

## The Summit Gem - December 2024 Newsletter



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**2024 Board Members:**

President – Annie McNeilly

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Treasurer – Laura Thomas

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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.*

### **December 10th, 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 December - Jason Adams will give a talk on Victorian jewelry



**President's Message**

Presidents message by VP Finley Lahmers

We have another busy period coming up. First up is the upcoming Elections, December 10th. We have numerous open positions to fill. Anyone in good standing is eligible to run for "any office", competition is good. We specifically need the following, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Trustee. Laura Thomas has offered to remain as a backup treasurer.

Remember it is cookie night so bring us some of your finest homemade goodies to share.

Our guest speaker will be Internet sensation, Jason Adam's who will show and tell us about interesting Victorian era jewelry.

The Christmas party on Dec 14th is our annual affair. If it is anything like last year's, it was great fun and a good time to socialize with our old friends, also make new ones. The gift exchange was a blast, exciting, and fast paced. Don't forget to bring your gift and cash for the bar.

We recently had lots of people comments on our ideas to introduce outsiders to what our club does and what they may learn from a membership. Libraries, fairs, farmer's markets and other locations can provide locations to show off our benefits.

Lot of us didn't realize the club is 50 years old, until Kathi Hampton showed us beautiful mugs she created to celebrate its anniversary. She may have some for sale at the meeting.

To conclude it has been a most interesting year to serve you as VP. I have gained knowledge and friendship. I would like to wish all of you Happy Holidays and a healthy New Year.

Finley

**Gemboree news from Cathy Milhoan:**

Beginning January 2025, Cathy will be sending out the Gemboree Gemstone newsletter. Be on the lookout for it as it will contain all the vital Gemboree information.

**SLC Dues** –2025 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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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:**

Gem Tree

Dec. 7, 2024 @ 10:00 am

W/Kathi Hampton

Wire Wrap Workshop

Dec. 19, 2024 @ 7:00pm

W/Kathi Hampton

Faceting Workshop

Jan. 4, 2025 @ noon

W/Dave Macseoinin

Flame Painting

Jan. 16, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

W/ Mary Myers

Soft Soldering

Jan. 21, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

W/Mary Myers

Metalsmithing Workshop

Jan. 25, 2025 @ noon

W/ Dave Macseoinin

**Just a Reminder:** With winter weather beginning to descend upon us, please be aware of the City of Cuyahoga Falls snow parking ban policy. The clubhouse is closed when a snow parking ban is in effect.

- **When it's in effect**

When the Director of Public Safety declares an emergency due to two inches or more of snow in a 24-hour period. The emergency continues until the Mayor announces that snow plowing is complete.

- **What it means**

Parking is prohibited on city streets. The ban is in place to ensure safety for emergency vehicles and street crews, and to make it easier to clear roadways.

- **What happens to violators**

Vehicles parked on designated Emergency Snow Routes during the ban will be towed at the owner's expense.

If you are unsure whether or not a snow parking ban is in effect, you can either check the Cuyahoga Falls web site ([City of Cuyahoga Falls](https://www.cuyahogafalls.org/)) or call the Cuyahoga Falls police department at (330) 928-2181. **Do not call 911.** Also, Cuyahoga Falls radio station WCFI 96.1 FM broadcasts public service announcements.

This only affects activities at the clubhouse and not the monthly meetings at PAC as they are in the City of Akron and have their own parking lot.

**Club Members' Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2024:**

Fin L brought the meeting to order. Annie M resigned as President.

Jason Adams will give a talk on Victorian jewelry next month.

**Treasurer-** Laura T stated all the bills are paid.

**Secretary-** Kathi H gave her report.

**Geo Jrs.-** Nobody showed up for the October meeting. Evelyn T had a few people interested in joining Geo Jrs. from the Gemboree.

**Gemboree-** Applause for Cathy Milhoan and all the people that helped to make it a success.

**Classes-** Nov. 21 Wire Wrap workshop at 7:00 pm; Nov. 23 Beading workshop at 10:00 am;

Nov. 23 Metalsmithing at noon;

Dec. 3 Penannular Pin at 7:00 pm; Dec. 7 Gem Tree 11:00 am;

Dec. 17 rock painting at 7:00 pm; Dec. 19 at 7:00 pm Wire Wrap workshop;

Jan. 4 Faceting workshop at noon; Jan. 16 Flame Painting workshop at 7:00 pm;

Metalsmithing Jan. 25 at noon.

Workshops are for members to bring in their projects or to learn something new.

We will allow the public to attend the non-mechanized classes. They will be posted on the internet with a class fee and phone number to call the teacher.

**Big- Dig-** There were 18 members at the Big Dig. The cost for the backhoe was 550.00.

There was a discussion about non-members at the dig.

Current list of members to be posted at clubhouse.

Cathy M stated that she put up a member's list and it disappeared.

Discussion about what constitutes a "member in good standing."

**Library-** no changes.

**Machine maintenance-** Adam K fixed saw 5 and he is waiting for a part for saw 2.

**Property maintenance-** Ladies toilet is leaking. The guts and valve need replaced.

Bob S received an estimate on power washing the siding and/or the roof.

**Newsletter-** Is everyone getting the newsletter?

**Old business-** Christmas party is Dec. 14. Meeting at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:15 pm. The Game starts at 7:00 pm. Bring a white elephant to give for the game. The cost is 26.00 if you are a member of one club and 13.00 if you are a member of both clubs. Members need to sign up and pay tonight.

Game night at the clubhouse is Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm.

**New business-** All board positions need to be filled. Contact Susan S to find out about open positions.

The trustees are the nominating committee.

Akron Mineral Society members for the coming year: Evelyn T will be President; Mark Manly will stay as Vice President; Bob Powers will stay as Secretary; Kristin Morrow will stay as Treasurer; and David M will be the new Trustee.

The Board meeting will be Nov. 26 at 7:00 pm.

John thanked the hostesses for the goodies.

**Program-** Mark Manley presented a talk on Beryl and Tourmaline.

**Bench Tips for December:**

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

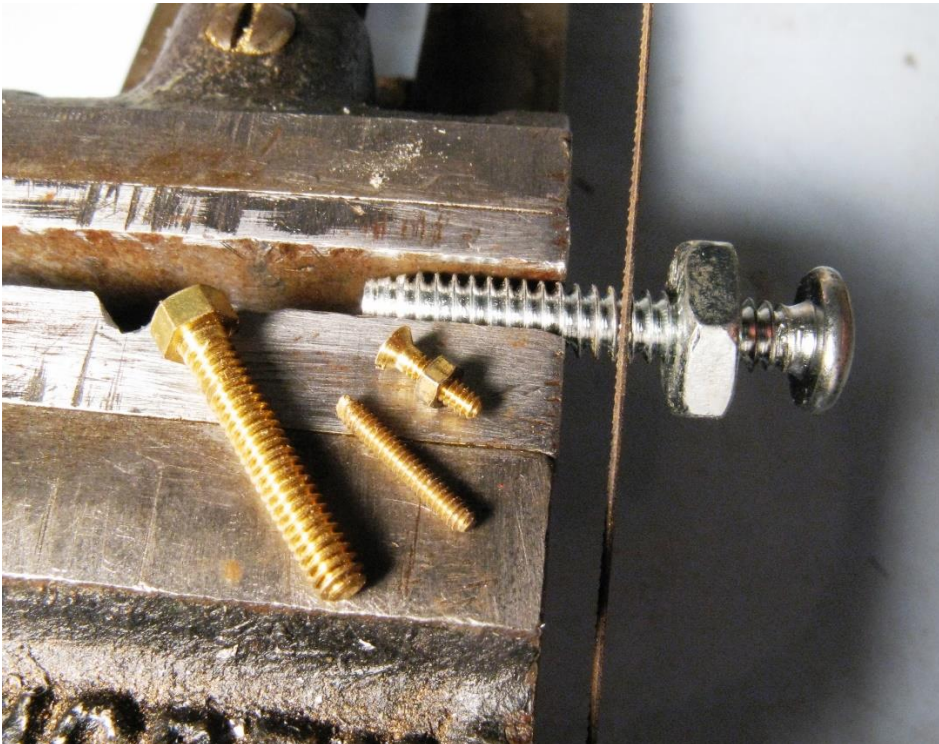
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**- Brad**

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## CUTTING A BOLT



Whenever you have to cut a threaded bolt shorter, it's often difficult to get the nut to thread back onto it. And the smaller the bolt, the more difficult it is to restore any distorted threads. The problem is easily solved with the use of a nut. Here's how I do it.

First, screw a nut onto the bolt before cutting it. Grip the bolt by the threaded section that is to be sawed off. Then saw the bolt to the desired length, taper the end with sandpaper or file, and unscrew the nut from the bolt.

Unscrewing the nut over the freshly cut end of the bolt will straighten out any damage that sawing and filing did to the threads. Gripping the bolt by the piece to be sawed off localizes any crushing damage to the piece that will be thrown away.

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## DEPTH GAUGE FOR DRILLING

Sometimes you need to drill a number of holes all to the same depth. One quick and easy way to do this is to wind some tape around the drill bit so that the tape just touches the part surface when the hole is deep enough.

You can set the depth either by measuring from the tip of the drill to the tape or by drilling to the correct depth, leaving the bit in the hole, and wrapping tape around the bit at the surface level.

Note that a little extra tape left free on the end will blow away debris from the drilling.