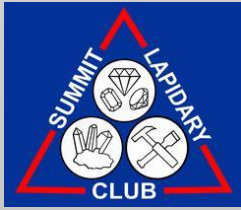


The Summit Gem - February 2025 Newsletter



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2025 Gemboree Chair – Cathy Milhoan

Mission Statement

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

February 11th, 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

February program: Jason Adams will speak about his unusual Gemstones, Vintage Jewelry, and his very top finds.

President's Message

Great Rockhounding to all!

We had a great deal of fun with Kim Evangelisti's Trivia game at our last meeting. Thank you, Kim! We are looking forward to having Jason Adams back as our February speaker. Please try to attend. If you have extra to share, please bring a rock slab or something as one of our door prizes. Please bring some munchies to share, too, as food always makes a meeting better.

I am so excited that we are opening a new building fund! Next, we'll be coming up with ways to build that fund.

Please remember to pay your dues. They are only \$44 if paid on time, \$48 if paid late, and there is a potential late fee on top of that.

Summit Lapidary Club is a private social group, consisting of members who enjoy rocks, gems, minerals, crystals, lapidary arts, and a whole bunch of other crafts. As a social group, please remember our members. If you see someone's been missing, please reach out and touch base. It's the personal touches that will help us to grow and maintain our membership. If you like games, please come to our game nights – the 2nd Thursday of each month, just to socialize and have fun.

There are so many classes and workshops that we've scheduled. We are really hoping that our members will come back to the clubhouse, just like pre-covid days. It's fun and exciting! I do hope you'll stop in more often. We are trying to have something going every Tuesday and Thursday evening, and there are always the Saturday morning coffee klatches, and sometimes field trips or other workshops.

I am so excited that David Macseoinin wants to coordinate another metalsmithing contest this year. We're considering offering our metalsmithing workshops more frequently. I know it usually takes me longer than one afternoon to really finish a piece. Please come!

We need two members to step up to help coordinate the following.

- 1.) Our Picnic and Christmas Party. (Susie has some ideas and she could use some help in locating and scheduling some locales. Please help her!)
- 2.) Our Children's Hospital Christmas Tree Project. (Cathy Milhoan has a potential project for that! She could use some help on it.)

We need to schedule some work around the clubhouse. It's time to clean the place and change some of the saws' oil. We also need to finish the women's bathroom floor. Please volunteer to help. We'll set a date during the meeting.

On a personal note, I want to share that one of my beloved nephews passed away suddenly, a suicide. As a former homicide investigator and as a licensed psychologist, I have seen and dealt with suicides and death many times, and so I am not afraid to talk openly about it. If you, or any of your loved ones, or anyone you know is suffering from the thoughts of suicide, please do not hesitate to call 911 (for Emergencies) or 988 (the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline). So often our loved ones suffer in silence, alone. Reach out, it's that personal connection that is so important.

On an upbeat note, I certainly hope that I see you all at our first field trip of the year – to Fantasia! We are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 7th, at 2:00pm. Some will be meeting at the clubhouse at 1:00pm for carpooling, if you prefer to go with friends. Fantasia Mining is at the rear of 625 Erie St S., in Massillon, Ohio. It's about an hour's drive from the clubhouse. It's a great time!

Once a rockhound, forever a rockhound.

And remember that a pet rock might make a lousy friend, but it's pretty good in a fight.

Mary Myers

2025 President

Gemboree news from Cathy Milhoan: Happy February members, there is a Gemboree Leads meeting Feb. 11th at 6 pm at P.A.C. Please bring the dollar amount that you are thinking that you will need to run your areas for the spring show, if you are unable to attend please email the amount to me at, slcmembershipchair@gmail.com

As always, these meetings are open to all members of SLC & AMS.

Thank you,

Cathy M.

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 **cthyamilhoan@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 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:

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

Metalsmithing Workshop
Mar 22 @ noon

Rock, Gem and Mineral shows in our area this Spring:

Gemstreet USA, Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Middleburg Heights, OH 44016 March 7-9, 2025

Stark County Gem & Mineral Show, Stark County Fairgrounds, Wertz Ave, Canton March 29-30, 2025

Gemboree Emidio Expo Center, Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH April 26-27, 2025

Parma Lapidary Gem/Mineral Show, Soccer Complex, North Olmstead, OH May 17-18. 2025

New Building Fund!!!

This fund will be dedicated to obtaining a new building for the club in the future. Please consider donating to this fund if you are able or remembering us in your will. Donations should be made to the Summit Lapidary Club, with "Building Fund" marked at the bottom of the check, down in the memorandum area.

Club Members' Meeting Minutes from January 14 2025:

SLC President Mary Myers brought the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report - Laura Thomas (outgoing Treasurer) states Laurie McElroy (Treasurer) will be on account by Thursday, January 16.

President's Report – Mary Myers: Treat each other with respect and have fun.

Membership Chair's Report – Cathy Milhoan: 116 members, pay your dues.

Introduction of members, new members, and guests: Everyone in the room introduced and told a little about their history. New member recognized: Isis

Mary Myers announced the Members in Good Standing Reports are available.

Sunshine Report – Mari Taki Manley : unavailable

Social Report – Mary Myers: Christmas Party had thirty-two members. The games were fun, thanks to Evelyn and Suzie.

Calendar Report – David Macseoinin: We have something every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Check out the calendar and sign-up sheets for info.

Library News – David Macseoinin: nothing to report.

Children's Hospital Christmas Tree Project – Mary Myers: We need a volunteer to take on the project. Cathy Milhoan suggests a metal fabricator to make hoops and pendants to tie on the tree.

Geo Juniors Report – Evelyn Tryon: two graduates will join adult group. One young lady will come back.

Midwest Federation Report/Information –

Website Report – Kim Evangelisti and Mary: working on the calendar and a members' only page.

Newsletter Report – John Kerr: unavailable

Maintenance Report – Trustees: Jeffrey volunteered to glue floor tiles down in women's restroom.

Need a volunteer to work on the lighting in Crystal Cave.

Need new pads for the AED (defibrillator). Pads are good for 2 years. Cost will be split w/AMS. Membership voted and unanimously agreed to buy new pads and split the cost with AMS.

Susie will update the President's Plaque in the clubhouse. Dates for both Annie and Fin will be listed.

Secretary's Report – Pat Burk: Announced that the minutes of the meetings will be available.

Board Meeting Notes:

Board discussed members only page, separate building fund, fund raisers 50/50. Greg made a motion, Jeffrey 2nd, motion carried.

Need a password for the members only page.

Members need to attend any meeting at the clubhouse or PAC

New member packets need to be issued.

Change bylaws for members. ADA requirements never be open to public.

One day membership, can take non-mechanized classes. Support for the idea passed. Let people know the bathrooms are downstairs, we have steps, and to sign a liability waiver.

ZOOM: resume ZOOM. Ten people attended the AMS meeting on ZOOM.

Link on members only page or email for privacy.

Discussed money before opening the ZOOM. \$16-\$18 a month.

Kristen made a motion to bring back ZOOM, Jeffrey 2nd, Motion carried to bring back ZOOM.

Discussion: Discussed financing Christmas Party and Summer Picnic with Akron Mineral Society. AMS wants to split the cost 40% AMS, 60% SLC. was not aware that this was discussed and wants to look over the expenses. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Also discussed having separate events for each club.

Discussion: Gemboree Chair to run the Gemborees.

1. Expenses are going up. The Gemboree Chair needs a budget.
2. Should Gemboree Chair, Vendor Chair and Treasurer take monetary issues to the board?
3. Only one person needs to talk to Pellegrino.
4. Should the Gemboree Budget Chair continue? Extra level of protection for Chair.
5. Discussion will continue at next board meeting.

Discussion: Field Trips

1. Everyone is in favor of scheduling monthly field trips. Museums, parks, etc. The board was in favor.
2. Next field trip is to Fantasia on February 7. Meet at the club at 1PM if you want to carpool. Arrive Fantasia by 2PM.

Miscellaneous:

Gemboree needs a new hospitality lead.

Admission prices change to \$6 adults and \$5 seniors.

Evelyn stated some vendors are retiring. If new leads, give to Evelyn.

Stark County Mineral Show March 29 & 30.

Columbus Rock and Gem Show April 5 & 6.

Board meeting closed.

Kim Evangelisti played a trivia game with the members.