite that long but we were both born in the same hospital, on the same day.) My life before stones was all about work. I was a certified language teacher (Spanish & French), K-12. I did that for a year and a half. Then I was hired as an Akron Police Officer and finished my 25 years of public service there. I worked the road, detective bureau, 911, and did lots of undercover work (hey, I said "undercover work," not "under the covers" work – clean it up!) I was promoted to Sgt., then Lt., and finally to Capt. I worked as a 911 supervisor, the Vice Queen, Homicide Commander, and Patrol supervisor. As Capt., I ran the 3-11pm shift of officers. I attended the FBI National Police Officer's Academy in Quantico, Virginia (where the scary movie, "Silence of the Lambs" was filmed). I was on the Swat team for a year, and then was a hostage negotiator for 15 years. I have taught many hostage negotiations seminars. I retired from there in 2001 and was hired at Akron U., as a Professor of Criminal Justice. One of my favorite courses was teaching Profiling Serial Killers and you might spot me on one of the old true crime television shows. (Along the way I realized that police work drove me crazy, so I gathered my licenses as a Social Worker, a Clinical Counselor, and finally, a Psychologist.) I have been single my whole life, although I adopted two older children (who have since fled the nest) – and I would love to find my life-long partner – he's been in hiding, I think. I retired again

in December of 2019, just before Covid hit. Now I want to experience the joys of working with rocks and gems (my Dad's hobby - RIP), and learning to weave rugs on my Mom's looms (also RIP). Hey, rocks and rugs – what could be better in the best years of my life?

My favorite stones are the opals, including fire opals. I really want to learn how to make triplets with the fine opals. I recently bought a used Facetron faceting machine and am looking forward to developing those skills (thank you, Ron Maitland and Dave Macseoinin!)

Please, anyone – let me introduce you, too!

March Shop Tender Days:

During the month of January, Dave Macseoinin, John Kerr, and Mary Myers volunteered to be 'shop tenders' for any of our club members who do not have a key 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 shoptenders.

You can call or text David Macseoinin at 1-234-706-1523.

You can call or text John Kerr at 330-701-1882.

You can text Mary Myers at 330-696-4315 or leave a message for her at 330-928-3335.

We will be available by appointment only – and please remember bring your masks and safety gear! You must wear safety glasses and a mask when working on the machines downstairs. Oil mist, rock dust, and chips are dangerous to your eyes and your lungs.

Zoom availability and informal gatherings in the clubhouse - Saturday mornings or on Zoom, anytime:

There are often members in the clubhouse for Saturday mornings coffee klatches. Remember, we are still limited to some of the Covid restrictions at least for a while yet, and please take proper precautions. We do not want to be labeled as a super-spreader! Anyone who would like to host a Zoom meeting for a group of members, please contact Courtney and she will help you to host a Zoom meeting.

Old News:

Zoom:

If you would like to teach a class or hold an informal meeting over Zoom with our Club members, you can contact Courtney Cable to set that up. Hey, everyone's teaching online these days, so can you!

March 2nd, 2021 Summit Lapidary Club Meeting Minutes:

Platform: Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

After the meeting Courtney is share a tour of the club house since most have not seen it in a while.

April's speaker is from Summit Metro Parks and will speak on hammer tools.

Treasurer's report- Nancy said we have 2 CD of 40,000 and 28,000 respectively. The real estate taxes were paid.

Newsletter- Mary is still working on and will delay the adoption of February's minutes until next month.

Gemboree- Becky said the gun show at Emidos did not have a lot of attendees, half the people wore masks. Joyce added that Emidos had been painted and new lights have been installed. The vendors were separated by curtains. It was suggested that security should tell attendees to wear masks.

Geo Jr.- Evelyn will start holding meeting once the weather changes.

Machine maintenance- Gene stated that all 5 saws are up and running. Gene and Bob Spore will start cleaning machines. Gene asked if the grinders are his territory to maintain. David said technically Dave Frasier handled the grinder maintenance. There are no building issues.

David has a job with the Navy sewing coveralls and inflatables.

Old business:

There was discussion on how the money situation is and Nancy repeated that there is 7,000 in the checking account, 18,000 in a money market fund as well as the 2 CDs (28 and 40 thousand). Laura Thomas knows about the money market and CD accounts. We will have enough for Oct. Gemboree. Doug made a motion to transfer 6,000 from the money market fund to checking to cover the costs for advertising, storage and miscellaneous fees for the Fall show. Joyce seconded and all in favor.

Forty members have paid their dues so far.

William Holland Trip- There was a discussion on whether we were going this year and if the clubs could pay for it. Doug made a motion to keep the arrangement as is (both club paying half the cost) and seconded by Kirsten. Most were in favor and 2 abstained.

Akron Mineral said they would share the cost per month for Zoom. It is currently 15-16.00 a month.

New business:

Kirsten made the motion of staying open for the summer months. The PAC is 140.00 per meeting. Becky will look at shelters. Kirsten suggested a picnic as a way of social distancing.

Becky made a motion for the general meeting to be held at back at PAC for June 1 and July 6. All were in favor of re-starting meetings.

Thomas made a motion to table the Christmas party and Eve seconded. All were in favor of tabling the party.

Joyce needs to find out who is interested in a mine safety class. Please let her know so she can tell the instructor.

Chris has lots of rocks and 10 saws at his place in Valley City (outside Brunswick) he will send phone number and email to us if any are interested.

Becky made a motion to end the meeting and Courtney seconded it. All were in favor.

Gems provided by members:

Brad's Tips

CHEAPER & BETTER PICKLE

Most jewelers use a granular pickle mixed with water. The active ingredient is sodium bisulfate. This can be purchased online (<http://amzn.to/2HkNTro>) or from local stores as a common pool chemical used for adjusting the acidity of the water. It's sold under various names, so be sure to check the list of active ingredients for a brand that is 95% or more sodium bisulfate.

An added benefit is that the pool chemical is more pure in form than what is sold for jewelry use and does not cause the brown grime often found floating on the top of the pot.



BEZEL PROBLEMS

When bezel setting a cab that has rather sharp corners, have you ever had problems pushing the metal down at the corners? It's a common problem often causing a wrinkle in your bezel and a grimace on your face.

In order for a bezel to capture the stone, the top edge of the bezel must be compressed and become shorter to lay down onto the stone. With a round or oval stone this naturally happens as you push and burnish the bezel. But when setting a stone with corners, the tendency is to push the long sides of the bezel down first. No compression occurs along the sides, and all excess metal is left at the corners. Compressing everything there is difficult. Often the only way to remove the extra metal at the corner is to make a saw cut and fold the two sides in to touch.

If you want a smooth bezel all around the corners, the simple solution is to set the corners of the bezel first. Then push in and burnish the sides. In this way the necessary compression is distributed along the length of all sides and not forced to occur at the corners. With the corners set first, the top edge of the bezel can easily be compressed along the sides.

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