

Summit Gem - August 2021 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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



August 10th, 2021 Monthly Meeting
(the SECOND Tuesday of the month!)
will be held in person and online
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 for all members are sent by Courtney to those who have provided their email addresses.

Below is the UPDATED ZOOM LINK for the 2nd Tuesday of each Month for the Members' Meetings.

Summit Lapidary Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Summit Lapidary Club Monthly Member's Meeting

Time: August 10th, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Tuesday, until Dec 14, 2021 (that's for all meetings!)

Aug 10, 2021 07:00 PM

Sep 14, 2021 07:00 PM

Oct 12, 2021 07:00 PM

Nov 9, 2021 07:00 PM

Dec 14, 2021 07:00 PM

You can download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system. Monthly meetings:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85177270880?pwd=VE1pUHNaUzVENDdmOXo4Z1RvVHZxUT09>



Or you can join the Zoom Meeting right here!



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85177270880?pwd=VE1pUHNaUzVENDdmOXo4Z1RvVHZxUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 7727 0880

Passcode: 637360

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85177270880?pwd=VE1pUHNaUzVENDdmOXo4Z1RvVHZxUT09>

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: Kristina Malcolm: Work in Progress

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Work in Progress



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Where to find Kristina and her work: Instagram: kristina_malcolm Facebook: KristinaMalcolmArtist
Etsy: HawkEyeSilverStudio Galleries: Trail Mix in Peninsula, Akron Soul Train, Don Drumm Galleries, Gallery 143 in Uniontown, and the Peninsula Art Academy

President's Message – by Gene Willis

Like the Olympics which were held successfully in spite of Covid uncertainties and until further notice our in-person and Fall Gemboree show are still on. Board meetings are held at the club on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. Member meetings are being held at PAC (Polish American Club) on the **SECOND** Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. We are continuing our meetings without taking the typical summer break so that we can catch up due to the Covid shutdowns. You can attend by zoom if you prefer.

The club needs your help. Becky still needs help with the Gemboree. Please step up and volunteer and do more than your part as the show is basically our major source of income for the club. Bob Spore still needs volunteers to help with the tumbling duties in our clubhouse.

Many thanks to Kristen and Mark Morrow for volunteering to tumble material at their home. Thanks to Tom Banks, too, who has also stepped forward to also volunteer with the tumbling duties, but we still need you! to help. Thanks to Suzie for volunteering to help clean out the sludge in the saw oil – we haven't done anything on that lately, but be certain that we'll be calling you, Suzie, and anyone else who is willing to lend a hand! We have constructed 3 sets of 2 buckets to do the filtering, but it's not a perfect solution yet. Saw #3 is down – the blade is bent, Saw #4's chain isn't working correctly. We'll get them fixed as soon as we can. Thanks to Courtney and Becky who helped me through the confusing directions of our sound system so that we could fix that for our next meeting. A big thank you to Courtney Cable for showing us the museum and the artspace in the downtown storefronts in Akron that she is managing. What a great addition to our meeting and we got to see our own Courtney's work in bringing art to Akron!

The Big Dig was successful. I am told that there was flint with super nice color found that day. Mrs. Nethers has requested that people park on her side of the road so materials had to be carted in and out of the forest. I am told that our members were literally rolling in the mud thanks to the downpours that came down several times. Thanks to David Rich for setting this up for our members. It was a super good time. Would love to see your photos. The Board has discussed several times that we could rent a large cut-off saw to cut larger boulders into smaller chunks that could be cut in our saws downstairs, but we are curious as to how many of our members would need that service? We have devised an experimental vice clamp that could potentially hold those large boulders in place. We could do that while the weather is still nice if members are interested.

The gardens are booming with produce including tomatoes, potatoes, beets, green and yellow beans, leeks, onions, scallions, and green peppers to name a few. Gardening involves lots of work but it is very satisfying.

Be safe,
Gene Willis

Gemboree from Becky: GEMBOREE MEETING

Aug 10th, 2021 at 6pm at the Polish American Club (right before the SLC General meeting).

Yes we are going to have a Gemboree!

Barring any unforeseen problem we are moving forward with our plans to have our Fall Gemboree on October 23&24 2021! It is a "transition year" so there will be some changes. But the most important thing to remember is this is Your Show. Whether we succeed is up to you the members of SLC and AMS.

Summit Lapidary Club is meeting in person and via zoom. The Gemboree meeting will also be available in both formats. Please begin thinking about what you can do to help. Come to this meeting and get involved!

Hope to see you Tuesday, August 10th! - Becky

Please mark your calendars for our Fall Gemboree to be held on October 23 and 24th!
You can email her at kingtoast@aol.com. We need your all the hours you're willing to help!

The Gemboree Sign-up Genius is up and running!

We are excited to resume hosting Gemboree. Members need to sign up for at least two 2 hour shifts. You can sign up the most easily by clicking the link below, finding the shifts you want and entering your information. If there are members who do not have access to the internet, they should call or text Kim Evangelisti at 440.567.0536 and she can assist you in signing up. Mary Myers will be at our meeting this month with her laptop and she can also help you to sign up at our meeting. Below is the link so you can do this yourself!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4ca9af2ca6f94-gemboree8>

Please volunteer for as many spots as you can! We have 200+ spots available where we need help!

WANTED – DEAD OR ALIVE!



ALL POINTS BULLETIN

Does anyone know who has any of the table coverings for our Gemboree show?

Please contact Becky if you know where any of these varmints are!



SLC Dues:

Remember, there is no penalty for 2021 late dues! 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**

LATE DUES FEE CANCELLED FOR 2021

Classes and Events:

What class would you be interested in hosting????

Wire wrapped adjustable rings: Kathi Hampton offered an interesting class on wire wrapped adjustable rings on Thursday, July 29th. Only Suzanne, Becky, and Mary attended and we had a great time in making two different kinds of adjustable rings.

Faceting: Saturday mornings, from 9:00am until about noon or so, Ron Maitland has occasionally been assisting members who are interested in improving their faceting skills at the clubhouse. Please contact Mary Myers, Dave Macseoinin or Ron Maitland if you're interested and we'll let you know when we're meeting and help you to get started. You'll need to prepare a stone ahead of time on a metal dop if you're interested. The club has a limited number of faceting machines available for our members.

Silversmithing: If you're interested in learning more about silver smithing, or copper working, please let Dave Macseoinin or Mary Myers know. We have often met on Saturday afternoons (when we're not faceting).

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

If you would be interested in offering a class or scheduling time at the clubhouse, please contact Dave Macseoinin or Mary Myers. 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: Sandy Shorter reported that William Holland plans to open for the 2022 season. She has contacted the members who are still planning to attend and have paid their deposit. The dates are set for

the week of September 11th-16th, 2022. Please consider going to their website to donate items for their online auctions in order to help them to keep afloat.

Sunshine News from Mari: Mari has been recovering from a knee replacement. Please wish her well.

GeoJuniors Program from Evelyn: The GeoJuniors are meeting at the Clubhouse on Sunday, August 8th at 1 PM. The class is on collecting and keeping records of what you have. The September meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday, that is September 19th. Questions contact Evelyn Tryon: geojuniors@juno.com or 330 673-9664.

Library news from Doug Shorter: If you have books out that are past due please return them. If there are specific books or AV materials or subjects that you would like to see in the library, let Doug Shorter know.

Newsletter from Mary: Just a note here about equipment malfunctions. The blade on saw #3 was bent this month by one of our members. I don't know who did it, don't care. I don't know if that member tried to report it or not. But Gene needs our help – he cannot fix things if he doesn't know what's broken, and he didn't know about this problem. If you break something (mistakes happen) or if you see something broken, please look in the book downstairs to see if Gene has been notified about it. If not, please give him a call (his number is available there on the bulletin board) and let him know. Because Gene is not going into the clubhouse six days each week, or even weekly right now, he doesn't often see the book. So if you see something is broken, please check the book and if Gene has not been called, please give him a call or a text. We're very lucky that he has assumed this responsibility along with Bob Spore, Guy Kotch, Tom McLaughlin, and others.

We wish safe travels for all members of SLC. This month, we are grateful that Gene and Bonnie, were able to safely stop their diesel vehicle when they were driving home from our Board meeting last month and the serpentine belt in the motor suddenly shredded while driving on Route 18. In case you didn't know (and I didn't), the serpentine belt in a diesel drives everything in the motor, so Gene lost both his brakes and his steering. Thank God that this happened on the straightaway of Route 18, and not while descending Portage Trail hill, nor while ascending the winding Smith Hill. Let's all remember that belts sometimes shred – and that includes the belts on our own saws. Please don't put your face or arms (or any other part of your body for that matter) near those belts while the saws are running. Even with those protective covers, those belts could potentially shred and rip right on through those covers.

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. (The addresses were provided earlier).

Miscellaneous items:

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.
- Any members planning to go out west who would be willing to bring some rocks back with them?
- 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 July Volunteers:

- Kudos to David Mac again 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, Kathi Hampton, Mary Myers, and John Kerr for being shop tenders for the month of May.
- Kudos to Courtney Cable for planning our monthly meetings, speakers, and programs.
- Kudos to Becky, Guy, Bobbie, Kim, and Evelyn for their efforts on the Gemboree.
- Kudos to Gene, Tom, and Bob for their work on the machines.
- Kudos to Kathi Hampton for being on hand to help a new member at the club and for teaching a class.
- And finally, kudos to all those volunteers whom I have forgotten to mention. (Please let me know who I might have missed.) By the way, the clubhouse is looking good! Thanks to all for helping with that.

August Shop Tender Days:

During the month of August, 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.

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 1-234-706-1523.

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 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:

If you're interested, please come for the 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.

July 13th, 2021 Summit Lapidary Club Meeting Minutes:

Platform: In-person and Zoom 7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

This coming Saturday is the Big Dig at Mrs. Nethers farm. There is a 52% chance of rain so come prepared with tools for digging, safety gear and clothes for the weather. The clubs will cover the cost of the backhoe.

There is a \$ 7.50 charge to dig and 50 cents a pound for the flint. Cash or a check is accepted. All parking is to be done on the farm side of the road and no camping. There was a discussion about bringing guests and it was decided that only members can come.

Machine maintenance- Gene reported that the saws are closer to being on a regular cleaning schedule. There are no issues with the grinders or saws. Thanks to Gene, Bob and Tom for keeping the machines working. Bob Sporer is looking for help or someone to take over running the tumbling machines. They need to have mechanical abilities. Susanne volunteered to help.

Gutters-Frank needs help with cleaning the gutters on the club house. He will be cleaning them next Saturday July 24 at 8:30 – 9:00 starting time.

Treasurer- If you need to check to see if your dues are paid for this year, check with Nancy.

There are shells at the back table for anyone interested. The shells not taken will go back to the club house.

There were a lot of members that we haven't seen in a while, thanks for coming.

Gemboree- There are 13 paid vendors for the Oct. show. Becky will contact Sandy about getting show decals to put on vehicles. There will be no kids table but we will have the Gem mine and Geo cracking for the kids. The show's information will be in the August edition of Rock and Gem.

Honorary Member- The board made a motion to make Frank Mack an honorary member of the club. Nancy made the motion and Lisa seconded it. All approved.

Program- Courtney had a video featuring the work of Clayton Bailey, a local artist that works in ceramics and motion activated robots. The exhibit is part of a moving venue and is located at 156 S. Main Street.

Gems provided by members:

Brad's Bench Tips

FIND THE BALANCE POINT

With odd-shaped pendants or earrings it's often difficult to find the right place to attach a bail or loop so that the piece is balanced and hangs straight.

A quick way to make a tool for this is to modify a set of tweezers. Any set of tweezers will work. Spread the tips, sharpen them with a file, and bend the tips at a right angle to point towards each other.

To use the tool, suspend the pendant or earring between two sharp points to see how it will hang.



DRILL BREAKAGE

Using a small drill is difficult for a beginner, especially if it is hand held in a flexshaft or Dremel. They are easily broken if you push too hard or if you tilt the drill while it's in the hole.

Most problems, however, are the result of buying cheap drills that suffer from poor quality steel and/or inaccurately ground cutting edges. A good drill from jewelry supply companies is well worth the price.

Remember that drilling always goes easier with lubrication. A little wax or oil is all you need. Almost anything will work - Three and One, beeswax, mineral oil, injection wax, car oil, olive oil, or one of the commercial cutting waxes. The lubricant helps to move chips out of the hole and reduces friction of the drill against the side of the hole, keeping the drill cooler.

Happy hammering, Brad Smith

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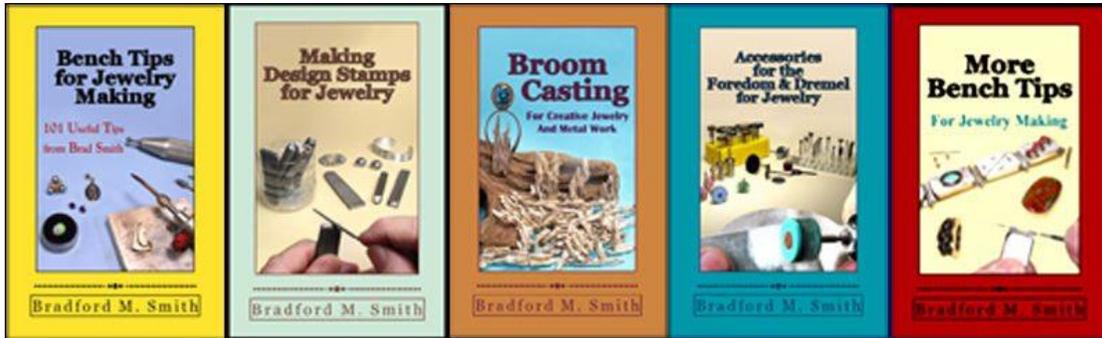
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INFORMATION ABOUT SOME UPCOMING ROCK AND MINERAL SHOWS

From Mary Myers - Are you interested in attending some of the upcoming rock and mineral shows?

Source: <https://www.rockandmineralshows.com/search/jewelry-lapidary-shows>

August 21-22, 2021

Body Mind Spirit Expo - 08/21/2021

Hours: Sat 10:00 - 7:00 Sun 10:00 - 6:00

Contact: -

Contact Phone: -

Venue: Ohio Expo Center Kasich Hall, 717 E 17th Ave, Columbus, OH

Website: <https://www.bmse.net/bmseweb/index.php>

September 10-12, 2021

50th Annual Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Sale and Show

Hours: Fri 2:00-8:00 Sat 10:00-6:00 Sun 11:00-5:00

Contact: Kealy Goodale

Contact Phone: 419-344-9999

Venue: Pratt Pavilion Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 West Poe Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Website: <https://rockyreader.com/>

November 20-21, 2021

Body Mind Spirit Expo

Hours: Sat 10:00 - 7:00 Sun 10:00 - 7:00

Contact: -

Contact Phone: -

Venue: Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd, Cincinnati, OH

Website: <https://www.bmse.net/bmseweb/index.php>

October 23-24, 2021

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO – Our GEMBOREE! – presented by the Summit Lapidary Club/Akron Mineral

Society: Annual show; Emidio & Sons Expo Center, 48 E Bath Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Adults \$5, seniors and students \$4, children 7-14 \$1, free admission for children under 6 and scouts in uniform; Show participants will adhere to safety regulations related to COVID-19, dealers will be selling rocks, minerals, fossils, gemstones, lapidary art and supplies; displays and demonstrations, and activities for children; contact Evelyn Tryon, 2028 Tallmadge Rd, Kent, OH 44240, (330) 673-9664; Email: gemboree76@gmail.com; Website: SummitLapidaryClub.com