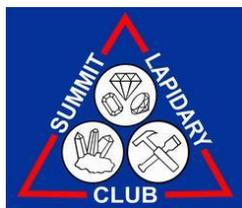


Summit Gem - June 2021 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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



**June 8th, 2021 Monthly Meeting (the SECOND Tuesday)
to be held in person and online
at 7:00 PM at the Polish American Club**

We will begin meeting in person the 2nd Tuesday of the month for the rest of the year. Please join us at 7pm on June 8th, 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: Jun 8, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Every month on the Second Tuesday, until Dec 14, 2021 (that's for all 7 meetings!)

Jun 8, 2021 07:00 PM
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/j/85177270880?pwd=VE1pUHNhUzVENDdmOXo4Z1RvVHZxUT09NOVuBGHRpwMBY_CKOrwtmJHj7dvpB7MKzVEUFLMNeFnALkqM9Lk

Or you can join the Zoom Meeting right here!

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

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85177270880>

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: ***Calcite Localities in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois***, presented by Stephen Blyskal
Stephen Blyskal is the first vice president of Houston Gem & Mineral Society in Texas, head of the Mineral Section, Dealer Chairman for the annual show and School Collections chairman and owner of Truscon Minerals. Learn more about their society at <https://hgms.org/>.

Expand your knowledge of Calcite deposits and learn where else it can be found. Calcite has been collected by club members at Flint Ridge and tonight's presentation will help you become more familiar with it and its properties.

President's Message – by Gene Willis

"You cannot make old friends..." (from a song by Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers). The pandemic has caused so many old friends to lose touch and we, as club members, have also lost touch with each other. Now we will be able to see and talk again with old friends at the June 8th meeting, and we look forward to seeing our old friends again at the club. We should continue to follow the published guidelines, of course, as we transition from the pandemic.

It is so very nice to have the clubhouse open again. Members are attending the Saturday morning coffee klatches again, sharing a cup, sharing ideas, and enjoying the camaraderie of rocking friendships. There have also been a couple of Saturdays where members came to the club and faceted. Thanks, Ron Maitland, for sharing your skills! And if you're interested in learning to work with copper or silver, Dave Macseoinin, Mary Myers, and Kathi Hampton are often hanging around on Saturday afternoons to do a bit of that, too.

Tom, McLaughlin, Bob Spore, and I are developing a schedule for the regular maintenance and cleaning of the saws downstairs. We cleaned more sludge out this month – and surprise! – we found one of the small spacer tools (one of those that look like tiny steps) buried down inside the gunk. It looked like nothing more than a

handful of mud. Please remember that if you drop something down inside the sludge at the bottom of the saws do your best to retrieve it, or leave a message for me so that we can also look for it, if you cannot find it. We found some slabs down there, too, in case you're missing some! The vibrator is running again, thanks to Bob Spore. We are thinking that we might end up using paper bags used as the filters for our oil since more expensive filters fill up with gunk much too quickly.

Please plan on helping with the Gemboree. We 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. 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!

By the way, it's time to be planting your gardens! That's what Bonnie and I are enjoying these days, depending on the weather!

Be safe,
Gene Willis

Vice President's message – by Courtney Cable:

Starting June 8, 2021, this 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.

Participate by Land-Line Phone, Computer, or Mobile Digital Device. 

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'.

Please 'mute your microphone' during the meeting to eliminate background noise not related to the meeting and if you are not actively speaking. This will help us run a smooth virtual meeting; appropriately distanced.

Once the general meeting has concluded, this meeting can remain open for further dialog between members, as requested by the participating members. Breakout groups can also be formed by the host for discussion around certain topics.

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

*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.

We appreciate your attention and future participation.

Courtney T. Cable

SLC Dues:

No Penalty for Late Dues!

The SLC Executive Board has voted NOT to charge the \$25 late dues fee for 2021. Please pay your dues.

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.

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 morning, June 19th, from 9:00am until about noon or so, Ron Maitland will be assisting members who are interested in improving their faceting skills. Doug Shorter, Mary Myers, and Kathi Hampton have been attending these fairly regularly. Please stop by if you're interested and we'll 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.

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 is closed for the 2021 calendar year. We have basically 2 options, roll the money to the 2022 season or cancel the class. She has sent out a survey asking for members' responses and will let us know what the options are for our club members.

Sunshine News from Mari: No report

Gemboree from Becky: The October Gemboree is going to happen! We are counting on all our members to help out any way you can. We will keep you posted on work shops or additional ways you can contribute. Thanks in advance - 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 support!

GeoJuniors from Evelyn: No report.

Library news from Doug Shorter: Doug is asking for input from the club members on what they would like to see in the library. Please let him know what you'd like to see in our library!

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:

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 May Volunteers:

- Kudos to David Mac 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, Bob, and Paul 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.

May 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 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.

May 4th, 2021 Summit Lapidary Club Meeting Minutes:

Platform: Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

Alan White gave a presentation on the food shed in Ohio. He showed timelines and various plants that came into the area. He and his colleges are working on a book about this subject. To learn more or pre-order the book you can visit <https://greenumbrella.org/>. The atlas is under collective impact; Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council; Edible City an Art Atlas.

Gene brought the meeting to order.

Membership/ Treasurer- There is a 10 member discrepancy between Nancy and Cathy's number of members.

Geo Jr- Evelyn offered her deck for the next meeting.

Insurance- Becky will give the insurance packet to Gene at the June meeting.

Christmas Party- Becky is looking for someone to plan the party. David suggested that the party could be dessert and games. Kristen suggested that Jimmy Johns' subs are fairly inexpensive. Panera was also mentioned. Becky said that PAC will provide coffee and water and of course the bar will be open.

Meetings- The board meeting will be held at the club house and zoom on May 25. The general meeting will be held at PAC and on Zoom on June 8. Becky asked for volunteers to call members to let them know of the June meeting changes.

By Laws- It was stated that the 4 hour rule was when members were using machines to sell slabs and that it did not apply now. The machines are for personal use. Share the machines if someone else wants to use them while you are there. Changing the locks was mentioned and the cost was prohibited and too time consuming. The locks were changed 2 years ago.

Mine Safety- Joyce has one seat open for Thursday, May 6 class and 2 seats open on Friday May 7 class. The program will last about 5 hours and begins at 10:00 at the club house.

Old Business- Mary will get the March and April newsletters out soon.

New Business- Evelyn stated that the Parma Show will be May 15-16 in North Olmsted. She has over 400 printed flyers that she will distribute. Kirstin said the Mansfield show will be June 12-13.

Big Dig- David is waiting for a call from Ed to see when the dig can be scheduled.

Gemboree- Evelyn stated that we already have 8 vendors and she will send out the contracts soon.

Tom made a motion to adjourn and Becky seconded it.

Gems provided by members:

Brad's Tips

DRILL PRESS VISE

A drill press vise is a versatile tool to hold a workpiece securely and in precise alignment. It reduces the of risks of working with high power motors, using larger drill bits, and dealing with heat generated in the operation. The vise can be clamped to the drill press table if needed and is quite handy for use at the bench to hold things for sawing or riveting.

You can find them at stores that carry machine tool supplies. My feeling is that the best ones are made from steel. In particular, I like the ones with V grooves cut into the jaw plates. That lets me hold a punch straight upright or hold a rod horizontal. To find a supplier, search on "drill press vise" at sites like micromark.com mscdirect.com/enco smallparts.com grizzly.com



DENTAL GOLD

You might think that a couple pieces of dental gold would be valuable, but if you only have a small amount, it can be a problem. Sending it to a refiner is expensive for small lots.

I made the mistake of thinking I could melt it and roll out my own sheet. It turns out the trace metals in dental gold make it a good material in your mouth but cause it to crack if you try to forge it or roll it out as a sheet. They ruined my whole ingot.



So what to do with a couple gold crowns? A reasonable alternative is to try incorporating the metal into your jewelry. If you have enough material to do a casting, that's probably the best use for dental gold.

If you're not into casting, try melting it on a solder pad and while molten, divide it into small pieces with your solder pick. Then re-flow each piece to make little gold balls for use for accents on your designs. The balls can also be planished a bit to make small discs or struck with a design stamp to add texture.

Happy hammering,

- Brad Smith

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