

Summit Gem - October 2021 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

October 12th, 2021 Monthly Meeting
(the SECOND Tuesday of the month!)
will be held in person and online
at 7:00 PM at the Polish American Club



The Polish American Club (PAC) is located at 472 Glenwood Ave, Akron 44310. The invitations to the Zoom meeting are sent to those who have provided their email addresses.

<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/confetti-party-streamers-birthday-5049190/>



It's here! It's finally here! Come one, come all!

Our Fall 2021 Gemboree!
October 23rd and 24th
at Emidio's Party Center

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: October 12th, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

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/meeting/tZEscO6qqTsiEtRXaIHuwrR1ZccERk5CjT_XO/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtrzwTGN0VubGHRpwMBY_CKOrwtmJHj7dvpB7MKzVEUFLMNeFnALkqM9Lk



Or you can join the Zoom Meeting right here!



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

Meeting ID: 851 7727 0880

Passcode: 637360

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

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

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

Program: *Cricket's Adventures in the World: Including the Woo Woo*

Cricket Jones is a real gem: A prolific maker of re-vamped jewelry and a community artist development outreach coordinator ... and via Cricket's Adventures in the World, one who channels poems and encourages becoming a complete Love person.



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President's Message – by Gene Willis

This month is a big one for the club. We are co-sponsoring the Fall 2021 Gemboree with the Akron Mineral Society. And nominations for all positions of our officers and for one trustee are due next month.

Becky Kosco, the show chairperson still has openings that must be filled for this year's Gemboree by the members of these two clubs. This is an opportunity to make this show a success and to complete your obligation towards being a member in good standing in your respective club. Please be aware that there will be a Gemboree meeting before the general meeting on Tuesday, October 12th, at 6:00pm. Please be involved, and help Becky to pull off a successful 2021 show. She is working very hard for the show to be a success and she needs ALL of us to lend a hand and to volunteer for as many hours as we can.

Many thanks to Sandy Shorter for contacting club members to bring their membership up to date and to see if they can help out with the Gemboree. Many thanks also to those who have already signed up.

Be safe, be happy,
Gene Willis

Gemboree from Becky:

It's here!!! Our Fall Gemboree is just days away - October 23rd-24th!

You can email Becky at kingtoast@aol.com. We need you for all the hours you're able to help!
The Gemboree Sign-up Genius is up and running!

Our Gemboree is less than a week away! Last week we got a look at our Storage room and it is none the worse for wear. Concerned the nearly two-year hiatus would leave everything covered with two inches of dust, we were happy to find everything in good order. The overhead lights have all been changed to LED so you can really see and the area looks bigger. The new lighting will really help.

The Delta variant is still causing problems in our area. We plan to do everything we can to make our show as safe as possible. We have lots of hand sanitizer and wipes. There will be a sign that asks people to wear a mask and social distance. This is going to be a "transitional" year – changes will be made that may just be for this show. We are not going to have a Children's Activity table, so we're replacing that with a Treasure Hunt activity that will encourage the kids to move about the show. If you previously enjoyed volunteering at the Kid's table consider the Treasure Hunt.

We want our admissions area to be as safe as possible. Laura Thomas has agreed to loan us a large plastic shield. I also ordered kn95 masks for admission volunteers (as well as regular disposable masks). Our hospitality area may also be different – Bonnie Willis has been working out the details. Don't worry there will be donuts.



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Garry Getz will be doing Mineral ID at our Gemboree. Garry is a Geologist and the author of the ODNR pamphlet on Ohio Flint. I know we all have something we are not sure about – can't quite remember or maybe never knew what it was. Bring it to the Gemboree and find out!

I have scheduled a Gemboree Meeting before the SLC meeting on Oct 12th at 6pm. It will be at the Polish American Club. This is the time each lead can bring up any needs or problems so we have time to address the issues. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact me before with any issues or information you want conveyed.

Thank you to everyone who has been so helpful. There really are an amazing number of details and so many people that come together to make thing happen.

ROCK ON!
Becky Koscsó

SLC Dues – (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
Cuyahoga Falls, Oh 44221

Board Meeting highlights:

1. The regular annual audit of our club's finances will be conducted, and a committee will be appointed to review the club's financial practices.
2. Board meeting notes are filed in a notebook located in our storage/cloakroom.
3. Cathy Milhoan needs to know who has keys to the building. See her at the meeting.
4. Club trips have been tabled until Covid issues are resolved.
5. Members should contact Evelyn Tryon and Joyce Kish for signing up for a Christmas Party.
6. To clarify any possible misunderstanding, any member who wishes to be a vendor at future Gemborees should contact the vendor chair (currently Evelyn Tryon) for consideration on a rotating basis and members must comply with the vendor contract just as other vendors must.
7. A following by-law change of Section II Family membership was proposed by Doug Shorter. The board voted against the proposed change. It will be read for the first time at the October meeting.

By-law change for SLC proposed by Doug Shorter

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:

Saturday, October 16th at 9:00 am.

Bagging rocks for the Gem Mining at the Gemboree – please come and help us at the clubhouse!

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.



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.

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:

Members who paid the deposit should be getting email updates on the status of classes for next year. Refunds were given to all who applied. Registration is expected to open online in December when the WH website is complete. Our group will be pre-registered as in the past. (This group is currently limited to those who planned to go last year.) There will be two Tuesday-night auctions at William Holland this month, on October 12th & 26th.

Sunshine News from Mari: Mari is still recovering. She hopes to rejoin us soon. Get well, Mari!

GeoJuniors Program Information from Becky:

In September Lisa Troxell made a special presentation on metal detectors at the meeting for GeoJuniors. Lisa demonstrated how to use several different devices for metal detecting and she gave hands-on training. She

taught the attendees the motion to use to search and to recognize the sound or notification when something metallic has been found. She also gave practical advice as to how not to be fooled by large metal posts or pipes that can give a false positive. She seeded the yard for this exercise and the GeoJuniors had great fun in finding metal items in our lawn. I do believe she was quite successful with training our GeoJuniors in this skill. Thank you Lisa!

Library news from Doug Shorter:

We would like to thank Evelyn Tryon for her generous donation of four books to our library in memory of John Tryon. The books donated are: Wire Work An Illustrated Guide to the Art of Wire Wrapping, Moods in Wire, New Directions in Punched Metal Jewelry, and Weave Wrap Coil Creating Artisan Wire Jewelry. These books will be available for check out from the library in the next couple of weeks. I am sure most of you knew John Tryon, long time member of both AMC and SLC. He touched the lives of many members over the years, sharing his vast knowledge and skills. He is missed by us all. Thank you, Evelyn.

Newsletter from Mary: I would love to include more items from members. Please consider emailing me at SLCnewsletter2019@gmail.com with anything that you think that our club members might find helpful.

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.

Proposal to move the meetings back to the Quirk Center:

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.

One of the issues is building staffing – so if you know anyone who is looking for part-time work, perhaps mention this opportunity to them? They don't pay as much as fast foods and other places, but then again, one wouldn't be working on a hot grill either. If you might be interested in part-time (or even full-time work), please check out their website at www.cityofcf.com. Click on the Government tab, then Parks & Recreation. Scroll to almost the bottom of the page and click on Parks and Rec application. There are a number of job opportunities there. If you have questions, you can call Parks and Rec at 330-971-8225.

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 cthymilhoan@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 16th, 23rd and 24th!
- 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?
- 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, hoist the main, 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. It's OUR clubhouse. ... and I promise kudos to volunteers (if I know about their efforts).

Kudos to Our September Volunteers:

- Kudos to Susie for keeping the pop, paper products, water, and all the other supplies refilled.

- 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. Congratulate him on passing his probationary period at work!
- Kudos to David Mac, Kathi Hampton, Mary Myers, and John Kerr for being shop tenders for the month of September. And to Kathi for her excellent notes, and to Cathy for her tracking of members.
- Kudos to Courtney Cable for planning our monthly meetings, speakers, and programs.
- Kudos to Becky, Guy, Bobbie, Kim, and Evelyn for their efforts on the Gemboree.
- Kudos to Joyce, Skeeter, Andy, Anette, and Suzanne for coordinating our members' contributions for the Children's Hospital Christmas tree this year.
- Kudos to Lisa Troxell for giving a wonderful presentation to the GeoJuniors on metal detecting!
- Kudos to Gene, Tom, Bob, Tom, and all who keep our saws and equipment running!
- 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.

October Shop Tender Days:

During the month of October, Dave Macseoinin, Kathi Hampton, John Kerr, and Mary Myers have volunteered to be 'shop tenders' for any of our club members who do not have a key to the club, or for new members who would like to learn to use our equipment.

Shop tenders can open the club for you and be on hand if you have questions about the equipment downstairs. New members will be able to work on making some slabs or cabochons, but you must make an appointment with one of our shop tenders.

You can call or text David Macseoinin at 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 September 14, 2021

Platform: In-person and Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

Program- Beth Wild gave a talk on Perma-culture and the importance of using rocks to stop erosion.

Treasurer- Laura said the Mineral's checking account had a fraudulent attack. The Big Dig cost has been paid.

Sunshine- Bonnie passed around another card for Mari. She is having trouble with physical therapy from the knee replacement. If anyone needs a card sent please contact Bonnie.

Library- Doug requests that if you have outstanding books to return them to the library. Suggestions for additional books will be accepted.

Newsletter- Mary said the newsletter went out yesterday. Joyce, Andy and Annette are on the Christmas tree committee. Sandy made a motion to approve the August minutes, Bob seconded and they were approved. Becky made a motion to approve the July minutes and Mary seconded and they were approved.

Gemboree- Becky wanted to check the storage unit on Thursday to see if anything needs fixing before the show. She ordered N95 masks for members use during the show. We are encouraged to sign up for at least 4 hours on sign-up genius. She is looking for members to work admissions and silent auction. There are usually 2 members per shift.

Square Dance Show in May 2022- We will have 10 ft. space and 2 chairs. Members who want to sell jewelry will get 80% and the club will get 20% of sales. Gene expects 500 couples. We are looking at selling belt buckles, bolo ties, broaches, necklaces etc. with the western theme. Evelyn mentioned getting glass top display cases with locks for expensive pieces.

GeoJr- Evelyn found rough-cut cabochons. Sandy polished them and returned them to Evelyn for the GeoJrs.

Machine maintenance- All saws are up and running. Thanks to Gene, Bob, Tom and Tommy for their help. The tumbler is up and running.

Building report- We are in good shape.

Membership- We have a new member, Jason Hite. Cathy asked for a list of people who have keys and the paper was circulated at the meeting.

William Holland- Sandy said the people who requested a refund for the trip have been paid. Registration for the next year should begin next month. The donations for William Holland box are in the back room at the club, in the bucket above the shelf where pop is stored.

Midwest Federation Meeting- David said Sandy will work on the Public Image Committee and Bob Powers is on the Programming Committee. The poster contest was brought up with 15 states and 40 posters entered. There are many contests on the federation site. The All-American Award is awarded to each region that shows a book of evidence of what the club was involved in that year. They have endowment funds and scholarships for the members. There are 120 clubs in the Midwest federation. You can make a Living Honorary donation to the group.

Christmas tree project- Joyce is holding a couple of meetings to get together to make flint ornaments, Sept 16 at 1:00, Sept 21 at 7:00, and Sept 28 at 1:00 at the club. There is a sign-up sheet up front.

Classes- Kathi is holding a twisted wire bracelet class on Thursday, Sept 23 at 7:00 at the club.

Bagging rocks for the Gemboree will be Oct 16 at 9:30 at the club.

Auntie Laura is doing the Christmas earrings class Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6:00. Non-members may come.

Contact Ron Maitland if you want to learn faceting.

The next silver-smithing class will be on Sept. 25, Sat. at 1:00 at the club.

Mineral club- Looking for new members. Dues is \$10 for individual and \$15 for family. Dues will go towards next year's dues.

PAC is having a murder mystery program this Saturday.

Mensa offers scholarships with a 550-word essay.

Evelyn gave a eulogy for her husband, John Tryon, who passed away in December. She donated 4 books to the club library in his memory.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gene seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

Gems provided by members:

BRAD'S BENCH TIPS

LAYOUT TOOLS

Dimensions on some features of a design can be fluid while others must be accurate for the design to work. When precision on a piece is important, good layout techniques are essential.

These are the tools that I rely upon to get holes in the right place, to achieve correct angles, and to cut pieces the correct length.



I like crisp sharp lines to follow, so I often coat surfaces with a dark marker and scribe my layout lines onto the metal. A square makes quick work of checking right angles or marking where to cut, and the thin center punch helps me mark a place to drill holes exactly where I want them.

Finally, a good set of dividers is probably my favorite layout tool. They let me quickly mark a strip for cutting, swing an arc, and divide a line or curve into as many equal segments as I need. I keep at least one set of dividers in every toolbox.

INVENTORY RECORD

In an ideal world each of us who sells jewelry has a good record with photos of all pieces in our inventory. We use it for insurance purposes, to record the cost to produce, to note where the item was sent on consignment, and maybe to store descriptive text for marketing. Eventually, we note in the record when the piece was sold and for how much.

It's nice to also have good pictures of each piece, but sometimes we don't have time for a full-on photo session. In situations like this it's worth doing a quick group shot with the help of a phone, camera, scanner, or even a color copier. The quality is at least sufficient for an accurate identification in case a piece is lost. Happy hammering, Brad Smith

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

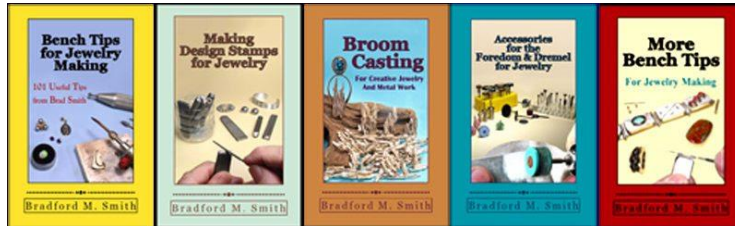
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Resource: <http://amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith>

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

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



Here is a beautiful little poem by Michaela Macko, the pre-teen granddaughter of one of our members, Joyce Kish. (Reprinted with permission).



Oma

Her hands are wrinkled and fragile,
yet still steady and precise.

Every wire caresses the precious stone
to only increase its beauty.

Her cave is a time machine filled with
sacred artifacts and many machines.

After watching very closely, I finally
take a breath and ask, "How do you always
make it look so nice?"

With a smile and slight turn of her head
she replies, "There are no mistakes,
only new designs."

-Michaela Macko



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>

October 23-24, 2021 CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO – Our GEMBOREE!

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

November 20-21, 2021 Body Mind Spirit Expo

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

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

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

News from the Polish American Citizens Club:

They are holding a **SPAGHETTI DINNER** on Monday Oct 18, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Costs for Adults - \$10.00, Children under 6 -- \$5.00

The dinner includes Salad, Bread, and Dessert



picture provided by the PAC

And to brighten your day, a little humor from website of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (<https://www.amfed.org/rockhoun.htm>):

You Might Be a Rockhound If

(Part 1)

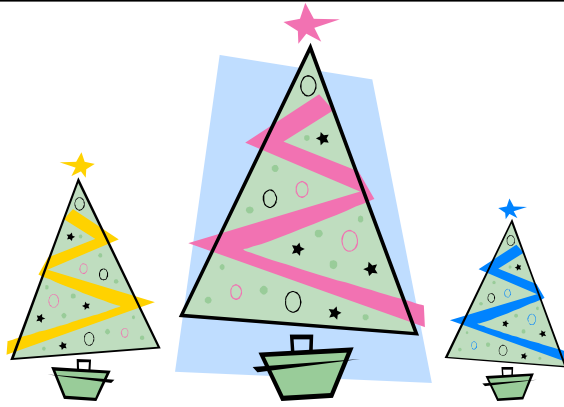
- .. You think road cuts are built as tourist attractions.
- .. You describe your vacations by the rocks you brought home.
- .. The rockpile in your garage is over your head.
- .. Your PC screen saver features pictures of rocks.
- .. You find rocks when you empty your pockets at night.
- .. You went to a rock festival and you hate music.
- .. You gave rocks, tumblers, or rock tools for Christmas.
- .. When friends say they're going to Tucson, you assume it'll be in February.
- .. You can find Quartzsite on a map in less than 5 seconds.
- .. When someone mentions "Franklin" you think of New Jersey rather than Ben.

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You Might Be a Rockhound here in Ohio If

- You have personally met the sweet Mrs. Nethers, paid her for your flint, and sat with her for a chat.
 - You know that Ohio's General Assembly officially adopted flint as Ohio's official gemstone in 1965.
 - You call our state gemstone 'flint' - (and not 'chert' because chert rhymes with dirt, and that's what we wash off the flint we dig at the sweet Mrs. Nether's farm.)
 - You carry Ohio flint with you on vacation to trade for other rocks, or to raise the awareness of our state's wonderfully colored gemstone.
 - You know where and when the Gemboree is held every year, and you've attended it!
 - Arrowheads have a special place in your heart.
 - You know where the best flint knapping is taught (why, on Flint Ridge in Ohio, of course!).
 - You have a collection of Nellie blue and you know that Nellie blue doesn't refer to Loch Ness in any way.
- (And by the way, what do spouses say to rockhounds? ... "Don't take us for granite!")**

This list was written by Mary Myers and Kathi Hampton, members of the Summit Lapidary Club.



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*