

Summit Gem - April 2022 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

April 12th, 2022 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.



Here is the 2022 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: Member's Meeting (Rekurs Monthly, 2022)
Every month on the Second Tue, until Dec 13, 2022, 12 occurrence(s)

Apr 12, 2022 07:00 PM

May 10, 2022 07:00 PM

Jun 14, 2022 07:00 PM

Jul 12, 2022 07:00 PM

Aug 9, 2022 07:00 PM

Sep 13, 2022 07:00 PM

Oct 11, 2022 07:00 PM

Nov 8, 2022 07:00 PM

Dec 13, 2022 07:00 PM



Here is the link for the monthly MEMBER'S Meetings



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81742465223?pwd=OS9jOTFjdjhZODJTTWVZaWM5NDQrdz09>

MEMBERS' MEETINGS



MEMBERS' MEETING ID: 817 4246 5223

Passcode: 526586

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.*

And here is the 2022 link for the monthly BOARD MEETINGS

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82749786164?pwd=VjNBNTRUQVltOHFTVHc2QjdUR3NtQT09>

BOARD MEETINGS



BOARD MEETING ID: 827 4978 6164

Passcode: 234899

Topic: Summit Lapidary Board Meeting, 7:00 PM (recurs monthly, 2022). Time: Mar 29, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada). The last Tuesday of each month, until December, 2022, 12 occurrences.

Apr 26, 2022 07:00 PM

May 31, 2022 07:00 PM

Jun 28, 2022 07:00 PM

Jul 26, 2022 07:00 PM

Aug 30, 2022 07:00 PM

Sep 27, 2022 07:00 PM

Oct 28, 2022 07:00 PM

Nov 29, 2022 07:00 PM

Dec 27, 2022 07:00 PM

Program: Jason Adams

Jason will again be joining us to show us his latest beautiful items that he has obtained. He has some new things that he will be sharing with us. If you have not heard him speak before – be sure to be there. He is extremely knowledgeable and always keeps your interest! We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday April 12th at 7 pm at the Polish American Club. Let's fill the building for Jason!

President's Message – by Gene Willis

The Spring Gemboree will be coming up in a very short time, so please if you have not signed up to help during the show, please do so. The club members who will also be vendors have already signed up to fulfill their 4 hours which are required for continuing their membership in good standing. I, for one, thank our members who could fill the vendors' open slots.

Evelyn has worked very hard to fill all the vendors' spaces, but due to covid, deaths, and retirements of past vendors she understood the need of accepting club members as vendors as long as they could actually fulfill all the requirements and costs to be a show vendor, as well as maintaining their membership in good standing, and while adding to the quality of our show.

Additionally, to be clear with everyone, Evelyn will only accept club members as vendors on a rotational basis, and **ONLY** when outside vendors cannot be contracted to fulfill the needs of our show. This year, our Spring Gemboree actually had FIVE vendor openings left and that would have meant both a loss of income and a loss of quality of our Gemboree. The members who took on the role of being vendors added nicely to our show with their beautifully presented booths.

Please come and support our Gemboree.

Be safe, be happy, and be well.

Gene Willis

GEMBOREE NEWS from Becky:

Our Spring 2022 is this month – April 23rd & 24th at Emidio's Expo Center!

Sign up Genius has been up and running since February for you to sign up for your volunteer sites. I need everyone to let me know where and when you will be – this really makes the show run smoother. If you are having problems locating or signing into Sign up Genius please contact Kin Evangelisti or Mary Myers for assistance. They will also have their lap tops at the Summit Lapidary Club meeting April 12th at the Polish American Club to help sign you up. I realize there are things in life that can prevent you from working a show – If that is the case please let me know if you cannot work.

Covid is increasing in Europe but at this time we are good to go on with our Spring Show. The CDC has lifted the mask mandate but I want everyone to feel free to follow your own preference. We will have masks to hand out and sanitation supplies. In the area of Hospitality we are returning to members bringing in food to share. Please donate something that doesn't require special handling.

I need help with advertising on Facebook and/or other social media. If you can take this on please call me. Sandy and Evelyn have been contacting their usual clubs and businesses – thank you for that. As a club member please help get the word out. You could repost the Gemboree flyer to your Facebook page. Get flyers at the clubhouse or at a club meeting – carry them with you and hand them out to everyone. There are clings for your windows at the clubhouse. Help get the word out – the more people through the door the better the show. Happy Venders, Happy Show!

Many members work all year to make our Gemboree a success I thank each and every one of you. Together we'll have a fun and hopefully profitable show!

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will be in the Lobby at our Spring Gemboree! They will provide information about Ohio's resources and also our State Parks. They will be there both Saturday and Sunday during the Gemboree providing information to our attendees. Be sure to welcome our fellow rock lovers!



Evelyn Tryon has led the GeoJrs this year for Summit Lapidary Club. This is where we rope the kids into a life of being obsessed with rocks. Evelyn has several Juniors who are very excited about the program . At least two will provide a display case to be judged. Be sure to check this out at the Spring Gemboree. The GeoJrs meet at the Clubhouse the 2nd Sunday of each month. Keep up the good work Evelyn!

We will again have the Square at the Gemboree to enable us to accept credit cards. Laura Thomas will be across from the admissions table both Saturday and Sunday. We will also have a square to accept payment at Silent Auction, Geode cracking and at the Gem Mine. We saw a large increase in sales as a result of being able to accept credit/debit cards.

Hope your New Year ROCKS!! – Becky

Memo to Members – from Evelyn Tryon
MAKING OUR CLUBS AND GEMBOREES BETTER

First thing I'd like to say is Thank You to all our members who appreciate our group and work hard to make it better.

Second, I've been a member since January 1982, when I joined with John as his future wife. That same year, I volunteered to help with the Gemboree in April and have been involved in the shows ever since.

I have been working with our club since then ... doing different things. I believe in our organization and what we stand for. I continue to try to do what is best for our Clubs and our Gemshows and to do it in a timely manner. I already have one contract for Fall 2022 and the show is already listed on the Rock & Gem's Website.

Just this weekend, when we invited people to come to our show, the answer was an exuberant, "YES!! ... It is a really good show. We want to be there." Many of our vendors believe we have one of the best shows in OHIO.

Now to my request for our members ... If you have suggestions on how to make Our Club and/or our Show BETTER, talk to the persons who can make it happen.

It does not help to chit chat or criticize behind our backs ... that only makes for a poor atmosphere in our club and causes some people to not want to be a part of our group.

If you go to a show and see a vendor or a dealer who would be good in our show, get a card, tell them about our show, give them my name and phone # then give me the information so I can contact them If we can invite them to our next show or put them on a waiting list for a future show, you will be glad to have helped us. At this show, we have some vendors who are new to us ... We have at least two new persons who want to come in Fall 2022. Whether they will want to come back; depends on how we treat them and how we treat each other while they are visiting us, and that is up to you, our members.

In addition, if you observe and/or have a poor experience with a vendor, you should report that to our Show Chair, Becky, or to me – the Dealer Chair. We need to address it while at the show.

Personally, I strive to make our vendors feel welcome, appreciated, and wanted. You can help do that too. I try to make sure each show is as balanced as I can make it. So we have minerals, fossils, rocks, beads, stones, finished jewelry, geodes, supplies, and more. Again you can help make it better by giving us information so we can contact, research, and add to our show. TOGETHER, we can make an awesome team that has the BEST GEM SHOW IN OHIO.

SLC Dues – 2022 Dues are now way past due.

Dues include the initial registration fee of \$25, plus ANNUAL DUES of \$48 per year and just \$44 if paid before March 1st. Dues can be brought to our meetings or sent to Summit Lapidary Club, 244 Chestnut Blvd., Cuyahoga Falls, Oh 44221.

March 29th, 2022 Board Meeting highlights: - provided by Evelyn Tryon

7:00PM, Gene called the meeting to order.

Mary reviewed the zoom rules.

Laura Thomas – no new financial report.

Laurie McElroy will work with Kristin Morrow on the Gemboree finances.

Membership report – Kathy Milhoan reported 11 paid memberships. Nothing on new members was available at this time.

Bob Spore – rock bagging for the Gemboree will be on 04/16/2022.

Guy – waiting to see what we need to do about the siding on the building and will check with Evelyn to see if she has pieces available if we can just repair inside of reside the building.

Silver smithing class is scheduled for April 2nd.

Sunshine news: Dawn Carey had spinal surgery. Dave Macseoinin, Kathy Milhoan, and Laura Thomas have had illnesses.

Website issues: The administrators for the website need to change some items there on our various sites.

GeoJuniors will have some displays at our Gemboree.

Square Dance vendor contract: Need volunteers and items. Contact Kathi Hampton or Mary Myers.

Old Business – Gene is going to order mineral oil at \$50 per 5 gallon pails. It is an orange scented mineral oil for our saws.

Stow Munroe Falls Library – Evelyn will send a write up to Gene for approval and then take it to the library with flyers. No one had agreed to go yet.

Midwest Foundation news – They want the names of members who were deceased since 10/2021 – please send these to Sandy Shorter.

Big Dig – David Rich will coordinate that this year.

John Kerr – will forward the information on our ATT account to Laura Thomas.

April's Board Meeting will be held on April 26th.

Classes and Events:

Saturday, April 2nd, Noon: Metalsmithing Class #2, forged penannular pin with two small cabochons. Join Dave Macseoinin and Kathi Hampton in forging a penannular pin out of copper or silver, and set it with two small cabochons (which are 8mm or smaller) in bezels on the spatulas. You will need some 10 or 12 gauge wire (we can provide a piece of copper wire). You will need some bezel wire (6 inches or less), and 2 small cabochons.

Tuesday, April 12th, 7:00pm: SLC Members' meeting at the Polish American Club.

Saturday, April 16th, 8:30 or 9:00am: Gemboree Rock Bagging at the clubhouse

Please join other volunteers to bag rocks for the Gemboree Gem Mine at the clubhouse. This goes quickly with many hands to help – we set up an assembly line and we are finished almost before we begin!

Saturday and Sunday, April 23rd-24th: It's our Spring Gemboree!

Tuesday, April 26th, 7:00pm: The Board Meeting is scheduled at the clubhouse and on Zoom.

Saturday, May 7th, Noon: David Macseoinin offered another silversmithing class at the clubhouse.

Tuesday, May 10th, 6:00pm: Gemboree Lead's meeting at the Polish American Club.

Tuesday, May 10th, 7:00pm: SLC Members' meeting at the Polish American Club.

Saturday, May 21st: The Geo Fair is scheduled in to be held Cincinnati.

Saturday, May 28th: The GeoJuniors are planning a trip to Flint Ridge.

Tuesday, May 31st, 7:00pm: The Board Meeting at the clubhouse.

Sunday, June 12th: GeoJuniors will be meeting at the clubhouse.

New Series of Metal Smithing Classes to be offered:

Dave and Mary have designed a series of classes that will build upon each other to advance your skill set. Each one brings a new technique that you have not done before. First is a simple pendant with a half ring bail to a brooch with spring back pin and catch. After taking these classes you will be able to tackle most projects with more confidence than before. (Maybe you will be encouraged to design a new piece and enter the club's Contest!) Some dates have been selected after which a set monthly date will chosen by all of us to allow you to obtain the metal supplies and cut or buy your stone selections to be set. Check out the March newsletter for more dates for the planned classes. Each class will build upon the skills from the earlier classes, so classes should ideally be taken sequentially.

Metalsmithing classes in copper, silver, or brass – participants must furnish their own metal (20 or 22 gauge copper, silver or brass sheet, bezel wire, and hard, medium, and soft solder) and appropriate stones. V-rock carries all these, or you can order online from any number of vendors, including Rio Grande and many others.

Beginning metal smithing classes:

- class 1: Simple pendant with simple half ring bail (using a 25x18mm cabochon) (March 19th)
- class 2: Forged penannular pin, with two small cabochons (8mm or smaller) on the spatulas (April 2nd)
- class 3: Decorative pendant (using approx. a 25x18mm cabochon) with a tube bail

Intermediate metal smithing classes:

- class 4: Ring (using a 10x13 cabochon), with simple shank
- class 5: Decorative ring (with a cabochon of choice), with double shank or split shank

Advanced

- class 6: Pendant [using one or more cabochon(s) of choice] with a hinge
- class 7: Pin (using a cabochon of choice) with a spring back
- class 8: Channel inlay pendant, pin, or belt buckle

Would anyone be interested in acquiring or increasing your smithing skills?

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 be aware of common-sense health 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: Planned for the week of Sept. 11th, 2022. There are still openings available if anyone is interested. Contact Sandy Shorter @ 440-479-0069. WH is requiring proof of full vaccinations to attend class, either the card or a photo copy of the card will suffice.

Sunshine News:

I really miss Mari and her sunshine news. We have had many members who have suffered from illnesses, falls, surgeries, or other health related concerns earlier this year, including our very own Susie Shoffner, Dave Macseoinin, Kathy Milhoan, Kristin Morrow, Laura Thomas, and Mary Myers. Some of our members are traveling, and some are even out of the country.

Is anyone willing to step up and track members so that we can keep in better touch with those who are ill or have been injured?

GeoJuniors Program Information from Evelyn: Geojuniors are meeting on April 10th.

Library news from Doug Shorter: Please return your materials on Saturday mornings. You can also usually check out items on Saturday mornings.

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.

Proposal to move the meetings back to the Quirk Center:

For now, we're continuing to meet at the Polish American Club, probably through at least June of 2022.

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 can be sent to the clubhouse. (The address was provided on page 1).

Miscellaneous items:**Calls for Volunteers:**

We need volunteers!

- Spring Gemboree: PLEASE SIGN UP THROUGH SIGN-UP GENIUS! We will need many volunteers for our Spring Gemboree on April 23-24, 2022.
- We need rock baggers on Saturday, April 16th at 8:30 or 9:00am. Don't be late for this one! 😊
- We are still looking for members to help with the Rock Tumbler Role at the club.
- Any members planning on rocking vacations?
- We need members to help with saw cleaning monthly. It's not difficult, it's just messy diving into the oil.
- We need members to help with machine maintenance. These individuals will need some mechanical skills.
- We also need members to volunteer to vacuum once in a while, wipe down surfaces, clean the restrooms, swab the floor, sweep the decks, hoist the main, that sort of thing. It's OUR clubhouse. ... and I promise kudos to volunteers (if I know about their efforts).

Kudos to our last month's volunteers:

- Thanks to everyone who has helped this past month – there are really way too many names to mention individually. By the way, the clubhouse is looking good! Thanks to all for helping with that.

Shop Tender Days:

During the month of April, 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. It is so nice to see members coming back 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 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 March 8th, 2022

Platform: In-person and Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

Gene called the meeting to order.

Zoom meeting is up and running. Mary purchased a new speaker and microphone that will work with her computer.

Board meetings- We have an agenda to get through and will open the meeting up to questions at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer- PAC rental is paid up, 2 new 80 grit wheels were ordered. Laura contacted Joe (snow removal) and he will shovel the sidewalks and steps so we will be able to get mail delivered.

Membership- Cathy is recovering from surgery. Laura will send her information on the 11 new members.

Gemboree- Becky had a meeting with the leads before tonight's meeting. Kim will work the children's table. Guy is doing the display cases so contact him or Susanne if you want to display your work. Hospitality is back and Bonnie will need help with set up. We will be going back to the way we had members volunteer to bring food during the Gemboree. Laura is going out of town so bring your receipts to her during the Gemboree.

March 16 at 6:30 PM we will be attaching the gem trees to rocks. Rock bagging will be April 16 at 9:00- 9:30 at the clubhouse. We will need help on those 2 days, consider volunteering to help.

ODNR will be in the lobby. Mary will send emails again to members for sign up genius.

New member- Mark Rubin has purchased a Facetron machine and already working on cutting gems.

Building Maintenance- We are considering just replacing the siding panels instead of residing the building.

Newsletter- Mary sent out copies of both February and March newsletters today.

Review minutes from December meeting.

Metalsmithing- David and Mary have set up an (8) class series for metalsmithing. There is a sign up sheet at the club. The first class is on the basic pendant will be March 19 at noon. Members need to bring their own metal and cabochon to class. Metal can be silver, brass or copper.

Sunshine- Members that are on the mend. Rosemary is here with us tonight. Kristen is feeling better. Susanne's knee is healing.

Geo Jrs.- Evelyn didn't have many kids this month. She sends out 200 emails every month regarding meetings. They are studying Minerals and this month they are focusing on fracture and cleavage. The meetings are the second Sunday of every month.

Website- Bob is helping Sandy with the website. Any questions can be directed to him.

Square Dance Show- The show is May 6-7. We will need coverage from 9 am to 11 pm both days. It will be held at the Betram Inn in Aurora. Kathi and I have scheduled a room for both nights. Call the Betram Inn directly if you want to reserve a room. Members showing their pieces are Evelyn, Susanne, Mark and Kristen, Tom and Rosemary and Kathi and Mary. Contact either Mary or Kathi with questions.

Old Business- Gene is looking into ordering oil for the saws. Some members use mineral oil which has an orange scent. A barrel will cost in the neighborhood of \$500.

New Business- Stow Munroe Falls Library contacted Gene for someone to give an hour lecture on Ohio flint and Lapidary work. Evelyn will follow up as to when.

Big Dig- Lyle asked if there will be a Big Dig this year. David is out in Arizona and it will have to wait until he returns.

Soft Opening- Jonnie Konich is having a soft opening of his store, The Hidden Pocket, on March 10, 11 and 12 from 1:00 to 9:00. Members are invited to come and check out his store.

Bob made a motion to adjourn meeting and Kristen seconded.

Gems provided by members:

COLORING EPOXY

There are two ways to add color when you are using epoxies. The first is to add a powdered material like colored chalk, charcoal, or powdered colors from an art supply store. One that I particularly like is a set of pastel glitter powders. A second way is to add a liquid pigment like nail polish, model airplane paint, or tinting pigments from a marine supplies store.

In preparing epoxy for use, the important things are to use exactly equal parts of the two components and to thoroughly mix them together. Coloring material can be added at any time. If I'm making just a small amount, I squeeze out equal sized droplets onto a piece of scrap paper or aluminum foil and mix thoroughly with a toothpick.



To mix larger amounts of epoxy, I use a gram scale to weigh the first component. Then I zero the scale and weigh out the same amount of the second component, add coloring if needed, and mix.

If you are using 5-minute epoxy, the mixing needs to move quickly. But I like to work carefully when adding color. So I squeeze out equal sized droplets side by side on the scrap paper. Then I work with just one of the droplets to add the colors. The 5-minute clock only starts when you mix in the second droplet.

More smart solutions for your jewelry making problems can be found in my metal arts books on Amazon

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

And if you enjoy these tips on jewelry making, take a look at the sample chapters from:

> Bench Tips 1 - <http://amzn.to/1Z6hQ06>

> Bench Tips 2 - <http://amzn.to/2KCyqh4>

TRY A TOOTHPICK

The round, stronger toothpicks have a multitude of uses on the jewelry bench. I use them for mixing epoxy resin, for applying paste solder, and with Zam for polishing in tight spots.

Toothpicks are also handy for holding a small faceted stone while setting it. Just break off the sharp tip, mold a little beeswax over it, and press it onto the table of your stone.

From your newsletter editor - I noticed that I had left out an important paragraph in last month's newsletter about soldering prongs, so I am repeating this tip.

SOLDERING PRONGS

I often use prongs to hold an irregular cab or other object on rings and pendants. But prongs can be a little tricky to solder. You have to find some way to hold them all upright while soldering, and the simple butt joint that looks strong sometimes breaks when you start to bend the prong over the stone. There's nothing worse than having a prong break off when you're setting the stone *#~*!

I solved both problems with one little trick. It keeps the prongs in position for soldering, and it gives you a stronger joint at the same time.

Locate and center punch the position for each prong. Then drill holes a little smaller than your prong wire. Sand a small taper on the ends of your prong wires and stand them up in the holes. The wires support themselves, soldering is easy, and the joint is stronger because of the increased soldering area.

Happy hammering, Brad Smith

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

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

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

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



GemStreet USA

SEPTEMBER 23-25 CLEVELAND

Location: Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 19201 E Bagley Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

Hours: Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: General admission is \$6. Free for children under 12.

GemStreet USA

NOVEMBER 11-13 BUFFALO

Location: The Fairgrounds at Hamburg, 5600 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, NY 14075

Hours: Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: General admission is \$6. Free for children under 12.