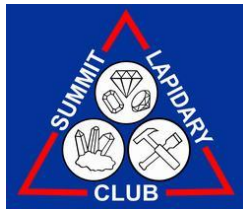


Summit Gem - March 2022 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

March 8th, 2022 Monthly Meeting
(the SECOND Tuesday of the month!)

will be held in person and online

at 7:00 PM at the Polish American Club

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



Here is the 2022 ZOOM LINK for the 2nd Tuesday of each Month for the Members' Meetings.

Summit Lapidary Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Summit Lapidary Club: Member's Meeting (Recurrs Monthly, 2022)
Time: Feb. 8th, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Every month on the Second Tue, until Dec 13, 2022, 12 occurrence(s)

Mar 8, 2022 07:00 PM	Jul 12, 2022 07:00 PM	Nov 8, 2022 07:00 PM
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Here is the link for the monthly MEMBER'S Meetings



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

MEMBERS' MEETINGS



MEMBERS' MEETING ID: 817 4246 5223

Passcode: 526586

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

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

And here is the 2022 link for the monthly BOARD MEETINGS

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

BOARD MEETINGS



BOARD MEETING ID: 827 4978 6164

Passcode: 234899

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

Mar 29, 2022 07:00 PM
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Program: from Guy Kotch to be announced.**President's Message – by Gene Willis**

Having had a taste of warm weather, Bonnie and I are ready for Spring. With Spring, the outdoors call to us to do some traveling, collecting, and attending nearby shows. Here are some of them coming up:

- Towards the end of March (on March 26th-27th), the Stark County Gem and Mineral Club puts on their show at the County Fairgrounds.
- In April (on April 2nd and 3rd), the Columbus Rock and Mineral Society hosts their show at the Ohio Expo Center.
- Our own show, the Gemboree (April 23rd and 24th) runs at Emidio's Expo Center. Remember to sign up for your 4 hour tour of duty at our show in order to remain as a 'member in good standing.' See Becky Kosco for sign-up.
- The Miami County Gem and Mineral club holds their show (April 23rd and 24th) at the Duke Lungard Building at the Miami County Fairgrounds.
- All total there are 23 clubs putting on shows between March 11th and April 30th. So many to choose from! If you are able, please consider supporting and attending some of the closer clubs' shows.

In closing, welcome in Spring activities and should you encounter any problems here at the club, or observe anything that you want drawn to our attention, or if you see something that needs correction, or if you need directions in using our equipment, please notify the Board. Please remember to include your ideas of any proposed plan of correction that might benefit the club so that we might all make best use our limited time.

Be safe, be happy, and be well.

Gene Willis

GEMBOREE NEWS from Becky:

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! If you want to help out in any way let me know.

April 23&24 will be here before we know it. Spring Gemboree 2022! **There will be a meeting of the Gemboree leads March 8th at 6pm, prior to the Summit Lapidary Club meeting**, at the Polish American Club. Please come prepared with any problems or expenses for your areas.

Sign up Genius is up and running for you to register your work assignments. If you have a problem with this please contact Kim Evangelisti or Mary Myers. They will both be at the SLC meeting to assist you with signing up. In order to be a Member in Good Standing each member needs to volunteer at least 4 hours for each Gemboree. You must be in Good Standing to take advantage of classes, trips, working downstairs, etc. I do



realize there are life emergencies that can come up that might prevent you from working a particular show. - if that is the case, you need to contact me in advance.

It really does help the various leads and myself to know what coverage we have before the actual Gemboree days. When you arrive the day of the show there will be a printed copy of the Sign-Up Genius at admissions and by the back door that you can check where you are signed up.

Hospitality will be back to our usual way. We will have Pizza for Friday Set Up and Donuts and coffee each morning. Otherwise we count on members to bring things to share – hopefully something that doesn't require special storage. I added a volunteer slot on Sign-Up Genius for someone to help Bonnie with Hospitality during a few hours each day. Help is really needed when the coffee or tables need moved, etc. There is an additional slot where you can indicate any goodies you will bring.

For Gemboree Leads (and seconds): Please attend a Gemboree Meeting March 8th at 6pm right before the Summit Lapidary Club meeting at the Polish American Club. **This is a meeting for the leads** - please come prepared with any problems and/or expenses you anticipate. Specifically, Bobby King, Lisa Troxell, Evelyn Tryon, Gene and Bonnie Willis, Kathi Hampton, Laurie McElroy, Kristin and Mark Morrow, Bob Powers, David Rich, Guy Kotch, Susanne Shoffner, Frank Edwards, Bob Spore, John Wallace, Mary Myers, Frank Mack, Nancy Halloran, Laura Thomas, Dave MacSeoinin, Kim Evangelisti, Sandy Shorter, and Mark Cunningham (as AMS Pres). please let Becky know if you cannot attend. **Tuesday, March 8th at 6:00pm.**

For all members: Please attend a meeting on Wednesday, March 16th, at 6:30pm –at the club to work on Gemtrees. We will be meeting at the clubhouse to rubber band small gem trees to bases for the Gemboree. Please come and help! **That's Wednesday, March 16th, at 6:30pm.**

Hope your New Year ROCKS!! - Becky

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

*This is a reminder that to join the club there is an initial registration fee of \$25, plus members pay their ANNUAL DUES of \$48 per year (due on March 1st). But remember that **members can save money by paying their dues early – dues are just \$44 if paid before March 1st!***

Bring them to our February meeting or send/drop them to Summit Lapidary Club
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Feb. 22nd, 2022 Board Meeting highlights:

- ✓ The Treasurer had nothing to report since the end of the month had not yet arrived.
- ✓ A question was raised by a club member about the Gemboree. Becky is the Chair of the Gemboree, and she explained her decisions to the Board's satisfaction.
- ✓ We need saw oil for the machines. The cost was close to \$500 the last time. This will be brought to the members' meeting if purchasing that amount of oil is necessary, and in the budget for this year.
- ✓ The trim saw and saws 4 and 5 were cleaned by Mary and Susanne helping Gene. Paper grocery bags are needed for the oil filtration system.
- ✓ Snow removal – Laura will contact them and ask that they also clean the sidewalks.
- ✓ Our November 2021 newsletter was sent to the Midwest Federation for their competition.
- ✓ The Square Dance show is limited to 15 vendors, cost is \$75. The hours are long. Members will be needed for items and for volunteering their time.
- ✓ Still working on a quote for the siding cost.
- ✓ The purchase of an external microphone for our Zoom meetings was approved so members can hear better.

Classes and Events:

Tuesday, March 8th, 7:00pm: SLC Members' meeting at the Polish American Club.

Saturday, March 12th, at midnight (or before you go to sleep): Turn your clocks ahead one hour!

Wednesday, March 16th, 6:30pm: Gemboree Gem Tree volunteers needed.

Please come to the clubhouse to help glue the gem trees onto bases for the Gemboree this evening.

Saturday, March 19th, noon: Silversmithing – CLASS #1, Simple pendant:

Join Dave Macseoinin and Mary Myers as we assist you in making and soldering a setting for a simple pendant with a simple half ring bail. You will need a 25x18mm cabochon (or something close to that) and your metals. You will also need 20 or 22 gauge copper, silver, or brass sheet (at minimum a 2"x2" piece), solder (hard and medium). You can purchase these from V-rock or Rio Grande or anywhere else online.

Tuesday, March 29th, 7:00pm: Board meeting at the clubhouse.

Saturday, April 2nd, Noon: Metalsmithing Class #2, forged penannular pin with two small cabochons.

Join Dave Macseoinin and Mary Myers in forging a penannular pin out of copper or silver, and set it with two small cabochons (which are 8mm or smaller) in bezels on the spatulas. You will need some 10 or 12 gauge wire (we can provide a piece of copper wire). You will need some bezel wire (6 inches or less), and 2 small cabochons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Series of Metal Smithing Classes to be offered:

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

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

Beginning metal smithing classes:

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

Intermediate metal smithing classes:

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

Advanced

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

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

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

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

William Holland (WH) trip and information update from Sandy: Planned for the week of Sept. 11th, 2022. There are still openings available if anyone is interested. Contact Sandy Shorter @ 440-479-0069.

WH is requiring proof of full vaccinations to attend class, either the card or a photo copy of the card will suffice.

Each member planning to attend should have received their class confirmation. I do not believe we have to do anything else. I have confirmed that our deposit has been released to William Holland. I will confirm if we have to update our registration information. I will keep you posted. Nothing is easy, haha!

Thanks for your patience with me,
Sandy Shorter

Ordering materials from Evelyn Tryon:

Just a reminder for all members - Evelyn Tryon orders tools and materials from EuroTool.com and Parawire.com (and others) for her business, Pretty Things. Members get a club member discount from Evelyn when they buy tools and supplies from Pretty Things.

Brown Paper Bags:

Please save your brown paper grocery bags for our oil filtering process. We will typically need a half dozen anytime that we work on cleaning the saws (which is likely to be at least monthly).

Sunshine News:

I really miss Mari and her sunshine news. Is anyone willing to step up and track members so that we can keep in better touch with those who are ill or have been injured?

GeoJuniors Program Information from Evelyn: Geojuniors are meeting on March 13th.

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

Newsletter from Mary: Do you have anything that you might like to share? I welcome participation from our members – a short paragraph about something you've learned or a special location related to our lapidary interests would be most welcome! Don't worry about 'polishing' your piece, I'll do that for you (ha-ha!) Please email me at SLCnewsletter2019@gmail.com.

Proposal to move the meetings back to the Quirk Center:

Mary Myers checked again with the Quirk Center manager, Michael Fallis, and they are still not taking reservations for this facility. 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 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!

- Spring Gemboree: PLEASE SIGN UP THROUGH SIGN-UP GENIUS! We will need many volunteers for our Spring Gemboree on April 23-24, 2022.
- We need gem tree gluers on Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30pm at the clubhouse.
- We need rock baggers on Saturday, April 16th at 8:30 or 9:00am. Don't be late for this one! 😊
- We are still looking for members to help with the Rock Tumbler Role at the club.
- Any members planning on rocking vacations?
- We need members to help with saw cleaning monthly. It's not difficult, it's just messy diving into the oil.
- We need members to help with machine maintenance. These individuals will need some mechanical skills.
- We also need members to volunteer to vacuum once in a while, wipe down surfaces, clean the restrooms, swab the floor, sweep the decks, hoist the main, that sort of thing. It's OUR clubhouse. ... and I promise kudos to volunteers (if I know about their efforts).

Kudos to our last month's volunteers:

- Kudos to Susie for once again keeping the pop, paper products, water, and all the other supplies refilled including toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex. And Susie even had surgery this month! And she came two days after her surgery to help with GeoJuniors!
- Kudos to David Mac, Kathi Hampton, Mary Myers, and John Kerr for being shop tenders for the month of February. 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, Susie, and all who keep our saws and equipment running!
- Kudos to Kristin and Mark Morrow for handling some of the rock tumbling for the Gemboree at home.
- Kudos to Sandy for handling all the planning with William Holland.
- And finally, I know that I have forgotten to mention some of our volunteers. Did I mention that Susie regularly shows up after each and every rain to push the water that has collected in our downstairs hallway into the drain behind the furnace? (Please let me know who else 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 February, 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 February 8th, 2021

Platform: In-person and Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

Gene opened the meeting at 7:00.

Speaker-Guy showed us how to use the AED. It is kept at the clubhouse and goes with us on trips.

Treasurer- Laura gave an account of the money and bills paid for January. The Midwest Federation dues were paid for this year.

Membership- Cathy is recovering from surgery.

Gemboree- Sign up Genius is online and Mary has sent out invites to all the members. We will need more help with admissions, set up and tear down. Consider helping out more than 4 hours. There will be a hard copy of the member sign-in at admission desk and by the back door. Several members requested booths for the Spring Gemboree. Please contact Evelyn to get a contract sent to you. ODNR is definitely coming to the Spring show. Window clings are up front to put on your car as well as fliers.

Building Report- Frank is not here for report.

Square Dance Booth- Mary asked if anyone will be showing their work for the show. Mark and Kristen will and Evelyn will along with Mary and Kathi. The club will get 20% of sales. The show will be held on May 5 and 6.

Sunshine- 5 cards are going around. Please sign the cards.

Geo Jrs.- The meeting is this Sunday. They will be working on a Minimal Test Kit.

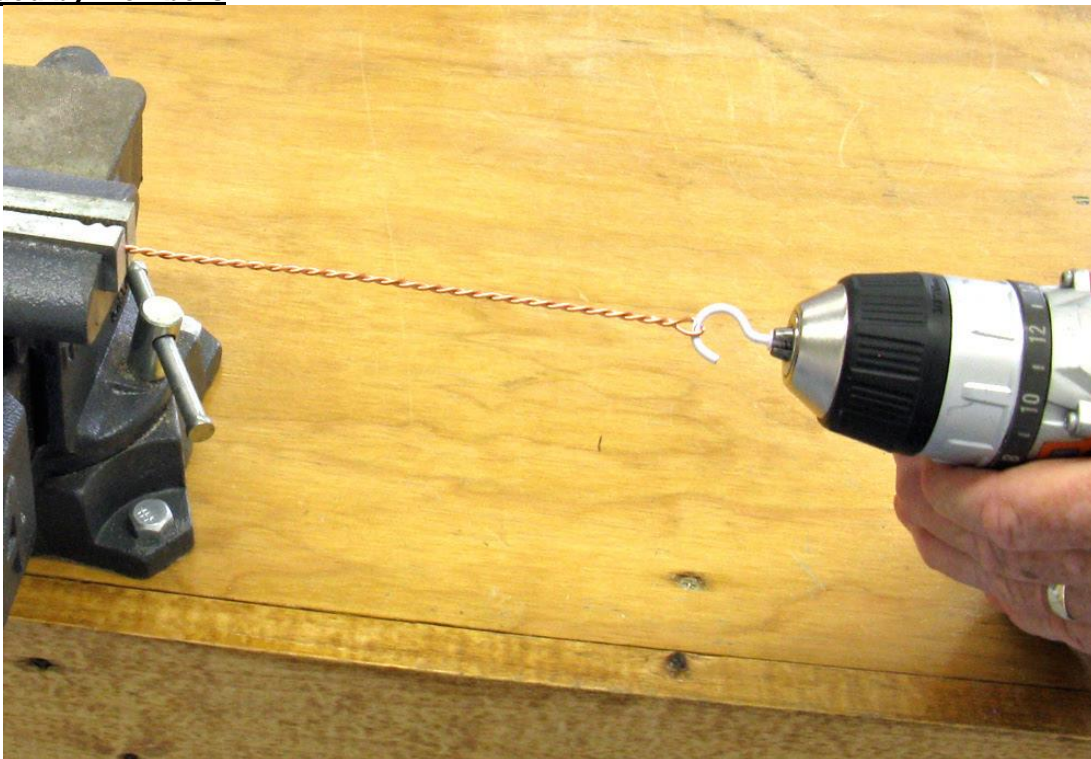
Old business- Kathy Lee's silver has been purchased by a member of our group. We will be staying at PAC at least until June 2022.

New business- The saws need cleaned at least once a month. Anyone interested in helping or learning to take care of the saws meet at the club on Saturday at 10:00. Gene is looking for someone to maintain the saws. He can still do repairs.

Evelyn sent out email for anyone interested in Parawire or Eurotools. She will be placing an order on Feb. 20. Susanne said the Mineral club was going to Knoxville, Tenn. There are diamonds at Douglas Lake. Maybe our group can car pool do there next year.

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

Gems provided by members:



TWISTING WIRE

Twisting wire can be done with an old hand drill but goes much faster with a power tool. My preference is to use a screw gun, although a Foredom should do well.

Just make a little hook out of coat hanger wire (or use a screw-in cup hook) and chuck it up in your screw gun. Grip the free ends of the wire in a vice and slip the looped end onto your hook. Keep a little tension on the wires as you twist.

Note that a power drill is too fast a tool for this unless you have one with variable speed.

SOLDERING PRONGS

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

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

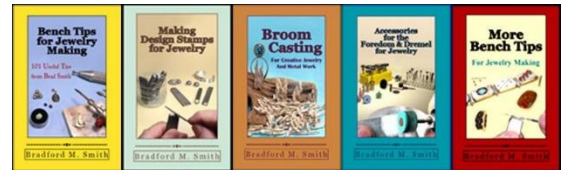
Happy hammering, Brad Smith

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



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

You Might Be a Rockhound If

(Part 4)

- The baggage handlers at the airport know you by name and refuse to help with your luggage.
- The local university's geology department asks permission to hold a field trip - in your back yard.
- The city sends you a letter informing you a landfill permit is required to put any more rocks in the back yard.
- UPS has a regular pickup and delivery schedule for your house.
- You can debate for hours on the differences between spectrolite and labradorite.
- You shouted "Obsidian!" to a theater full of movie-goers while watching the Shawshank Redemption.
- Your children have names like Rocky, Jewel, and Beryl.
- You get excited when you find a hardware store with 16 pound sledge hammers and 5 foot long pry bars.
- You debate for months on Internet about whether vibratory or drum tumblers are best.
- You can't remember the last time your car still fit in the garage.

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But You Might Be a Rockhound [here in Ohio](#) If

- You get out the push-broom every time it rains for the wet basement at the clubhouse.
- You know that old worn out sanding 600 grit belts are just as good, if not better, than a new 1,000 grit belt.
- You know that Pierogies are often made locally at the place where we meet.
- You look for signs of rocks springing forth from the earth like daffodils in this time of year.
- You're still waiting for Johnnie's soft opening – oh wait! He's now scheduled that for March 10th, 11th, and 12th, from 1:00pm-9:00pm! Rock on, Johnnie! Good to have you aboard!

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

INFORMATION ABOUT SOME UPCOMING ROCK AND MINERAL SHOWS

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



GemStreet USA

MARCH 11-13 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.

Gem Expo

March 11-13th Toronto, Canada

Location: Hyatt Regency

Website: <https://thegemexpo.com/>

GemStreet USA

SEPTEMBER 23-25 CLEVELAND

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

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

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

GemStreet USA

NOVEMBER 11-13 BUFFALO

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

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

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



Before I agree to 2022, I need to see some of the rocks.

I told my rock collection she wasn't my boss. She disagreed.

"I am sorry," said no rock, ever.

I'm not adding this year to my rocks' ages. They didn't use it.

Rocks can memorize 120 commands ... but they don't want to.