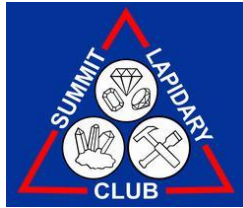


# The Summit Gem - February 2024 Newsletter



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### Mission Statement

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

### February 13th, 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



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

Good Day everyone! Hope everyone had a joyous holiday season! Spring is around the corner and so is the Gemboree. Time certainly flies, feels like we just finished the last show. Please help make this show fabulous by signing up to volunteer, our club depends on this. To all the new members who haven't volunteered yet, please feel free to ask questions about the show options to determine what is right for you. Mary is getting sign up Genius together and signup sheets will also be available at the meetings and the clubhouse.

We had a great metalsmithing day at the club last Saturday, headed by none other than Dave Macseoinin. Dick Hite had a fun packed day melting his scrap silver. Several members attended, each working on interesting projects. Please check out our upcoming classes, signup sheets are located at the clubhouse bulletin board and also available at club meetings.

The Big Dig is back this year! David Rich is organizing this with details to come, stay tuned. Hopefully, we will have a club trip this year. We have some expensive building repairs coming up, once we get estimates and figure them out, we can decide on a possible club trip.

Hope to see everyone at the club and at meetings! That's All Folks for now!

**Gemboree news from Mary Myers:**

The Signup genius for our Spring Gemboree on April 27-28, 2024 is now open! Here is the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4CA9AF2CA6F94-47606787-gemboree>

We would really appreciate it if everyone could sign up as soon as possible. Please remember that four hours are the MINIMUM required of each member, while a successful Gemboree truly requires much, much more from each and every member. The Gemborees are what keep the lights on - to the great benefit of both our two clubs. Please do fill as many spots as you can. It is so wonderful to see all the many members who pull together to make this the greatest show in Ohio! Both vendors and customers have commented on the past on how much they appreciate all your hard work. Thank you so much!

Mary Myers

Gemboree Chair

**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 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 **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:**

Large Gem Tree

Feb. 17th, 9 am to ?

Instructor Evelyn Tryon

Cost TBA

Jewelry Design Workshop

Feb. 18th, 1 pm to ?

Instructor Dave Macseoinin

Cost is nothin'

Flame Painted Copper Butterfly

Feb. 24th, noon to 4pm

Instructor Mary Myers

Cost \$1.50 each

Medium Gem Tree

Mar. 9th, 9am to ?

Instructor Evelyn Tryon

Cost \$6.00

Metalsmithing Workshop

Feb. 25th, noon to ?

Jewelry Design w/Courtney Cable

"Naturally Dangerous"

March 20th and 27th, 7 to 9pm

Cost is nothin'

**Club Members' Meeting Minutes from January 2024 :**

General Minutes January 9, 2024

The new President, Annie brought the meeting to order. Finlay is the new Vice President and he gave a short bio to the group.

**Treasurer** and **Secretary** gave their reports.

Annie spoke about the board meeting's agenda to check the furnace, update the fire extinguishers, replace smoke and CO detectors. We will check the first aid kit and the AED and bring them up to date. David suggested a members only show.

**Sunshine-** Mari is doing better. Jim Watson is in the hospital.

**Geo Jrs-** Evelyn is starting a new chapter.

**Gemboree-** Mary explained that having a members only table at the Gemboree would be hard to man and to keep accurate members sales. Bill Mackie has made the restroom sign and he wants to have light around it. We still need a Lead for the Children's table. We will count the geode at the end of the show for an accurate count for sales. Sign up Genius will be up in February so members can choose when and where to volunteer. Bill and Finlay are looking into the WiFi issue. Evelyn has 24 paid vendors for the April show.

**Library-** no news.

**Classes-** January 13- S pendant at noon; January 20 is metalsmithing at noon; February 3 is flame painting at noon; Feb 24 is flame painting at noon.

**Property maintenance-** no news

**Newsletter-** John sent it out last week.

**Web site-** no news.

**Old business-** Merging the 2 clubs. For Lapidary the members are David Macseoinin, Kathi Hampton and Bob Spore. For Mineral the members are Kristen Morrow and Tom McLaughlin. Laura Thomas presented a program on her experience at William Holland. Mineral Club is having a show and tell program on January 13 at 7:00. All are invited.

**Also from Kathi Hampton:**

Robin from the CA rock club wants to exchange rocks again. If anyone is interested in exchanging rocks with the CA rock club, please bring them to the February meeting?