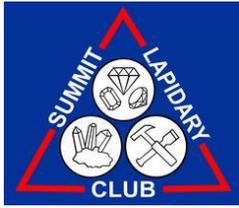


Summit Gem - December 2021 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

December 14th, 2021 Monthly Meeting – BRING YOUR COOKIES!!!

(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 are sent to those who have provided their email addresses.

Here 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: December 14th, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Note: Sorry, NO cookies will be provided to Zoom Attendees.

(Cookie images provided by Wikipedia.)

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

You can download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system. Monthly meetings:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/85177270880?pwd=VE1pUHNhUzVENkZVUFLMNeFnALkqM9Lk>



Or you can join the Zoom Meeting right here!



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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: To be announced - from Courtney Cable

Courtney is busy setting up her last program for us as the Vice President.

President's Message – by Gene Willis

Hard to believe that it is December already. Where has the year gone?

The garden is put to bed.

The roses are mulched.

The tubers are dug, (or mulched in place).

Ahhhh, ... Winter ... a time of rest and renewal.

And now, just when we think that we are finally coming out of this Covid season, now we hear about a new variant blossoming. Will it ever end? Can we ever put it to bed?

I want to thank everyone again, for all that is happening in our club, for all you are doing to keep us going. I am so grateful for so many of you who really worked so hard to make the Gemboree such a success. I am just tickled pink with the results of the Gemboree. We were able to pull it off with approximately 50% of our prior membership numbers. Congratulations to everyone, and especially to Becky!

We need to elect our 2022 Board members at our December meeting. Courtney has done such a nice job in 2021, as the Vice President, but Courtney will not be running for any Board position in 2022. ***Who will consider stepping up to fill this role?*** The Vice President arranges our monthly speakers, and provides them with tech support at our meetings. These presentations can be in person or by zoom, so it would help to be a bit tech savvy. But we have members who are willing to assist you in learning the operation of our sound system and computer system. The Vice President also handles other duties as needed, such as participating in Board meetings and covering for the President when needed. We need someone to run for the Vice President position!

Also, Nancy Halloran is stepping down from the Treasurer's position. The treasurer's role includes handling all the financial aspects of our club, the incoming monies, and paying the expenses. Laura Thomas has agreed to run for that position.

With the support of the current Board members, I have agreed to run for the President position. Kathi Hampton has agreed to run for Secretary. Cathy Milhoan has agreed to run for the Membership Chair. Mary Myers has agreed to run for the Newsletter Editor. Tom McLaughlin has agreed to run again for the (3-year) position of Trustee.

The 2021 current Board encourages any member who is in good standing to run for any of these positions. If any such member wants to run for any of these positions, please contact Frank Mack immediately. His contact information is mackfrank538@gmail.com or his phone number is (234) 281-8779. We will be conducting the vote at our December meeting.

The mystery is solved: Everything is fine. We now have all the information on the financials and their locations and amounts. Laura Thomas has the list of all the signatures for our checking account, our money market account and both CDs. An audit will be done in March by our trustees, but the amounts are all as expected. I have prepared an annual budget so that we can better understand just what it takes to run this clubhouse.

I heard that the Fantasia Mining Field Trip was a great success. I am glad that so many members attended. I heard that they got a tour of all 3 floors, something that not many have seen. I also heard they got some really nice things. Perhaps we can do that again, after our Spring Gemboree or in the summer.

The Board is entertaining ideas about where to meet, but for the near future (at least for our January and February meetings), we plan to stay at the PAC. The Quirk Center is not yet available in the evenings.

Becky Kosco remains as the Immediate Past President, and Bob Spore and David Rich remain as Trustees. Be safe, be happy,
Gene Willis

The Christmas Party – Dec. 11th: The Christmas party is being planned by Evelyn Tryon and is set for Dec. 11th. Our party will be held at Polish American Club, 472 E. Glenwood Ave, Akron, Ohio on Saturday, December 11th. Social hour begins at 5:00 PM and Dinner is set for 6:00 PM. For the Gift exchange game: Be sure you would like to take the gift you bring home with you. So bring nothing that would embarrass someone.

The food is being catered, and will be served by club members (taking great precautions for health reasons). **Reservations are due by 11/30/21**, and **payment to Summit Lapidary Club is due by the evening of 12/7/21**. Cost: If a member of one club - \$25. If member of both clubs - \$15. See Evelyn Tryon or call her at 330 673-9664 with questions, reservations or arrangements to pay for your dinner(s).

Spring Gemboree News - April 23rd & 24th, 2022 - from Becky:

With one successful Gemboree behind us it's time to start preparation for another! A friend of mine overheard a vender at our show say they felt our show was one of the best in Ohio. We all should be proud and continue to provide a fun and lucrative event. Spring 2022 will be here before we know it.

Usually in the Spring we invite the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to reach out to the community in the entry lobby at Emidio's Expo Center. We are also going to bring back the Children's Activity table where they can make Gem trees. Kim Evangelisti has agreed to take over as lead for the Children's Activity area.



A couple of the display cases are in need of repair. The Crystal display and the Topaz display need to be rewired and generally refurbished. Thanks go out to Guy Kotch, Dave MacSeoinin and John Hite. I was happily surprised by the good shape of everything that had been held in storage for so long. Guy Kotch will be the lead for the Display Cases and Susanne Shoffner has agreed to help him.

We will have Sign Up Genius available beginning at the February 8th SLC meeting. It is ideal if folks can sign up ahead of time so we know what is covered or not. If at all possible take advantage of this process. I wish I could individually thank all the members who worked so hard at our Fall 2021 show – our success is a reflection of your efforts.

Thanks to All - Becky
ROCK ON!
Becky Kosco

You can email Becky at kingtoast@aol.com. We thank you for all the hours you were able to help!

SLC Dues – (YES! You can still pay these! Do it today! The fee for late dues was cancelled for 2021)

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

or send/drop them to

Summit Lapidary Club
244 Chestnut Blvd
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November 30th, 2021 Board Meeting highlights:

The Board discussed the banks and amounts and responsible signers of all of our financial accounts. All appears to be in order. We will have a successful transfer of financial power at the time of our election and everything will be officially audited in March. It all appears to be in order. A discussion about the CDs ensued, and the need to split those up as they come due, so that the club can have then money needed for the repairs to the building that had been postponed for so long can be done.

The Board also discussed the success of the Gemboree – yeah! We made money. The amounts will be announced as soon as they are finalized. Any reimbursement items needed from this Gemboree, please contact Laurie before the December meeting. See Becky's report.

Miscellaneous items discussed: Our December 14th meeting will be our cookie night. Please bring enough to share. The meetings for January and February will continue to be held at PAC, on the second Tuesday of the month. We are still looking at other options. The Board decided to continue our Zoom account for 2022. Mineral has agreed to pay ½ the amount.

The Board discussed the 2022 Election slate of officers (see below). The Vice President slot is still open. The Board suggested that members be absent at the meeting at their own peril ... hahahahahahahahaha! Any member in good standing can run for any of these positions.

The 2022 Election Slate:

President:	Gene Willis	or ???
Vice President:	???	
Treasurer:	Laura Thomas	or ???
Secretary:	Kathi Hampton	or ???
Membership Chair:	Cathy Milhoan	or ???
Newsletter Editor:	Mary Myers	or ???
Trustee:	Tom McLaughlin	or ???

By-law change for SLC proposed by Doug Shorter (third and final publication)

Currently the by-law reads:

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership is open to any person who has reached the age of 16.

Section 2. The family membership consists of two member of the same household. Both members have all privileges, including the right to vote, hold office and use the lapidary equipment.

Section 3. All other memberships will be considered as single memberships.

Section 4. Any member wishing to resign from the club should notify the treasurer in writing and return their key to the treasurer. Those failing to do so will be required to pay the initiation fee to renew their membership

Proposed change to **Section 2** to read as follows:

Section 2. The family membership consists of two member of the same household. Both members have all privileges, including the right to vote, hold office and use the lapidary equipment. *Although both members of a household are eligible to be club officers, only one member of a household may run for elected office or be a voting member of the Executive Board at any given time.*

Classes and Events:

Tuesday, Dec. 7th, 6:00pm-?

Auntie Laura's 2021 Holiday Earring Extravaganza – is returning this year at the clubhouse!

Laura is once again offering her *fabulous!* Holiday Earring Extravaganza to club members this year. We are permitted to bring a non-member friend or relative. Laura offers the materials at her cost, (rounded up to 25 cents). Please do not participate if you plan on **selling** the completed items because workshops offered at SLC are meant to learn, have fun, and to socialize but not to profit from the generosity of other club members. Please see the attached flyer for additional information. Oh, and if you see a holiday earring that you'd like Laura to consider adding to this year's collection, please text her at 330-620-3782 or email her at bluecollarbeads@gmail.com.



Tuesday, Dec. 7th, 6:00-?

Auntie Laura's free-to-a-good-home Rummage Give-away! (Same night as the Earring Extravaganza!)

Auntie Laura spent some time cleaning out her 'girl-cave' these past two weeks, and she has a table of giveaways, just looking for a good home!

Tuesday, Dec. 7th, 6:00-9:00

Auntie Laura is also bringing her laptop and providing the link to the **William Holland Annual Instructor Holiday Auction!** There will be more than 80 items up for bid – Bring your credit card with you if you want to support the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts.



Wednesday, Dec. 8th, 7:00-9:00pm

Bob Senn's fabulous Chainmail class.

Learn how to make and connect O-rings to create popular chainmail projects. He showed examples of the projects he plans at our meeting. Here is a photo of possible chain mail projects.



<https://www.pinterest.com/sableazure/chainmail-projects-i-want-to-do/>

The Christmas Party – Dec. 11th at 6:00pm: This is your second reminder in this newsletter – don't forget the Christmas party on Dec. 11th! Our party will be held at Polish American Club, 472 E. Glenwood Ave, Akron, Ohio on Saturday, December 11th. Social hour begins at 5:00 PM and Dinner is set for 6:00 PM. For the Gift exchange game: Be sure you would like to take the gift you bring home with you. Cost: If a member of one club - \$25. If member of both clubs - \$15. See Evelyn Tryon or call her at 330 673-9664 with questions, reservations or arrangements to pay for your dinner(s).

Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th, Cookie Night SLC Meeting at the PAC (Polish American Club), 7:00 pm.

Elections will be held at this meeting! And it's our cookie night!

Saturday morning, Dec. 18th – 9:00am-11:30am

Auntie Laura's SECOND earring extravaganza AND RUMMAGE TABLE!

If anyone missed the Holiday Earring Extravaganza ... or if anyone is just dying to make some more pairs of earrings because they just couldn't finish it on Tuesday night – Auntie Laura is going to bring her extravaganza back on Saturday morning, Dec. 18th, sneaking it in before David's class at Noon. And this time, she promises to remember to bring the rummage table items from cleaning out her girl cave at home. She forgot to bring the bag to the first extravaganza this year.

Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18th – Noon

Dave MacSeoinin's Celtic Copper Penannular Pin Class. (Vocabulary lesson of the day: The word, 'penannular' refers to the incomplete circle used in this pin.) The cost will be \$2 per pin, for the wire. Come and learn how to make a very clever, yet simple and beautiful pin to hold your scarf or shawl (or perhaps even your kilt!) To use this type of pin: Flip the pin open, insert the stem, flip the pin closed, rotate the circle.



(Photo credits: <https://studio73designsnb.com/how-to-use-a-celtic-penannular-brooch/>)

Dec 18th (after Dave's Noon class): Kathi's Wire-Wrapped Bicone Earrings Class

Kathi will hold earring class after Dave's class on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18th. Supplies for class are 2 pieces of 20 gauge wire 13" long and 22 4mm bicone beads. Class should be completed in under an hour. Usual supplies: round nose and square nose pliers and flush cutters. Cost is \$2.00 if you want me to bring supplies.



Faceting: Please contact Ron Maitland, if you are interested in learning about faceting. The club has a limited number of faceting machines available for our members. We meet some Saturdays. On December 4th, Ron was helping Johnnie Hite to learn to facet. He's working on a beautiful swirled marble and just transferred it to begin work on the crown. Come and watch! Come and learn! Ron is often available on Saturdays, 9-Noon.

Silversmithing: If you're interested in learning more about silver smithing, or copper working, please let Dave Macseoinin or Mary Myers know. We have met in the past 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 Kathi Hampton 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 (WH) trip and information update from Sandy: Scheduled for the week of Sept. 11th, 2022. Please contact Sandy Shorter if you are interested in going. Her number is 440-479-0069. Contact Sandy for specifics about the cost and the classes as soon as possible if you are interested. Just a reminder that down payments on trips cannot be refunded. Sandy can advise you of the schedule of classes that are currently planned for the week (Sept. 11th, 2022). Examples of classes that might be available include Beading, Cabochons, Cabochons Advanced, Enameling, Faceting, Glass Arts, Mixed metals/surface design, Opals, Silver, Wire & Fire, and Wire Wrapping. As you can see, there are many different types of classes at this Lapidary School. Contact her soon if you are interested!

Sunshine News from Mari: Cathy Milhoan had a lung biopsy last week. She gets the oncology results on Dec. 15th. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. She is still offering to be our Membership Chair next year, thank you, Cathy! Sandy Bandy, widow of Bill Bandy, passed away. (He died in 2018). Richard Lee has been in a nursing home, and his wife is on her own now. Dave Macseoinin spent several days in the hospital this month. He had a stroke which affected his ability to find the right words when he speaks. Thankfully he is back to participating in our club's activities and feels that he is doing well.

GeoJuniors Program Information from Evelyn: GeoJuniors have a meeting planned for December 12th. We will be presenting awards for the year at the meeting and having our Christmas party. Scott Mauer (a former GeoJunior) and Lindsay Mauer (who is graduating out of GeoJuniors this year and who completed all the requirements to obtain her rock star award at this meeting), will be giving a report.

Library news from Doug Shorter: Please contact Doug if there are any books that you would like to recommend that our library acquire.

Newsletter from Mary: Do you have anything that you would be willing to share in our newsletter? 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.

Proposal to move the meetings back to the Quirk Center:

The Quirk Center is not (yet) accepting evening events due to staffing needs. We do have 3 alternate sites from the Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation, if we want to move from the Polish American Club. These are:

Galt Park Lodge, Lions Park Lodge, and the Natatorium. There are pros and cons to each of these locations. The Board is still looking at other options.

Mary Myers checked again with the Quirk Center manager, Michael Fallis, and they are still not taking reservations for this facility. She will check back again monthly to check to see if (and when) perhaps we can move our meetings back to that facility in 2022, if we chose to do that.

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!

- Spring Gemboree: We will need many volunteers for our Spring Gemboree on
- We are still looking for members to help with the Rock Tumbler Role, or even to ... TAKE CHARGE!
- Any members planning to go out west who could bring some rocks back home?
- We also need members to volunteer to vacuum once in a while, wipe down surfaces, clean the restrooms, swab the floor, sweep the decks, hoist the main, that sort of thing. It's OUR clubhouse. ... and I promise kudos to volunteers (if I know about their efforts).

Kudos to Our November Volunteers:

- Kudos to Susie for keeping the pop, paper products, water, and all the other supplies refilled.
- Kudos again to Susie for getting our vacuum cleaner fixed! Way to go, Susie!!!
- Kudos to David Mac, Kathi Hampton, Mary Myers, and John Kerr for being shop tenders for the month of September.
- Kudos to Courtney Cable for planning our monthly meetings, speakers, and programs.
- Kudos to Gene, Tom, Bob, Tom, and all who keep our saws and equipment running! Let's thank Tom Banks in particular for cleaning saws 3 and 4.
- Kudos to Evelyn Tryon and Susie Shoffner (and whoever else is helping them) for taking on the Christmas party planning.
- Kudos to Ron Maitland for taking one of our faceting machines home and repairing it (burnt out fuse).
- Kudos to Laura Thomas for agreeing to run for Treasurer, many thanks to all who have agreed to take on Board responsibilities.
- Thanks to Laura for bringing back her earring extravaganza again this year for us, and for offering a brand new clean-out-her-girl-cave rummage table for us, too!
- Kudos to Bob Senn for offering to teach a class on chainmail, and to Dave Macseoinin for offering his penannular pin class, just in time for Christmas, and for Kathi for having taught her turtle and woven cabochon class – AND yet again to Kathi for offering to teach yet another class in December on bicone earrings.
- 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.

December Shop Tender Days:

During the month of December, Dave Macseoinin, Kathi Hampton, John Kerr, and Mary Myers have all 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 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.

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.

Minutes from General meeting on November 9th, 2021

Platform: In-person and Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

Taylor Jacobs gave a talk on Creativity and the work she does as an artist. You can email her at taylorjacobsjewelry@gmail.com.

Treasurer- The 2 CDs we have are at the 5th 3rd bank (not the PNC bank as originally believed).

Membership- 69 paid members

Gemboree- Becky stated that we had a wonderful turn out. Two thousand, three hundred people came through the door. The money totals were given for admission, geo, mine and silent auction. The Square brought in money also mostly through admissions. Mr. Pellegrino said 2 six foot white tables are missing. If anyone remembers seeing them let Becky know. Becky will do the Spring show. Kim will do the children's table and we need someone to organize the display boxes.

The By-laws change proposed by Doug Shorter was read the second time. It will be voted on the next meeting. The reasons given were that if 2 family members are on the board that gives them 25% voting

power. (Members of the executive board can spend \$500 without club approval.) Reasons were given

Building Maintenance- The east side of the building needs the vinyl siding replaced and there is one panel on the north side that needs replaced. The discussion was tabled now and Gene will speak with trustees who will handle getting bids.

Library- The new books that Evelyn donated will be available this Saturday. Doug asked if he can start buying material for the library again.

Newsletter- It will come out.

Sept Minutes were reviewed and David Rich put forth motion to accept minutes and Doug seconded. It was approved.

Bob Senn will teach a chain metal wrapping course on Dec. 8 at 7:00. He uses filled sterling silver instead of plated.

Turtle class- Kathi is having a class on making turtle and scalloped pendants on Nov. 18 at 7:00. Please bring your own cabochons.

Auntie Laurie's Earring Extravaganza will be Dec 7 at 6:00 pm. She asks that the earrings made not be for resale. Non-members can come.

Fantasia Mining- will open its door to our members Nov 20/21 from 10-3. The sign-up sheet showing which members might be interested in going is going around the meeting. Members are responsible to get themselves there and anything they buy. Bring a flashlight.

Christmas Party- Party is Dec 11 with social hour at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00. The cost is \$35 for guests.

Members of both clubs pay \$15 and members of SLC pay \$25. There will be a gift exchange. Evelyn asks to bring something decent. Checks are to be made out to SLC.

Equipment- The machine were cleaned and 2 new 80 grit saw wheels were ordered. Bob Senn offered to help with equipment maintenance.

Sunshine- Nothing reported.

Geo Jrs- 9 families signed up for Geo Jr at the Gemboree. One member graduated to Rock Star. Rob will not be working with the Geo-Jrs any longer, so Evelyn is looking for helpers.

New members are Bob Senn and Debbie Tailland.

Square Dance- No new information. If members want to sell their jewelry they will get 80% of the proceeds.

Quirk Center- No news regarding moving the meeting there.

Christmas Flint tree- Children's Hospital was impressed with the donated tree. They upped the auction price from \$150 to \$300. Joyce wanted to thank all that helped make the pendants for the tree.

Dec. Meeting will be on Dec. 14, the cookie meeting.

Laura Thomas volunteered to be treasurer, Mary volunteered to be newsletter editor, Kathi volunteered to be secretary, Gene volunteered to be president, and Cathy Milhoan volunteered to be membership chair. We will need a new VP since Courtney is stepping down.

Federation- Many congratulations are due to our member, Marianne Rich, who is the new 2nd VP for the Midwest Federation.

Gene has been working on the new budget for the coming year.

Doug is the only admin on the club computer. It was suggested that another person be added as admin.

Video recorder for the camera(s) is in the back of the club. Andy Carey has information on it.

New business- The last day to pay for the Christmas party is Dec. 7.

Bob Seen has items for chain mail that he will teach.

Annette made motion to end meeting and Mike James seconded.

Gems provided by members:

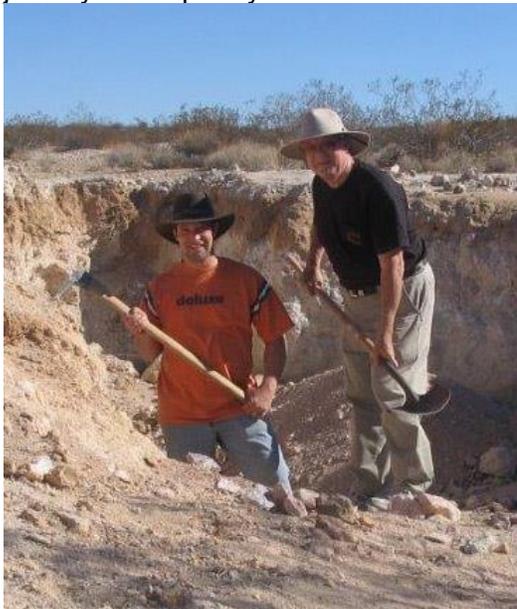
BRAD'S BENCH TIPS

So, I didn't receive Brad's bench tips this month. I wondered if anyone else was curious about who this person is who has written several books on these ideas, yet every month he sends us a couple of his tips for free.

Here is his website and a short version of his life story, just in case you're interested. Taken directly from:

<http://www.bradsmithjewelry.com/index.html> and <http://www.bradsmithjewelry.com/about.html>:

"Even with a wonderful family, an interesting job and good friends, my life is not complete without a shop. I've always liked working with my hands and after moving to California have discovered the joys of working with jewelry and lapidary.



I get a tremendous satisfaction in being able to complete the whole process - from finding a nice piece of stone while out rockhounding in the desert, to cutting and polishing a cabochon from it in the lapidary shop, and finally fabricating or casting a piece of silver or gold jewelry to show off the stone in a good way. Working with and incorporating different materials like silver, exotic woods, meteorite, fossil ivory, and Damascus steel is as fun as it is challenging.

Since 2002 I've been able to [teach these skills](#) to others in Los Angeles and Santa Monica, CA. The subject matter runs the full gamut from beginner level soldering and stone setting to advanced topics like hinges, hollow-form construction, granulation, vacuum casting, Keum-Boo, filigree, bone carving, fold forming, and stone or metal inlay.

To help students learn better techniques for solving common problems, improving quality, and saving time, I documented a series of jewelry making [bench tips](#) and have enjoyed [sharing](#)

[them](#) with others. This led to the publication of [Bench Tips for Jewelry Making](#) on Amazon. It has been well received, even placing #1 Best Seller in the Jewelry Craft category a couple times in 2014 and 2015."



"As a well known jewelry maker and teacher, Bradford M. Smith has been featured on national radio and local television. He is a frequent guest speaker for rock and mineral clubs. His articles are featured monthly in over 200 newsletters in six countries. He has written for Jewelry Artist Magazine, has been featured in Rock & Gem Magazine, and is the author of [Bench Tips For Jewelry Making](#) and [Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry](#).

Raised in Reading, Massachusetts, Smith has led a wildly divergent life. His early professional career with the U.S. Navy and the Department of Commerce focused on manufacturing automation technology where computers are used to control machines and robots to produce industrial parts.

He chaired the Industrial Automation Planning Panel of the American National Standards Institute and led the US IGES/PDES project of 240 companies that developed ways to share manufacturing data. Smith created and led a committee of the International Standards Organization with 18 countries to standardize the exchange

of digital product data needed in the normal course of business. The [IGES](#) and [STEP](#) technologies that resulted from these projects are now widely used in the aircraft, automotive, and heavy equipment industries worldwide. He was instrumental in writing numerous industry and government publications and has presented workshops and speeches in twelve countries.



While his work environment was highly technical, his home life was not. With his family he built and managed Whimsey Hill Farm in rural Virginia. The farm's other occupants, his wife's horses, cats, dogs, and even a cow, were a constant test of his patience and problem-solving abilities.

In addition to farming their own hay, Smith and his wife ran a dozen horse shows each year, one of which was a five-day affair with over a 1000 competitors. The couple was frequently featured in equestrian-related magazines, newspapers, and local publications. Smith says the contrast between the farm and the technology gave him the best of both worlds. In fact, he has written a memoir about that time in his life titled [Horsing Around](#) - How 26 Rescue Horses, 12 Cats, 10 Dogs, and a Cow Plus 2 Suburban Teenagers Made Me A Better Human.

Currently living in Los Angeles, California, Smith discovered rock-hounding in the desert. A long-time member of the [Culver City Rock Club](#), he has taught lapidary skills, led field trips, organized the club's annual gem shows, and presently serves as club President.

During six years as a studio jeweler he began teaching small workshops on soldering and casting. After earning a formal State Teaching Credential in 2002, he taught "Advanced Jewelry" classes in the Adult Education Department of the Los Angeles school system. Then in 2009, he was invited to design and build a new jewelry facility at the [Santa Monica Adult Education Center](#) where he continues to combine his creative side with his technical and shop abilities to run popular classes. To contact Smith: BradSmithJewelry@yahoo.com ."

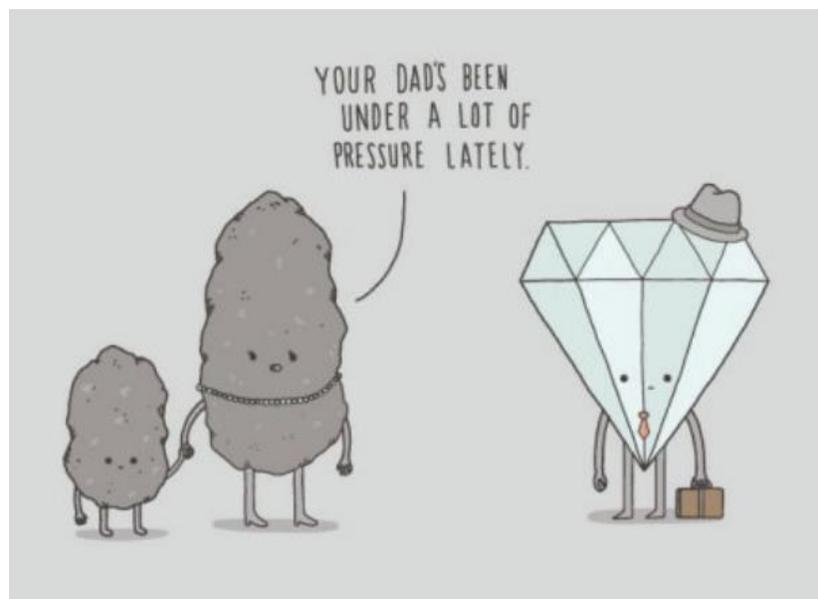
Happy hammering, Brad Smith

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

Resource: <http://amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith>

Bench Tips, PO Box 491063, Los Angeles, CA 90049-9063

Learn New Skills with Brad's "How To" Books



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Auntie Laura's 2021 Annual Holiday Earring Extravaganza!!

Tuesday Dec 7th 6pm -?? At the Clubhouse

Ok to bring one non-member Friend or Relative!

Due to the ridiculous price of silver and gold, All findings are silver/gold-plated.
Instructor is offering these items at COST - rounded to the nearest Quarter \$0.25.

All Makers of Gifts for Yourself or Others are Welcome!

Instructor Notes:

Please Do Not participate if you plan on SELLING the completed items.

Workshops are to learn, have fun, and to socialize, not to profit from the generosity of club members.

Please bring Your Own Tools!!! Be sure they are CLEARLY MARKED!!

Wire Cutters, Round Nose Pliers, Flat Nose Pliers! Club tools supply is limited!!

That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

Thank you for your cooperation :-)

*If you see a photo of a Holiday Earring you like - text to Laura at 330 620-3782, or email to
bluecollarbeads@gmail.com*