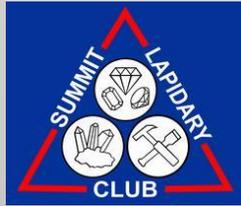


The Summit Gem - December 2025 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

December 9th, 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 speaker for this meeting is Michael Cohill, who will be presenting on Rubber City Toys.

Mr. Cohill's presentation will begin with a discussion of the Blue Santa Claus, followed by information regarding marbles manufactured in Akron, and will conclude with an overview of rubber toys produced locally.

President's Message

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The year 2025 will soon be in our rearview mirror. I am so grateful that you allowed me to be your President this past year. Thank you for the trust and confidence you have shown to me and to all your Executive Board in 2025.

One of my hopes this past year was to increase our membership and on my last count, I believe that we have gained about 40 new members (including spouses). I think that's a 50% increase from what we started with last year. We now have approximately 120 members at the end of 2025. We should all be proud of bringing in all these new members! Each and every new member has to be given a tour of the clubhouse and be individually trained and supervised on the machines. Thank you to every one of you who welcomed them and helped them this past year! And to our new members – Thank you for taking an active part in our club! Thanks to all who worked the Gemboree with us! So glad you've joined us!!

Another of my hopes was to increase the number of field trips and classes that the club offered. We did several small field trips (to Lake Erie beaches to collect beach rocks, to Fantasia (with Jeffrey Rotnem's assistance), and of course, our annual Big Dig. I am hoping we will be able to take a BIG trip in 2026. We have also greatly increased the number of classes offered – MANY thanks to David Macseoinin, Kathi

Hampton, Mari Taki-Manley, Joyce Kish, Annette Long, Laura Thomas, Greg Megois, and Michelle Gray (and I hope I didn't miss anyone else!) who taught classes for us in 2025.

Many thanks to Kim Evangelesti for helping me to improve our use of social media and our website this past year. We now have a really nice and informative website and we're adding more and more videos to our Facebook now, too.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to our new Building Fund this year. Hey, if we had started it 25 years ago, we could have afforded a new building by now! But it's a start. Please remember us in your Will – one of these days, we'll be able to get a new handicapped accessible workspace!

Rags, Rags, Rags. We need rags. Please bring in nicely folded, clean, absorbable rags and put them in the barrel downstairs. Clean T-shirts and old dish cloths make the best rags. No ball gown or velvety materials or parachutes or oil-filled rags, please!

It's time to elect your new Executive Board for 2026. Please step up and consider taking an active role – after all, it's your club! And if you choose not to be involved, well then, I expect that we won't be hearing any complaining or whining coming from you in 2026, lol! There's lots to do to make our club better – please contact Susanne Shoffner, John Kerr, or Greg Megois before our December meeting and put your name in the hat for the Executive Board. You can do that!

Please remember our members who are ill – it only takes a moment to send good wishes their way. Don't forget our December Holiday Party! It's going to be a blast!
Rock on!
Mary Myers
Your 2025 SLC President

PS: How do you find that special one-of-a-kind rock on a Lake Erie Beach?

Gemboree news from Cathy Milhoan: Nothing for December.

SLC Dues –2026 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: Please keep Joyce Kish in your thoughts and prayers while she recovers from recent surgery.

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:

Faceting – Individual Instruction

January Saturdays @ 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Metal Smithing Workshop Dec 27 @ 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Game Nights at the Clubhouse

Dec 11 @ 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Jan 9 @ 7:00 – 8:30 PM

SLC and AMS 2025 Christmas Party:

Annual Christmas Party December 19, 2025, Place: Houston Hall Address: 3069 Houston Road, Norton, Ohio 44203 Time: Social hour @ 6:00 pm- Dinner @ 6:30 pm The total cost of the party is \$30.00 per person. The Summit lapidary club will pay \$10.00 for the dinner per member. Akron Mineral will also pay \$10.00 for its members. Money is due by December 9th to Laura Mc Elroy, Summit Lapidary's treasurer, or Kristin Morrow Akron Mineral treasurer. Please bring a wrapped prize for the game that we play. Bring something you would like to receive. Thanks to Annette Long for facilitating this. This game is a lot of fun so come join the festivities.

Included are the menu chosen by both AMS/SLC boards:

Baked Chicken Alfredo

Roast Beef

Parsley Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Corn

Salad

The clubs will furnish a cake.

Questions call Joyce Kish 330-753-7081

Christmas Party Committee:

Mari Takai Manley, Kristin Morrow, Joyce & Skeeter Kish