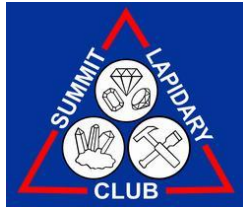


The Summit Gem - September 2022 Newsletter



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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!)

held in person

(and online only if tech savvy people attend 😊)

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.

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



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.

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=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.

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

Welcome back from your summer vacations! Bonnie and I hope you had a great summer. Fall is just around the corner now, with winter just a step away from that. Here we go!

Summer Picnic

I hear that our summer picnic was a HUGE success – and many, many thanks are due to Suzanne Shoffner, Evelyn Tryon for doing a majority of the work and making all the arrangements. Special thanks are extended to Suzanne's son, Donnell Shoffner, who donated the wonderful outdoor space with tables and chairs for seating and grilling, and the wonderful indoor space for the food. Donnell also donated water and beer and refreshments in addition to donating meat for our meal. It was so very nice of him to donate SO MUCH for our summer picnic. Thank you also to all the people who brought delicious side dishes and white elephant rock gifts for the bingo! The weather cooperated and it was a wonderful day for such a nice picnic.

Saws and Tumblers

The tumbler with 2 barrels is back up and running. And saws #1, 3, 4, and 5 are working. I have a new motor for Saw #2 ready to install. The prices were interesting comparing Harbor Freight and Home Depot, compared to the cost at Tractor Farm and Supply. I want to thank Bob Spore and Guy Koch for their work on the tumblers and saws. Saw #5 has been torn apart and fixed.

Holiday Party

I hear that Suzanne and Evelyn are already busy planning our December holiday party now, too. Thank you, Suzanne and Evelyn for all you're doing to make this club a more social and welcoming space. If you have any suggestions that are different than what Suzanne and Evelyn are considering, NOW is the time to step up and help in the planning. The dates and space must be set for us to meet if we want a holiday party. I believe that the China Gardens Buffet has been chosen as the venue (that's on Buchholzer Blvd in Cuyahoga Falls).

Saw Cleaning time!

It's time to set up another date for saw cleaning. I've promised Mary that I'll again supervise that day of cleaning. Anyone who can reach down into the tubs can help with this. We'll announce the date planned later and we look forward to several more members learning how to do this task. More hands, less work for all.

Suggestion boxes

Suggestion boxes for both Summit Lapidary and Akron Mineral have been installed in the clubhouse. Our secretary, Kathi Hampton, will likely be the one to collect the suggestions for our club and bring them to the board meeting. We want everyone to have a voice here, and to know that they are heard, even if we don't take immediate action on suggestions. Please provide a possible solution for any and all suggestions (or complaints) that are offered.

Get Ready for New Leaders!

Not only is Becky Koscsó stepping down from her role as the Gemboree Chair after our Fall Gemboree, but I am also stepping down as the President of our club in December. We will need a new President and a new Gemboree Chair, and perhaps several Board members. Now is the time to make your interests heard! Our club needs volunteers for these positions!

Stay safe and healthy,

Gene Willis

GEMBOREE NEWS from Becky:

The Fall Gemboree is within a month!! Please know Sign Up Genius is up and running so you can enter the Job and shift you want to work. If you have a trouble signing up please contact Kim Evangelisti or myself and we'll get you signed up. We need all members of both clubs to sign up for at least 4 hours for every Gemboree – though of course we hope you will volunteer for more! If you cannot work please contact me so we can plan on your absence. Link to SIGN-UP GENIUS:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4ca9af2ca6f94-gemboree10>

There will be a Gemboree meeting October 11th at 6pm right before the Summit Lapidary Club meeting at the Polish American Club. If you have any needs before the show please address those issues at that time. We will only have 10 days after that meeting before the Gemboree!

We have a 2nd Food Truck that will be at our show on Sunday Oct 23rd from 10-5. Krooked Kitchen by Sierra Thomas will have Sandwiches, sides and beverages just as D-Bo's Grill will have on Saturday. If you need coffee, water or pop that will be available at no charge to all volunteers in the "hospitality" area. If you desire to

donate food to share you will need to be responsible for setting it out and putting it away before you leave. We will also have water for sale to the customers at the Silent Auction. The food trucks will also have beverages.

If you think of anything else that needs addressed just let me know. This will be my last Gemboree at Chairperson for now – I need a break. It has been a pleasure working with everyone – members, venders and customers. See you all at the Gemboree!!

Let's look forward to a great Fall show!

Thanks, Becky

SLC Dues – 2022 AND 2023 Dues can be paid to Laura Thomas. (If you have any questions as to whether or not you've paid for this year, contact Laura PLEASE! 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:

A huge success, good food, good championship, good fun and Suzanne ran a wicked game of bingo! Many thanks to Suzanne Shoffner and Evelyn Tryon (for all the planning and setting up AND tearing down), Mark Cunningham (for all the grilling) and especially to Donnell Shoffner (Suzanne's son.)

William Holland Trip and information from Sandy: Fourteen of our members are back from William Holland from a week of fun. Many thanks to Sandy for hanging in there, through sickness and in health!

August 31st, 2022 Board Meeting highlights:

Highlights from August 31st Board Meeting

Gene brought the meeting to order.

PICNIC - We had 52 members who were able to attend the picnic. Evelyn is grateful to Susanne's son for the use of his lovely facilities. He donated hot dogs, tables, beer, etc. and helped set up the tables. Mary made a motion to send thank you note and a check for \$25 for the propane that we used. Becky will send a thank you note to Donnell.

WATER LEAK - Frank wasn't been able to fix the leak in the furnace room. Trustees Bob and Tom will look into getting it fixed.

RECOVERED CHAIRS – Many thanks to Dave for recovering the club house chairs.

NEW KEYS - Dave will getting the locksmith to change the keys. Old and new keys will work the month of September. New keys will be for members in good standing will only work from October on. Members who want a new key must submit written letter to the board and be trained on how to safely use the equipment. Thanks to Dave for setting that up.

CLASSES - Dave had 6-7 people at silver smithing this month.

Next month's class is September 24th at noon.

Annie will teach a Byzantine bracelet class on Nov. 19.

Kathi will teach earring wire wrap class on Nov 1 at 7:00.

Sign-up sheets are in the club house.

GEMBOREE - Becky had a meeting before the board meeting. She is looking for help fixing the display cases. Bob said he would look into a revolving pedestal and light for the topaz display.

TREASURY - Laura gave the treasurer report.

MAINTENANCE- The men's room toilet is fixed. Dominion wants to get into the club house to read the meter. Kathi will call and set up time to meet the meter reader.

BIG DIG - The back-hoe will be at Nether's farm on Oct. 8. (Correction since the meeting: **The Big Dig will be November 5th**). Members are responsible for the \$ 7.50 digging fee and \$.50 per pound of collected rocks.

SUGGESTION BOX - We have a suggestion box for new ideas. If a member has a complaint and possible solution, drop the suggestion in the box and the board will review the suggestions. The secretary will check the box and bring the suggestions to the boards' attention.

Gene will not be running for president again.

NEW BUSINESS - Evelyn brought up the Christmas party and that a committed needs to start working on it soon. Last year's party ran about \$30 per person.

Dave sent in the application to donate a tree for the Christmas tree festival. He already has a design.

Mary made motion to adjourn and Kathi seconded it.

Gemboree Minutes – August 31st, 2022

Kaleidoscope should be fixed.

Dave will leave room for Gary Getz at the demo table.

Kathi is still back-up for Gene at admissions.

Archaeology and flint display are going to be at the entrance.

Laura is the back-up for Laurie and she is looking for someone to do the square.

We have enough silent auction stuff for the Fall show. We will need items for the Spring show.

Bob S will bring 5 lb. paper bags.

Evelyn brought a bag of empty boxes for the silent auction.

This year we will be asking vendors to move away from curtains so we can tear down easier.

Gem Mine - Bob asked vendors for samples and one vendor sent some of what he will sell us. Bob is going to Fantasia this Friday at 12:30 to get scrapes.

Hospitality- We are supplying donuts, coffee and water for the vendors and volunteer members.

The food truck will have beverages. If members bring food they are responsible for picking it up at the end of day.

Since pizza was delivered and most members had left, we will order the pizza for 11:00. Lynn will check out pizza places that can deliver at 11:00. It was suggested that we give a week's notice to the place so that they can accommodate us.

Geodes- Frank is ordering geodes. Theresa volunteered to do the Geodes on Saturday. All stations will have cash boxes.

Tear down- David Rich is looking for someone to start tearing down if he is late getting there. Bobby and Mark volunteered to help him.

Fliers- Bobby King will take fliers to V Rock.

There are clings for members to put on their cars.

Post Cards- We need someone to enter the e-mail addresses from the post cards.

Display cases- Guy will do the cases for this show only.

Children's Activity table- Kim is looking for parents of GeoJuniors to help her.

Sign up genius- Kim has the app ready to go. Becky and Kim will verify what slots are needed.

Spiders and Trees- We have enough of both for this show.

This is Becky's last show. Mary offered to follow her around to see what she does.

Classes and Events:

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

Week of Sept. 11th: Congratulations to the club members who 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.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 11th: Summit Lapidary members meeting at Polish American Club at 7:00pm. Bring snacks to share! **Gemboree meeting at 6:00pm.**

Saturday, Oct. 15th: Rock bagging for the Gemboree – get there by 9am, it only takes about an hour!

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

Tuesday, Oct. 25th: Summit Lapidary Board Meeting at 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

Tuesday, Nov. 1st: Kathi will teach an earring wire wrap class at 7:00pm at the clubhouse. You will need to bring 24 gauge wire, and two each of 4mm, 6mm, and 8mm dicones or beads (six beads total), wire cutters, and round nose pliers. There is no cost when you supply your own materials. Contact Kathi if you don't have what you need. She may be able to help you.

Saturday, Nov. 5th: **THE BIG DIG at Nether's Farm! Come to the October meeting for more details!** It usually begins approximately 9:00am. The clubs will pay the backhoe. Each member pays their own digging fee and for their flint. (That's a \$ 7.50 digging fee and \$.50 per pound.)

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

Saturday, November 19th: Annie McNeilly is offering a class on making a Byzantine bracelet by the traditional means at 1:00pm-4:00pm at the clubhouse. For this class you will need to bring two of your own bent nose pliers. The cost of buying the jump rings is yet to be determined.

Saturday, December 10th: **Christmas Party at the Royal Buffet and Grille at 1930 Buchholzer Blvd. in Cuyahoga Falls between 5pm-10pm.** Social hour: 5-6:30pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Fun/Games afterwards.

Tuesday, December 6th: 6pm – to whenever – Auntie Laura's Annual Holiday Earring Extravaganza!

Sunshine News:

I have wonderful news for the club. Mari Takai-Manley has once agreed to take over our sunshine news once again! Yeah! Thank you, Mari! Mari herself still has some more surgery coming but we very much look forward to Mari's updates each month. Thank you so much, Mari!!! Welcome back! We missed you.

GeoJuniors Program Information from Evelyn: GeoJuniors are meeting on Sept. 11th and Oct. 9th.

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.

Welcome back to the club. Hope you had a great summer. It has been so good to see more and more members coming back to the club. I was curious as to how much the machines downstairs are being used, so Kathi and I counted up the hours from January 1st to the end of August. It turns out that the machines downstairs are only being used for an average of 1 hour and 45 minutes each day. So welcome back from our summer break and let's increase that usage! The clubhouse is open again. Tuesday gatherings are going again (thank you, Dave Macseoinin!) Saturday mornings coffee klatches never really stopped. Be sure to come to the Oct. meeting to hear how to receive your new keys to the clubhouse.

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. The Quirk Center is open in the evenings again, but only until 8pm. Our meetings sometimes run a little later than that.

Membership information: If you know of anyone in the club who is not receiving emails or invitations to our zoom meetings, please forward their email addresses to Cathy Milhoan at **cthyamilhoan@yahoo.com**. Please update your contact information to Cathy if you move or change your phone number. Membership dues 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.
- 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:

- The most kudos in this newsletter go to Evelyn Tryon and Suzanne Shoffner (and Suzanne's son, Donnell Shoffner), for putting together the Summer Picnic this year. They did a marvelous job, a truly heartwarming and welcoming picnic!
- And big kudos to Dave Macseoinin for recovering the chairs at our clubhouse!

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 June 14th, 2022

Platform: In-person and Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

Treasurer- Laura gave the treasurer's report and all the bills are current.

Membership- Cathy stated that there are 78 paid members and 7 lifetime members.

Courtney is the program speaker for tonight.

Gemboree- Becky stated checks were written to SLC and AMS from the proceeds from the Gemboree. The topaz display case needs fixed and she is requesting help with advertising and social media for the next Gemboree. Frank Edwards will be getting the Geodes for the next show. Guy is providing some Keocut geodes as well. Susanne stated that at the Cincinnati show there was a vendor that x-rays his geodes to make sure that they are hollow.

Maintenance- Guy will call the plumber about the men's toilet that is over flowing.

Library- Doug is unclear about buying material for the library and suggested that DVDs would be better to accommodate members instead of books. Doug stated that we have 200 missing books from the library.

Newsletter- Mary is still working on the May newsletter.

Classes- David M is teaching a silver smithing class on June 25 at noon, bring your own material. Kathi is teaching a gem tree class on June 26 at 1:00, bring a spool of 24-gauge material. Members are looking for faceting classes and ring making class.

Sunshine- Bonnie asked if there are any cards that she needs to send out.

Big Dig- David R emailed Ed and is looking at sometime in the fall.

Geo Jrs- David M taught the June class about identifying rocks and their Mohs scale rating.

2 families went to the Knap fest at Neville's farm. It was really muddy and they picked up some flint.

Evelyn is looking for rough mineral specimens for the posters that the kids will work on.

New Business- Gene suggested that we have a suggestion box at the club house for any improvements to make us a better club. Evelyn stated at the board meeting that we should all be working for the betterment of the club.

New Keys- David M talked to a locksmith and will have new keys made for the clubhouse. Members in good standing will be asked to sign a document when they return keys in September to get the new keys. After October 1st, the old keys will not work on the lock.

Picnic- The joint picnic will be held on Saturday, August 27 at Lerner Center, 35 S River Road in Munroe Falls from 1:00 – 5:00. Lunch will be at 2:00. Please bring a lawn chair, dish to share and white elephant gift. The clubs will provide meat, buns and drink. It is ok to bring beer.

Repairing chairs- David M is sourcing material and cushions for the club chairs that need to be fixed. We will have a chair mending event when the materials are secured in the Fall.

David R made a motion to adjourn and Tom seconded it. All approved.

Guy made a motion to adjourn and Bob seconded it.

Meeting adjourned.

Program- Courtney gave a presentation on the Front Art program she has been working on from July 16 to October 1. There will be many Pop-up Art Galleries in the Cleveland and Akron area. You can visit FrontArt.org for further details. The Quaker square will be exhibiting some of the artists.

Gems provided by members:



Winding jump rings

If you need a few jump rings the same size, it's easy to grab a round rod and wind as many as you need. But when you need a lot of them, some form of winder saves a lot of time. A variable speed screw gun makes quick work of winding the coils. Screw guns are quite inexpensive at discount stores and are remarkably handy for odd jobs in the shop and around the house.

To wind a coil, just bend a right angle on the end of the wire about a half inch long and insert this into the screw gun chuck. Then wind slowly, keeping a tight coil. I like to rest the end of the mandrel on the edge of the table or bench pin. Finally, one note of caution. If you are winding an entire length of wire, be careful as you get

Additional note from Mary about cutting the jump rings you might make in this fashion:

If you want to make it much easier to then cut the jump rings, use a wooden dowel as the base around which you wind the wire. It is important to maintain the tension in the wire coil throughout the entire process. Once the wire is coiled around the wooden dowel rod, firmly tape the entire length of the coil of wire with some masking tape. You can then use a saw blade (with a fine tooth, such as 3/0 size) and cut the rings at an angle right through the wooden dowel rod. Cut four or five rings, slide the coil down and keep on cutting, four or five at a time, keeping your saw blade at an angle so that you only make one cut in each jump ring. The slit that you cut into the wooden dowel helps to keep your rings a constant circumference.

Touching up a bezel

Pumice wheels are good for touching up a bezel after you've set the stone. The hardness is about 6 on the Moh's scale, less hard than quartz, so it shouldn't scratch any of your agates or Jaspers. However, I'd avoid or be really careful of using pumice near the softer stones like Turquoise, Amber, Howlite, etc.

If you're unsure about the hardness of your wheels, test them on a piece of glass. Glass is about 5 ½ on the Mohs scale, softer than quartz. So if the wheel doesn't harm glass, it's safe for use on the Quartzes and harder stones.

My preference is the one-inch diameter ones such as those shown at riogrande.com/Product/AdvantEdge-Pumice-Wheels-Medium/332722?pos=2

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

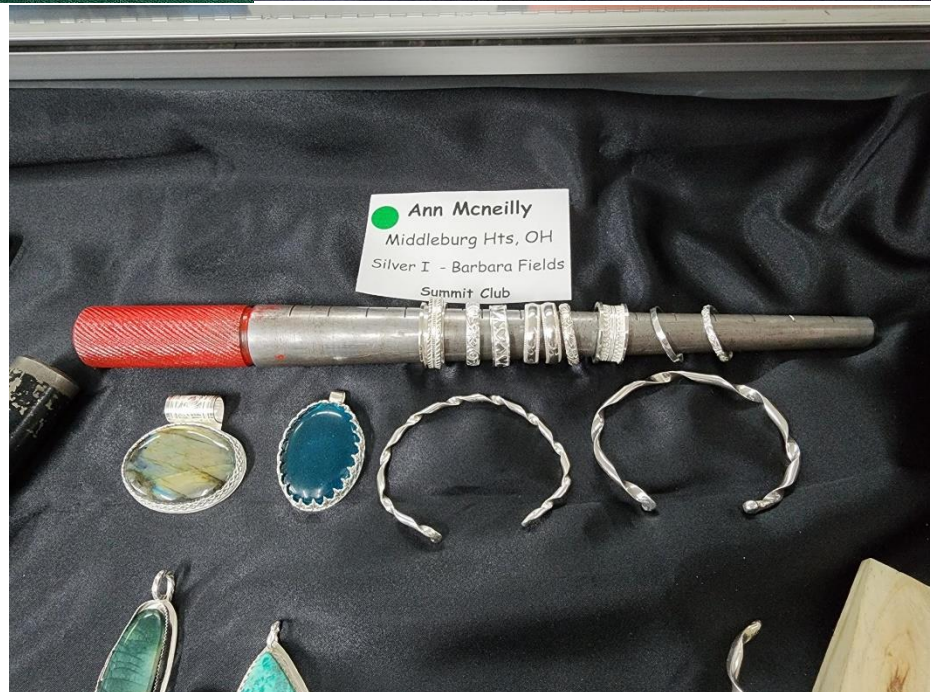


William Holland Masterpieces:

Here are the masterpieces created in September by the members of Summit Lapidary. What wonderful pieces of art! (I think I caught everyone's work here! – photos taken by Mary Myers)







←Look at this lovely seascape!!!



Upcoming Gem shows:**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.

Gem Street 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.