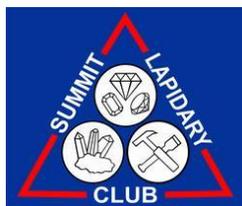


Summit Gem - May 2021 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

May 2021 Monthly Meeting – to be held online

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

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



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

Here is the Link to Join Our Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 832 3379 2599 Passcode: 903404

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83233792599>

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

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

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

Feb 2, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 2, 2021 07:00 PM

Apr 6, 2021 07:00 PM

May 4, 2021 07:00 PM

Jun 1, 2021 07:00 PM

July 6, 2021 07:00 PM

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

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

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Computer or Digital Device: You're welcome to activate your camera and speaker settings. Once inside the Zoom virtual meeting, you can type comments in the chat feature to 'everyone' or to another member 'privately'. **Your attention and participation are appreciated.**

Please **'mute your microphone'** during the administrative meeting to eliminate background noise not related to the meeting, if you are not actively speaking. This will help us run a smooth virtual meeting; appropriately distanced. Once the general meeting has concluded, you are welcome to stay online to chat it up with other members. **Consider reaching out to your friends who may not be as versed in digital capabilities as you and offer to lend a digital-techie hand and help bring them up to speed.*

Program: The Food Shed in Ohio

Alan White will give a presentation on the food shed in Ohio. He will show the timelines and various plants that have come 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.

President's (May) Message – by Gene Willis

It is so nice to see the warm weather that is starting to arrive. One of my favorite past-times of the year, (besides rocking), is gardening and I am happy to see that planting time has arrived. I look forward to spending time in the garden again.

I am also very glad to see that more and more people are being vaccinated and that the Covid restrictions are easing. It will be so nice to be able to meet again in person soon. The Board is planning to meet both in person and by zoom for the May Board meeting at the end of the month – the first time that we've actually met in person since all this Covid began. And we are looking forward to holding our first in person club meeting on June 8th, at the Polish American Club. **(Please remember that we're meeting on the SECOND Tuesday of the month there, at 7:00pm because the first Tuesdays were not available.)**

Tom McLaughlin, Bob Spore, and I worked on the saws this month. The sludge in the bottom of the saws was very, very, very dirty, and kind of soft and mashed together instead of being a heavy sediment.

I am so excited that we can begin renewing our old friendships again. There's nothing better than re-establishing the friendships that we have so missed during our Covid time. It was wonderful to be downstairs in the club, working with Bob and Tom. We worked. We laughed. We told stories. We reconnected. It was wonderful! Still looking to train others to help clean these saws, so if you're interested in learning and lending a hand, please give me a call, text, or send me an email.

Be safe,
 Gene Willis

Information from the Board Meeting:

No Penalty Late Dues Fee - The SLC Executive Board has voted Not to charge the \$25 late dues fee for 2021.

Club meetings: 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 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

SLC April 2021 Reminder:

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

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

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

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

or send/drop them to

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

Classes and Events:

Ron Maitland has taught a class on Faceting on a few Saturday mornings this month of May. Kathi Hampton, Mary Myers, and Doug Shorter all benefitted from his assistance. We're each working on improving our skills in faceting, thanks to Ron! If interested, please contact me (Mary Myers) or Dave Macseoinin and we'll let you know when we'll meet again. The next time that we plan to meet again is June 19th, at 9:00AM. The club has a couple of faceting machines that can be used by members. You'll need to prepare a stone ahead of time (or we can show you what to do if you're interested!)

So who wants to teach a class? What classes do you want offered? Remember that classes held on our zoom account must be limited to members. If you would be interested in offering a class or scheduling time at the clubhouse, please contact Dave Macseoinin. Remember we don't make money off fellow members but members can be expected to pay for their own supplies for these classes.

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

William Holland trip:

William Holland announced in late May that they do not plan to open this year after all. Please come to the meeting to find out what's happening regarding our plans, or you can contact Sandy Shorter with questions or for further information about William Holland.

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 Becky at kingtoast@aol.com.

There will be a meeting of all who are interested in taking on more responsibility to lead one of the planned activities at 6:00pm this Tuesday, June 8th, right before our meeting at the Polish American Club. If you can't come (because your newsletter editor is so late with this notice – lol) please let Becky know that you're interested in helping.

A note from the editor: So I'd always heard that the members of the clubs were required to give four hours of volunteer service for these Gemborees, and that's exactly what I've done in the past – signed up on the website for two 2 hour time slots, and I thought, (brush my hands together) that I'd done my part and that was that. Done deal. Good job, Mary! Way to go. You're the man (or the woman in my case).

I had the occasion to speak with one of our club members who shall remain anonymous. This member told me that the first thing that happens (after all the pre-planning and preparations, of course) is that members show up at the clubhouse on Thursday evening, to pack up all the stuff that has to go over to Emidios.

Then members come back on Friday, and they load up and carry everything over to Emidios and begin setting up the rooms there. Tables, and chairs, aisles, signage, display cases, and all that stuff... all that has to be set up on Friday - before the show actually opens on Saturday morning.

These members then come back early, early, early, on Saturday morning (oh somewhere between 6 and 8am) and they open the place up, assist the vendors in unloading their stuff, and setting up their booths, and then check, check, and check once again that everything is ready to go, and then ... they spend all day there on Saturday volunteering at this or that station.

Then these members return, once again, early, early, early on Sunday morning to do the same thing all over again.

Then Sunday night, these members pack everything back up, put everything away, and carry all that stuff back over to the clubhouse, ...

Only to return to the clubhouse on Monday to put all that stuff away. Whew! That requires a great deal more than two 2 hour time slots from each of our members!

Obviously, I for one, had really never paid attention to just exactly how much work and effort this Gemboree truly takes, so I am personally asking each member to please try to help make this the best show ever and please do more than the minimum of four hours.

We don't need everyone to be there for every moment, but we surely would have a better Gemboree if more members could lend a hand for more than the minimum four hours. Let's all support Becky, Bobbi King, and Guy Kotch in their efforts to make some money for our club by making this the best Gemboree in ... well, at least the last two years since the Covid lockdown! I'm hoping to see you there – for more than the minimum!

GeoJuniors from Evelyn: GeoJuniors has not been meeting but hope to begin meeting again soon.

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

Newsletter from Mary: Do you have anything that you might like to share? I welcome participation from our members – a short paragraph about something you've learned or a special location related to our lapidary interests would be most welcome! Don't worry about 'polishing' your piece, I'll do that for you (ha-ha!) Please email me at SLCnewsletter2019@gmail.com. Would love to introduce anyone who's interested.

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: This is the big call for volunteers. We will need many volunteers for our Fall Gemboree on October 23rd and 24th!
- I heard the vibratory tumbler working downstairs earlier this month! We are still looking for members to help with the Rock Tumbler Role. Could you do that? They usually meet about once a month for a couple of hours to change out the rocks. This work will likely start back up later this spring.
- We are still looking for our traveling members willing to serve as providers of source materials for the Gemboree and GeoJuniors. Any members planning to go out west? Want to bring some rocks back?
- 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 April Volunteers:

- Kudos to David Maceoinin for finishing fixing the display case used at the Gemboree and for answering all the phone calls that come into the club, for taking out the trash, wiping down table, and for keeping an eye on the place so often, even though he's now working full-time on the second shift.
- Kudos to Susie for keeping the pop, paper products, water, and all the other supplies refilled. Where would we be without you, Susie?
- Kudos to David Mac, Kathi Hampton, Mary Myers, and John Kerr for being shop tenders for the month of February.
- Kudos to Courtney Cable for planning our monthly speakers and programs and for wiping tables down, too!
- Kudos to Becky, Guy, Bobbie, and Evelyn for their efforts on planning for the Fall Gemboree.
- Kudos to Gene, Tom, Paul, and Bob for their work on the machines downstairs.
- And finally, kudos to all those volunteers whom I have forgotten to mention. (Please let me know who I might have missed.)

April Shop Tender Days:

During the month of April, Dave Macseoinin, John Kerr, Kathi Hampton 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:

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

April 6th, 2021 Summit Lapidary Club Meeting Minutes:

Platform: Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

Megan Shaeffer from the Summit County Metro Parks gave a talk about the Chert/Flint found in Ohio. It was very informative and showed the different sites in Ohio where it could be found. She has taught archeology at both Akron and Kent Universities.

Gene brought up the change to the second Tuesday of the month for our meetings at the Polish American Club (PAC). The Board meetings will stay the same. Sandy will change the web site to meeting on the second Tuesday which will start on June 8.

Christmas Party- Becky made a \$ 140 deposit on the PAC for Dec. 11. She is looking into the catering for the event. Becky will contact Nancy for the check.

Tumbling Contest- Mary M. proposed the club to host a tumbling contest. She will look into the feasibility. Susanne volunteered to help. Tom M. advised that all contest rules be in writing before the contest runs.

Big Dig- David R. will be contacting the backhoe person for a date and time. It will be sometime around the end of June or July.

Saw 1- It was reported that saw 1 was down. Gene went in and fixed it and it is back up and running.

Gene thanked Courtney for the virtual tour of the club house.

Susanne reported that the club owed her \$ 32 minus \$ 6. Becky will take to Nancy about check for \$26.00.

Flint Ridge trip for April 11 is on our web site. We will meet at the club house at 8:30 and leave at 9:00. The rain date is April 25.

Old business- Joyce said the mine safety class will be held on May 6 and 7. 9 people have already signed up for each day. She will have a waiting list if anyone is interested.

New business- The Parma club will have a rock and gem show on May 15-16. The details are on their facebook page.

Mineral club's April 10th meeting with feature "Crystals as Spiritual Alias".

18 people were at the zoom meeting.

Becky made a motion to end the meeting and Sandy second it.

Gems provided by members:

The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) Regional Show & Annual Convention is being planned in Syracuse, NY. Currently, we are still in a holding pattern until the State of NY begins lifting restrictions on in person gatherings. For updates and more info, please check the Convention web page: EFMLS.org/annual-convention

Brad's Tips

SEPARATING DISCS

Separating Discs (also called Cutoff Wheels) are inexpensive and do a great job cutting or shaping steel. You can use them to sharpen tool points, cut piano wire to length, make slots, and sharpen worn drills. Other uses include modifying pliers and making your own design stamps.

My preference is the one inch diameter size. Be sure to hold the wheel firmly so nothing moves to break the disc, and definitely wear your safety glasses. Those are little flakes of steel coming off the disk.

BTW - Separating Discs are rather poor at soft metals like copper, silver and gold. Soft metals clog up the cutting edges.



DEBURRING JUMP RINGS

When cutting jump rings from large gauge wire for chain making, you'll notice the saw leaves a small burr. An easy way to remove these is to tumble the rings with some fine-cut pyramids. It's best not to tumble for a long period with the pyramids because it will remove the polished finish from the wire.

No tumbler, no problem. You don't actually need a tumbler. I just put a handful of pyramids in a wide mouth plastic jar and shake for a bit. You can find these pyramids in the tumble finishing section of most jewelry supply catalogs.



Happy hammering,

- Brad Smith

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