



## Summit Gem - July 2021 Newsletter



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### Mission Statement

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



**July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Monthly Meeting (the SECOND Tuesday)  
to be held in person and online  
at 7:00 PM at the Polish American Club**



## The BIG DIG:

**Mark your calendars now for Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021!!!**

We are planning to have the Big Dig at Mrs. Nether's farm on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Members who want to come should meet at the club at 8:00am, with our departure time at 8:30am. The clubs are paying only for the digging fee to open the new pit for flint collection. Members can car pool, or drive individually. Members will have to pay their own entry fee (\$ 7.50) and must pay for their own flint (at 50 cents per pound) whatever you collect and decide to keep.

For those newbies who have never attended – we meet at the clubhouse and from there we form a car caravan of whoever wants to drive the two hours down south to Mrs. Nether's farmland. We make a pit stop when we get into the area, then on to the BIG DIG. It's in the woods, bring some bug spray if you like, a bucket or something to collect rocks.

SOME of the protective tools you should bring are enough water both to drink and to wash your stones, a brush (to help to see what you've got), eye protection, leather gloves, a kneeling pad or knee protection, good leather shoes or boots, long pants and long-sleeved shirt (flint chips will fly!), a digging/prying tool if preferred, buckets or containers for your collection (stones are heavy!), a hammer or copper whapper (a technical term), and something to eat or share. We are usually there for a couple of hours, but with 2 hours each way, it makes a long day of heavy lifting and great camaraderie. There is a port-a-john (which is only cleaned weekly or so, so drink enough to keep hydrated but don't overdo it, ladies, lol!) It's great fun – please consider joining us.

Newbies will be shown the rocks, (ha ha)! YEAH!

We will begin meeting in person the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month for the rest of the year. Please join us at 7pm on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Polish American Club in Akron. Meetings will also continue to be available Via Zoom. Coffee, bottled water and individual snacks will be available. Please don't bring snacks to share at this time. 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: July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Every month on the Second Tuesday, until Dec 14, 2021 (that's for all meetings!)**

**Jul 13, 2021 07:00 PM  
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/join/85177270880?pwd=VE1pUHNhUzVENDdmOXo4Z1RvVHZxUT09>



**Or you can join the Zoom Meeting right here!**



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85177270880?pwd=VE1pUHNhUzVENDdmOXo4Z1RvVHZxUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 7727 0880

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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 by Courtney Cable

A big thank you to Richard Hite for executing such a wonderful surprise to our first in-person meeting in June!

What a fun addition to our meeting! If it wasn't enough to be meeting in person, Richard made it even more celebratory. He fashioned 50 "grab bags" with matching numbered tags. Each bag contained an assortment of specimens, slabs, and treats from his own collection. Everyone received at least one special treat. Thank you Richard for something so fun and generous!

### **President's Message – by Gene Willis**

In my other life's work I traveled to many different states. Each one had different features; however I would not trade living anywhere I have been - for Northern Ohio. The water shortages in the West and the problems with the electric grid (again in the West) 'cooled' our interest in wintering in Southern Texas. Ohio is a great place to live and it has flint to boot (or knap or polish)!

Please contact Joyce Kish to reserve a display case for our show in the Fall – the Gemboree! We want to display the talents of our members at our show. The hot and humid weather has given us time to complete some projects, so let's get that done!

If you have an interest in making and selling jewelry at the 2022 Spring Western Square Dance Conference in Akron, give Gene a call for additional information. His number is (330) 388-4827 and please be sure to leave him a message. The dancers are often interested in buying belt buckles, bolo ties, dangle earrings, pins, etc.

Registration for the William Holland Lapidary School 2022 is currently a go. Bonnie and I have received postcards requesting in cash donations and/or items for weekly online auctions. Donations will be used for their fundraising to keep the school open during this year. They are accepting tools, rocks, slabs, jewelry, whatever you might have that you're willing to donate.

Bob Spore, Tom McLaughlin, and I have been working in the saw room. We are making plans to replace the floor mats that are currently a tripping hazard and we are developing a plan for filtering the oil for reuse. We are going to be cleaning out the saw room soon. If you have anything down there that you have stored there that you want, please get it out now as we will be throwing anything we find there away.

Our first in-person meeting at the PAC was a success. We enjoyed the online presentation arranged by Courtney Cable. She is blessed with many well-informed people who are willing to share their knowledge.

Bob Spore is urgently requesting assistance with the tumblers. Our tumblers run 24 hours/day, for almost 10 months throughout the year, and he affirms that 75% of the job is just keeping those tumblers running. This is necessary for preparation for the Gemboree. He is asking for volunteers to help him ... or even to take over the position of handling the tumblers. He is willing to train and supervise, but he really does need help. Please consider doing this for our club. Having mechanical abilities is a must for this position because the tumblers occasionally break down and must be fixed. This opportunity could be shared labor! You wouldn't have to do it alone.

The club extends a huge thank you to members Dewey and Elaine Starcher who are moving to Italy and who made a generous donation to the club. Their donation included some tools, many books, some rocks, etc.

In closing, Bonnie and I have noticed many changes in our garden this year. We have fewer birds, butterflies, and bees visiting our garden. Just wondering if anyone else has experienced the same.

Be safe,  
Gene Willis

### **Vice President's message – by Courtney Cable:**

**Starting June 8, 2021, our monthly meeting will be offered In-Person and Online on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.** (This is a change from the 1st Tuesday of the month, as discussed in the April 2021 meeting.)

Join your fellow Summit Lapidary Club Members for an administrative meeting to hear about and to contribute

to the business and on-goings of the club. You can participate by Land-Line Phone, Computer, or Mobile Digital Device.

Please consider reaching out to your member-friends who may not be as versed in digital capabilities as you are and offer to lend a digital-techie hand to help bring them up to speed before the meeting.

~\*~ Be active. Be Healthy. Be Happy ~\*~

We appreciate your attention and future participation.

**Courtney T. Cable**

**Gemboree from Becky:**

There was a quick meeting of the Gemboree leads before the June SLC General meeting. The purpose was to see where we need leads and back up positions for the Gemboree.

I hope to have a back-up person for every lead position for this up-coming Gemboree. The idea behind having a back-up position is to ensure at least two people have the knowledge about how each job is done. The most pressing need is a back-up for Evelyn Tryon, our Dealer Chair. Evelyn has prepared a binder and a jump drive that details everything she does. Please let me know if you are interested.

We also need back up for Set Up, Tear Down, and Demonstrations. We need someone to collect and return the faceted stone collection at the Clubhouse.

Joyce and Skeeter, Evelyn and Susanne attended the Mansfield gem show. Kristin and Mark Morrow and Doug and Sandy Shorter are also members in that club. Their show was reported to be a success, with a nice sized attendance there. People seem to be ready to attend rock, mineral, and gem shows again!

Another Gemboree meeting will be scheduled this month. If you are interested in taking on any additional responsibility please contact me. – Becky Kosco

**Please mark your calendars for our Fall Gemboree to be held on October 23 and 24th!**

You can email her at [kingtoast@aol.com](mailto:kingtoast@aol.com). We need your all the hours you're willing to help!

An item added by Mary: You can see the Mansfield Gem Show you tube video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=351fqUE3oK0> Do we have any members so digitally talented?

**SLC Dues:**

**LATE DUES FEE CANCELLED FOR 2021**

The SLC Executive Board voted to abolish the Late Dues Fee for 2021. We just began meeting in person in June and want to encourage all members to return! Please join us July 13<sup>th</sup> - the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month - at the Polish American Club in Akron. And we are planning to continue our meetings during the summer months this year so we can catch up with the club news after all the Covid cancellations last year.

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**

**Classes and Events:**

**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 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Bobbie and Jina King both had covid 19 in May. Bobbie also had pneumonia and had to be hospitalized. He is home and they are both feeling better. Also, Dewey Starcher and his wife, Elaine, are moving to Italy in early July, so they will not be renewing their membership with SLC this year. We wish them safe travels and happiness in their new country!

**GeoJuniors Program from Evelyn:** We have been on hiatus since Spring 2020 because of the Virus. We tried Zoom but without much success. Many folks are on vacation or away at this time....but I am eager to begin our program again. So we met at the Club on Sunday, June 27 to prepare for field trips...it is part of the badge program. we had 3 students and 2 parents come. We had a good lesson and activity. I hope we can continue to meet each month and have some fun activities before school begins. Please come visit us and tell us about your rock collecting. Questions contact Evelyn Tryon: [geojuniors@juno.com](mailto:geojuniors@juno.com) or 330 673-9664.

Notice: The GeoJuniors plan to meet at the clubhouse on **Sunday afternoon, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021- the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.**

**Library news from Doug Shorter:** Now that we are getting back into the clubhouse, If you have books out that are past due please return them. Others may want to read 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:** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>!
- 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 June 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, and Evelyn for their efforts on the Gemboree.
- Kudos to Gene, Tom, and Bob for their work on the machines.
- 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.

### **July Shop Tender Days:**

During the month of July, Dave Macseoinin, 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:**

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. 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.

### **June 8th, 2021 Summit Lapidary Club Meeting Minutes:**

Platform: Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

Stephen Blyskal was the speaker for the June meeting. He is the VP of the Houston Gem and Mineral Society.

His talk explained where the deposits for calcite deposits are in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Dave and Paulette Moore brought 3 aloe-vera plants for a \$5.00 each donation to the club.

Richard Hite brought rock and mineral grab bags for the members.

Ron Maitland donated stones for the name tag drawing.

Sign-up sheet for the Sunburst wire wrapping class is at the front table. Kathi Hampton will be teaching the class on Tuesday, June 15 at 7:00 in the club house.

Thanks to Susanne and Joyce for bringing individually wrapped snacks.

There are flyers for our Gemboree on the front table. You are encouraged to take some and distribute them to area businesses and libraries.

Doug Shorter asks that anyone that has library books to please return them. He brought a new book in and someone has already taken it out to peruse it. There is much useful information in our library!

Big Dig- There were proposed dates and Gene will get with David to choose.

Gemboree- There was a meeting for leads and backups before the general meeting. Anyone one interested in helping in this way, please see Becky.

Newsletter- The March and April newsletters were sent out yesterday. The May and June newsletters were sent out today. There was a discrepancy in the treasury totals in the March newsletter and Nancy will check on it. April's newsletter was approved.

Treasurer- Nancy is accepting dues from anyone who has not paid them. The late fee is waived this year.

Geo Jr- no report

New business- From Bob Spore, Rufus Wayne Jessup-Savage in Wayne county has a sphere machine, needs a new owner. It has diamond cups on it and may need some maintenance but it's free to a good home!

William Holland- Sandy has not heard back from them regarding classes next year.

Mary made a motion to adjourn and Joyce second it.

### **Gems provided by members:**

#### **SPHERE MACHINE**

Bob Spore shared this with our Facebook page: "Here is a message I got from former member, [Rufus Wayne Jessup-Savage](#). Anyone interested?"

Rufus wrote, "I'm looking for a home for a sphere machine. I got it from Bob Franks a few years ago. It needs some work. Needs reworked. As far as I know the motors are still good. And I have the diamond cups that go one it. It is free to a good home. If you want it or know someone that does, please let me know."

#### **FANCY RIVET HEADS**

For a nice-looking rivet head, use brass escutcheon pins. You'll have perfectly rounded heads that are all the same size and shape. The pins are a little hard to find, so try the best hardware stores first. Be sure to get solid brass pins, not brass plated steel. If unsure, test them with a magnet.

The pins are readily available online. Lee Valley Tools has them in 16 or 18 gauge and lengths from 1/4 inch to 1 inch. Go to <http://www.LeeValley.com> and do an item search on "escutcheon pin"



For best results, select a drill that gives you a hole with a close fit to the rivet. Trim the rivet to a leave a little less than one diameter sticking out the back side. Place the head on a scrap of hard plastic on the anvil so as to not flatten the head. I prefer a ball peen hammer (with a small 3/8-inch ball) for setting the rivet.

#### **EASIER PRONG SETTING**

When setting stones in a prong mount, the tool is less likely to slip off the prong if you grind a shallow groove into its face or rough up the face a bit with sandpaper. Some folks prefer a prong pusher for doing this, and others like a set of pliers with a slight groove on one jaw.



The easiest way to create a slot on the pusher is with a file, and the quickest way to create a slot on one jaw of your pliers is with a separating disc. Then do a rough polish on the slot with a medium grit, knife-edge silicone wheel.

Happy hammering, Brad Smith

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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

**April 30 – May 1, 2022**

***GeoFair***

Hours: Sat 10:00-6:00 Sun 11:00-5:00

Contact: Terry Huizing

Contact Phone: 5135747142

Venue: Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd, Sharonville, OH 45246

Website: <http://www.geofair.com/>

**June 3-5, 2022**

**WAUSEON, OHIO:** Annual show; State Line Gem & Mineral Society; Fulton County Fairgrounds, 8514 SR 108, Wauseon, OH, Fulton County Fairgrounds, 8514 SR 108, Wauseon, OH, Fulton County Fairgrounds; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-4; Admission is \$4.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Seniors 60 & older and Students, 12 and Under Free; Come join us at the Fulton County Fairgrounds Junior Fair Building in Wauseon, OH for our 61st Annual Show. ; contact Sherm Kardatzke, 1355 W. Maumee, Adrian, MI 49221, (517) 673-5487; Email: sakardatzke@gmail.com; Website: <http://statelinegms.com>