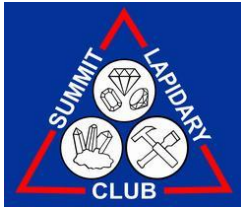


# Summit Gem - January 2022 Newsletter



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## Mission Statement

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

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 UPDATED ZOOM LINK for the 2nd Tuesday of each Month for the Members' Meetings.**

Summit Lapidary Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Summit Lapidary Club: Member's Meeting (Recurrs Monthly, 2022)**

**Time: Jan 11, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Every month on the Second Tue, until Dec 13, 2022, 12 occurrence(s)

Jan 11, 2022 07:00 PM

Feb 8, 2022 07:00 PM

Mar 8, 2022 07:00 PM

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

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

Monthly meetings: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUqc-](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81742465223?pwd=OS9jOTFtdjhZODJTTWVZaWM5NDQrdz09)

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**Or you can join the Zoom Meeting right here!**



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81742465223?pwd=OS9jOTFtdjhZODJTTWVZaWM5NDQrdz09>

**Meeting ID: 817 4246 5223**

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

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

**Program: No Program in January 2022, Guy Kotch.**

Guy is busy coming up with some programming for us in 2022.

**President's Message – by Gene Willis**

The gardens are resting in these cold and dark winter months. Bonnie and I hope you all had good holidays and a safe new year.

As we welcome in the new year, 2022, I want to take a moment to thank all of you for your support of Summit Lapidary Club in 2021. The last two years certainly had their challenges as we lost ground (and rocks) and then struggled to regain that lost ground (and rocks). So Happy New Year to all, and let's concentrate on making our Summit Lapidary Club bigger and better this year!

Thank you to Nancy Halloran for her service to the club in handling the financial matters this year. Thank you to Laura Thomas for agreeing to take that thankless job over. Thank you to Courtney Cable for handling all she did as Vice President this past year. And thank you to Guy Kotch for agreeing to take that job over this year. And finally thanks to all of the other Board members, Kathi Hampton, Cathy Milhoan, Bob Spore, Tom McLaughlin, David Rich, Mary Myers, and Becky Kosco for agreeing to continue on in their Board roles another year.

Be safe, be happy,  
 Gene Willis

**Spring Gemboree 2022 from Becky:****GEMBOREE NEWS**

We had an amazing Fall show. I'm glad the Pandemic held back long enough for us to squeeze in our Gemboree. I would not feel good about having one now with the effects of Omicron. Everyone stay healthy and safe.



We had near record attendance at the Fall Gemboree. The Gem Mine and Geodes areas nearly doubled their usual income compared to the previous Fall show. After Laurie McElroy tallied everything we were able to present the Checks to the Clubs at the Christmas Party. I extend my gratitude to everyone for all your help.

We hope to have the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) at our Spring Gemboree. Spring will also see the return of the Children's Activity area which Kim Evangelisti has agreed to lead. Guy Kotch will become the lead of the Display cases with the help of Susanne Shoffner. Bonnie Willis has agreed to remain the lead of Hospitality as long as she gets more help. Lisa Troxell, who did a great job in Silent Auction this past show, will become an additional back-up lead for me along with Bobby King.

I feel like a broken record but we still need to fill several back-up positions. Mary Myers has agreed to back-up John Wallace at Silent Auction. We still need back-ups for Vender Chair, Set-Up, Tear-Down, Hospitality, Geode Cracking, Publicity & Advertising. The more we do to plan ahead, the smoother the show will run. And we can enjoy ourselves more!

You can email Becky at [kingtoast@aol.com](mailto:kingtoast@aol.com). We thank all our members for all they do to help! If you want to help out in any way let me know. Hope your New Year ROCKS!!  
Becky Kosco

**SLC Dues – (2022 Dues are now due! Do it today while you remember! Get the discounted rate!)**

Bring them to our January meeting or send/drop them to Summit Lapidary Club  
244 Chestnut Blvd  
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**December 2021 Board Meeting highlights:**

The Executive Board announced at the December general meeting that it was taking a holiday in December, and would not meet on the last Tuesday of the month. See y'all in January at our club meeting on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>!

**Classes and Events:**

**We are back in the clubhouse after a long 2-year covid hiatus! Please consider joining us – wear a mask if you're more comfortable, maintain a 3 ft or 6 ft social distance if you like, and bring your Purell. We can all be considerate of each other's needs. Please consider joining in the merriment that we offer as a club in 2022. Come back! We miss you!**

**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022: 7:00 - 9:00 pm.**

**Decorative S-curve wire wrap for cabochons, by Kathi Hampton and Mary Myers**

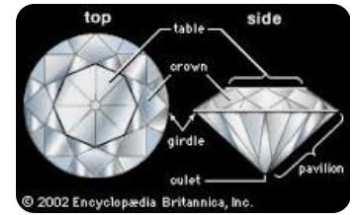
Kathi and Mary will demonstrate how to use a decorative S-curve to enhance the wire wrapping of cabochons. Cost is \$ 2 for the wire if you need supplies. Please supply your own cabochon (about an inch – 2 inches in size). Three sizes of round wire will be needed 18, 20, and 26 or 28 gauge wire will be used.



**Saturday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9:00am- approximately Noon**

**Faceting with Ron Maitland**

Ron is planning on faceting again in the clubhouse on Saturday morning, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. He has room for someone else to join him and learn this 'facet-nating' (lol) skill of faceting. Please contact Ron Maitland, if you are interested in learning more about faceting. The club has a limited number of faceting machines available for our members. He meets with members who want to learn on some Saturday mornings.



**Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 7:00 – 9:00pm**

**Kathi's Wire-Wrapped Crystal Earrings by Kathi Hampton**

Kathi will teach members how to use wire-wrapping with crystal or stone beads to make pretty pierced earrings. Supplies for class are 2 pieces of 20 gauge wire 13" long and 22 4mm crystal or rock beads (which should have a bicone shape). Class should be completed in under an hour. Please bring your usual supplies: round nose and square nose pliers and flush cutters. Cost is \$2.00 if you want Kathi to bring her wire. She will also have free crystal beads on hand that were donated by Auntie Laura!



**Saturday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Noon - ?**

**Silversmithing with Dave Macseoinin:** We are tentatively scheduling another afternoon of Silversmithing. If you're interested in learning more about silver smithing, or copper working, please let Dave Macseoinin or Mary Myers know. We have met in the past on Saturday afternoons (when we're not faceting) and are considering meeting for smithing more often in 2022. Are you interested?

**So who wants to teach a class? What classes do you want offered?**

If you would be interested in offering a class or scheduling time at the clubhouse, please contact Kathi Hampton or Mary Myers. Please take COVID precautions particularly if you have not yet been vaccinated. We value you and want to keep our members healthy and alive!

**William Holland (WH) trip and information:** Nothing new from Sandy. We're still planning on going the week of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Sunshine News from Mari:** Mary Myers tested negative for covid after our Christmas cookie meeting. Apparently it was just the cold that's going around – but it lasted for 2 solid weeks! Dave Macseoinin landed back in the hospital over Christmas, after beginning his recovery from a stroke earlier in the month. He is doing much better and is back at home now. Several other members of the club have gotten sick over the past month. We keep hearing from various members who don't want their information published that they are either sick – whether it's from Covid or something else, or that they have lost friends and family members, or that their friends or family members are facing some serious medical issues. Please keep your patience, kindness, thoughts and prayers going that we get through these times together!

**GeoJuniors Program Information from Evelyn:** No report.

**Library news from Doug Shorter:** Doug is headed out west for his annual visit there. Please return your materials 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](mailto:SLCnewsletter2019@gmail.com).

**Proposal to move the meetings back to the Quirk Center:**

Mary Myers checked again with the Quirk Center manager, Michael Fallis, and they are still not taking reservations for this facility. She will check back again monthly to check to see if (and when) perhaps we can move our meetings back to that facility later in 2022, if we chose to do that. For now, we're continuing to meet at the Polish American Club, probably until 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](mailto: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: We will need many volunteers for our Spring Gemboree on
- We are still looking for members to help with the Rock Tumbler Role, or even to ... TAKE CHARGE!
- 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:**

- Kudos to Kristin and Mark Morrow for taking on some of the tumbling duties (at their home) for our Gemboree.
- Kudos to Evelyn, Susanne, and others who gave us a Christmas party and cookie exchange.
- Kudos to Courtney for serving as Vice President, and to Nancy for serving as Treasurer.
- Kudos to Bene, Guy, Laura, Kathi, Cathy, Tom, and Mary for agreeing to fill 2022 Board roles and to our other two trustees, David Rich and Bob Spore whose terms did not expire last year.
- Kudos again to Susie for keeping the pop, paper products, water, and all the other supplies refilled.
- Kudos to David Mac, Kathi Hampton, Mary Myers, and John Kerr for being shop tenders for the month of September. And to Kathi for her excellent notes, and to Cathy for her tracking of members.
- Kudos to Becky, Guy, Bobbie, Kim, and Evelyn for their efforts on the Spring Gemboree.
- Kudos to Gene, Tom, Bob, Tom #2, and all who keep our saws and equipment running!
- And finally, kudos to all those volunteers whom I have forgotten to mention. (Please let me know who I might have missed.) By the way, the clubhouse is looking good! Thanks to all for helping with that.

**Shop Tender Days:**

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

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

You can call or text David Macseoinin at 234-706-1523.

You can call or text John Kerr at 330-701-1882.

You can call or text Kathi Hampton at 330-690-2070.

You can text Mary Myers at 330-696-4315.

We will be available by appointment only – and please remember bring your masks and safety gear! You must wear safety glasses and a dust mask when working on the machines downstairs. Oil mist, rock dust, and chips are dangerous to your eyes and your lungs.

**Zoom availability and informal gatherings in the clubhouse - Saturday mornings or on Zoom, anytime:**

If you're interested, please come for the Saturday mornings coffee klatches! Remember, we are still limited to some of the Covid restrictions at least for a while yet, and please take proper precautions.

**Minutes from General meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Platform: In-person and Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Courtney Cable

**GEMBOREE Report Fall 2021** (Becky Koscsó) We made money and the funds have been distributed.**PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE: Proposed by Doug Shorter** (for regulating family members becoming leaders at the same time, to protect the club from internal decisions. Membership voted by paper ballot: 31 members were against the change; 6 for the change. **The bylaw change proposed by Doug Shorter (regarding family membership and leadership roles) was voted down by the membership.****BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021 >> VOTE for 2022****President:** Gene Willis (Continuing from 2021)**Vice President: (Change) Guy Kotch** (New for 2022) (**Courtney Cable** is departing from the role after 2 years.)**Treasurer: (Change) Laura Thomas** (**Nancy Holloran** is departing from the role.)**Secretary:** Kathi Hampton (Continuing from 2021)**Membership:** Cathy Millhoan (Continuing from 2021)**TRUSTEE:** Tom McLaughlin (Re-elected for 3 years 2022-25) Bob Spore and David Rich's terms did not expire.**Newsletter:** Mary Myers (Continuing from 2021)**VOTE RESULTS:** Slate of board members has been approved by the membership.**FINANCE UPDATE**

We have set some of our funds aside in preparation for anticipated building repairs.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY 2021:** Thank you to all who helped in the organizing of the event. (Evelyn, Susanne, and others)

59 reservations, 55 in attendance

1st Christian Community Church catered along with some extra support.

Budget was \$2,000. Expenses were less than \$2,000.

Akron Mineral owes (about) \$340(?) to Summit Lapidary Club for the subsidy of the club members

Suggestion to have people who serve the food, not be club members, so they can join in on the party and not work so hard.

**BOARD MEETING** in end of December is CANCELLED. Take a break.

Note: The minutes from the Nov.9 meeting need to be revised to: Members of the executive board can spend up to \$500 without club approval.

**CUYAHOGA FALLS SNOW REMOVAL AND PARKING BANS:**

The winter oftentimes brings snow and ice which can create hazards for Cuyahoga Falls travelers. The city takes great care in preparing for storms and sends plow trucks into the street to ensure the safety of our residents.

**Clean Streets Winter Tips**

1. In times of heavy snowfall, remove parked cars from city streets so they can be properly plowed.
2. Avoid putting snow from driveways or sidewalks into already cleared streets.
3. Keep sidewalks free of snow and ice for children, mail carriers, and neighbors.

Sorry, I couldn't find the current phone number for the automated Cuyahoga Falls Snow Ban phone.

**The Street Dept. phone is (330) 971-8030 and they are responsible for snow removal off streets.****POTHoles (In case anyone is interested in reporting any potholes in Cuyahoga Falls):**The city works diligently to keep up with potholes and encourages residents to call the Pothole Hotline at (330) 971-8FIL (8345). Potholes may also be reported online through the Report A Pothole web form.Copied from <https://www.cityofcf.com/departments/street>

**Gems provided by members:****BRAD'S BENCH TIPS**

I haven't heard from Brad Smith in the past two months. So I have chosen a few of his bench tips from his Facebook account. He has given me permission in the past to use his items. I have reached out to him several times to ask about his health and well-being but I haven't received a response yet.

**Straightening Wire**

Have you ever pulled out some silver wire only to find that it's all bent up? The easiest way I've found to straighten it out is to stretch it a bit.

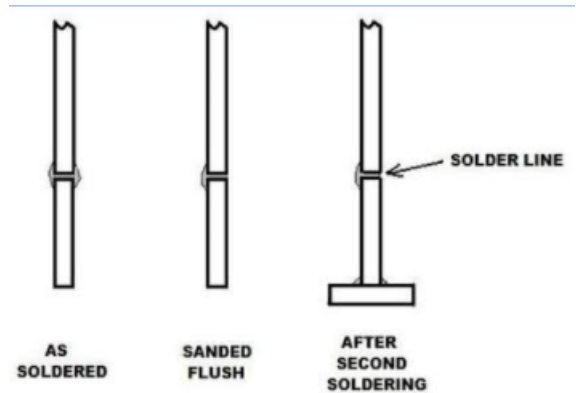
Simply put one end in the vise and grab the other end with a pair of serrated tip pliers. Then pull just enough to feel the wire stretch like a rubber band. This works best on small wire diameters, up to about 16 gauge.



Be careful if you are trying to pull hard on a thick wire. Brace yourself in case the wire breaks or pulls out of the pliers. (And a note from your editor – it would be wise to wear some protective glasses in case that were to happen, in order to protect your eyes.)

**Avoiding Solder Lines**

After finishing a soldered joint on a piece (say, a bezel), have you ever seen it reappear after you've soldered the bezel to a base plate? What's happening is that every time you heat a soldered piece to the temperature that the solder flows, the liquid solder seeps a little more into the surrounding metal. This leaves a small furrow where the solder had previously been sanded off flush at the joint. To get rid of the furrow, you have to re-sand the joint area down to the bottom of each new furrow.



To avoid this, when I have another soldering operation to follow the first, I try to leave a little extra solder on my joints. For instance, when trimming off the excess base plate from around a bezel, I leave a paper thickness of excess plate material whenever possible until I'm done with all the soldering on the piece.

Of course, this isn't always possible as when a soldering operation will prevent you from gaining access to an area for final sanding and polishing. Coating the finished solder joint with ochre seems to help a bit but is not a complete solution.

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

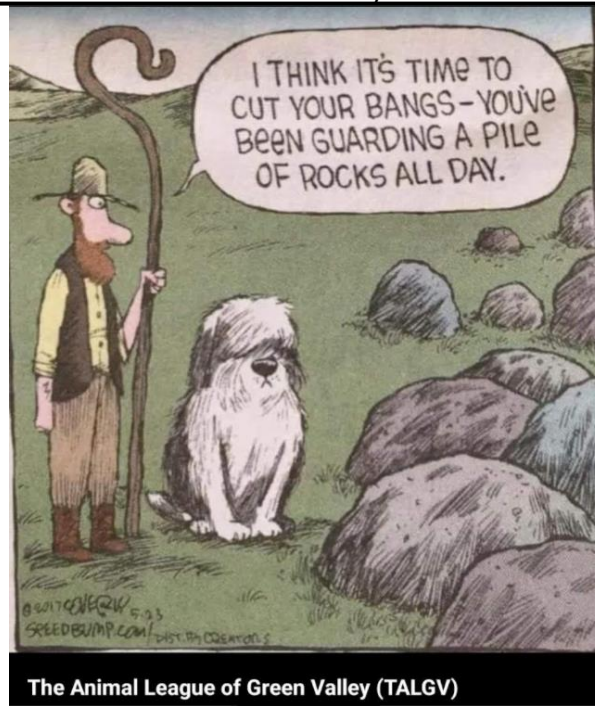
Learn New Skills with Brad's "How To" Books

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INFORMATION ABOUT SOME UPCOMING ROCK AND MINERAL SHOWS**

From Mary Myers - Are you interested in attending some of the upcoming rock and mineral shows?

Source: <https://www.rockandmineralshows.com/search/jewelry-lapidary-shows>

**And to brighten your day, just in case you've found yourself spending a little too much time sheltering in place in your home ... perhaps you might find this bit from the Animal League of Green Valley appropriate? (Perhaps it's time for a haircut?)**



And to further brighten your cold January day, perhaps a little humor from website of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (<https://www.amfed.org/rockhoun.htm>) might be fun?

You Might Be a Rockhound If . . . . .

(Part 3)

you spend hours and hours in the ugliest room in your house.  
 you give directions like, "turn right at the green farmhouse..."  
 you bought the ugliest boots available cause they were water proof.  
 you know what findings are for.  
 you watch the scenery in movies instead of the actors.  
 your company asks you not to bring any more rocks to the office until they have time to reinforce the floor.  
 the local jewelry stores & libraries give out your name for information on rock clubs.  
 you examine individual rocks in driveway gravel.  
 your wife knows you are down in the basement sorting rocks but can't quite find you nor does she remember that pretty wall down there.  
 your local rock shops send you get well cards when you don't stop by in more than a week.

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But You Might Be a Rockhound here at Summit Lapidary If . . . . .

you find nothing wrong with hanging out in the basement of a 100-year-old building built into bedrock.  
 you are willing to drive two hours away into farm country 'down south' just to dig in a muddy hole for flint.  
 your rock mask is filled with oily fingerprints – but, heck, why bother getting a new one out?  
 you never have to add a bag of rock salt to the trunk of your car (or truck) because you already have 100 pounds of flint back there, waiting to be cut, polished, or tumbled.  
 you grew up in this area and always found little fossils in the driveway gravel, and thought them precious.  
 you want to complain about something that's going on at the club but you don't want to volunteer to be on the Board, because then you couldn't just gripe about something or other.  
 you help at the Gemboree (even though it's tiring) because it pays our club's expenses for the year.

This list was written by Mary Myers, member of the Summit Lapidary Club.