

Summit Gem - June-July-August 2022 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

Sept. 13th, 2022 Monthly Meeting
(the SECOND Tuesday of the month!)

was 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.

NOTE: Unlike last year we will not be meeting this summer in July or August.

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.

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=OS9jOTFtdjhZODJTTWVZaWM5NDQrdz09>

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=VjNBNTRUQVItOHFTVHc2QjdUR3NtQT09>

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.

Aug 30, 2022 07:00 PM
Sep 27, 2022 07:00 PM

Oct 25, 2022 07:00 PM
Nov 29, 2022 07:00 PM

Dec 27, 2022 07:00 PM

President's Message – by Gene Willis

Bonnie and I have been busy, busy, busy with the garden and with life.

Just a few brief notes: Please plan to help with the Gemboree in October. Suggestion boxes have been installed at the clubhouse for both the Akron Mineral and Summit Lapidary clubs. And starting on September 1, 2022, the locks to the building will be changed. Anyone having old keys will be able to use them until the October meeting night. After that date, only the new keys will work.

Don't forget that the two clubs are having a picnic on Saturday, August 27th, 2022 at Donnie Shoffner's building, at 35 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls, Ohio. Lunch is at 2:00pm! Bring a dish to share, meat, buns, and some drinks will be provided. More information under class and events in this newsletter.

Stay safe and healthy,
Gene Willis

GEMBOREE NEWS from Becky:

Mother Nature did not cooperate with us concerning our Spring 2022 show – we had the 1st two beautiful weekend days to compete with. Our attendance through the door was 1776 customers which I am very happy with. The Fall Gemboree will be held on October 22nd and 23rd, 2022. It will be here before we know it!!!

I want to remind all club members you are required to work four hours at each Gemboree. I do realize that life happens and work, health and family issues can interfere with the best of plans. All I ask is that you let me know you cannot work as soon as you know. I am very grateful to all who worked so many hours and for some who worked the entire show. We had folks who worked the show who are not even club members. Jim Davis filled in for Frank Edwards and took the lead of Geode Cracking. Jerry Hartung helped from Set up to Tear down and his Mother Betty helped out at Children's Activities. Some of the Geo Junior parents helped at the Children's Activity table and setting up Display cases.

Gerry Getz, the Mineral ID expert, will be at our Fall Gemboree this year. We will also have a treasure hunt.

Advertising – HELP IS PARTICULARLY NEEDED for Social Media advertising!

Advertising for the show needs improvement. This is an area I really need help with. If you are tech savvy please contact me. I am grateful to all the members who posted ads for the show on their social media. Bob Powers has done a great job with the post cards which remain one of our most successful attendance draws. Evelyn has fliers already printed – there are many available at the clubhouse.

But we really need help advertising our show, especially by using social media. If you can help, please contact me.

Hospitality, food truck, coffee and donuts

Bonnie Willis is stepping down from being the lead of Hospitality. We are all very grateful for all she has done. She had to deal with the special circumstances of the Pandemic as well. Thank you, Bonnie! Kathi Hampton has agreed to take over as Hospitality Lead. Thank you, Kathi!

We plan to have a food truck that will provide concessions for our members, vendors and customers for both Saturday and Sunday of our show. I heard of several requests for water for our customers and vendors that can also be addressed this way. There will also be the usual coffee, water, and donuts provided by the club.

Sign-up Genius

The Sign-up Genius should be available by the September meeting. If you have any problems signing up, please call Kim Evangelisti.

I plan to schedule another Gemboree meeting so we can make sure that everything is covered. (Newsletter editor's note: Please see the notes for the Gemboree meeting on June 28th, posted later in this newsletter.)

We all have to work together to get the most out of every show. I am grateful to everyone who helped make this a successful show. If you have any questions, give me a call.

There will be a GEMBOREE MEETING – Tuesday, August 30th, at 6pm at the clubhouse!

We have only two meetings before our Fall Gemboree (Oct 22-23, 2022). Please meet at the Clubhouse August 30th at 6pm prior to the SLC Board meeting (which will begin at 7pm). Be sure to prepare with any problems you need addressed and or any anticipated expenses. I know I can count on all of you to pull off another successful Gemboree!

Let's look forward to a great Fall show!

Thanks, Becky

SLC Dues – 2023 Dues can be paid to Laura Thomas. The initial registration fee for new members is \$25.

The annual dues are \$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.**

2022 Summer Picnic Plans:

Saturday, August 27th, from 1:00 until 5:00pm - Lunch at 2:00pm at 35 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls, Ohio

Whatever in the earth's sediment would we do without Suzanne Shoffner and Evelyn Tryon???? They are wonder women! Suzanne contacted Akron Mineral Society and yes, we are doing a summer picnic. (Yeah!) Plans for the summer picnic are being coordinated by Evelyn Tryon. Please contact her and tell her 1). If you are coming, and 2.) What kind of hot or cold side dish or dessert you plan to bring. Please consider bringing a (wrapped) white elephant (hopefully rock oriented) for the bingo games. The meat (hotdogs and burgers) and drinks are being provided by the clubs. It will be held at Suzanne's brother's place, the old Lerner Community Center at 35 S. River Rd., in Munroe Falls. We hope to see all of our members there! Evelyn's phone number is 330-673-9664. You can try her email at etjtryon@juno.com but she is having some trouble with that right now.

William Holland Trip and information from Sandy: Fourteen of our members are now planning on going to our first post-covid-training trip for the week of Sept. 11th, 2022. This trip has been coordinated by Sandy Shorter, (phone: 440-479-0069). It was three years in the planning and covid rescheduling. Many thanks for your perseverance and grace in handling all these changes, Sandy!

Laura Thomas and Annie McNeally recently attended classes there. They offer their insights to us in the following article: **Tips and Tricks from our Travels to William Holland in July 2022.**

This is a long drive – best to break it up with an overnight stay. We left Friday Morning and drove to Sevierville, TN – right next to Pigeon Forge. We found a Cracker Barrel for dinner and crashed! Saturday – we had breakfast, then while cruising the Pigeon Forge “Strip” we found a carwash and gave my baby a bath! The carwash was right next to the Trump Store – what a hoot! No matter your politics – this place has to be seen to be believed!

For any fans of Guy Fieri of Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives fame – he has a new restaurant in Pigeon Forge called the Downtown Flavortown and Arcade/Bowling Alley. The food was fabulous and it was just overall fun being in there! We drove into Gatlinburg, went to the Artist's Alley which has lots of cool shops with interesting shopping! Also, there is a Chicken Guy restaurant in Gatlinburg, we will hit that one next time. The Dinner shows in Pigeon Forge were all sold out. If you want to go, it is best to go online and purchase tickets in

advance.

On Sunday we had breakfast at one of about 40 Pancake restaurants on the Strip – we like the Red Rooster Pancake House. Then we drove thru the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and a few hours later we ended up in Cherokee, NC. Of course, we had to visit the Harrah's Cherokee Casino! Then we went on to Young Harris, GA to check in at the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts Sunday between 3 and 6pm.

Ok! We are at the school! Remember to bring your own pillow and blanket, and extra towels if you need more than one. Sheets and towels are provided but these will NOT be washed while we are there. Also bring a pack of disposable masks (50 for 1.99 at Marc's) and a 4-pack of TP to save hunting that precious commodity down later. Soap bars are provided, but not shampoo. The A/C in the dorm room works great! We have dinner at the school on Sunday night and then we meet with the instructors to review the week ahead. Newbies: There are NO TV's or refrigerators in the rooms. The Kitchen will give you ice if you bring a cooler. They Do have WIFI.

Covid protocols are in place in the dining room: Disposable Masks must be worn near the food area, and there are lots of hand sanitizer stations and food service gloves are available for your serving hand – whichever you use to pick up plates, silverware, coffee cups, ladles. Three people tested positive during the week and left the school, with an offer to return for another week at no cost.

The Food is wonderfully done, great salad bar at lunch and dinner, breakfast fruit bar is very nice too. You will Not go Hungry!! The snacks are limited in the vending machines so bring your own favorites. They Do have a refrigerator for Student Use, be sure to label your items. If you are a Pop/Soda drinker, there are some available in a vending machine, but it might be best to bring your own to keep cost down. Coffee, Ice tea and lemonade are provided. Laura was bumming no cream cheese for the bagels (Oh NO!). We will stop at a grocery store when we get closer this coming trip and pick up snacks and supplies.

Classes: Busy busy! Tips for Silver I – if you are taking this class, bring some cabs of your own, small and medium, round or oval only. My instructor did not have a huge selection on hand of round or oval, and did not want us to use anything with a Point or Corners as these are too difficult for beginners. We made a Pendant, then a Ring, then a Bracelet. All tools are provided. **Bring your own Optivisor. They have some for sale in the Store by the Cafeteria (for \$54). Annie took Chain Mail II – all tools and supplies were also provided. Some of the instructors go back to the classroom after dinner for additional working hours, some leave at 5 pm and you are on your own.

Tuesday Night is the Auction – they have all the items out to look at, then on Auction night they have a big-screen TV that really helps see what is up for sale. We raised \$ 1,501 for the school – please remember to bring items to donate to the auction – Flint cabs or rough would be great! Books, beads, slabs, anything goes! The funniest thing this time was old plates and a fancy wrought iron plate holder.

Wednesday Night had no planned events. We recommend a visit to nearby Jim-N-Dees Rock Shop. Jerry Mason is a long time Cab (and other classes) instructor and his wife Diane is a wonderful Wire-wrap and filigree instructor. They have tons of cool stuff available for purchase. They are open 6pm-9pm on Wednesdays, so you can go after dinner!

Thursday Night is Tailgating - Instructors AND Students are welcome to bring items to sell! Lots of fun items to choose from. Bring your own cashbox and change. Ask us about the Roosters, lol.

Friday during the day is Show and Tell – you will see what all the students in all classes have been working on, then we all have Lunch, then return back to the classrooms to clean up, and by around 2pm on Friday, it's time to leave. Some stay over Friday night, but there are no meals provided. Cold cereal, coffee, milk, etc. are available for breakfast.

Please note: when it is time to settle up your bill – the School takes cash, checks, and credit cards. But the Individual Instructor also gets paid for the class fee and the materials purchased so bring Cash or a Check. My Instructor was not set up for credit cards.

Word to the wise on the way home – try not to end up on Route 129 in Tennessee. It is also known as “The Dragon” or “Tail of the Dragon”... and it has 318 turns in 11 miles! Yeah. People come from all over the country to drive this course, and here we are, the Tourist Gals, tripping over it by accident! We survived it, but it was quite nerve-racking!! We could not figure out why there were photographers with pop-up tents all along the way! It seems that you can find your photo online and get it made into a t-shirt, poster or coffee mug! Lots of sports cars and motorcycles were seen. We thought it was some type of rally! Doh! We will certainly be more careful of Google Maps “shortest routes” in the future!!

On the way home we stopped for the night in Covington, KY and got a hotel. Up the next day, Cracker Barrel served our breakfast, and then we had a stop in Columbus at the Hollywood Casino, then Home Sweet Home! All in All – it was a very good time!

If anyone has general questions about William Holland, please contact Laura Thomas at (330) 620-3782 cell phone and I'll do the best I can to answer them. For specific September Trip info – contact Sandy Shorter, Trip Coordinator.

Here is a list of stuff you might consider bringing:

- Pillow(s) and blanket(s)** (you will have a single bed with sheets, no pillows or blankets, and it can get cold in the mountains at night!)
- Jacket or sweater or windbreaker** (most of the classes are in the building where we will be housed)
- Hiking stick** (if you want to hike since this is in the mountains).
- Towel(s)** – you will be provided one bath towel, one hand towel, and one washcloth for the week.
- Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste/brush, and personal sundries** (bars of soap are provided).
- Optivisor** (all of the typical tools you will need are provided)
- Eye protection, masks** (whichever are appropriate for the setting, plain masks, N95 dust masks, etc.)
- Preferred Snacks** (and cream cheese for your bagels, lol, & your favorite coffee creamer)
- Preferred beverages** (The pop is limited and if you bring any alcoholic beverages, please be discrete.)
- A drink or coffee travel mug** (to take with you to the classrooms if you want).
- An apron** (or waterproof apron – to keep your clothes clean). They have aprons if you need one.
- A pack of disposable masks** (50 for \$1.99 at Marc's and masks must be worn near food lines)
- Toilet paper** (in case your room runs out, don't want to search for that, do we!)
- A Cooler for your room**, (if you want one and ice is available for the asking at the cafeteria).
- Donations for the Auction** (flint cabs or rough are well accepted, books, beads, slabs, anything goes!)
- Stuff to sell on Tailgate night**, (but also bring your own cash box with change, sales tags, receipts, etc.)
- Cash or checks** (to pay the instructors, and to buy at the Silent Auction and Tailgating event – the school accepts credit cards. And just in case you stop at a casino or the local rock shop, you might want some spending money with you).
- Packs of playing cards or favorite games or crafts** (for the evenings, they do have some games there)

May 31st, 2022 Board Meeting highlights:

Highlights from May 31st Board Meeting
Gene brought the meeting to order.

Membership- Cathy and Laura stated that we have 83 members and that 31 members didn't sign up for volunteer hours at the last Gemboree. Gene will write up a note for Mary to put in the newsletter that to be a member in good standing means, one needs to work a minimum of 4 hours at each Gemboree, use of the machines downstairs and participate in any field trips.

Key Change- The last time we issued new keys was July 2018. David will talk to Abracadabra to see the cost of getting new keys made. We are looking to do the key exchange in Sept-Oct.

Gemboree- Becky stated that we only used 14 of the 38 display cases. We will put aside 4 displays that need fixing at the next Gemboree and rotate till they are all in good condition. The faceted stone display needs the inventory checked. Maybe Ron Maitland could help with this. The Topaz display needs to be re-wired. The

current wheel is not usable so we will need a new system to turn the topaz. There were only 19 returned postcards from the Gemboree.

Equipment- Saw 5 can't adjust the thickness of the cut. Gene started taking it apart. We do have oil now. Tom and Bob volunteered to clean the other saws with Gene's help.

Treasurer- Laura stated the we are now pro-rating the membership fees. New members should see Laura for the amount to pay.

Check log book- Cathy stated the Bob Powers used to send her pics of the log book so that she could check the status of members using equipment. She will take pics of the log book tonight so that she can match the member with whether they are in good standing or not.

Picnic- The combines clubs will have a Picnic on Aug 27 from 1:00 to 5:00 at Donnie Shoffner's office in Munroe Falls. The club will provide meat, buns and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, a lawn chair and a white elephant if they want to play Bingo.

Old business- The clubhouse chairs need re-upholstering. David will look into getting the vinyl. We can have a chair fixing day at the clubhouse once we have the materials.

Newsletter- Kathi said Mary is still working on the May newsletter.

Geo Jrs- David will teach the June 12 meeting. He is looking for help with identifying stones.

Guy made a motion to adjourn and Bob seconded it.

Gemboree Minutes - June 28th, 2022

This Gemboree meeting was called in order to air some of the differences, opinions, and suggestions as to how to make our Gemboree better. Obviously individuals sometimes have differing opinions and ideas, and not all can be satisfied. But in the spirit of openness and cooperation, this was an opportunity for everyone in both clubs to make their voices and ideas heard. Notes were kept on flip chart papers, taped to the cabinets, so that all members who attended could see all of the ideas presented. Becky Kosco chaired the meeting.

Proceeds:

Becky announced the proceeds of the Gemboree from the different departments: Admission, Mines, Geodes, Kids, Dealers, and Silent Auction. Laura Thomas will be auditing the Gemboree's books in March.

Leads:

John Daugherty will be Evelyn's back-up but Becky is still looking for back-ups for the other areas including set-up, children, mine, geodes, tear down, and demos. Frank Edwards is looking for a Geode lead that will be able to work the show on Saturday, he will work it on Sunday. **Leads are asked to send Becky a description of what they do.** Back-ups are also needed for almost every Lead position.

Becky is looking for someone to lead or help with social media. **Internet advertising assistance is needed.** Someone who could help or handle our advertising and social media needs is a critical need. Sandy Shorter has volunteered to help with email lists.

We will also need **a Show Chairperson for the Spring 2023 show**, another critical need.

Remodeling and concessions:

Mr. Pellegrino is not remodeling yet. He would charge \$250 a day for concessions. Becky had not heard back from the food truck guys (at the time of this meeting). (Newsletter Editor's note: Our Gemboree Chair has subsequently found someone to supply a food truck).

Members as vendors:

Any member that wants to be a vendor should contact Evelyn. She is looking to make our show the very best that it can be. She is looking for a fossil guy. Right now John Daugherty is the fossil guy. Members who are vendors and want to be in the show will be put at the bottom of the list and be rotated accordingly. Members who are accepted as vendors must qualify and follow the vending contract in addition to completing their work hours at the club. It was noted that Mark and Kristen made the show better and they also worked their hours for the club.

Silent Auction, Drawings, Raffles, and Gift Baskets:

John has a 5-pound bucket of slabs for the silent auction. The silent auction mainly attracts kids. A suggestion was made that member can sell items at the silent auction and give the club some of the proceeds. Another member suggested that that would likely be a bookkeeping nightmare.

A suggestion was made about offering gift baskets and have a drawing at the end of the day. Contributors need to be aware that they can't write off donation on taxes as we are not a 501C3 charitable organization. A suggestion was made about having a raffle. Another suggestion was that a raffle seemed to be too much to handle with everything else going on at the show.

John Wallace noted that he has a 5-pound bucket of slabs ready for the silent auction. He noted that the silent auction mainly attracted kids. **Small cardboard boxes are needed to the 'box of rocks' offered at many of the silent auctions.** Some of the inventory is getting low for the silent auctions.

Members' shifts and Sign-up Genius:

Seventy-three members worked the last Gemboree. Thirty-one members did not sign up and there were 15 excused absents. The sign-up list on Sign-up Genius is for both clubs. Four hours are expected (regardless whether members are members of both or a single club). More than four hours are greatly appreciated (and needed).

Becky said the Gemboree Chair to know when volunteers ARE NOT coming to work their hours. Otherwise there is a scramble to find someone to work missing member's shift. Please call if you can't work your shift. Sign-up Genius sends reminder emails to member about the shifts that they signed up for. Several members found that it was difficult to sign-up using the App. The Sign-up list is for both clubs.

A suggestion was made that members could work behind the scene and have their hours count, which could open a real can of worms. This suggestion was not approved, nor was the suggestion that members in both clubs should be expected to work double hours. It was noted that the Gemboree Chair works throughout the year. As an example, Becky spent 2 hours every day last week talking to members about the Gemboree. Becky is concluding her reign as Gemboree Chair after our Fall Gemboree.

Cash, Cash Boxes, Inventory Control:

A suggestion was made that there should be a cash box for the Geodes station. It was suggested that a cash box is needed instead of members just putting money in pockets or aprons. A member suggested we should do away with the apron for Geodes altogether and install a cash box. That way the cash box could stay at the station when members go to take a break outside. It was also suggested the geodes be individually marked with their prices because they are sometimes returned to the wrong slot (by Gemboree customers). It was also suggested that perhaps the layout of the station could be changed. It was suggested that all such proposals which are directly related to Geodes should go through the lead. Frank Edwards is the current Geode lead.

Issues of inventory control and money transfers/collection were brought up. Another suggestion about the collection of cash was made to have a receipt for the money at each station given to Laura. It was also remarked that leads are busy, and do not want to count the money that they give Laura during the show or on the floor. It was also suggested that we are lax about handling money at our Gemboree in general. The issue of security was raised about standing at the various stations and openly counting money when busy.

Gem Mine:

A suggestion was made that we provide flyers to our vendors about the rocks that we need for the gem-mine inventory. Fantasia said that we could have the sweepings, but some found those didn't meet our needs.

More inventory for the gem mine is needed. We need 12 x 12 boxes or cat litter buckets for the mines.

Gem mines doubled the price this year yet sold 340 buckets. They used six 5-gallon buckets of bagged gems.

Miscellaneous information and suggestions:

Geo Juniors - It was proposed (and passed by general consensus) that the Geo Juniors' families should be admitted for free. They join as a family and the parents are encouraged and do put in hours at our show. Geo Juniors typically work at the children's table.

A suggestion was made to have a spin the wheel to identify rocks.

A suggestion was made that the gem trees are a quick seller as long as we don't compete with vendors.

Post cards - We sent out 850 post cards and we had 20% of those cards returned at the show, with 350 cards returned from post office. Suggestion was made to offer a discount if the cards were returned. (A note from the editor: Postcard stamps increased to 44 cents this summer.)

A member suggested that Akron Mineral should have an equal say in what the Gemboree does. A suggestion was made that changes to the show should be run by Akron Mineral. Akron Mineral's newsletter editor (Bob Powers) said Becky regularly updates him on the progress and he puts it in their newsletter.

A suggestion was made that we compare and analyze the shows to see where the trends are.

A suggestion was made to track the kinds of people that come through the door (adult, senior, child). The consensus was that most felt that that was too much to ask anyone to do.

David Rich will be coming in from out west and he needs a back-up for tear down. It was suggested that perhaps Bobby King could handle that. (Newsletter editor's note: Be careful to attend meetings – you may be volunteered for a job here or there, Bobby, lol.)

A suggestion was made to have a theme for the show. For example, the UV light show at the beginning of the show is a real attention grabber.

A volunteer is needed to fix the Topaz case.

Hall rental is increasing. A suggestion was made to look into table and chair rental and the cost of having someone set it up. High school volunteers were mentioned and a member explained that we had tried that in the past and the volunteers did not show up. There was a question raised as to whether volunteers would be covered or not under our insurance.

A suggestion was made to have a vote for the favorite display case from the public.

A question was raised as to whether we should increase (or discount) the cost of attendance.

That's all, folks! Thanks to Becky, for Chairing this meeting and thanks to all for all the ideas.

A note from the editor: Subsequent to this Gemboree meeting, one of our members thoughtfully provided me with information regarding the issue of members being vendors at our Gemboree. This issue has become somewhat of a divisive issue amongst various club members who hold differing opinions. The information that was provided to me by one of our members was originally published in our very own Summit Gem newsletter more than 10 years ago, in 2011. I am reprinting page 3 of the December 2011 Summit Gem below. This confirms that members have been invited to be dealers for more than 10 years now. I suppose we could shift the argument to the difference between "vendors" and "dealer" but they both get a booth to sell their items, correct? Please see below copy. I have inserted a marker for your ease in finding the pertinent material.

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December		December		December		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Wrapped Loop Bracelet
4 Beginning Silversmithing	5	6 Membership meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Chainmaille	14	15	16	17 Holiday Earring Event
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas	26	27 SLC Board Meeting	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve

See sign-up sheets at the club for more class information

THE GEMBOREE NEWS – by Ted Maringer, Show Chairman

Since I missed the November newsletter deadline I haven't yet thanked all the volunteers who made the Fall Gemboree a success. Thank you everyone. At the close of the show the attendance was 1,613 - three hundred more than the 2010 Fall Gemboree. Thanks to Evelyn Tryon, Dealer Chairperson, many of our regular dealers returned along with several new dealers. This was the first Gemboree for Malachite and Gems from Africa. His specimens were beautiful and he's already said he would like to come back to another Gemboree. Gordian Art, a local dealer from Medina, expanded his inventory to include wire wrapped jewelry designed by his rock hound family members. We also had the opportunity to invite club members to participate as dealers. In the future we would like to invite other club members to participate. If you are interested, please contact Evelyn Tryon.

I hope everyone had a chance to see the SLC Geode Juniors spectacular showcases. It's very evident to me that David Macseonin, John and Evelyn Tryon have really mentored the junior SLC members. All the showcases were very nice and Mari Takai – Manley has agreed to be the showcase chairman. Thank you Mari for volunteering to oversee the Gemboree showcases.

Furthermore, at the conclusion of this Gemboree I made the decision to resign as the Show Chairman. Evelyn Tryon and Tom McLaughlin will be in charge of recruiting and interviewing for a new chairman. If you're interested contact Evelyn and Tom directly.

Happy Holidays to Everyone!

Need Some Stocking Stuffers... Stop In For Our Annual Make-it Take-it Holiday Event – by Laura Thomas

~~Saturday December 3rd 9am-? Make a Wrapped Loop Bracelet and matching earrings. Bring wire cutters, round nose pliers, 2 flat nose pliers, and 14 (8mm) beads.~~
~~Saturday, December 17th 9AM – 11:30AM Annual Holiday Earring Event. Bring in wire cutters, round nose pliers and flat nose pliers.~~

Classes and Events:

A note about classes: We hear from members that they appreciate the classes that we offer, and yet few members have attended these, and typically it seems to be always the same few members who attend. We are, of course, still under the same old health concerns including now the latest, monkeypox.

But if the club wants us to offer classes, then the members who are typically offering these classes would appreciate more member's support and attendance at these classes. How about it? Are you interested in having classes here at the clubhouse? Or are you still concerned with the various global situations? If you are interested, what kinds of classes would you attend ... or offer?

So who wants to attend a class? 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, Kathi Hampton, or Mary Myers. We value you and want to keep all our members healthy and alive, so we understand and very much appreciate it if you do not attend when you ill.

Weekend of June 10th: The Mansfield Gem Show.

Sunday, June 12th: GeoJuniors met at the clubhouse.

Saturday, June 25th: Metalsmithing class with David Macseoinin at Noon.

Sunday, June 26th: Kathi Hampton offered a class making Gem trees at 1:00pm.

Sunday, July 10th: GeoJuniors met at the clubhouse.

Saturday, July 16th: Metalsmithing class with David Macseoinin at Noon.

Saturday, August 13th: Metalsmithing class with David Macseoinin at Noon.

Sunday, August 14th: GeoJuniors met at the clubhouse.

Saturday, August 20th: Faceting workshop with David Macseoinin at Noon.

Saturday, August 27th, from 1:00 until 5:00pm - Summit Lapidary and Akron Mineral Club are having a PICNIC! Lunch will be at 2:00pm at 35 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls, Ohio

Whatever in the earth's sediment would we do without Suzanne Shoffner and Evelyn Tryon???? They are wonder women! Suzanne contacted Akron Mineral Society and yes, we are doing a summer picnic. (Yeah!) Plans for the summer picnic are being coordinated by Evelyn Tryon. Please contact her and tell her 1). If you are coming, and 2.) What kind of hot or cold side dish or dessert you plan to bring. Please consider bringing a (wrapped) white elephant (hopefully rock oriented) for the bingo games. The meat (hotdogs and burgers) and drinks are being provided by the clubs. It will be held at Suzanne's brother's place, the old Lerner Community Center at 35 S. River Rd., in Munroe Falls. We hope to see all of our members there! Evelyn's phone number is 330-673-9664. You can try her email at etirtryon@juno.com but she is having some trouble with that right now.

Sunday, August 28th: Kathi Hampton is offering a wire wrapped bracelet at 1:00pm.

Tuesday, August 30th:

GEMBOREE MEETING – Tuesday, August 30th, at 6pm prior to the Board meeting at the clubhouse!

We have only two meetings before our Fall Gemboree (Oct 22-23, 2022). Please meet at the Clubhouse August 30th at 6pm prior to the SLC Board meeting (which will begin at 7pm). Be sure to prepare with any problems you need addressed and or any anticipated expenses. I know I can count on all of you to pull off another successful Gemboree!

Tuesday, August 30th: Board Meeting at 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

Weekend of Sept. 10th: Toledo Gem Show.

Sunday, Sept. 11th: GeoJuniors will be meeting at the clubhouse.

Week of Sept. 11th: Some of the club members are going to William Holland for classes! Three years in the planning is finally coming to fruition. Thanks to Sandy Shorter!

Tuesday, Sept. 13th: Summit Lapidary Club members meeting at the Polish American Club at 7:00pm.

Saturday, Sept. 24th: Metalsmithing workshop with Dave Macseoinin at Noon.

Tuesday, Sept. 27th: Board Meeting at 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

Sunday, Oct. 9th: GeoJuniors will be meeting at the clubhouse.

Tuesday, Oct. 11th: Summit Lapidary members meeting at Polish American Club at 7:00pm.

Saturday and Sunday, Oct 22nd and 23rd: **Our Fall Gemboree!!!**

Sunday, November 13th: GeoJuniors will be meeting at the clubhouse.

Saturday, November 19th: Annie McNeally is offering a class on making a Byzantine bracelet by the traditional means at 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Sunshine News:

We continue to have many members who have suffered from illnesses, falls, surgeries, or other health related concerns this year. Some of our members are traveling, and some have traveled out of the country. Bonnie has been sending cards as she learns about illnesses. 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?

Sadly, Richard Lee has passed. If anyone is sick, injured, or has passed away, please let Bonnie Willis know.

GeoJuniors Program Information from Evelyn: GeoJuniors are meeting on May 8th.

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. Please email me at SLCnewsletter2019@gmail.com.

On a personal note: I also apologize to everyone in our club for being so absent this spring and summer from our club, and thus being so late with the newsletters. I may have been physically absent but know that I was not absent in heart. Life (and in this case, home hospice care, and subsequent death) happens in all of our lives at times. So, while I was very much absent in the life of our club, please know that I was honored to have become very much involved in the caretaking of an elderly childhood friend and neighbor until his death. It has been a precious time to me and I very much appreciate Becky's words to me – we are all volunteers here, and sometimes, life (and death) happens. Please forgive me. We are still cleaning up 73 years of his life.

Proposal to move the meetings back to the Quirk Center:

For now, we're continuing to meet at the Polish American Club, through June of 2023.

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!

- Fall Gemboree: Please mark your calendars for October 22 and 23rd, 2022.
- We are still looking for members to help Bob Spore 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.
- The most kudos this newsletters go to Evelyn Tryon and Suzanne Shoffner, for putting together the Summer Picnic this year. They did a marvelous job, a truly heartwarming and welcoming picnic!

Shop Tender Days:

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 May 10th, 2022

Platform: In-person and Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

Gene brought the meeting to order.

He welcomed new members, Andrew, Gary, Colin and Vickie.

Treasurer report- Bills are up to date. David made a motion to accept the report and Bob seconded.

Membership- Cathy stated that we have 83 members which include family members.

Gemboree- Becky stated that we had 1776 people through the doors. Mr. Pellegrino may renovate this year. If he does he will let us know so we can move our stuff in storage. He may remove the carpeting. We are his longest running show, 30 years. Bonnie is stepping down as Hospitality chair. Thank you for all your hard work, we appreciate it. We are in talks with getting one or two food trucks for the fall show. We have checks from 7 vendors for the fall show.

Building- Gene said the men's toilet is leaking so he has shut off the valve. Please use the women's toilet until fixed. The drawer under the grinder is loose on its track and needs fixed.

Library- Nothing new has been added.

Newsletter- Mary sent out the April newsletter today. She is working on the May one now.

AMS is having talk on Colorado minerals this Saturday.

The Geo fair is in Cincinnati on May 21st.

The next board meeting is May 31. We will not have a July or August meeting this year.

Square dance show- The club made over 300.00 from the sales. Tom donated his sales money to the club. Thanks to all who worked on the show. We had a great time and everyone was super friendly. Susanne sent Gene pictures from the show.

Mari is having her right knee replaced on Friday, May13. A card is going around for her.

Websites on Google research state that our club is permanently closed. Sandy will check into the issue.

Old business- Gene has the oil for the saws and the new grinding wheels. Bob and Tom will help clean the other saws.

Midwest Federation- Sandy and Joyce have sent the newsletter around. The National convention will be held in New Orleans. Marianne Rich was elected President of the Midwest Federation. Congratulations.

Flower Sale- David's garden club will use the club property for their Flower sale on May 28 from 9 to 1 or 2.

Geo Jrs - Evelyn turned in money for 6 registered families. They will be going on a dig with David Macseoinin on May 28. David will also do the program for June as Evelyn and Susanne will be at the Mansfield show.

Susanne will check with AMS if there is an interest in doing a picnic this year. Susanne's son offered his office in Munroe Falls.

Evelyn read a message to members to thank them for all they do and to get involved in the club activities. She wants our show to be the best in Ohio. If you see a vendor that would be good for our show, get their card and she will contact them. We have 2 new vendors this fall. If you have problems with a vendor, contact her or Becky, we want to have a balanced show.

Guy made a motion to adjourn and Bob seconded it.

Meeting adjourned.

Gems provided by members:

See our next newsletter!

Upcoming Gem shows:

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.

OCTOBER 22-23, 2022 CUYAHOGA FALLS

Our Very Own, Gemboree!!!

Location: Emidio's Party Center

Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.