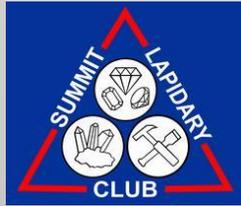


The Summit Gem - October 2025 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

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

October 14th, 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 October program will be a presentation by Kim Harvey and Mark and Kristin Morrow on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan

President's Message

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 October 12th, 2025

Our Gemboree is just a week and a half away!! The good news: We have many new members who will be volunteering for their first time at our Gemboree. (Please be sure to make them feel welcome and needed. We do need their help!) The bad news: We have many slots yet to fill on Signup Genius. Please sign up and cover as many slots as you can to make this a success!

WE are the best ambassadors for this show. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors (and even the people you may meet on the street). Sometimes just noticing an item of jewelry someone is wearing sparks a conversation about our Gemboree. If you use social media, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, whatever, please post something about our Gemboree. Leave fliers wherever you can. Social Media is a powerful way that you can help to make our Gemboree successful.

Remember that if you are indeed unable to volunteer this Gemboree (as life does indeed happen), you will need to contact Cathy Milhoan at slcmembershipchair@gmail.com to be excused.

If you can, please come at 6pm to Cathy Milhoan's Gemboree meeting before our meeting this Tuesday at the Polish American Club. We can help you to get signed up if you need assistance.

Christmas Party: Dec. 19th. We do hope you can come – where else can you find white elephants at a party? (Please note the date is not Dec. 12th as was originally stated.) The event will be held at Houston Hall in Norton. The Board met and agreed that Summit Lapidary Club would pay \$10 towards the cost of the Christmas Party for each of our members. (Akron Mineral is paying an additional \$10 towards the cost for only

their members who are "in good standing.") The cost of the meal is expected at this time to be \$30 per person. Guests will pay the full amount. Any expenses left over will be split EQUALLY between the clubs, per our agreement. Laura McElroy agreed to handle the accounting. Please see her for details on how much you will pay if you aren't sure. She will take care of this for us.

Elections for our club officers are right around the corner. Please let your board know if you're interested. Possible positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor, one Trustee's position, and Gemboree Chair. Interested?

I am so excited to report that our membership continues to climb. I was especially excited just last Tuesday evening when one of our newest members (Andrea, a member of just two weeks) brought a friend of hers (Jaime) to Kathy Hampton's wire wrapped ring class. Less than an hour later, Jaime wanted to join, too. Welcome, Andrea and Jaime!! It's so nice seeing that we are attracting new members! Keep up the good work, spreading the word of our classes and lapidary work.

Our Building Fund is ever so slowly increasing. Please consider donating to this worthwhile fund or remembering your favorite lapidary club in your will. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a one-floor building, large enough for our meetings, our collection, and our machines? It's ok to dream! And Rock Bottom is a beautiful place to start.

Let us live like rocks, drenched in the sun and the sea, beauty under heat and pressure and ... let's get ready to rock and roll for our Gemboree! See you there!

Mary Myers

2025 Summit Lapidary Club President

Gemboree news from Cathy Milhoan:

Hello members,

I want to thank all the members that worked on gem trees for the kids area, a special thank you to Greg M. & Tyler C. for all their hard work on the new geode cracker.

There is a Gemboree meeting 10-14-25 6pm at PAC, all are welcome. It will be the last meeting before the Gemboree, I hope to see you there. If you haven't signed up for Gemboree, the link is below. Thank you to everyone that signed up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4CA9AF2CA6F94-57058201-gemboree>

Thank you,
Cathy

SLC Dues –2025 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: 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.**

The MWF Executive Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 25th, at our clubhouse, 244 Chestnut Blvd., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Plans for a host hotel and a Friday evening get together are in process; please check the MWF website, mwfed.org, for that information. MWF officers, committee chairs, and state directors are the only people who can vote at the meeting, but everyone's invited to attend.

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:

Please see the calendar on the club website(www.summitlapidaryclub.com) for a schedule of classes.

Mensa Scholarship Essay Competition

The Mensa Foundation awards over \$200,000 in scholarships annually, supporting students worldwide in achieving their educational and career aspirations.

- **Opens:** September 15, 2025
- **Closes:** January 15, 2026 (11:59 p.m. CST / 05:59 a.m. GMT on January 16, 2026)
- **Judging Period:** February through April 2026
- **Winners Announced:** June 2026

Essay competition guidelines and complete information can be found at:

<https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>