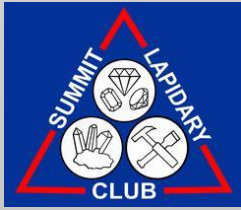


The Summit Gem - June 2025 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

June 10th, 2025 Monthly Meeting

(the SECOND Tuesday of the month) held in person.
at 7:00 PM at the Polish American Club



The Polish American Club (PAC) is located at 472 Glenwood Ave, Akron 44310

The June program will be Rob Ledwedge presenting Sand from All Over the World

President's Message

We're attracting new members, we're beginning our building fundraising campaign, we're cutting and polishing rocks, we're busy, busy, busy! Congratulations to all who are actively contributing towards making this THE Lapidary Club to join!

Many thanks to all those who have shared their talents and/or treasures: Greg Megois, David Macseoinin, Tyler Chabra, Cathy Milhoan, Pat Burk, Finley Lahmers, Laurie McElroy, and Suzanne Shoffner, just to name a few. Please acknowledge your gratitude to all who help make this club so great.

Yeah! We found the missing Lifetime Members Plaque that was so generously created by Cathy Milhoan and it is now hanging in a place of honor inside our clubhouse.

We are still missing Kathleen Lucas' acrylic painted rock – she left it to dry in our clubhouse after Annette Long's wonderful acrylic pour experience, and it has not yet been found. Anyone remember seeing it? Here's a picture of it! It was a beautiful midnight blue with some silver streaks and a bit of gold on it. It looked similar to a piece of Lapis. Please check your collections to see if it was inadvertently removed from the clubhouse – an anonymous return would be most welcomed!



And we are, of course, still missing our last puzzle piece from our April Fool's Day puzzle night. Anyone want to 'fess up to being the mischievous culprit for that heinous caper? Or should we just blame the ghost of 244? It was rocking fun trying to put together that Lake Superior Agate puzzle!

We are going to try to keep some evening and Saturday classes going throughout the summer at our clubhouse – if members want them. And the best part is that you will be able to sign up for them on a signup genius link on the Members' Only Page on our website. There's been quite a few classes cancelled for low (or no) enrollment – so if you have something you'd like to do together, please contact David M., Kathi Hampton, or myself. Michelle Gary, one of our latest members, mentioned that she could teach how to make marvelous little critters from seed beads – similar to the lizards (etc.) that many of us originally made from pony beads and cording (I still have a few my daughter made for me!) Sounds like fun to me! Does that interest anyone else?

Congratulations to our newest key holders! Please welcome Tyler and his mom, Jill, Chabra! They are well trained and have been VERY active in helping at the clubhouse, and they both worked MANY hours at the Gemboree. They are wonderful additions to our membership.

Please welcome some of our 2025 new members: Daniel Elia, Lori Simonelli, Delaney Spoonster, Jill Chabra and her son, Tyler Chabra, David Romans, Penny Coghé, and Bethany (Skyler) Nissel. Please introduce yourself to them when you see our new members – our friendliness is so important!

Our new members are encouraging us to add more short videos and reels to our website and social media (like Facebook). We're beginning to attract attention with our content – so please, keep those videos coming. Personalized pictures, showing members having fun, are also attractive to social media viewers. They want to see what we're doing here at our club. And please be sure to 'like', 'share,' and 'comment' on whatever you see. Adding comments increases the likelihood of people actually seeing our content.

I saw some interesting pictures on Facebook from a field trip that the Stark County Gem and Mineral Club did, collecting crystals in a river. Anybody know what that location might be? I'd bet that some of our members would enjoy getting a little muddy to find crystals! I have reached out to Jennifer Mizicko, a member of that club, but haven't heard back yet.

Some reminders:

Game Night on Thursday, June 12th from 7:00-8:30pm at our clubhouse

Come on down and play some board or card games with your fellow club members, if you're interested. It's nice to get to know one another over a casual game of ... Murder Uno or Kamikaze Yahtzee. We could also try Twister, but only if you're interested in a short trip to ER if I'm involved.

Rock Swap and Sale on Saturday, June 14th, from 11am-2pm at our clubhouse!

Oh, boy! There are some beautiful things that will be offered at this sale from our shed cleanout. Special thank you's go to David Macseoinin, Tyler Chabra, and Amanda Peak (a brand-new member!) I couldn't have gone through all that and organized it – they did it all! We have used equipment (2 trim saws, one flat lap, and one large tumbler), all of which need tender loving care. We have about 250 pounds of rough, some slabs, skads of jewelry findings and beads, crystals (did I say crystals?), and stuff. I apologize, due to family needs, I cannot be present. I have asked David M. to oversee the sale with several people's help, including Tyler C., Pat Burk, and Amanda. All of the proceeds will go to our building fund from the sale of the club's materials. I am hoping that many of our members will bring additional rough and slabs that they will sell or swap. This event is on Facebook. Please welcome prospective members if any come. Note: Obviously, only members can sell at this event.

Big Dig on Saturday, June 21st at Nether's Farm. Meet at 7:00am at our clubhouse for carpooling

I have been informed that Nether's Farm has been sold. We are one of the last few organized digs there. (The bulldozer must leave the property soon.) So, this is likely the last time that we'll be going there. Please do try to attend if you are interested in collecting any more flint. Hoping to see you there!

Metalsmithing, Saturday, June 28th, at the clubhouse

Come and join David M. and myself as we hone our metalsmithing skills to set all these beautiful rocks that we are creating. Bring some 22 gauge copper, brass, or silver, some fine silver bezel, silver solder (hard, medium, and easy), and whatever tools you have. We'll help you to create a beautiful setting.

Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 17th, from 11am-4:30pm at Chestnut Lodge off Sandrun Pkwy

Your Summer Picnic Joint SLC/AMS Committee (Greg M., Suzanne S., Joyce and Skeeter Kish) has been hard at work planning a summer afternoon of fellowship and fun for us all. They requested (and were approved) a budget of \$350 by the SLC Board (which is expected to be matched by AMS for a total of \$700). They will be announcing their plans at our meeting – please try to attend!

Coming in September: A faceting symposium here at the clubhouse.

David M. is planning a brand-new faceting symposium here at the clubhouse. He hopes to invite Parma Lapidary Club members to participate. Talk to David for more details about his plan if interested.

Zoom

I have sent out the Zoom invitations for both our regular monthly and Board meetings by email to members currently on our updated roster. The links will be available on our Members Only page on our website in the future. They will no longer be available in any public arena for security purposes.

Rock Sculpture

The Lake Erie Beach Rock Sculpture is coming along nicely. David M., Pat Burk, and I made a second spur of the moment trip up to the beaches to gather a few more materials for our sculpture. Finley Lahmers donated a very sturdy board for the sculpture.

That's all for now, my friends. I'm doing my best to keep everyone informed and to keep the open flow of communication going. I am suffering from CRS in my 'older' age, lol. Remember we have a two-way streets here in the U.S., and Communication Alley is certainly one of them!

For now, I'm hoping that we are each blessed with a cool new rock today (just a little insurance that none of our houses will blow away in a tornado).

I'll admit it first. I'm a rockaholic, on the road to recovery ...
(of a few more rocks).

Mary Myers, your 2025 President of SLC

Gemboree news from Cathy Milhoan: No News

SLC Dues –2025 Dues can be paid to Laura McElroy. (If you have any questions as to whether 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 only \$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**. Let's get those paid soon!

Sunshine News from Mari: No News**Library news from David Macseoinin: No News**

Newsletter from John Kerr: Please forward club news or articles you would like included in the newsletter to slcnewsletter2023@gmail.com.

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.

Machine Maintenance: No News

Midwest Federation News: See attached MWF newsletter that has a lot of very interesting information including the fall Executive Committee Meeting that will be held at our clubhouse on Saturday, October 25th.

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.

Classes and Events:

Metalsmithing Workshop

June 28 @ 12:00

Summer Picnic on August 17th at Chestnut Lodge

1501 Sand Run Parkway, Akron, Ohio 44313

Time 12:00 noon – 5:00 PM

The time for our summer picnic is approaching very fast. We visited this Lodge, and it is very nice. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

Please bring a covered dish to share. The club provides, hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, and corn on the cob.

Our activities will be bingo, Atlatl throwing, and bean bag toss. If you want to play bingo, please bring a wrapped prize.

Help will be needed to shuck corn, man the grills, and set up. Every little bit is appreciated.

Please let us know if you will be attending the picnic so we have enough food. Call Susanne @ 240 357 3785 Greg @ 330 990 8900 or Joyce @ 330 753 7081.

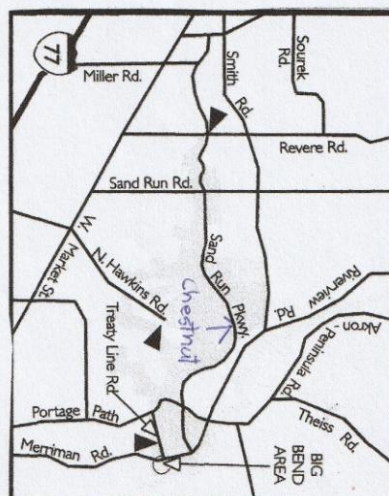
Below is a map and directions.

Driving Directions *** Please keep in mind that a GPS will not work for Sand Run Parkway. If used, it will direct you to an address on Sand Run Road, which intersects with Sand Run Parkway. Please make sure everyone attending your event follows these directions. **

Chestnut Lodge at Sand Run Metro Park Address: 1501 Sand Run Parkway, Akron, OH 44313 Driving Directions *** Please keep in mind that a GPS will not work for Sand Run Parkway. If used, it will direct you to an address on Sand Run Road, which intersects with Sand Run Parkway. Please make sure everyone attending your event follows these directions.

*** FROM THE NORTH Take 1-77 South, exit at Ghent Road and turn right. After crossing Smith Road, turn left onto Sand Run Parkway. You'll enter Sand Run Metro Park after crossing Revere Road. Continue to follow the parkway, crossing Sand Run Road. Chestnut Lodge will be on your left, shortly after crossing the vehicle ford (i.e., the stream). If the parkway is closed at Sand Run Road, turn left and drive up Sand Run Road. At Smith Road, turn right and travel about one mile. At the bottom of the hill, turn right onto Riverview Road, (which becomes Merriman Road.) After about one mile, turn right onto Portage Path and travel to the pedestrian crossing at Sand Run Parkway. Turn right. After about one mile, the entrance to Chestnut Lodge will be on your right.

FROM THE SOUTH Take I-77 North and exit at Miller Road. Continue straight on Miller Road until it dead ends into Sand Run Parkway. Turn right. You'll enter Sand Run Metro Park after crossing Revere Road. Continue to follow the parkway, crossing Sand Run Road. Chestnut Lodge will be on your left, shortly after crossing the vehicle ford (i.e., the stream). Updated 7/12/24 S:\Customer Service\Facility Info-Reservations\Facility Descrip & Directions\Lodge-Shelter Directions\Mingo\Mingo If the parkway is closed at Sand Run Road, turn left, and drive up Sand Run Road. At Smith Road, turn right and travel about one mile. At the bottom of the hill, turn right onto Riverview Road, (which becomes Merriman Road.) After about one mile, turn right onto Portage Path and travel to the pedestrian crossing at Sand Run Parkway. Turn right. After about one mile, the entrance to Chestnut Lodge will be on your right.



MWF 2025 apparel order forms:

Club Order Form

2025 MWF Tee Shirt and Zip Hoodie form

	Small	Med	Large	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
Tee shirt heather red Quantity	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$21.00
Dollar total									
Full-zip Hoodie Ash gray Quantity	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$40.00	\$41.00
Dollar Total									

Club Name _____ State _____

Contact Person's Name _____

Contact Person's Email _____

Contact Person's Phone _____

SHIP TO: Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grand Total
Make checks Payable
to: **MWF**

*****Please be certain the shipping address is checked on a daily basis to avoid theft**

All tee shirts are heather red with turquoise imprint 65/35 gildan super soft tee

Jerzee 50/50 full zip ash grey with black imprint hooded 8 oz sweatshirt

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Make checks Payable to MWF

Mail to: Sandy Shorter/MWF Public Image
8510 Grouse Ridge Dr
Chardon OH 44024.

Individual

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	Small	Med	Large	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
Gildan super soft Heather Red Tee shirt Back and Left chest	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$21.00
Jerzees Nu blend Full-zip Hoodie Ash Gray Back and Left chest	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$40.00	\$41.00

Name _____

Phone _____

Grand Total

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