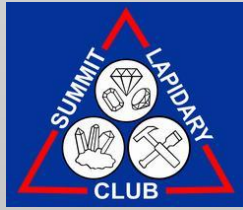


The Summit Gem - January 2025 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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



January 14th, 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 January program will be a lapidary trivia game. This should be great fun.

President's Message

As we close the old year and begin a new one, I hope that this coming year will be filled with warmth and laughter for all of us, shared with our friends, new and old, here at our Summit Lapidary Club. Thank you so much for being a part of our community, for sharing your talents with us, and for coming together in our shared interests.

Thank you for all the work and efforts that so many of you have put into our Gemboree, our clubhouse, and our club's activities during this past year. We thrive and grow only because of ALL of our members' efforts.

I hope that more and more of our members will return to regularly visiting our clubhouse this year. With better knowledge of protecting ourselves from Covid, the common cold, flu and other contagious illnesses, I hope that you will consider joining your friends in the many activities that we have planned. From coffee morning Saturdays, to Tuesday evening open houses, to classes and workshops, game nights, and field trips, I hope there will be something for everyone this year at the clubhouse.

A special thank you to our members who have volunteered as your new Board this coming year:

- Mary Myers (President)
- Joyce Kish (Vice President) and Kim Evangelisti (assistant to the Vice President),
- Laura McElroy (Treasurer) and Laura Thomas (assistant to the Treasurer),
- Cathy Milhoan (as our Membership Chair in addition to being our Gemboree Chair),
- Pat Burk (a new member who accepted our Secretary's duties),
- John Kerr (who is both the Newsletter Editor and a Trustee),
- Susanne Shoffner (Trustee),
- Greg Megois (a new member who accepted the duties as our newest Trustee), and
- Finley Lahmers (as our Immediate Past President).

And another special thank you to all those who served our club so well in 2024 who are leaving the board, Annie McNeilly, Finley Lahmers, Kathi Hampton (after 3 years as Secretary), Bob Spore (after many, many years of Board membership), Laura Thomas (and she has offered to continue to be involved by assisting our new Treasurer this coming year), and David Macseoinin (who served as the 2024 Immediate Past President).

Our special thanks are also due to many of our most active members, to Evelyn Tryon (for running our GeoJuniors activities and for all she does for our club), to Susanne Shoffner (for her lovely and lively attention to so many details and activities such as our Christmas and Summer Parties, our Children's Hospital Christmas tree, updating the plaques in our clubhouse, to name a few), to Cathy Milhoan (who is doing simply marvelously, handling BOTH the Gemboree and Membership Chair duties), and to David Macseoinin (for being such a constant and continual help in all that he does to keep our clubhouse open, welcoming and training so many of our new members), and to John Kerr (who so consistently gets out our newsletters). And please forgive me for not mentioning EVERYONE who is actively involved in our club. But for everyone I haven't mentioned, if you know something they've done for the club, please thank them for doing it!

Here's to hoping that we will pull together in comfortable companionship this coming year, and that we will share our many talents and skills, and knowledge about rocks, gems, minerals, and crystals. Let's strive to make our membership meetings short on business and long on fun. Let's strive to make a new friend at our meetings, and get to know another rockhound a little better. Kindness and compassion will carry the day. Please consider bringing a slab (or two), a pretty crystal, hunk of rock, or a nice white elephant gift for the games and drawings at our meeting this coming Tuesday, January 14th, 2025. I really hope to see you there! Let the good times roll!

Our "speaker" for our January meeting will be none other than our own, Kim Evangelisti who will be hosting a Lapidary trivia game! What a great idea to have some fun together! (Please bring something so we have prizes).

Please put our **Gemboree, April 26th and 27th**, on your calendars, and remember to plan to volunteer for as many hours as you possibly can! The more the better! And if you need a 'sit down' job, we have plenty of those!!! We also will have plenty of opportunities for volunteers the week before the Gemboree.

Let's welcome in the New Year with a rocking good time!

I hope to see you soon.

Mary Myers

2025 SLC President

Gemboree news from Cathy Milhoan: Issue #2 of the Gemboree Gemstone newsletter was sent out January 3rd, 2025. If you did not receive the newsletter, please let Cathy Milhoan know.

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.****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 email Mary Myers at slcnewsletter2019@gmail.com.

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:

Soft soldering w/ Mary Myers

Jan. 21 @ 7 pm

Beading Workshop w/ Kathi Hampton

Jan. 23 @ 7 pm

Metalsmithing Workshop

Jan 25 @ noon

Round cabochon w/ Dave Mac

Jan 30 @ 7pm

Metalsmithing Workshop

Feb 1 @ noon

Who's afraid of opals? w/ Mary Myers

Feb 4 @ 7 pm

Jewelry Design Workshop w/ Dave Mac

Feb.6 @ 7 pm

Beading Workshop w/ Kathi Hampton

Feb 15 @ noon

Wire Wrap Workshop w/ Kathi Hampton

Feb 18 @ 7 pm

Metalsmithing Workshop

Feb 22 @ noon

Metalsmithing Workshop

Mar 1 @ noon

Wire Wrap Workshop w/ Kathi Hampton

Mar 4 @ 7 pm

Jewelry Design Workshop w/ Dave Mac
Mar 6 @ 7 pm

Gem Tree Class w/ Kathi Hampton
Mar 15 @ noon cost: \$6

Chain Maille w/ Kathi Hampton
Mar 18 @ 7 pm. Cost: \$5

Soft soldering w/ Mary Myers
Mar 20 @ 7 pm. Cost: TBA

Kathi Hampton is selling SLC 50th Anniversary Mugs:



50th Anniversary Mugs



I am selling the mugs as a money maker for the club. I will give back 3.00 per mug sold for the club to use as they wish.
The cost of 1 mug is 7.00 or 2 mugs for 12.00.
You can order mugs from my email:
kkseham@yahoo.com

Club Members' Meeting Minutes from December 2024:

General Meeting Minutes Dec. 10, 2024

Fin L brought the cookie swap meeting to order.

Secretary- Minutes were published in the newsletter.

Sunshine- Mari T is trying to catch up after returning from Japan.

Geo Jrs.- Evelyn T had to change the Sunday meetings for Nov. and Dec. due to scheduling conflict.

Library- No new books.

Classes and workshops- Check out the Facebook page and the bulletin board for class schedules.

Building Maintenance- Susanne S called some plumbers and they are booked up for a month. In the meantime, we will turn off the water to the women's toilet.

Machines- No issues

Treasurer- We have a bunch of money.

Laura T passed out MWF t-shirts to the members that ordered.

Newsletter- published the beginning of December.

Gemboree- Nothing to date. Cathy M will have the first Gemboree meeting in January.

New business- Kathi H made 50th SLC anniversary mugs for the club. She is selling them for 7.00 a piece or 2 for 12.00. For every mug sold she will donate 3.00 to the club.

ADA Compliant- We are not open to the public, but we can have potential members into the clubhouse for classes.

Skeeter K helped with a new archaeological book that is now out. You can purchase a copy at the National Parks system for 31.00.

The next AMS meeting in January will have show and tell on super heavy minerals.

Elections- Susanne will run the elections. Mary Myers is running for President; she promises to have fun at meetings. Joyce Kish and Kim Evangelesti are Co-Vice Presidents. Pat Burk volunteered to be Secretary; and Laurie McElroy volunteered to be Treasurer. John Kerr will continue to publish the newsletter. Mary M nominated Greg Megois for Trustee. Cathy Milhoan will continue as Membership chair. All agreed.

Game Night is Thursday Dec 12 at 7:00.

Christmas Party is this Saturday at 5:45 with dinner at 6:15. Bring a white elephant gift for the game and there will be a cash bar.

Fin L thanked everyone for putting up with him.

Joyce K made a motion to adjourn, and many people seconded.

Jason Adams presented a program on Victorian Jewelry which is always well received. He has a podcast on YouTube at Jason Adams Jewelry. Check it out.