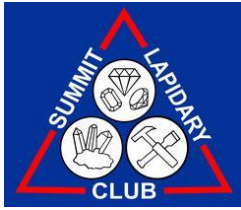


The Summit Gem - October 2024 Newsletter



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2024 Board Members:

President – Annie McNeilly

Vice-President – Finley Lahmers

Treasurer – Laura Thomas

Secretary – Kathi Hampton

Membership Chair – Cathy Milhoan

Newsletter Editor – John Kerr slcnewsletter2023@gmail.com

Trustees – Bob Spore (exp 12/2024), John Kerr (exp 12/2025), Susanne Schoffner (exp 12/2026)

Immediate Past President David Macsoinin

2024 Gemboree Chair – Cathy Milhoan

Mission Statement

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

October 8th, 2024 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

Speaker for October – Chris Miller: Master Flint Knapper



President's Message – by Annie McNeilly**Elections**

It's almost time for our yearly elections again. December will be here before we know it. Last year we had some problems with the election, two members were not treated as they should, and one quit the club. It is my hope to have fair elections this year so that members will want to run for positions. We do not have rules in our bylaws on how to run the elections. Bylaws state elections will be held yearly at our December meeting. December is a busy holiday month for everyone. Some members may not be able to attend the December meeting. Sometimes unexpected events happen like family emergencies. I'd like for members to vote absentee and/or still run if they cannot be present at the meeting. I expect some members may not approve but we need to organize the process better to ensure everyone has a fair chance. That being said, please see the below proposed flyer. Please contact me with any questions.

Annie

HELP WANTED!

NEED OFFICERS OF SUMMIT LAPIDARY CLUB

NEED A FEW GOOD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS OUR FEARLESS LEADERS!

DECEMBER 10TH MEETING IS VOTING DAY

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: *ONE YEAR COMMITMENT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT
TREASURER	SECRETARY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	GEMBOREE SHOW CHAIR
TRUSTEE (A 3-YEAR COMMITMENT)	

FEEL FREE TO ASK THE CURRENT OFFICERS WHAT THE JOB IS ABOUT.

REQUIREMENTS:

- A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING
- ABILITY TO WORK WELL WITH OTHERS
- NOMINATIONS MUST BE MADE BY TUESDAY, NOV. 26, 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. (SO WE CAN POST IN DECEMBER NEWSLETTER)

NO ADDS TO THE BALLOT ON ELECTION DAY PERMITTED.

****NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO BE VOTED IN...ONLY REQUIRED TO HAVE DECLARED YOUR CANDIDACY BY THE NOV 26 DUE DATE.**

****MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE DECEMBER 10 ELECTION DAY MEETING CAN VOTE VIA EMAIL...INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMAIL VOTING WILL BE IN DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

PLEASE LET PRESIDENT ANNIE MCNEILLY OF YOUR INTEREST IN RUNNING AND/OR QUESTIONS.

Gemboree news from Cathy Milhoan:

Please use the below link for Gemboree signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4CA9AF2CA6F94-50698883-gemboree>

Summary of Gemboree Meeting

8-8-24 7 pm at the clubhouse

12 members were present

These requests were presented to showchair Cathy M

A) Increase admission by a \$1.00 starting in 2025

Adults \$6.00

Seniors \$5.00

B) Keeping kid's activities at \$2.00 & under

C) Keep gem mine price at \$2.00 a bag, club makes .99 per bag

Showchair Cathy M presented these requests to SLC & AMS boards on August 12, 2024.

Received approval on August 22, 2024

Yes to all=12

No reply=2

All items for Gemboree that was stored at Emidios, is safe in storage

I provided a copy of Gemboree rules & regulations, my contact info to anyone who wanted that info.

Cm 9-7-24

Summary of Gemboree Meeting

9-10-24 6:15 pm at PAC

26 members were present

Sign up genius is up & running thank you Kim E.

Bob Powers is the Gemboree budget chair

Bobby King is the Safety lead

On 9-6-24 met with Pellegrino, took a couple of pics & Ron M. took some measurements. Fall Gemboree will look different.

No small geode cracker or plinko this show.

Went over requests to the boards & approval (see 8-8-24 Gemboree meeting summary)

FOOD TRUCKS:

Sassy Dog

BullyRun Coffee (will have sandwiches also)

MINI GEM TREES DATES:

Sept 14th 9 am-1 pm (thank you to all that helped) Oct 2nd 6 pm-9 pm

Oct 12th 9 am-1 pm

Cm 9-15-24

SLC Dues –2024 Dues can be paid to Laura Thomas. (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 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:

Halloween Flame Painting

Oct. 15th @7 pm. Cost: each piece costs \$1.500 to \$2.00 each

MWF T-Shirts and Zip up hoodies are for sale!

MWF would once again like to promote the Midwest Federation. Name recognition is a great way to start up the conversation about all the wonderful things the federation stands for.

We are offering tee shirts and zip hoodies with a new design to spread the Midwest Federation name. Wear your new apparel at all your Rock events! Spread the word!

Black with white imprint 100% cotton soft style tee

Cost \$14.00 ea. Adult S-XL.

(2XL- 6XL available at additional cost)

Zip up hooded sweatshirt -Jerzee Nu-blend 50/50

Cost \$33.00 ea. Adult S-XL

(2XL - 5 XL available at additional cost)

Please assign a club point person to collect individual orders with payment. Send one check and a master order form to:

MWF Public Image,
C/O. Sandy Shorter
8510 Grouse Ridge Dr.
Chardon, Ohio. 44024

Any questions please feel free to reach out to Sandy.

440-479-0069

Sandyshorter25@gmail.com

Individual 2024 MWF Tee Shirt and Zip Hoodie form

	Small	Med	Large	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
Gildan super soft Tee shirt	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00
Jerzees Nu blend Full-zip Hoodie Back and Left chest	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$40.00

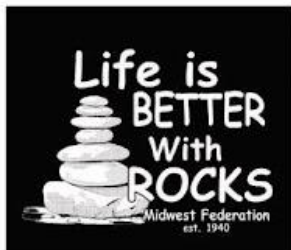
Name _____

Grand Total

Phone _____

*Club's Master Orders must be received by
Oct 10th, 2024.*

Please make checks
payable to your club.



All tee shirts are black with white imprint
65/35 gildan super soft tee



Jerzee 50/50 full zip
hooded 8 oz sweatshirt



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Club Order Form

2024 MWF Tee Shirt and Zip Hoodie form

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Tee shirt Quantity	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00
Dollar total									
Full-zip Hoodie Quantity	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$40.00
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**



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

Club Members' Meeting Minutes from September 2024:

General minutes from September 12, 2024 meeting

Fin L brought the meeting to order.

Annie M has a plumbing problem that she had to attend to.

Treasurer- Laura T gave the treasurer report.

Joyce K made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Bill M seconded.

Secretary- Kathi H stated the minutes were published in the newsletter.

Joyce K made a motion to accept the minutes and Kathi H seconded.

Trustees- no report.

Gutters- are totally full of pine needles. Bob S is in charge of finding a professional to do the work.

Anthony H does that kind of work and is willing to give an estimate to clean the gutters. Kim suggested someone who cleans her gutters. Water is getting inside the building is the real issue. The pine tree belongs to Mr and Mrs Knight. Becky K suggested that we have someone clean the gutters annually.

Sunshine- Mari has cards are going around for the loss of Andy Long's brother, Doc Dumke to get better and Pat Burke just had a hip replaced.

Geo Jr's- Evelyn and Susanne will discuss fossils at this month's meeting.

Classes- There are 7 classes scheduled for the next 2 months.

Gemboree- We will be working on mini gem trees for the Gemboree this Saturday, Sept 14 from 9 to 1pm, Oct 2 from 6 to 9 pm and Oct 12 from 9 to 1pm. Evelyn is asking for small bases for the trees.

Machine maintenance- no news.

Trips- AMS is going to Carnegie History Museum on Sept 18. The cost is 20.00 per person and includes the entrance fee and parking.

Fantasia Mining- Jeffery has organized a trip to the warehouse on Sept 20 from 3 to 5pm. We will meet at clubhouse at 2 to drive down there.

Newsletter- It was sent out last week.

Old business- Laura T will talk to Sandy S about where she got the last club shirts made. It's been 4 years since we had t-shirts printed. At the Toledo show, all members wore the same t-shirt and it made them easily recognizable.

New business- Midwest Federation has new t-shirts and hoodies available for purchase. T-shirts are 14.00 and hoodies are 33.00. Laura T has the order forms and the money is due by the next meeting Oct 10.

Big Dig- will be Nov 2 at Nether's farm. Ed, the back-hoe guy will be there. Members are responsible for the entrance fee of 10.00 and 1.00 per pound for all rocks collected.

Program- Rick talked about river diving and had excellent specimens to show us.

Bench Tips for October

Below are a couple of my jewelry bench tips to use in your club newsletter next month. All I ask is that you include an attribution below (and the live link if possible) whenever you use the tips.

See More of my Smart Solutions for Jewelry Making Series

<http://amazon.com/dp/B0BQ8YVLTJ>

Happy hammering,

- Brad

BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com

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WINDING JUMP RINGS



If you need a few jump rings the same size, it's easy to grab a round rod and wind as many as you need. But when you need a lot of them, some form of winder saves a lot of time. A variable speed screw gun makes quick work of winding the coils. Screw guns are quite inexpensive at discount stores and are remarkably handy for odd jobs in the shop and around the house.

To wind a coil, just bend a right angle on the end of the wire about a half inch long and insert this into the screw gun chuck. Then wind slowly, keeping a tight coil. I like to rest the end of the mandrel on the edge of the table or bench pin. Finally, one note of caution. If you are winding an entire length of wire, be careful as you get near the end of the wire. If the end passes under your thumb, it can cause a nasty scratch or cut.

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TOUCHING UP A BEZEL

Pumice wheels are good for touching up a bezel after you've set the stone. The hardness is about 6 on the Moh's scale, less hard than quartz, so it shouldn't scratch any of your agates or jaspers. However, I'd avoid or be really careful of using pumice near the softer stones like turquoise, amber, howelite, etc.

If you're unsure about the hardness of your wheels, test them on a piece of glass. Glass is about 5 ½ on the Mohs scale, softer than quartz. So if the wheel doesn't harm glass, it's safe for use on the quartzes and harder stones.

My preference is the one inch diameter ones such as those shown
at [riogrande.com/Product/AdvantEdge-Pumice-Wheels-Medium/332722?pos=2](https://www.riogrande.com/Product/AdvantEdge-Pumice-Wheels-Medium/332722?pos=2)