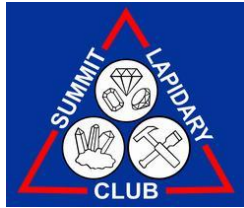


The Summit Gem - November 2023 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

November 14th, 2023 Monthly Meeting

(the SECOND Tuesday of the month) held in person.

(and online - only when tech savvy people attend 😊)

at 7:00 PM at the Polish American Club



The Polish American Club (PAC) is located at 472 Glenwood Ave, Akron 44310. The invitations to the Zoom meeting are sent to those who have provided their email addresses.

Below are the 2023 ZOOM LINKS for our monthly Zoom meetings (if activated).

Summit Lapidary Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Summit Lapidary Club: Member's Meeting (Rekurs Monthly, 2023)
Every month on the Second Tue, until Dec 13, 2023.

Jan 10, 2023 07:00 PM
Feb 14, 2023 07:00 PM
Mar 14, 2023 07:00 PM
Apr 11, 2023 07:00 PM

May 9, 2023 07:00 PM
Jun 13, 2023 07:00 PM
Sep 12, 2023 07:00 PM
Oct 10, 2023 07:00 PM

Nov 14, 2023 07:00 PM
Dec 12, 2023 07:00 PM

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

MEMBERS' MEETING ID: 850 1031 2200

Passcode: 733657



Here is the link for the monthly MEMBER'S Meetings



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85010312200?pwd=VIF1SmpMNm92bk5NVWJTMUFROFdHZz09>

Computer or Digital Device: You're welcome to activate your camera and speaker settings. Once inside the Zoom virtual meeting, you can type comments in the chat feature to 'everyone' or to another member 'privately'. **Your attention and participation are appreciated.**

Please **'mute your microphone'** during the administrative meeting to eliminate background noise not related to the meeting, if you are not actively speaking. This will help us run a smooth virtual meeting; appropriately distanced. Once the general meeting has concluded, you are welcome to stay online to chat it up with other members. **Consider reaching out to your friends who may not be as versed in digital capabilities as you and offer to lend a digital-techie hand and help bring them up to speed.*

President's Message – by Dave Macseoinin

Thank you, thank you! Everyone that worked the show.

We had another good show. Many people to talk to.

Well, down to business.

Classes are posted so sign up.

Elections are in December so if you are interested in an office, now is the time to run.

Dave

Gemboree news from Mary Myers:**Gemboree meeting: Tuesday, November 14th, at 6:15 pm, at the Polish American Club.**

I am hoping that we can establish the Leads and Backups for the Spring Show. Prepping for that show begins ... today. We'll determine Leads and Backups and review our show at this meeting. The financial information should be available at our regular meeting.

December Elections:

A reminder to both clubs – December is the time to elect your Gemboree Show Chair for 2024. Any members interested should contact the President of your club. I am willing to serve again in 2024, if elected.

Gemboree news:

Thank you to all the members, friends, and family who showed up on Sunday! We were able to keep all the stations open. On Saturday night, I was so afraid we were going to have to close some of the stations, but yeah! And also, thank you particularly to all the ladies who learned to crack our geodes - it's fun and now even more people can run that station. Paul McElroy made a new portable table for our Kaleidoscope, making set up and tear down of that monster so much easier. And Donnell Shoffner helped with geodes BOTH days.

Our final door tally was 1,926. That's about 500 less than our Spring 2023 show but still a decent sized crowd. I got many compliments from both vendors and customers about how wonderful our show was. One gentleman customer went on and on about how many shows he attends and how much our show stands far above the rest. He described our show as "**the most incredible**" of all the shows he's visited. Several vendors were BEGGING me for the Spring contracts (and I appropriately referred them to Evelyn – Evelyn keeps our shows fresh by rotating vendors). And Evelyn already has four vendors - yes, FOUR!!!! - who have already paid to be in our Spring show. The University of Akron enjoyed our invitation and hopes to come again in the Fall. I was informed that ODNR will be coming to our Spring show. Garry Getz is also interested in coming whenever we want.

Things that went well at our Fall Gemboree:

We were indeed able to fit all our new vendors, and one vendor even requested an additional table during set up. The new geode station was a success. We refilled their box of geodes at least 3x. Annie loved the new Admissions process. The Gem Mine was fully staffed. The Geode Stations were staffed. The new Kaleidoscope table worked like a charm. The fluorescent display went up and came down quickly. The slab table at the Silent Auction was a success, and the beautiful new light table and UV light box there were built by John Wallace. Mark Morrow helped with getting us the UV light box for the geode table. The new fluorescent geodes/thunder eggs sold well, once that UV display was established. Our volunteers were wonderful, polite, cheerful, and stepped right up to help wherever needed (thank you!). Bobby King took care of everything that I forgot – he kept the place running, all the behind-the-scenes stuff. We had three Leads that couldn't attend – and their Backups stepped right up and ran those areas.

A few issues that came up that we can improve for our Spring show:

The on/off switch of the lobby's fluorescent display doesn't work. We need that fixed. (Anyone handy with wiring a new switch for us?) We need more help at the Silent Auction (they have accepted so many additional

duties there!) and at the Children's Table. We need to improve our signage for the restrooms, water sales, and for the door prizes. (Bill Maki plans to redo the Restroom signs). We need to announce the door prizes - to generate more excitement and to acknowledge our vendors' generosity. It has been suggested that we buy some rubber backed mats for the front and back doors, and for under the geode stations instead of taping plastic to the floors. We should have one volunteer to staff the information table next to Admissions whenever possible – the more people we get signed up for postcards or emails, the better. Emidio's wi-fi has been (and continues to be a problem). He has placed extenders along the north side wall, but many vendors and our own stations had problems at times with running credit cards. We plan to cover our Admissions money – it was a potential invitation for a snatch and grab. We will need to buy some Gaff tape and use that for taping stuff to the floors and walls since the Duct tape we used was difficult during tear down. There were no police officers available on Saturday afternoon, and only one guaranteed for Sunday morning (he stayed all day for us), so I ran and purchased some fake security cameras and Cathy Milhoan printed security signs for posting all over since at least FOUR vendors were hit by shoplifters for hundreds of dollars' worth of items. Oh, and finally we had a few minor issues that came up about the geodes and pricing that we will discuss and resolve in our Gemboree meeting. The tables were not set up correctly for us, so there was much table moving on Friday morning and Ron Maitland helped with adjusting the floor plan as needed. I am suggesting that our Friday morning coffee/donut area be moved over to the vendor's tables by the east side storage door, so that Silent Auction can find it easier to set up a little earlier. The vendors don't come in until Noon, so that should work.

Well, like Bugs Bunny used to say, 'That's all, folks!'
Hope you all got rocks for Halloween!
Mary Myers
2023 Show Chair

SLC Dues –2023 Dues are past due! They can be paid to Laura Thomas. (If you have any questions as to whether or not 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 you have to reapply (an additional \$25 cost!)**

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 Doug Shorter: No news.

Newsletter from John Kerr: Please forward any club information 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: Please see MWF newsletter also attached.

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:

Wire Crocheting November 11th @ noon. Cost is \$3.00

Corralling Earrings November 19th @ noon. Cost is \$3.00

Penannular Brooch December 5th @ 7:00 pm. Cost is \$2.00 each. Bring a hammer to pound with.

Metalsmithing Workshop November 18th @ noon.

Auntie Laura's 2023 Annual Holiday Earring Extravaganza!!

SATURDAY December 2nd 9am – 3pm Open House Style

Ok to bring one non-member Friend or Relative!

Due to the ridiculous price of silver and gold, all findings are silver and gold-plated.

The instructor is offering these items at COST - rounded to the nearest Quarter \$0.25.

All Makers of Gifts for Yourself or Others are Welcome!

Instructor Notes:

Please Do Not participate if you plan on SELLING the completed items.

Workshops are to learn, have fun, and to socialize, not to profit from the generosity of club members.

Please bring Wire Cutters, Round Nose Pliers, 2 pairs Flat-Nose Pliers (no "teeth")

Club tool supply is limited!! (keep going missing!)

That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

Thanks for your cooperation ;-)

p.s. Auntie Laura is still stuck on a walker – will need assistance with unpacking and loading back up! Thanks!!

Club Members' Meeting Minutes from the October 10th meeting:

General Minutes from Oct. 10 meeting

Michael Kahill gave an informative talk on marbles. He is a Marble Specialist.

David opened the meeting.

Treasurer- Laura gave report.

Sunshine- Mari will have a biopsy in Dec.

Geo Jrs- One new student joined.

Gemboree- We have 38 vendors for Fall show We have 2 Geode stations. Mark brought up selling fluorescent geodes. Laura will set up square. John is working on light table for auction. We have a QR code. Children's gem tree kits are 4.00. Plinko board to change pricing 2 for 1.00. We need more help for tear down on Sunday. Joyce will be the backup for Display cases.

Library- Doug added books to the library.

Classes- Advanced Polymer class on Oct.15 at 9:00; Metalsmithing on Oct. 21 at 11:00; Wire crochet Nov. 11 at noon; and Corraling earrings on Nov 19 at noon.

Contest- Metalsmithing contest will have 3 categories, beginner (less than 3 yrs in club), advanced (more than 3 yrs in club), and seasoned (many years in club.) Prizes at \$100 for 1st place, \$60 for 2nd place and 3rd place 1 yr membership.

Siding- no new estimates to side the building.

Elections- David is not running for president.

Merger- Mark and David have been talking about merging clubs. Will set up a committee of 3 members from each club to facilitate merger.

Christmas Party- Dec 9 at 6:00 social and dinner at 7:00 at Emidios. \$28 for 1 club membership, \$14 for 2 club membership

NMF t-shirts- Sale will be extended to Nov 15.

Mineral Society will have show and tell on Oct. 14. Bring your orange and black minerals.

Ron made a motion to adjourn, and Bob seconded.

Bench Tips for October

I'd like to apologize to those of you who use my Jewelry Bench Tips in your newsletters each month. The wife and I are getting older and decided it was time to move closer to the family. So our lives over the summer were a turmoil of packing and shipping about 11,000 pounds across country to the shores of Chesapeake Bay.

But the new shop is pretty well set up now, and I'm happy to be able to send you a couple items for use in next month's newsletter.

As usual, I'd appreciate an attribution and live link as shown below whenever my work is used in your newsletter.

[See Other Tips in my Smart Solutions for Jewelry Making Problems](#)

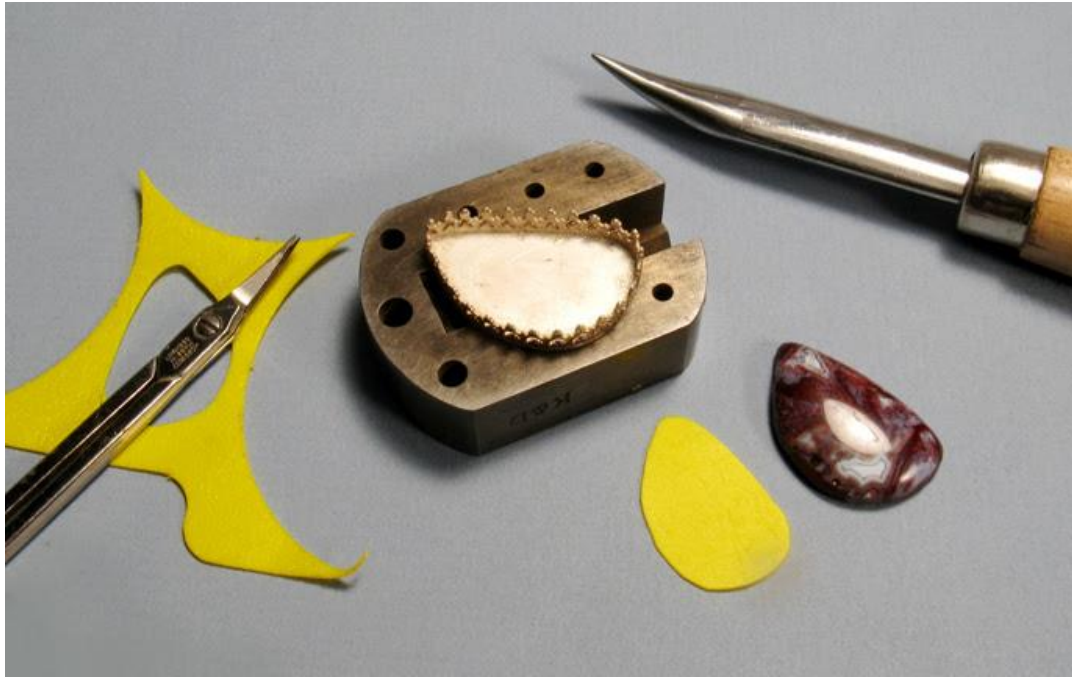
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Happy hammering,

- Brad Smith

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And here are the Bench Tips for next month



RAISING A CABOCHON

When a cabochon sits too low in a bezel, the bezel hides a lot of the stone. The solution is to either sand down the bezel height or boost up the stone. But if you choose to raise it up, the question is what is the best material to use ?

I was taught to use fine sawdust but now think that might be a problem when used in rings. I reason that rings will frequently get wet, which would cause the sawdust to swell in size and push the stone against the bezel. Then when the sawdust dries out, the stone would be a little loose.

In any case, I now prefer to insert a flat sheet to boost up my stones. It can be a scrap of metal or some plastic from product packaging or old credit cards. In either case, just cut a piece to loosely fit into the bezel and drop in the stone (with some dental floss) to check its height.

David Macseoinin adds a suggestion of washing and using the mylar that comes from a bag of chips. Keep a little piece in your toolbox to always have some on hand.



TRANSPARENT CABS

When bezel setting a transparent cabochon in silver, I usually cut out the back of the bezel to allow background light to show off the colors and patterns in the stone. If this is not possible or appropriate, I worry that the silver bezel will tarnish under the stone and will ruin its brilliance. What to do?

My solution is one extra step before setting the stone. I place a piece of thin silver Mylar plastic under the stone to act as a mirror that will never tarnish. Mylar is readily available in craft and gift wrap stores, or in a pinch from a party balloon supplier. You may even want to experiment with using colored or patterned Mylar (i.e., diffraction pattern) under some stones.

And last but certainly not least, Mark Morrow and Mary Myers (with David Macseoinin helping in the background) were on Fox 8 New Day Cleveland with Natalie Herbick Oct. 24th at 11am, advertising our Gemboree.

